

SILVERWINGS

"Back to the basics"

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Weather



Today

High: 84, Low: 65
Scattered T-storms



Saturday

High: 83, Low: 60
Partly cloudy



Sunday

High: 84, Low: 60
Partly Cloudy



Monday

High: 88, Low: 63
Partly Cloudy

News Briefs

Schools/sports physicals

The base clinic will be giving school/sports physical July 30 starting at 2 p.m. Call (662) 434-CARE as soon as possible to reserve your spot! Please bring any immunization records with you.

Class 10-05 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-05 will hold their track select July 21 at 5 p.m.

Quarterly Awards Luncheon

The Quarterly Awards Luncheon will be July 23 at 11:30 a.m. at the Columbus Club.

Enlisted Promotions

The next Enlisted Promotions ceremony will be July 30 at 4 p.m. at the Columbus Club.



Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, speaks to media representatives July 10 following the previous evening's T-6 Texan II crash. The sole-student pilot aboard ejected safely prior to the aircraft impacting in a sparsely populated area 40 miles west of Columbus Air Force Base in Webster County.

U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan

BLAZE Team responds to aircraft accident

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The constant training and planning each Airman at Columbus Air Force Base takes part in came to fruition around 6 p.m. last Thursday night, when a T-6 Texan crashed.

The pilot, whose name and country of

origin are being withheld at the request of their countries embassy, ejected and landed safely with only a few minor injuries to show for it.

Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, said incidents like the crash are why the BLAZE Team trains and prepares, and that they did a superb job in responding.

Colonel Watkins said while the loss of

an aircraft is a significant loss, he is glad the pilot is safe and that is the most important part of it.

Numerous agencies from across Columbus AFB responded to the event, ranging from 14th Security Forces Airmen and the Columbus AFB Fire Department, the Judge Advocate's office and of course 14th FTW Safety.

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Inside



Feature 10

The Civil Air Patrol Cadets are highlighted in this week's Feature.

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 (10-05)	3.87 days	-1.52 days	Jul. 21	48th (09-12)	-0.87 days	-0.17 days	Jul. 24	49th (09-JB)	1.20 days	0.29 days	Aug. 11	T-6	1,472	1,278	24,810
41st (10-06)	2.36 days	-0.12 days	Aug. 11	50th (09-12)	0.34 days	4.78 days	Jul. 24					T-1	595	442	9,330
												T-38	415	366	7,030
												IFF	119	87	2,409

The graduation speaker for Class 09-12 is Retired Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong.

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Deployed 14th SFS members helps train security personnel



U.S. Air Force photo

Capt. Kevin McMahon, 14th Security Forces Squadron, helps train the Afghan National Army Air Corps Quick Reaction Team at a deployed location. In addition, Captain McMahon helps train members of the Belgian Force Protection Team and provides support to convoys.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 47 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



ACCIDENT

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Representatives from each agency stayed busy over the next few days, and revolving shifts arrived at the crash site to relieve their counterparts.

In addition to the BLAZE Team, members of the Webster County Sheriff's office, Webster County Constable, Mantee, Maben, Cumberland and

Mathiston Volunteer Fire Departments, the Golden Triangle Regional Response Team, City of Columbus Fire Department and volunteers from the local Civil Air Patrol joined in the response effort.

At the time of the accident, the T-6 aircraft was conducting flight training operations and had one student pilot on board.

An investigation board has been convened to investigate the accident.

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Submit all advertising to the Columbus, Miss., Commercial Dispatch advertising department one week prior to desired publication date. The advertising department can be reached at (662) 328-2427.

Intramural Softball Scores

Last week's softball scores

Wednesday:			Thursday:		
Field 1			Field 1		
Game 1:	14th CS	18 W	Game 1:	37th/41st FTS	18 W
	14th OSS	3 L		14th MDG	10 L
Game 2:	14th CES	13 L	Game 2:	14th CES	Cancelled
	37th/41st FTS	17 W		49th/50th FTS	Cancelled
Game 3:	14th WSA	4 L	Game 3:	14th WSA	Cancelled
	14th SFS	21 W		48th FTS	Cancelled
Field 2			Field 2		
Game 1:	DYN	25 W	Game 1:	DYN	19 W
	14th MDG	12 L		14th OSS	2 L
Game 2:	49th/50th FTS	21 W	Game 2:	14th CS	Cancelled
	48th FTS	11 L		14th SFS	Cancelled

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
20	21	22	23	24	25/26
	Class 10-05 Track Select, 5 p.m. Class 10-11 Commander's Welcome, 4 p.m.	Lunch Bunch @ Club, 11 a.m.	Quarterly Awards Luncheon 11:30 a.m. @ Club	Class 09-12 Graduation	Hawaiian Luau @ Club, 5 p.m.
27	28	29	30	31	1/2
		Lunch Bunch @ Club, 11 a.m.	Enlisted Promotions Sports Physicals @ Med Group	Class 09-13 Assignment Night	

Long Term Events

Aug. 2 - Basic Rider Course @ SAC
Aug. 11 - IFF Graduation
Aug. 11 - Class 10-06 Track Select

Aug. 13 - Tops in Blue
Aug. 14 - Class 09-13 Graduation
Aug. 21 - Class 09-14 Assignment Night

Sports Shorts

Superintendent's Revenge Golf Tournament: The golf course will host a Superintendent's Revenge Golf Tournament July 25 at 8 a.m. It will be an 18-hole tournament with a shotgun start – the cost is \$20 per person plus greens fees. Price includes play, a shrimp boil and a frothy cold beverage of your choice.

Family Cosmic Bowling: Every Thursday in July from 6-9 p.m. \$1 bowling and \$1 shoe rental

Lunch and Bowl: Two free games of bowling with purchase of lunch combo – Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Strike It Big Parent/Child Bowling Tournament: Every Sunday, 1-4 p.m., beginning July 12. Cost: \$5 per parent/child Team - Includes 3 Games No Tap & Shoe Rental. Combine Scores for Total Pin Count. Weekly Tournament Prizes Awarded to Top 3 Places (\$30 in Bowling Gift Certificates for 1st, \$20 for 2nd and \$30 for third) - Each Week Top 3 Teams Qualify for Grand Prize Tournament on August 2. Once You Qualify, You are No Longer Eligible for Weekly Tournaments. Weekly Tournament Prizes Awarded to Top 3 Places! Grand Prize Tournament Winners Receive \$125 in Pro Shop Gift Certificates for 1st Place, \$75 in Pro Shop Gift Certificates for 2nd Place and \$50 in Pro Shop Gift Certificates for 3rd Place!

Senior Bowl: Every Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. – Free cup of coffee to senior bowlers.

Airmen push endurance to limit with triathlon

Senior Airman Alex Martinez
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

cluded second and swam to the finish.

They ran 5 kilometers or one modified time around the triangle running route; bicycled 20 kilometers or once around the perimeter of the flight line and swam 225 meters in the base pool.

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — Thirty-eight Airmen and civilians participated in the Sprint Triathlon here recently. It was a triathlon that proved to be anything but ordinary.

The triathlon, hosted by members of the 39th Force Support Squadron, challenged the participants with three grueling events: run, bike and swim.

“The event went as well as could be expected; it was different but good,” said Lt. Col. Tim Brock, a member of the 90th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron and the Men's 30-and-over triathlon winner.

“It feels good to win a well-organized event,” said Senior Airman Bradley Williams, 39th Maintenance Squadron and men's 30-and-under triathlon winner.

Airman Williams has competed in many triathlons and is training for an Iron Man competition in November.

Eighteen volunteers, along with Airmen from the fitness center, helped run the event.

Another triathlon event has not been scheduled yet for the season, however, a spokesperson for the fitness center said due to the success of this event, it's likely there will be.

IFF 09-1B Graduates Seven

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron hosted a graduation on July 10 in the squadron heritage room. Seven members graduated this phase of their training on their way to becoming fighter pilots and fighter Weapons System Officers in various aircraft for the Combat Air Forces.

The 49th FTS is responsible for Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and International flying training in the T-38C/IFF air-

craft. The 49 FTS provides training to fighter pilots and weapon system officers entering Air Force major fighter weapons systems, which include the F-16, F-15C, F-15E, and A-10.

The nine-week course begins with tactical formation flights and then introduces pilots and WSOs to basic fighter maneuvers and air-to-air employment in offensive, defensive, and high

aspect fight scenarios. Students bound for aircraft with an air-to-ground attack capability then move on to surface attack and low-altitude tactical navigation phases learning to employ ordnance against ground targets. The skills learned during IFF directly translate to the fighters these students will soon fly in their follow-on training and one day employ in combat.

Congratulations to the following fighter candidates!



Capt. John Ryan
F-16
Air-to-Ground Top Gun



Capt. Daniel Mercante
A-10



Capt. Nolan Thompson
F-16



1st Lt. Stephen Cline
F-16



2nd Lt. Michael Koob
F-16 (ANG)
Air-to-Air Top Gun



1st Lt. Reba Good
F-15E WSO



1st Lt. Donald Martin
F-15E WSO
Top WSO

Addendum to the 2008 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report

Mississippi Department of Health

In accordance with the Radionuclides Rule, all community public water supplies were required to sample quarterly for radionuclides beginning January 2007 – December 2007. Your public water supply completed sampling by the scheduled deadline; however, during an audit of the Mississippi State Department of Health Radiological Health Laboratory, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suspended analyses and reporting of radio-

logical compliance samples and results until further notice.

Although this was not the result of inaction by the public water supply, MSDH was required to issue a violation. The Bureau of Public Water Supply is taking action to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Parker, Deputy Director, Bureau of Public Water Supply at 601.576.7518.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can

cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Columbus Light and Water is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking

or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing for \$10 per sample. Please contact 601.576.7582 if you wish to have your water tested.

<u>Contaminants</u>	<u>MCLG or MRDLG</u>	<u>MCL, TT, or MRDL</u>	<u>Your Water</u>	<u>Range Low High</u>	<u>Sample Date</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products							
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.)							
Chlorine (as Cl ₂) (mg/L)	4	4	1.32	0.5 2	2008	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Air Force Ball Golf Tournament

July 31
1 p.m. Shotgun Start
9-Hole
4-Person Scramble
(3 Persons Per Team Minimum)

**Register by
EOB July 28**

*Entry: \$10 Per Player + Greens Fees/Cart Fee (\$15 per player)
\$5 Mulligans, Strings, Hand and Foot Wedges Available
Beverages & Prizes Provided Afterwards
Proceeds Benefit the 2009 Air Force Ball
Register NLT EOB July 28 via email or phone to
Capt Rylan Charlton (14 OSS),
Cell 229-834-6856 or Work 662-434-2736*

AROUND TOWN

Train to become a CONTACT Helpline volunteer

Do you enjoy making others smile? Train to become a CONTACT Helpline Volunteer! Classes will be held on Saturday, July 11, 18, and 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CONTACT Helpline is a volunteer driven, telephone listening helpline. Call 327-0807 to reserve a seat today!

Community Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Volunteers will be needed at the United Way Fish Fry to set up/take down, prepare to go plates, and serve the lunches. To volunteer please call Meagan at 327-0807 today.

Operation Ukraine

Reach a helping hand across the

globe and volunteer at Operation Ukraine. Operation Ukraine collects items from the community to package and ship to less fortunate countries across the world. Organizer Kathy Cadden needs help in the warehouse packing for upcoming containers. Volunteers are needed to help to help shrink wrap water buckets, clean water buckets, repair school desks, sort linens, clean school chairs, stack boxes on pallets and shrink wrap pallets, and clean hospital equipment. Set up a day and time that is good for you, call 327-0807.

Volunteer opportunities

Looking for something to do on Saturdays? Want to get off base from time to time? Sign up as a special events volunteer. Call Meagan at 327-0807 for more information.

Nature Trail

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horseback ride along Columbus AFB's Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer direction to the beginning of the trails. For more information, call 434-7958



The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.

Homes

FSBO: 374 Chan Mar Dr, Caledonia, 4BR, 3BA, office, bonus room, 2466 SF, 2.8 acres, wired shop. \$269,000. See on Yahoo Real Estate. Call 662-889-3974.

FSBO: 81 Azalea Trail, 3BR 2BA, just minutes to CAFB, features updated kitchen and baths, great open floor plan, large sunroom, beautiful laminate flooring, new landscaping, storm windows, FP with insert/blower, new roof and HVAC in 2007; asking \$131,000.00. FMI call 405-919-2753.

FSBO: 3406 John Hancock Dr.; great home 10 minutes from base! 1400 sq ft 3 BR 2BA located in Bluecut Estates across from the post office on Bluecut. See Pictures at militarybyowner.com or AHRN.com, asking \$115,000. FMI call 215-589-2911 or 662-434-2678.

Transportation

For Sale: 1997 Grand Marquis; 97,125 miles, \$4500; FMI call 662-386-2915 or 662-434-2479.

For Sale: 2006 Toyota RAV4, 44K miles, 27-30 MPG, \$14,500. FMI call 662-289-4799/601-297-4968.

For Sale: Motorcycle, 2006 Ducati Paul Smart Replica, PS1000LE, 1450mi, Showroom Condition w/ lots of extras, Full Termignoni Exhaust. \$10,750 obo. 808-221-2005.

For Sale: Motorcycle, 1979 Triumph Bonneville, 750cc, purchased from original owner, have all papers, excel-

lent condition. \$4250 obo. 808-221-2005.

For Sale: Motorcycle, 2005 Honda 600RR, 6700mi, Full Devil exhaust, Lots of extras - \$5750 obo. 808-221-2005.

For Sale: Motorcycle, 2007 Honda 230CRF, 15+ hours, very little use, excellent condition. - \$2600 obo. 808-221-2005.

For Sale: 1989 Ford Ranger Extd Cab, good condition, runs good. \$800.00 Call 662-549-4175.

For Sale: 2001 Lincoln Towncar Executive, 4.6 liter, V-8 engine; no accidents; runs very smooth, \$8000 o.b.o. FMI call 662-425-4953.

For Sale: For Sale: 1995 Nissan Altima SE, runs good, A/C, sunroof, paint rough on top, \$2200 OBO FMI call (662) 386-6981.

For Sale: 1974 Corvette Stingray, Vintage Air A/C, recently rebuilt 350 "hot rod" engine, very hot 700R4 over-drive trans, great gas mileage, new custom paint, custom interior, lots of new parts, \$27,500 OBO; FMI Call 229-834-9909.

For Sale: 1994 Grand Plymouth Voyager, Hunter Green, 6 cylinder, 3.3 engine, one owner \$2,500 or best offer. FMI Call 574-9414.

Miscellaneous

For Sale: Professional Mobile DJ System, Gemini speakers, amp, mixer, Numark dual CD player and 5 light system that runs from the DJ sound board, includes the Mushroom (large and small), strobe, derby and running lights, \$1200.00 for entire system 662-289-4799/601-297-4968

For Sale: Top quality "Hot Spring" portable spa/hot tub; perfect condition, seats four; two years old. New \$7500; Firm selling price, \$3500. FMI call 662-329-1843.

For Sale: Maytag dryer, excellent condition, \$175 ea; Maytag washer, needs work, \$25; used built-in dishwasher, works, \$20; 18'x48" Quick Set Pool, everything included plus extra heavy duty ladder, \$200; Ford Ranger P/U aluminum plate bedcover includes hardware, \$100; call 244-8390 or 251-1413.

For Sale: Sleigh-style baby crib (solid mahogany, hand-made in Honduras, comes with Sealy mattress, Winnie-

the-Pooh crib set/decs, also hand-made unisex crib set, curtains) \$175 takes all; maternity clothes (size M-L, great casual/dressy, nice sets) \$150 takes all (approx \$1200+ new); 35 gallon hexagonal fish tank / hand-made oak stand and 2 pumps (comes with all coral decs, oxygen pump, chemical kit, cleaning tools, manuals) \$150; 3 matching Olefin area rugs 'Circlemic' from Macy's Furniture 7'9x10'10, Runner, and small oval (main colors are shades of green, some burgandy) all orig \$715 12/05, asking \$250 for all; small White Bird Cage + toys, bed, litter, all except the bird: \$20; infant exersaucer /Jumper \$7, Johnny jump-up \$3, Graco infant car-seat/carrier purchased Jan 2007 \$5, infant 2-sided washable play mat \$5, boys 18-month clothes/sets \$2-8, girls sizes 3-6T clothing \$1-8 (some nice dresses); huge party tent - fits 8-10 tables (purch at Costco 2 yrs ago): \$200; FMI Call 662-327-8655 or 662-434-77-3

For Sale: Ford F-150, set of 4 20-inch rims with Pirelli Scorpion tires; excellent condition, \$800 obo. 808-221-2005.

For Sale: Girl's 20" bike w/ white tires, purple seat, and purple and hot pink trim - \$25 or best offer. 6 kitchen chairs (white backs and legs, oak seat) - \$20 each or \$100 for all six. 2 bars stools (white legs and oak seat) 23" tall - \$15 each or \$25 for both; 662-356-6674 or cell 662-574-8253.

For Sale: Samsonite luggage only \$10, like new; two old rotary black phones, still work, \$20 each; two pair of roller blades \$10 each; Bravetti confectionary oven only \$50; field jacket with liner \$30; medium Long pocket knife collection, will sell individually \$5 - \$20 price range; seven shot .357 Magnum Taurus stainless steel revolver with holster \$400; Whirlpool microwave oven, white excellent condition-not used much \$35; Black and Decker toaster oven \$15 Call 328-4374.

For Sale: Archery bag target stand and bag, \$15; compound bow hard case, \$10; recurve bow soft case, \$15; dozen (6 new) 2117 aluminum arrows, \$25; nine new 2314 aluminum arrows, \$25; Amacker climbing tree stand, \$45. FMI 662-328-4610

For Sale: Fender Stratocaster guitar, wine red, maple neck, almost new, 2006 anniversary model, one owner with paperwork - Awesome guitar! Needs a new home, \$300 o.b.o. FMI call 804-873-0913.

For Sale: Trash compactor, like new never used \$75.00; both for \$150; 6-drawer dresser (brown) \$150. Call 574-9414 for more info.

Pets

Free to good home: Young (still has puppy teeth) American Pit Bull (Boxer Mix?) found on base without tags, warm & affectionate, gentle, sweet dog, house broken, tail-wager w/no apparent aggressive tendencies; FMI Call Erin at 662-434-4039.

Wanted

Chain link fence and leftover primer for base housing walls; will pay cash call 662-574-7331.

Visit AF.Mil today!

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.

Re-runs 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 _____

Name _____

Home Telephone # _____ Duty Telephone # _____

(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 Other _____

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

Fire Escape Plan

In 2007, there were an estimated 399,000 reported home structure fires and 2,865 associated civilian deaths in the United States.

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms, and advance planning — a home fire escape plan that everyone in your family is familiar with and has practiced.

NFPA SAFETY TIPS

- ▶ Draw a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your household.
- ▶ Practice the plan night and day with everyone in your home twice a year.
- ▶ Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.

Base News

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic offers gently used items donated by Airmen to be given free of charge to other Airmen. It is located in the Services Complex (bldg 520) directly across the street from the post office/BITS building. Please come visit us on the following days and times:

Tuesdays 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
First and third Saturday's of each month 10 a.m. to noon

The Airmen's attic is always in need of quality used items to include: kitchenware, clothing free of stains and tears, gently used toys, baby items and linens in good condition. If you have large appliances/furniture items to donate, please contact the Airmen's Attic or your first sergeant to get the item directly to an airman in need. Please drop off all other items during business hours or contact your first sergeant to set up a scheduled drop-off time. Donations are NOT ALLOWED to be left curb side.

Library Story Time

The base library will hold Story Time on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Story Time will continue to be held each week.

AAFES You Made the Grade Program

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is moving military students who excel in the classroom to the head of the class with its "You Made the Grade" program. Now in its eighth year, the education rewards initiative recognizes students who maintain a "B" average or better with a booklet chock full of complimentary prizes for every qualifying report card. AAFES' "You Made the Grade" booklet includes coupons for a variety of free offers. In addition, each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denominations. "You Made the Grade" is a great vehicle for recognizing military students who excel, oftentimes through adversities that the average student does not face such as a deployed parent or frequent moves," said AAFES public affairs officer Maj. Edwina Walton. To receive the AAFES "You Made the Grade" booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local AAFES main store manager or general manager for more information

etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

DRMO

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call 434-7233 to review the property or call Stock Control Section at 434-7179 or 434-7198. To check for authorization and Demand Processing Section, call 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at www.drms.dla.mil.

Zero Overpricing Program-Incentive Awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Service element of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Supply Customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at 434-7233 or 434-7234.

Attention All Deployers

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional information.

Military Personnel

EQUAL overseas returnees/ CONUS mandatory moves

Enlisted Quarterly Assignments Listing (EQUAL) for overseas returnees and CONUS mandatory movers for PCS months Nov 2009 - Jan 2010 will be advertised on EQUAL starting 15 July 2009.

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance,

EQUAL overseas assignments

Enlisted Quarterly Assignments Listing (EQUAL) for overseas assignments for PCS months Jan - Mar 2010 will be advertised on EQUAL starting 5 Aug 2009.

Unable to access LeaveWeb?

If you are unable to access LeaveWeb through the AF Portal, please try going to the actual website: <https://leave.columbus.af.mil/leaveweb/LeaveWeb.aspx>

Special developmental education programs open for application for officers

Officers with demonstrated leadership and scholarship abilities interested in applying for special developmental education programs for the 2010-2011 academic year, have until Aug. 31 to submit their applications to the Air Force Personnel Center. The four special DE programs include the Olmsted Scholarship Program, with details available at www.olmstedfoundation.org; the White House Fellowship Program, www.whitehouse.gov/fellows; the Mansfield Fellowship Program, www.mansfieldfdn.org; and the Information Assurance Scholarship Program, www.nsa.gov/ia/academic_outreach. Additional details on the programs and application requirements for Air Force officers are available on AFPC's "Ask" site. Enter "officer developmental education" in the search function.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

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

Pre-separation counseling

Mandatory briefings for personnel separating or retiring need to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. Members may complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30 p.m. Takes approximately 30 minutes. Please call 434-2839 or 434-2790 for more information.

Pre and post deployment tour brief

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are held daily at the AFRC. Pre-deployment at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment at 1330. POC AFRC, 434-2790.

Smooth Move Workshop

The AFRC will host a Smooth Move Workshop July 21 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those

attending the workshop will learned what to expect/do with TMO, housing, military pay, legal, billeting, Tri-care, medical records and the AFRC during moving. Advance registration is required, please call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart Social

There will be a Hearts Apart Social July 21 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Advance registration is required, please call 434-2790.

Sponsorship Training

The AFRC will host Sponsorship Training July 28 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. To register please call 434-2790.

Bundles of Joy

Bundles of Joy will be held July 22 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program is for military and/or spouses assigned to CAFB who are pregnant or have a child up to four months of age. Info speakers on finances, labor & delivery and infant care. An AFAS program that provides a gift package valued at more than \$65 for ADAE. Advance registration is required, call 434-2855.

Budgeting Basics

This event is held every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Airman & Family Readiness Center. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. For more information, call 434-2790.

AFAS...Air Force People Helping Each Other

Sudden emergency and no cash? It can happen to anyone. Your Air Force Aid Society has assisted Air Force people for 66 years and is there to help you. Call 434-2855 for more information.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant
Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. — Traditional
Worship Service (Children's Church)
All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month

Catholic

Thursday:
5 p.m. — Choir Practice
Sunday:
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:00 p.m. — Mass

Retired four-star general to speak at graduation of Class 09-12

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Retired Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong former Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Commander, Allied Air Component Command Ramstein; Air Component Commander, U.S. European Command, Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Director, Multinational Joint Air Power Competence Center, Kalkar, Germany, will be the guest speaker for Class 09-12's Graduation July 24 at the Kaye Auditorium at 10 a.m.

General Foglesong earned his wings at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. His aviation career includes more than 4,400 flying hours, primarily in fighter and training assignments in the F-16, F-15, A-10 and AT/T-38. He has

been a commander six times. His staff tours include duty as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C; Commander, 12th Air Force; Commander, U.S. Southern Command Air Forces; Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations and Vice Chief of Staff at Headquarters U.S. Air Force. The general retired on Feb. 1, 2006.

General Foglesong is currently the President and Executive Director of the Appalachian Leadership and Education Foundation, a non-profit operating to identify our next generation of leaders in Appalachia and to support their journey



toward academic, leadership, and character excellence. To accomplish this mission, ALEF has operating arrangements with several universities to help sponsor leadership honors programs and sponsors needs based fellowships for extraordinary young men and women across a spectrum of academic majors.

The retired general has been designated by the President of the United States to be Co-Chairman of the Joint U.S. – Russia Commission on POWs/MIAs, an agency whose purpose is to determine what happened to missing American service members who were taken into former Soviet Union

countries. He's a Director on the Board of Massey Energy, a Director on the Board of the Michael Baker Corporation, a Director on the Board of Stark Aerospace Inc., and serves on the Advisory Board of IAI North America.

Previously, General Foglesong served as the 18th President of Mississippi State University during a period of unprecedented growth in student enrollment, research and development contracts, and economic development across the state of Mississippi. During his tenure, MSU moved forward in every major measure of university success. His tenure was marked by the introduction of numerous innovative concepts to include leadership development programs, distance learning initiatives, and renewed success in national academic and athletic competitions.

New School Year Approaching: Time to get Immunized Part I – Meningitis Vaccination

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Michael Rappa and 1st Lt. Basil Aboul-Enein 14th Medical Group

With the new school year approaching quickly, school officials and student health clinics are beginning preparation for the surge of incoming students. Part of that preparation is the screening of immunization records. Immunizations are available to help prevent several different diseases. One such disease and health concern is meningococcal meningitis. Meningococcal meningitis is a bacterial infection of the tissues covering the brain and spinal cord, often referred as the meninges. The name of the bacteria is Neisseria meningitides. Meningitis can also cause infection of the blood called sepsis.

This disease is relatively uncommon in the United States but can strike quickly at anytime of the year and is often fatal. Meningitis can be spread via respiratory droplets and nasopharyngeal secretions through close intimate contact such as kissing, coughing, or sharing eating utensils. The good news is that Neisseria meningitides does not live outside the body very long; just minutes versus hours. Also, good news is that meningococcal disease is not nearly as contagious when compared to the

common cold and is not spread through normal casual contact. Breathing the air for a short time in the same area of someone who later develops the disease does not increase your risk of infection.

However, normal casual contact that extends beyond 4 hours and any intimate contact are risk factors for the disease. Whenever a case of meningococcal meningitis occurs, Public Health personnel attempt to seek out and identify those contacts at risk so they can be referred to a medical provider for care. For those contacts, there are safe preventive treatment options available for which the 14th Medical Group provider staff can provide.

Symptoms of meningitis include stiff neck, headaches, high fever, chills, lethargy, and a rash. Healthful habits that help to minimize the risk of contracting this disease include common hand washing practices and using hand sanitizers; cover your mouth and nose when coughing; sneezing into your sleeve instead of into your hands; and avoiding frequent touching of your eyes, nose and mouth.

Vaccination for meningococcal disease is a routine childhood immunization that should be given at 11 to

12 years of age. Additionally, for those children aged 2 through 10 who have medical conditions that place them at high risk, a specially formulated meningococcal vaccine is recommended. All teenagers who have not received meningococcal vaccine should get immunized at the next available opportunity. Meningococcal vaccine is particularly recommended for college freshmen students who will be residing in dormitories or residence halls. Most colleges and universities require documentation of meningococcal vaccine status as a way to help decrease the risk of meningitis outbreaks in the schools. The vaccination is highly effective against the disease. To learn more about Meningitis, please visit the CDC website on meningitis at www.cdc.gov/meningitis/about/index.html. So, don't wait. Vaccinate!

If parents have additional questions, they can always schedule an appointment with their provider or take advantage of the vaccination opportunity that will be available during the school/sports physicals available on July 30.

(Look for Part II – Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccination in next week's paper)

Former Airman competes in veterans wheelchair games

Staff Sgt. Matthew Bates
Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

SPOKANE, Wash. — Swimming 100 meters is difficult. Swimming this distance without the use of your legs seems near impossible.

Yet, this is exactly what Terri Fuda did July 15. She is taking part in the 29th National Veterans Wheelchair Games here, where she competed in the 100-meter freestyle swimming event at Whitmore College's aquatic center.

The former senior airman served as an administrative specialist in the Air Force for nearly 10 years before a tumor left her in the wheelchair she now occupies.

Over the next few years, Mrs. Fuda never thought people like her existed outside of her own bubble. Then she discovered the Wheelchair Games and everything changed.

"Every time I think I can't do something, I just look at some of the people here and I think, 'Hey, if they can do it, so can I,'" she said.

But it's not only her fellow competitors she is inspired by. Her son is also a driving influence behind her participation in the Wheelchair Games.

"He actually filled out my forms and chose my events," Mrs. Fuda said. "And he chooses events that bring me out of my comfort zone and makes me do them."

"Terri has just been an example to all of us," said Karen Sicks, Mrs. Fuda's cousin. "And these games are a way for her show the world she hasn't given up."

Which is exactly why these games exist, say organizers at the event. "These games allow disabled veterans to come together, have fun and show that just because they're in wheelchairs this doesn't mean they aren't still athletes," said Matthew Allen, public affairs officer for the Spokane Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The Wheelchair Games are an annual event sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. The Games include 17 competitive events, including weightlifting, basketball, rugby, swimming and archery.

More than 500 athletes attend the event from across the United States, Puerto Rico and Great Britain.

Remains of 7 troops killed in Afghanistan return home

Tech. Sgt. Benjamin J. Matwey
American Forces Press Service

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — The remains of seven American troops killed July 6 during combat operations in Afghanistan returned to their nation during a dignified transfer July 8 here.

Twenty-six family members from every region of the country stood on the tarmac witnessing their loved one's return.

Subdued voices of the carry team leaders directed their teams to perform precise movements as they transferred their comrades-in-arms from the C-17 Globemaster III to a waiting vehicle. A six-person Navy team carried the transfer case of the single Sailor into one vehicle, followed by a six-person Army team who then carried each transfer case for the six Soldiers into a second vehicle.

The wind picked up on this warm summer day as the last transfer case holding the sixth Soldier was placed in the transfer vehicle, and all present rendered a final salute.

As the second and final transfer vehicle with the remains of the six Army Soldiers left the flightline, the Navy carry team joined a dozen troops standing at attention outside the passenger terminal as they rendered a salute. The transfer vehicle passed in front, followed by the Army carry team and the senior officers.

The dignified returns were of:

- Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Tony M. Randolph of Henryetta, Okla., assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 8 from Sigonella, Italy.

- Army Capt. Mark A. Garner of Elkin, N.C., assigned to 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany.

- Army 2nd Lt. Derwin I. Williams of

Glenwood, Ill., assigned to Troop B, 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry Regiment of the Illinois Army National Guard.

- Army Sgt. Brock H. Chavers of Bulloch, Ga., assigned to Company D, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry of the Georgia Army National Guard.

- Army Spc. Chester W. Hosford of Hastings, Minn., assigned to Troop B, 2nd Squadron, 106th Cavalry of the Illinois Army National Guard.

- Army Spc. Issac L. Johnson of Columbus, Ga., assigned to 1st Battalion, 108th Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition Squadron of the Georgia Army National Guard.

- Army Pfc. Nicholas Gideon of Murrieta, Calif., assigned to the 40th Armored Squadron from Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Minutes after the transfer was complete and family members left the flightline, the sound of "Retreat" followed by the national anthem, broadcast across the base.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, attended the dignified transfers, as he has for several previous transfers.

Admiral Mullen spoke with family members assembled in a base chapel before the transfer. Afterward, the chairman spoke briefly with each of the carry teams and with more than 20 other servicemembers involved in the transfer operations.

Earlier in the day, Admiral Mullen responded to a question at the National Press Club about the impact he has seen from the policy change to allow the media to cover the return of fallen servicemembers.

"It's been very well done," Admiral Mullen said. "I've been up there and observed the



U.S. Air Force photo/Roland Balik

A Navy team transfers the remains of Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Tony M. Randolph as Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, Navy Rear Adm. James J. Shannon, Army Brig. Gen. Michael T. Harrison Sr. and Col. Manson Morris pay their respects July 8 at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Admiral Mullen is the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Admiral Shannon is the commander of the Naval Warfare Center. General Harrison is the director of Joint and Futures in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G8, Headquarters, Department of the Army. Colonel Morris is the 436th Airlift Wing commander.

process. I personally believe it was a very important decision. And what I've seen is that that dignity and that respect has been very, very much supported in the time that certainly the press has been there. And I'm very encouraged by that. I think it's important that all of us understand the sacrifices that these young men and women make."

Navy Rear Adm. James J. Shannon, the Naval Surface Warfare Center commander, and Army Brig. Gen. Michael T. Harrison Sr., the director of Joint and Futures in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G8, Headquarters,

Department of the Army, also attended the transfer. Col. Manson Morris, the 436th Airlift Wing commander here, was the dignified transfer officer.

Dignified transfers have occurred more than 4,000 times at Dover AFB since 2001 in virtually the same manner. A policy change on April 5 of this year allowed news media to be present with the approval of the primary next of kin of the fallen servicemember. In about 70 percent of cases, the families have approved the presence of news media. Family members have been present in the same percentage.

Airmen build new forward operations center in Diyala, Iraq

BAGHDAD — Officials from the U.S. Army and Iraqi security forces turned to Airmen of the Detachment 6, 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron to build a new operations center outside of the city limits of Baqubah, Iraq.

After years of cooperation between Iraqi and U.S. security forces at the Diyala operations center, local Iraqi security forces leaders and U.S. Army leaders of the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division agreed to move the center in conjunction with the June 30 deadline for U.S. combat forces to move out of Iraq's cities.

Personnel assigned to Det. Six are attached to the

Army's 37th Engineer Battalion and Joint Task Force Eagle at Joint Base Balad. The Airmen completed the relocation of the center, which is a combination of Iraqi and coalition forces located within the Diyala Governance Center. The relocation allows coalition forces to continue build relationships and work alongside Iraqi security forces against insurgents and violent extremists.

"We had to move the DOC from its previous location to Forward Operating Base Lion, and we couldn't get the infrastructure set up fast enough," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Paul Sarat, the 1-25 SBCT's deputy commander.

"The Airmen came in and in a matter of days had everything set up to be fully operational, [and] without

any loss in continuity. They literally stepped in and took a bunch of empty buildings and turned [them] into a fully functional operations center."

For their hard work and help keeping operations in Diyala running smoothly and maintaining the ability collocate and cooperate between Iraqi and coalition leaders, the were presented with certificates of appreciation from Colonel Sarat on behalf of the 1-25 SBCT.

Addressing the Airmen before presenting them with their certificates, Colonel Sarat said, "It wasn't just the buildings themselves you were building, it was the infrastructure of the Iraqi army itself as it stands on its own feet and we fall into much more of a mentor role."

CMSAF discusses force priorities, continued support for families, wounded warriors

Staff Sgt. Steve Grever

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force's top enlisted leader toured several military bases in the San Antonio area July 7 through 9 to meet with Airmen and discuss Air Force priorities.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy said some primary focus areas for the enlisted force include reinforcing professional military education, integrating better with joint and coalition partners and supporting military families and wounded warriors. He assumed his new position during an appointment ceremony June 30 at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

One of the main issues Chief Roy said he will focus on during his tenure is developing Airmen.

"We need to continue to work on enlisted force development," Chief Roy said. "We do a great job of professional military education and technical training. We have the best Air Force and military in the world, not just because of our equipment, but because of our people. Having been around other militaries, including foreign militaries, they have a lot of good equipment too. What they don't have to the extent we have is Airmanship, and that's very important. We need to continue to instill Airmanship in our Airmen and continue to refine ourselves."

The chief said developing Airmen also includes reinforcing basic standards Airmen are taught when they initially join the service.

"We need to maintain the basics: adherence to standards," Chief Roy said. "I visited basic training this week and met with trainees learning to become Airmen. The one thing that's instilled upon Airmen, just as it was when I went through almost 27 years ago, is standards and adherence of standards."

"When you take a young Airman who's been through basic training, send him through technical school, get him to his first unit and his first supervisor starts giving the Airman on-the-job training, the Airman may be given a technical order," the chief said. "That Airman knows he or she has to follow the technical order. The Airman has to follow that T.O. to the word because that's what our business is about. We follow regulations and instructions."

Another one of the chief's priorities is providing a comprehensive support system for military families.

"I have a very young family, very young children, but I make sure they understand what Dad's doing," he said. "Why is Dad gone all the time? I think people need to communicate well with their family members. That's part of taking care of them. So taking care of families is something we need to continue to strive to do."

Another key issue for Chief Roy is providing full support for wounded warriors.

"As an Air Force, we have a lot of Airmen on the battle-



U.S. Air Force photo/Scott Ash

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz congratulates Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy following his installment as the Air Force's top enlisted leader June 30 at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley retired and Chief Roy was appointed as the Air Force's 16th top enlisted leader.

field, so we have a lot of wounded warriors. We also have a lot of joint wounded warriors, and we need to continue to take care of them regardless of what uniform they wear or where they came from," Chief Roy said. "The fact that they are Americans and they did the mission of what our nation has called them to do is something we need to stand by. We owe that to them and in the same sense we owe that to their families."

Chief Roy also discussed integrating and collaborating with our joint partners.

"One area I think we need to continue to focus on is joint professional military education," he said. "When we look at the global scope of what we do, we need to also consider coalition forces and how our nation is working with those partner nations. I believe we should be looking at how we not just receive partner nations into our schools, but also about taking some of our Airmen and opening the doors up to allow them to train with some of our coalition partners. We do some technical training right now with our partner countries, but I'd also like to look at doing this for professional military education as well."

Chief Roy said he will advocate creating a different mindset that puts more focus on the Air Force's joint responsibilities. This includes how Airmen are developed to have joint and coalition vision to successfully perform the Air Force's global mission.

"People should understand their new chief master sergeant may be looking at some of this area from a different prism," he

said. "Coming from a joint combatant command, we were in the process of receiving forces to employ them. So for me, I understand what we do as an Air Force as a force provider to the combatant commands. I look at it from that angle. What is the Secretary of Defense and Department of Defense asking us to do? I like the phrase that our current chief of staff has coined and that's 'All In.' We are all in, and it's not just all in for the Air Force, but it's all in for the Department of Defense. That's why we are here. If our sister services need our help, we're there. That's the essence of jointness and we understand that."

While Chief Roy didn't aspire to become the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force, he did share some information that may help Airmen have the right mindset to successfully progress through their Air Force careers.

"It's simple. Listen to your supervisor; be the best Airman you can be; and don't worry about your progression through the ranks," Chief Roy said. "I have had some great supervisors that took care of me. I had supervisors that I learned from. I can remember my first supervisor, retired Tech. Sgt. Nathan Heard. He made an indelible impression on me. I was a young airman basic and he said, 'I'm going to get you through these CDCs.' It wasn't just my CDCs, it was our CDCs. This made an huge impression upon me, instilling a drive and focus for everything Air Force."

The chief's further advice for success?

"You take care of those that you are responsible for and for other Airmen around you," he said. "I never strove to be a chief master sergeant. I strove to be the best Airman I could be and I still do."



U.S. Air Force photo/Joel Martinez

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy fires an M240B medium machine gun during his visit to Movement Over Urban Terrain training for security forces technical school students July 9 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Report urges timeline for tobacco-free military

WASHINGTON, — The military has come a long way from the time when it packaged cigarettes in with rations, but more must be done, according to an Institute of Medicine report.

The report, titled “Combating Tobacco in Military and Veteran Populations,” calls for Defense Department officials to set a timeline to eliminate smoking on military installations.

Officials from the Pentagon and Department of Veterans Affairs asked the institute to prepare the report in 2007. It was released June 28.

More than 30 percent of active-duty military members use tobacco products of some kind. “Of greater concern, the rate of tobacco use in the military has increased since 1998, threatening to reverse the steady decline of the last several decades,” the report states. “Furthermore, smoking rates among military personnel returning from Iraq and Afghanistan may be 50 percent higher than rates among nondeployed military personnel.”

Officials from the DOD and the services have worked hard to become tobacco-free. The services have banned use of tobacco products during basic training, the report said, and they have launched extensive public-education campaigns and commander training. “The committee recommends that [the Defense Department] establish a timeline to eliminate all tobacco use on military installations to protect the health of all military personnel, civilian employees, family members and visitors,” the report says.

The committee — chaired by Stuart Bondurant, a professor of medicine and dean emeritus at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — found that “achieving a tobacco-free military begins by closing the pipeline of new tobacco users entering the military and by promoting cessation programs to ensure abstinence.”

The committee recommended using a phased approach. The military academies and officer training programs should become tobacco-free first, followed by new enlisted recruits and finally all other active-duty personnel, the report says.

DOD officials fully support the goal of a tobacco-free military, said Pentagon Spokeswoman Cynthia Smith, and officials believe it’s achievable through development and execution of a comprehensive plan as recommended by the report. “However, achieving that goal will in part depend on coincident reductions of tobacco use in the civilian population.”

The department has been at the forefront of tobacco-cessation efforts. Officials recently launched the “Quit Tobacco — Make Everyone Proud” campaign at <http://www.ucanquit2.org>. It targets young enlisted men and women who use tobacco. The Web site provides information, resources, interactive tools and practical help. Servicemembers who want to quit tobacco can get immediate help from a trained tobacco-cessation coach from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. EST every day.

The report also recommends DOD officials stop selling tobacco products in military commissaries and exchanges, to prohibit tobacco use anywhere on military installations, and to treat tobacco use in the same way as other health-related behaviors, such as alcohol abuse and poor physical fitness.

Airmen pull motorist from burning vehicle

Senior Airman Dillon White
341st Missile Wing Public Affairs Office

MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, Mont. — Two members of the 341st Maintenance Operations Squadron rescued a resident of Belt, Mont., June 26 after his pickup struck a bridge, caught fire, left the road and came to a stop upside down in Belt Creek in Montana.

Senior Airmen Christopher Zachary and Kyle Long where driving on Hughsville Road near Monarch when they stopped to tighten their truck’s topper that shifted while driving over the dirt road’s washboard surface.

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“We were just finishing up with the topper when he drove past us,” Airman Zachary said. “It was a combination of speed and the washboards. His truck lost control around the corner and hit the bridge abutment, then stopped in the creek. It caught fire instantly.”

The Airmen said they called for paramedics on their vehicle’s radio, secured their gear and drove up alongside where the pickup had left the road to find the fire spreading quickly.

“Oil and gas was on fire on top of the water in the creek,” Airman Long said. “The tires were catching on fire, and driver’s side of the truck was submerged in about a foot of water.”

When Airman Long reached the vehicle, he

found the driver was conscious but in a daze.

“I helped him out of the truck and up the slope to where our truck was,” Airman Long said. “He was really upset about his truck, and we were concentrating on keeping him still.”

Shortly after the two helped the motorist to safety, Montana State Trooper Sam Goodmoot arrived on scene.

“It was quite a bad wreck,” Trooper Goodmoot said. “The cab of the truck was completely burnt. There was no seat, dials or dashboard left. Even the softer metal like wiring was melted.”

The man was transported by ambulance to Benefis East, where he was treated for his wounds. Trooper Goodmoot visited him in the hospital the following day.

“They had his neck immobilized, and he said they told him his neck was broken,” Trooper Goodmoot said. “He has no clue how lucky he is.”

The trooper continued by saying he definitely appreciated the Airmen’s actions.

“They contributed valuable information that I needed to evaluate what happened,” he said. “Secondly, the driver may not have gotten out of the vehicle had they not been there. They put themselves in harm’s way to help someone they didn’t even know. I would like to thank the two Airmen for everything they did. It was awesome.”

Officials announce Predator, Reaper additional formal training location

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico will be the new location for an additional MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper formal training unit, announced the commander of Air Combat Command here July 13.

Gen. John D.W. Corley, with concurrence from the chief of staff of the Air Force, announced the additional formal training unit will allow the Air Force to increase the number of Predator and Reaper combat operators.

Having more unmanned aircraft system combat operators will multiply the flexible, efficient use of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance and lethal employment options of the joint forces commander’s Predator and Reaper force.

“Air Combat Command has responded to the growing demand for UAS capabilities in today’s fight and continues to aggressively acquire joint, interoperable unmanned aircraft systems and effectively train the opera-

tors,” General Corley said. “The Air Force continues to identify and pursue opportunities to secure global vigilance, reach and power for our nation’s future.”

The decision was made based on the completion of a favorable Environmental Impact Analysis required under the National Environmental Policy Act, which indicated no significant environmental impacts. Other factors in the decision included the best combination of existing facilities, restricted airspace, cost effectiveness, mission compatibility and good weather.

“Air Force UAS operators are working 24 hours a day, every day to provide a persistent stare over the battlefield to support the ground forces,” the general said. “We must train new UAS operators to support this critical capability and the stand up of the second FTU and the subsequent FTU consolidation at Holloman will put the Air Force on a sustainable UAS flight path.”

Honoring our nation’s flag

Lt. Col. Brian Bowman
43rd Flying Training Squadron commander

The flag represents the sacrifices of a nation that struggled during its birth and continues to represent the many challenges our nation faces worldwide. It is a symbol of our brothers and sisters that have fallen in this great nation’s defense and the only true symbol of freedom for the world to see.

My friend and colleague, Lt. Col. Mike Stolt, had an experience, which caused him to refresh his way of thinking about our flag and the playing of the National Anthem each day. With his permission, I am sharing his article with the hope that we will all spend a little time thinking about the importance of honoring our flag and what we will do the next time we are ‘bothered’ by the 5:00 p.m. retreat.

“SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — It was July 14, 2005, on a hot Tuesday afternoon. I was leaving Bldg. 402 after updating my base vehicle sticker.

As I walked toward the double-glass doors leading to the parking lot I encountered a small group of people standing just inside the door - two Airmen, a civilian employee and one captain.

As I reached for the door, the captain said, ‘You don’t want to go out there right now.’

I looked out and saw traffic stopped and several people frozen in the hot July sun, gazing westward, some saluting, some standing at

attention, some with their hands laid on their chests.

No, I don’t really want to go out there right now. I looked at my watch - 4:30 p.m.

I stood with the group that now numbered five. No one spoke. One Airman made a call on her cell phone, the other shifted his gaze back and forth between his shoes and the wall. The captain sifted through a folder of papers. The civilian and I watched through the glass doors as a technical sergeant stood at attention, saluting ... a sweat ring growing on his back. It seemed to go on forever.

The base loudspeakers squeaked out the last recorded notes of the National Anthem. The cars rolled forward, the technical sergeant lowered his salute. The civilian pushed our door open and walked out. The rest of us followed. When the heat hit me, I felt fortunate that my timing had kept me inside during the long ceremony.

I thought about that day for weeks. Images of the episode flashed through my mind as if I’d witnessed a crime - the plate-sized sweat ring, the glow of the cell phone on the Airman’s cheek, the civilian’s hand resting on the door handle, the glare of the sun, the heat. I recently read an article about the War on Terror and learned that we average 2.35 American dead and 10 wounded every day in the AOR. That day leapt back into my thoughts. A few hours of research helped me identify the date - July 14, 2005.

On July 14, 2005, 23 year-old corporal Chris Winchester and 22-year-old corporal Cliff

Mounce were killed when their vehicle was targeted by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad.

On that day, 21 year-old private first class Tim Hines, Jr. died when an IED hit his Humvee.

On that day, 34 year-old staff sergeant Tricia Jameson was killed by a secondary IED while she was treating a victim of the primary IED. She, Chris Winchester, and Cliff Mounce all died in Trebil. We can assume she was treating Chris, Cliff, or another in their group. She volunteered to go to Iraq and had been in country three weeks.

On that day, four American soldiers died in Iraq and numerous others were wounded.

On that day, four families were plunged into mourning.

On that day, I flew one sortie, sifted through e-mail, updated my base vehicle sticker, and hid from the heat behind a glass door.

Why does it matter that I avoided, on a technicality, participating in retreat? Some may think it’s silly symbolism, that it’s not real. An aircraft is real. A computer, a vehicle sticker - they’re real.

I believe that anything that you allow to move you, or that inspires those around you to search their hearts, is as real as the bomb that tore Chris Winchester’s body apart last summer. Anything that forces an entire base to stop and listen to their thoughts for a while is real. Anything that causes you to pause and acknowledge that American soldiers may be under fire, as you listen to the National

Anthem, is real.

As we five stood inside that doorway, the soldiers killed and wounded that day may have been bleeding, screaming and dying in the sand.

If my timing is ever again as perfect as it was that day, I’ll be prepared. I’ll be ready with, ‘Yes, I do want to go out there right now.’ You may not come with me, but I’ll bet you think about it for weeks. If I’d stepped outside to pay respect to the flag and to the four soldiers who died that day, how long would it have taken? One minute and 28 seconds.”

This story made me think about the times I have stood inside the doorway waiting for the end of the National Anthem...now what will you do?

I thought I had finished this article, but as I was driving home I heard the familiar retreat and brought my car to a stop. From a distance, I noticed two small boys playing in their yard. When the music began to play, they dropped their toys, turned to face the flag on the side of their house, put their hands on their hearts, and stood silently for the playing on the National Anthem. What an excellent example of teaching our future generation the importance of honoring our flag.

Woodrow Wilson said it best:

“This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours”.

Simple thanks will motivate Airmen to succeed

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Hale
732nd Air Mobility Squadron

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — I have seen many changes in the Air Force since I began my career more than 24 years ago. The one thing that remains constant is the “smallest” things people do will sometimes have the biggest impact. Oftentimes these little things go unrecognized.

A simple “thank you” can go a long way in motivating an Airman to continue performing the simplest tasks with pride and go the extra mile. Taking pride in doing the right things and doing them right the first time is truly what it’s all about. Every job and task in the Air Force is important regardless if you’re a young Airman at your first duty station or a chief who has spent nearly a lifetime in the military.

In 600 B.C., philosopher and founder of Taoism Lao Tzu said, “Fail to honor people, they will fail to honor you.” This directly correlates with the old Air Force saying, “‘Take care of our people, and our people will take care of the mission.”

Part of taking care of our Airmen is making sure we take the time to recognize people for the outstanding job they’re doing. Honoring a good performance doesn’t always have to be in the form of a decoration, quarterly award or time off. A simple verbal acknowledgment of “a job well done,” a “thank you,” or an “atta-boy” is often more than sufficient to convey the message of appreciation. All these actions can trigger several positive effects.

First, it helps to continue a trend of successful behavior. It’s part of our Air Force culture for every Airman to want to succeed. I truly believe Airmen don’t know how to fail. We all want to do our very best, and it’s not necessarily for the “pat on the back,”

but for the pride in knowing we did our absolute best.

Second, positive acknowledgment motivates us to continue to do our very best. It’s up to us as leaders and supervisors to ensure our Airmen know they’re a valuable part of the organization, and that they have a direct impact on mission success. Best of all, positive motivation can be contagious; it can motivate others to strive to do the best job they can do.

It’s incumbent upon each of us as commanders, chiefs, supervisors and leaders to take every opportunity to ensure our Airman and civilians are recognized for their efforts. So the next time you see one of those professionals on the flightline, at the dining facility or in customer service, let them know they are making a difference. They are appreciated for their hard work and dedication accomplishing the Air Force mission.

Have you thanked an Airman today?

Remember our Veterans

Leading from the front

Lt. Col. Tim Ryan

366th Communications Squadron
Commander

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho — One of the first things I discuss with new supervisors is that a leader must define their leadership philosophy and be able to communicate this philosophy to their Airmen. This helps troops frame how we, as leaders, approach situations and make decisions. I recommend a “lead from the front” approach.

For years, I’ve scoured books on leadership and searched personal experiences trying to find a leadership style that seems to set respected leaders apart from the crowd. What I’ve realized is a lead from the front attitude is as vital to today’s military leaders as it was throughout history.

“The leader sets an example ... [and] other people in the organization take their cue from the leader — not from what the leader says, but what the leader does.” This quote by former Secretary of State Colin Powell sends a clear message about the ability to lead from the front and prepare future leaders. Properly executed, this approach to leadership can help guide our Airmen not only in the day-to-day mission accomplishment, but also in physical fitness, education, training, readiness, vision and participation in unit events.

My first flight sergeant in security forces,

Master Sgt. Marvin Moseley, taught me the power of lead from the front. Day in and day out, he talked about and demonstrated the importance of maintaining appropriate dress and appearance, being experts in our jobs and going above and beyond minimum standards of education, physical fitness and leadership. Sergeant Moseley spent a great deal of time going from post to post, quizzing us on job knowledge, talking to us about flight issues and mentoring us on professional development. Whether he knew it or not, he was demonstrating the same lead from the front approach used by President Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln believed one of the most effective ways to gain commitment from troops was to show it in your daily actions.

While deployed to Afghanistan in 2008, I experienced lead from the front from a Joint Special Operations perspective. Like many other task forces, we were made up of a small pool of troops, each playing a key role in making the day’s mission successful. There was literally no “fat” in getting the job done. A leader who was never “in the trenches” would isolate themselves from the troops and fail to anticipate issues before they affected the mission. Leaders who put boots on the ground first demonstrated they were involved in not only planning, but in the objective’s and camp’s success. Everyday our task force commander’s presence and lead from the front style inspired our

troops.

Recently, I read a news article describing the death of Lt. Col. Rupert Thorneloe at the hands of a suicide bomber, in Karma, Afghanistan. He died while engaged in talks with tribal elders - after removing his protective gear as a sign of respect. Despite the obvious danger, Colonel Thorneloe chose not to delegate the responsibility of meeting with the local leaders. He recognized what many other leaders in history knew and what current leaders are realizing: A leader’s presence during operations and their ability to see and experience conditions on the battlefield allow them to inspire their troops and make better decisions. Colonel Thorneloe’s decision to lead from the front should serve as an inspiration to a new generation of leaders. I witnessed numerous other examples of lead from the front while in Afghanistan, but I came to realize it’s not just demonstrated in leading troops in tactical operations that this approach applies to, but also in physical readiness, civilian and professional military education, personal responsibility and attending significant military and civic events.

Accomplishing the mission has always been a core component of what we stand for as a military. Whether we fly, maintain aircraft, gather intelligence, provide personnel support or establish communications, our goal is always to complete the mission to the best of our abil-

ity. However, when duty exceeds ability, our Airmen need to look to their leaders for guidance, leadership and as a role model. Being out front allows us to meet these needs, communicate our vision, guide operations, assess troop morale and ultimately mold Airmen into our next generation of leaders.

U.S. Army Command Sergeant Maj. Lash Sturdivant said it best in an article in Field Artillery, “It is essential our Soldiers have someone to look to for guidance to accomplish whatever mission or task is at hand. They must have someone out front to motivate them to accept the purpose behind the mission as their own and not merely follow orders.”

Lead from the front is at the core of how we as leaders show we care not only about the mission but also what’s important in our troops’ lives and careers. It allows us to communicate the strategy of an organization while also seeing how environmental conditions affect performance. From historic battlefields to current combat arenas, lead from the front is a powerful tool to motivate our troops and set them on the correct path to lead our future Air Force. So, when I have that talk with new supervisors, I remind them of those great leaders who inspire us, the responsibility we have to those with whom we serve and to always lead from the front.

integrity. In fact, most of these decisions involve “right versus right” and the decision may be different today than it was yesterday.

First, and foremost, effective decisions require objectivity. The old adage, “the more objective you are, the more effective you are,” has never been more accurate or applicable than it is today. I’ve always advocated looking at issues and decisions from your boss’s boss’s viewpoint. This approach helps to open the aperture and maintain objectivity.

In order to gain the broad, objective view, leaders must work to gather a complete picture of the situation. Some call this situational awareness; others call it a 360-degree view of the issue. In either case, that awareness involves considering all of the variables weighing into the decision, competing interests involved in the decision, and potential consequences of the decision. The

potential consequences must include possible second and third order consequences. Tough calls like these can involve individuals, organizations and issues beyond those initially thought. Weigh the consequences against unit missions and organizational goals. Investigate how the decision will move things forward in the near, mid and long term. This will provide the context for the decision and, although it will involve a lot of work, will result in the broadest view of the entire process.

Leaders use decision making to define reality. Decisions made within context and with the benefit of situational awareness, will bound future issues for success and establish tomorrow’s realities for our subordinates, our bosses and, ultimately, our boss’s boss. In the end, objectivity will ensure that decisions will result in the desired effect and will keep you and your organization headed in the “best” direction.

Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz

Commander, Air Education and Training
Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Making decisions is something we all do each and every day. Most decisions are made without much thought, almost unconsciously and, in many cases, automatically. Others; however, are decisions that involve time and thought, and can impact more than just ourselves. These are the decisions where the process is an art: it defines who we are as leaders.

As leaders, we do things in order to create a desired effect. Making the “best” decision hits at the core of creating that effect and, in turn, is an essential aspect of being an effective leader. Now, these aren’t decisions that involve “right versus wrong,” or lying, cheating or stealing; we must never compromise our

Base families offered a variety of activities

Summer camps & trips

The youth center is offering the following free camps:

Skate Boarding for ages 9 to 18 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. July 22 to 24.

All trips are open to youth center members, ages 9 to 18. Register at the youth center. Parent/Child canoe trip, July 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$25.

Horseback riding, July 13 from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 for transportation and \$20 admission.

Rocket and Space Center, July 15 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for transportation and \$20 for admission.

Fishing tournament, July 18 from 8 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

McWane Science Center, July 22, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$16 per person.

Tupelo Auto Museum and Buffalo Park, July 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$5 for transportation and \$15.50 for admission.

For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504.

club event, function or lunch. Limited to one coupon per club card. For more information, call 434-2490.

White Water Rafting trip

The information ticket and travel office offers this trip Sept. 5 to 7. Cost is \$160 per person and includes transportation, chalet lodging, meals on Saturday (breakfast, lunch and dinner), rafting the middle river on the Ocoee River. Must have at least 16 registered by Aug. 15 to offer. A \$60 deposit is required when registering. For more information, call 434-2507.

Back to School Pool Party

The Youth Center hosts this party from 7 to 10 p.m. July 31 at Independence Pool. Admission is a donation to the Lowndes County Humane Society. Open to all school age program and youth center members. For more information, call 434-2504.

Youth and Adult crafts classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers classes for youth and adult every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. All youth classes are \$5 each. Take Home Crafts kits are \$3 each. A display of the upcoming projects are in the lobby of the arts and crafts center. For more information, call 434-7836.

New Orleans Saints football

The information, ticket and travel office is offering a trip Aug. 15 to 16 for the Saints vs Bengals preseason football game. Cost is \$110 per person based on double occupancy. Game ticket is free to the first 24 paid sign-ups. For more information, call 434-2507.

Cruise in 2010

The information ticket and tour office has a great seven-day Halloween cruise special out of

Mobile, Ala. Oct. 30, 2010. Visit the Grand Caymen Islands, Montego Bay and Cozumel on this cruise. Cost is \$875.70 for two people and that includes a \$100 shipboard credit. Cost for three people in a room is \$1123.54 and four people in a room is \$1371.38. These are inside-cabin rates. Outside cabin rates will be slightly higher. A \$25 deposit is required by Oct. 1 and \$250 is due by May 1 with final payment due Aug. 1, 2010. For more information, call 434-2507.

Horseback riding lessons

Outdoor Recreation is offering riding lessons and special occasion rides. Cost is \$40 for four 30 minute lessons for youth 6 and under or \$80 for one hour lessons. Junior lessons for ages 7 to 17 are \$100 for four one hour lessons and adult lessons are \$120 for four one hour lessons. For more information, call 434-2505 or 434-7861.

Youth Employment Skills (YES) Program

The YES Program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students that pays \$4 per hour through the AF Aid Society. YES allows high school students to “bank” \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school. Teens must be dependents of active duty air force to be eligible and must be at least a freshmen in high school. For more information, contact Mr. Hamilton at 434-2504.

Parents time out

The child development center offers a parents time out every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children, ages 1-3 years of age. Cost is \$20 for the day. For more information, call Martha Mann at 434- 2479.

Tickets available

The information, ticket and travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Six Flags Over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, the Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls, and more. Call 434-2507 for more information.

Blaze Lunch Bunch at the Columbus Club

Every Wednesday During Lunch
All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or hushpuppies, tea or water
\$6.25 for club members
\$7.25 for nonmembers

This week’s menu:
Meat choices:

Fried Chicken, Beef tips and gravy, Lasagna

Sides:

Macaroni & Cheese, Side Salad with Ranch Dressing, Turnip Greens, Steamed rice and gravy

For More Information, Call Ext. 2490

Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95

Crisp caesar salad topped with seasoned croutons, shredded parmesan cheese and grilled chicken breast.

Desserts:

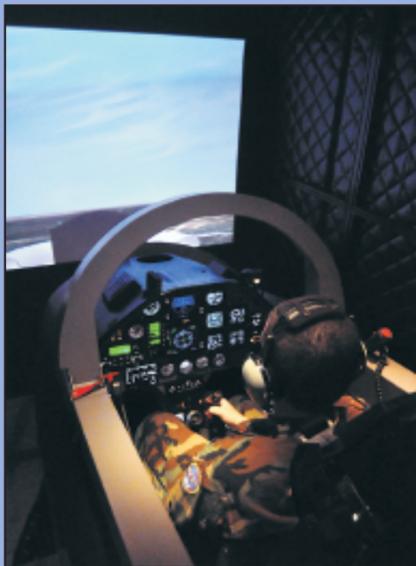
\$2.95 each

Chocolate peanut butter pie
Tiramisu cake

Jumbo oatmeal raisin cookies



Civil Air Patrol cadets experience pilot training



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
CAP Cadet Shawn Feldman takes a "ride" in a T-6 Texan Simulator July 16. In addition, the top graduate and distinguished graduates of the SUPT Familiarization Course received a ride in a T-1 Jayhawk.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Senior Airman Amberlie Russel, an aerospace physiology specialist, demonstrates to Civil Air Patrol cadets how to get seated in a T-6 July 13 with the help of CAP Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Conner Vanskiver.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
CAP cadets play soccer during their group picnic July 15.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Cadets with the CAP SUPT Familiarization Course salute during morning reveille July 14. Reveille for the cadets was held at 5:30 a.m. each day.

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

This week the BLAZE Team welcomed 38 of its newest student pilots to a grueling and intense one-week course.

No, this isn't a new experimental training program; it's the annual Civil Air Patrol Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course.

The course, which is held in two, one-week sessions this year, assembles Civil Air Patrol cadets from across the country and gives them a glimpse at what it's like to be a pilot-in-training.

"When cadets come here, it does two main things for them," said Retired Lt. Col. John Davidson, activity director for SUPTFC and also a lieutenant colonel in the CAP. "First it gives interested cadets the chance to figure out if they want to be a pilot. Second, if they do want to become a pilot, it motivates them greatly."

The colonel said when the students first arrive they usually don't feel they can tackle the grueling days that begin at 5 a.m. with reveille and end at lights out, but by the time they leave they realize they can face any challenge.

"They do things they never thought they could," he said. "We get cadets all the time who say 'wow, high school really isn't that hard after all,' when they complete the program."

While attending the program, cadets stay on-campus at the Mississippi University for Women, where they also attend classes on the SUPT program, AFROTC, the Air Force Academy and other topics. They also attend academics on-base at Columbus AFB.

Following academics each cadet takes tests quizzing them on their accumulated knowledge. The top student is awarded a flight in a T-1 Jayhawk, and the distinguished graduates (top ten percent) may also receive a flight, depending on aircraft availability. In addition, cadets receive awards for their performance.

But their week at Columbus AFB isn't just coursework and test-taking. They students also participate in fun activities like picnics, pool time and the annual SUPTFC bowling tournament (which for the last 18 years the senior cadets of each class have one).

In addition, the cadets spend a day shadowing a real SUPT student and get to see first-hand what it's like to be a student pilot. The cadets also make stops at aerospace physiology.

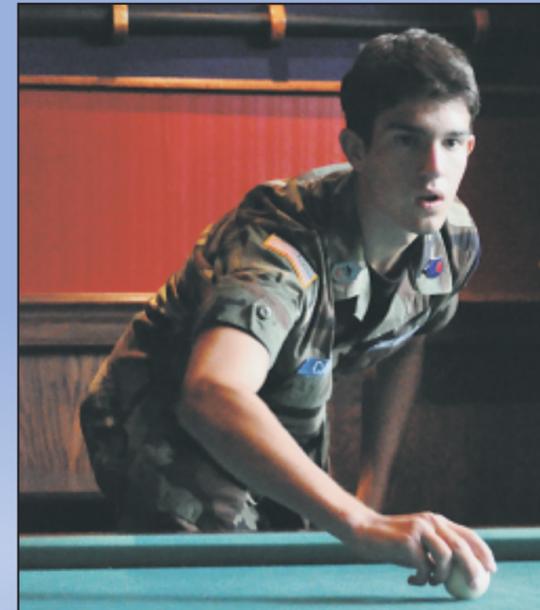
Overall, cadets say they have a great time at the program, and learn important skills while here.

"It's a lot of work and studying, but it teaches you to manage your time," said Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Nathaniel Losco.

This year the program is staffed by 10 CAP cadets (who have previously taken part in the program), five AFROTC student volunteers and nine CAP members.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
Air Force ROTC Cadet Josh Zeyfang, ROTC Detachment 630, helps prepare burgers for CAP cadets and staff during the groups picnic July 15.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
CAP Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Will Carson plays a game of Crud at the Columbus Club July 14 during the cadet's lunch break.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
CAP students in the SUPT Familiarization Course post the colors during morning reveille July 14, while their classmates stand at attention.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
CAP cadets run during morning physical training at Mississippi University for Women July 14 as part of the SUPT Familiarization Course. Students warmed up with calisthenics and then proceeded to run around two miles.