

SILVER WINGS

"Back to the basics"

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Weather

 Today High: 92, Low: 66 Mostly Sunny	 Saturday High: 93, Low: 69 Mostly Sunny
 Sunday High: 85, Low: 63 Scattered T-storms	 Monday High: 88, Low: 66 Isolated T-storms

News Briefs

Hawaiian Luau

The Columbus Club will host a Hawaiian Luau July 25 at 5 p.m.

Enlisted Promotions

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

Class 09-13 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-13's Assignment Night will be held July 31 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

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SUPT class 09-12 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

First Iraqi ALP student graduates

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Three years ago a young soon-to-be pilot began his over three-year journey to earning his Silver Wings.

Second Lt. Omar AlNuaimi, Iraqi air force, will graduate today alongside his fellow student pilots in Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-12 at the Kaye Auditorium.

"It feels great (to graduate)," Lieutenant AlNuaimi said. "Since the Iraqi air force was founded, until this moment, we haven't had students that have graduated from the U.S. It's been great and wonderful to be trained and get my wings."

The lieutenant said he was shown great respect and understanding during his training, and in turn, so was his country.

"This is one step forward for breaking a huge wall between our two nations," he said.

While he's happy to graduate, he said he would never have gotten this far without the support and help of others along the way.

He credits the men and women he's encountered and who have helped him in his journey from a young man raised to hate the western world (and the U.S. especially) to that of someone who would fight alongside its members and die for it.

This includes the man he considers a father figure, Lt. Col. Eddie Altizer, 43rd Flying Training Squadron and T-6 flight commander.

"He is the greatest guy I have ever known," he said. "He is like a father to me; he really represents his country in the greatest way possible."

Lieutenant AlNuaimi will be taking the new skills and techniques he's learned here in the United States and using them to help train the next generation of Iraqi airmen in Kirkuk, Iraq, and said the lessons and experience passed on to

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U.S. Air Force photo
Second Lt. Omar AlNuaimi, Iraqi air force, stands in front of a T-6 Texan. Lieutenant AlNuaimi will become the first Iraqi air force member to graduate from the Aviation Leadership Program today alongside his fellow student pilots in Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-12 at the Kaye Auditorium.

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 (10-07)	-3.29 days	-2.46 days	Sept. 02	48th (09-12)	0.00 days	-0.28 days	Jul. 24	49th (09-JB)	1.28 days	1.23 days	Aug. 11	T-6	2,226	1,917	25,479
41st (10-06)	3.25 days	0.18 days	Aug. 11	50th (09-12)	-0.19 days	3.02 days	Jul. 24					T-1	771	710	9,598
Class 09-12 Graduation speaker: Retired Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong.												T-38	629	531	7,195
												IFF	175	129	2,451

Hubert takes command of 37th FTS



U.S. Air Force Photo

Col. David Reth, 14th Operations Group commander, presents Lt. Col. Lars Hubert, incoming 37th Flying Training Squadron commander, with the 37th FTS guidon in a change-of-command ceremony July 8.

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Dorm Dinner



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin

Senior Airman Kristi Lessman, aerospace physiology, speaks to Medical Group Commander Col. Diane Fletcher at the Dorm Dinner and Pool Party July 16 at the Columbus AFB Pool.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
27	28	29	30	31	1/2
		Lunch Bunch @ Club, 11 a.m.	Enlisted Promotions	Class 09-13 Assignment Night	August 2 Basic Rider Course @ SAC
3	4	5	6	7	8/9
Night Flying →					
FTAC →	Newcomers Orientation	Lunch Bunch @ Club, 11 a.m.		50th FTS CoC, 8:50 a.m. @ BLAZE Hangar	

Long Term Events

Aug. 11 - IFF Graduation
Aug. 11 - Class 10-06 Track Select
Aug. 13 - Tops in Blue

Aug. 14 - Class 09-13 Graduation
Aug. 18 - Hearts Apart, 2 p.m.
Aug. 21 - Class 09-14 Assignment Night

Intramural Softball Scores

Field 1
Game 1:

DYN W
37th/41st FTS L Forfeit

All other games were suspended due to inclement weather.

Sports Shorts

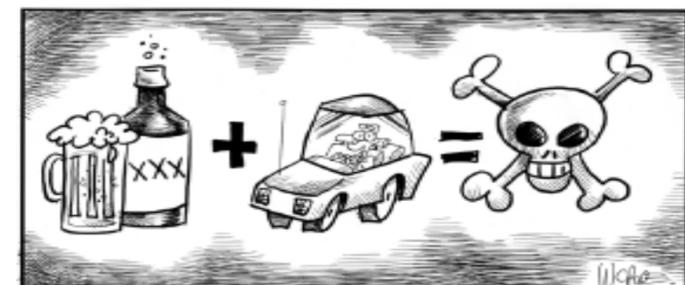
Superintendent's Revenge Golf Tournament: The golf course will host a Superintendent's Revenge Golf Tournament July 25 at 8 a.m. It will be an 18-hole tournament with a shotgun start - the cost is \$20 per person plus greens fees. Price includes play, a shrimp boil and a frothy cold beverage of your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



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 45 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



GRADUATE

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him by his instructor pilots here will be invaluable.

"I have gained good experience and I will be glad to take all this experience back to my country and teach," he said.

He also said the instructor pilots do more than just their job here, they have a second one too - that of an English teacher.

"They help bridge the gap, find similar words to help you understand," he said. He explained most aeronautical terms aren't found in English language translation dictionaries.

The lieutenant said the men and women who have helped him from day one have all taught him something valuable or made his journey possible, whether his English instructors at Lackland Air Force Base, the instructor pilots who taught him daily, crew chiefs who maintained the aircraft he flew, and his "brothers" in pilot training alongside him.

In addition, the lieutenant said the men and women, students and spouses, of his flights and classes were there for him any minute of the day, anytime he needed help. That, coupled with the warm-welcome given to him by members of the local community, are what he says made his time here easy and pleasant.

He said when he met people, and told them he was from Columbus AFB, they welcomed him greatly.

"They treat us so very well and welcome us," he said.

The USAF Aviation Leadership Program is a "scholarship" for undergraduate flying training. The "scholarship" also includes English language training for countries not exempt from English testing. English language training is provided at the Defense Language Institute, with follow on aviation training hosted by the 14th FTW at Columbus AFB.

14th MDG patients Impacted By Provider Shortage

Capt. Kris E. Walker

14th Medical Group practice manager

If you've visited the 14th Medical Group lately, you may have noticed several changes in regards to how we are scheduling medical appointments. Currently we are experiencing a provider shortage in our Flight Medicine clinic, so we need to use some creativity in our scheduling processes to meet mission requirements while serving our enrolled population.

Beginning this month, most dependent and retiree acute (same day) care will be referred to urgent care facilities down town. This will allow us to provide necessary care to our Active Duty population. Furthermore, the

Family Practice clinic will begin acting as an "overflow" clinic for those dependents who are empanelled to Flight Medicine and routine and wellness appointments due to a lack of availability. This process will continue through summer, and is expected to remain unchanged until the October time frame.

We ask that our beneficiaries have patience and remain confident in their health care system during this time of transition. Our population should continue to access our services as normal, understanding that they may be seen outside of their empanelled clinic, or even referred down town for care. Either way, our objective is to ensure that all our beneficiaries are cared for properly.

As our patients may realize, missed appoint-

ments ("no-shows") become more costly during times such as these. Over the past 12 months, nearly 1,032 medical appointments have been missed at the Koritz Clinic, equating to 350 or so hours of time, and approximately \$84,000 worth of lost productivity. With minimal provider staffing and a continuous demand for appointments, the no-shows translate into appointments not available for others. For the 1,100 beneficiaries not on active duty who were diverted to urgent care centers over the past year, an additional expense of \$94,000 was incurred. This brings the total cost to \$178,000.

The clinic is taking steps to help minimize the time and productivity that is lost due to no-shows. Beginning this month, all missed

appointments, including those of family members, will be forwarded to squadron commanders. This will provide them an opportunity to track and assist us in preventing further no-shows.

Patients can minimize the impact of "no show" appointments by doing the following: If at any time you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please call our central appointment line at 434-2273 to cancel or reschedule. If done up to 24 hours in advance of your appointment, this will make it available for another beneficiary to use. For further information, or questions concerning our no-show policy, please feel free to contact the 14th MDG Practice Manager at 434-3316 or via email at kris.walker@columbus.af.mil.

New School Year Approaching: Time to get Immunized Part II –Chickenpox Vaccination

Lt Col (Dr.) Michael Rappa,
Public Health Emergency Officer

Dr. Misty Looney,
Public Health Element Chief

and 1st Lt Basil Aboul-Enein,
Public Health Officer,
14 MDG/SGOL

Chickenpox is a common childhood disease but also occurs in unimmunized adults. It is caused by a highly contagious virus called varicella zoster. Symptoms include fever, tiredness, and rash. The rash is typically very itchy and tends to develop into small blisters found mostly on the trunk, head, and neck. Blisters can also be seen along the sides of the mouth. Chickenpox is easily spread by breathing air that is contaminated as a result of an infected person's coughing or sneezing. Direct contact with an infected person can also cause spread of the disease as the fluid from chickenpox blisters contains the virus.

A person with chickenpox can be considered infectious from about two days before the rash appears until all the blisters have crusted. The illness usually lasts about five to 10 days. Almost always, once a person recovers from chickenpox disease they are immune from any recur-

rence. However, later in life they could develop a condition known as shingles, which is a reactivation of the varicella zoster virus within the body.

Chickenpox can cause serious conditions such as pneumonia, bacterial infection, and even encephalitis (swelling of the brain). Adults are especially at risk for such complications if they get chickenpox, and the disease can cause complications for those who are pregnant.

The chickenpox (varicella) vaccine is the best way to prevent chickenpox. Vaccination not only protects those receiving the vaccine, but it also reduces the risk for exposure in the community for persons unable to be vaccinated because of immune weakening illnesses or other conditions who are at greater risk for severe disease. All children and adults without evidence of immunity to chickenpox need the vaccine. Immunity means having received two doses of the vaccine or having a blood test result that shows immunity. The 14th Medical Group Immunization Clinic can identify whether you need to be vaccinated if you are unsure. While no vaccine is 100 percent effective in preventing disease, studies have shown up to a 99 percent immune response when the two doses are completed. In addition, the vaccine reduces the risk of severe disease with little to no side effects.

Children who have never had chickenpox should receive two doses of chickenpox vaccine with the first dose given at 12-15 months old. The second dose is recommended at four to six years, before entering kindergarten or first grade. It may be given sooner, as long as it is separated from the first dose by at least three months. Individuals 13 years of age and older, who have never had chickenpox or received the chickenpox vaccine, should get two doses at least 28 days apart. Any eligible member who is not fully vaccinated and never had chickenpox should visit the 14th Medical Group Immunization Clinic to check for immunity.

The Mississippi State Department of Health now requires that children receive two doses of chickenpox vaccine before entering school, from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Exceptions are allowed for those who have a blood test that the state, that two doses of the chickenpox vaccine. First time students in Mississippi will also need to provide a certified copy of their birth certificate.

For more information on chickenpox and chickenpox vaccination, visit CDC website at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines or ask your provider. You can also call your local or state health department or contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): - Call 1-800-232-4636 (1-800-CDC-INFO).

Importance of Hearing Conservation

First Lt. Basil Aboul-Enein,
Senior Airman Aundre Lawrence
14th Medical Group

The Air Force began this comprehensive program of hearing conservation in 1956 and through the years it has been revised twice. All military, civilian, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve personnel are included in this program.

The cause of hearing loss can come from being exposed to loud sounds consistently over a period of time.

Properly worn personal hearing protection can help pre-

vent noise-induced hearing loss from routine or infrequent encounters with potentially hazardous noises.

Some of the advantages that come from properly wearing hearing protection include: prevent hearing fatigue, reduce general fatigue, reduce annoyance and emotional irritation, increase work performance and efficiency, enhance outside activities that would otherwise damage their hearing and improve the ability to hear in the presence of interfering noise, thus improving communication.

Wearing your Personal Protection Equipment such as ear plugs can properly prevent hearing loss.

Congratulations Reenlistees

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates its most recent Air Force reenlistees:

Senior Airman Desmond Boyd, 14th FSS
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Powell, 332nd Rec Sq
Staff Sgt. Jason McAlpin, 14th OSS
Staff Sgt. Evangeline Guidry, 14th CS
Tech. Sgt. Robert Padar, 14th CES

For more information on reenlistment or other career decisions, feel free to contact the 14th FTW Career Assistance Advisor, Master Sgt. Brian Bailey.

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

Register by COB 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 COB 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

Got two extra hours? We need you! Share two hours of your time during the stuff the bus school supply drive this Friday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. and Saturday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Wal-Mart Super Center in Columbus. Grab a friend

and sign up today! Call Meagan at 327-0807.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" will be presented July 31 and August 1 at Joe Cook Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be bought in advance at any YMCA location for \$6.00. Tickets at the door will be \$7.00.

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.

Finance to require electronic vouchers

14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron

The finance transformation to the Air Force Financial Services Center (AFFSC) is complete. All travel vouchers and military pay documents are scanned and sent to the center for processing. Recently there has been an increase in the number of vouchers being rejected due to illegibility caused by scanning handwritten vouchers. This results in incorrect payments or delays in payment to the member. To reduce the risk of members being paid incorrectly or late,

Finance will no longer be accepting handwritten vouchers after August 1st, 2009.

Finance has established the Comptroller Assisted Self Help (CASH) Forms Lite program through the AF Portal to electronically fill in the 1351-2 (Travel Voucher). This program utilizes a "Turbo Tax" like wizard to walk you through the form-filling process from your personal computer. The program then produces a completed, legible form for you to print and sign.

CASH Forms Lite can be found on the AF Portal

under the "Life and Career" tab, "Money-Finance Central" link, or at <https://leave.hickam.af.mil/cashforms/>. Customers can also find a blank electronic copy of the DD 1351-2 at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/dir/ectives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd1351-2.pdf>. These are the only two locations the 1351-2 should be obtained because all versions of the form older than 2006 are now obsolete.

For questions on the new policy or questions about CASH Forms Lite please email 14cptf.fmf@columbus.af.mil or call 434-2711.

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: 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 Bluecutter Estates across from the post office on Bluecutter. See Pictures at militarybyowner.com or AHRN.com, asking \$115,000. FMI call 215-589-2911 or 662-434-2678.

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.

Transportation

For sale: 1995 Nissan Altima SE, Runs Very Good, A/C, Sunroof, Paint faded on top, Asking \$2200.00 OBO call (662) 386-6981

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

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: 1964 Plymouth Valiant, slant 6 engine, runs, good condition, \$2000. 1995 Dodge caravan, dark green, good condition. \$ 1,000.00 Call 662-549-4175.

For sale: 1997 Grand Marquis, 97,889 miles, \$4,250. FMI call 662-386-9215.

For sale: '06 Hyundai Elantra GLS sedan 4-door (blue), 40,000 miles \$6,500; K.B.B. value is \$7,180. FMI call 724-255-3054 or 662-434-2668.

For sale: 2004 AUDI A4 1.8T, 5sp, exc. condition, great gas mileage, 4 dr, dauphin gray, 57k miles, \$14,500; FMI call 662-352-6123.

For sale: 1995 Mazda 626 LX, fair condition, runs good (as is), \$850.00 o.b.o. FMI call 662-329-2419 or 662-574-7323.

For sale: '07 Harley Davidson Heritage soft tail classic pearl white and chrome, 93 cu. in. with 4100 miles, \$17,000 OBO; FMI call (360) 271-7406, if no answer, leave message.

For sale: 2005 Monarch SE Motor Home by Monaco—Class A, 30', 2 slides, auto leveling, 12,000 miles, 5,000 watt generator, Ford V10 gas engine, fully self contained, TV, transferable extended warranty, tow dolly included, excellent condition. \$57,500. FMI call 901-405-3075.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Temperpedic memory foam mattress & foundation, queen size, \$1000 o.b.o; FMI call 210-262-0974 or 434-2039.

For sale: RCA Model J25420 - 27" Color TV - Excellent Working Condition, asking \$40 call (662) 386-6981

For sale: 52" JVC HDTV, 1080, HDMI, HD-ILA projection TV, 2 years old, comes with all original packaging/manuals, and TV stand with DVD storage, \$800, can deliver, call 662-497-2175.

For sale: Quality 20 hp Kohler engine with approx. Brand new mower blades. Will include pull-behind seed/fertilizer spreader. \$750 or best offer. Call Mike at (662)425-7837.

For sale: Jet-Ski Kawasaki XI Super sport 750cc, 1996. Runs great, looks good, clean, no tears in seat, 2 seater, need to sell. \$1100.00 OBO. Call Tony at 662-549-966.

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 condition, summer/winter, 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 662-434-7703.

For sale: Six-drawer dresser (brown) \$150 OBO. FMI call 574-9414.

For sale: 2008 Buck Dandy gray utility trailer, 5X8 1 axle, 15" tires, 4' gate, excellent condition, \$700 FMI call 662-356-4611 or 662-434-1283.

For sale: Dell Inspiron 1501 Laptop, one yr old, excellent condition; has Microsoft Word, Excell, Access plus Power point, cd/dvd burner and wireless internet, \$400 obo FMI call 662-574-4769.

Pets

For sale: C.K.C. registered Yorkies, one female 6 lbs and one male 4 lbs, breeder pair will separate, \$1000 for pair/\$500 each. FMI 662-356-4271 or 662-549-3519.

For sale: American bulldog puppy, white female 9wks old for sale, \$150 o.b.o. FMI call Rob at 434-6658

Saturday Yard Sales

Friday 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Sat 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Oakdale Park 54 North Walnut Drive, Columbus, MS



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.

Reprints 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.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Bowling Center Closure

The bowling center will close for renovation of the snack bar area Aug. 9 to 22. The Columbus Club and Golf Course will offer lunch during the closure.

Casino trip

There will be a casino trip Aug. 7 – register at ITT. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and \$25 in bonus bets. For more information, call 434-2505.

Canoe and camping trip

Canoe and camping trip, Sept. 25-26 - \$30 per person – includes campfire dinner and breakfast, canoe and transportation. Depart at 9 a.m. Saturday and return at 2 p.m. Sunday. Must have at least 15 registered by Sept. 10. For more information call 434-2507.

Bowling Center customer appreciation days

Aug. 4-5 – 50 cents a game from 8 a.m. til 4 p.m. For more information, call 434-3426.

Swimming Pool Hours

The new hours for the swimming pool start Aug. 10 – the new hours are from 2-7 p.m. 7 days a week. The pool will close Sept. 7. The new lap swim hours will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m. effective Aug. 10. For more information, call 434-2507.

Clubs around the world

Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club. Free food for club members. Nonmembers is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 11 and under. For more information, call 434-2490.

White Water Rafting trip

The information ticket and travel office

offers a whitewater rafting rip 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 will host a back to school party from 7 to 10 p.m. July 31 at Independence Pool. Admission is a donation for 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. For more information, call 434-2505 or 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.

Parent's 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 cornbread, tea or water

\$6.25 for club members
\$7.25 for nonmembers

This week's menu:
Meat choices:

Fried Chicken, BBQ pulled pork and bun,
Fried Catfish Strips

Sides:

Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Turnip Greens, Baked Beans and Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

For More Information, Call Ext. 2490

Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95

Grilled chicken breast, bacon and swiss cheese toasted on a hoagie roll and drizzled with creamy ranch dressing.

Desserts:
\$2.95 each

Banana pudding
Chocolate crusted strawberry cream pie
Jumbo gourmet chocolate chip cookies

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

DOD officials identify Air Force casualties from F-15E crash

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense officials here July 19 announced the names of two Airmen who died supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in a nonhostile F-15E Strike Eagle crash July 18 near Ghazni Province, Afghanistan.

Killed were:

- Capt. Thomas J. Gramith, 27, of Eagan, Minn. He was assigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
- Capt. Mark R. McDowell, 26, of

Charlotte, N.C. He was assigned to the 336th Fighter Squadron from Seymour Johnson AFB.

The crash occurred at 3:15 A.M. Kabul time. The F-15E is a dual-role fighter designed to perform air-to-air and air-to-ground missions. The aircraft uses two crewmembers, a pilot and a weapon systems officer.

Additional details will be provided as information becomes available. A board of officers will investigate the accident.



U.S. Air Force photo
Two Air Force officers were killed July 18 in the crash of an F-15E Strike Eagle.

48th FTS team takes part in Mobility Rodeo

Maj. Steven Cochran
43rd Flying Training Squadron

A four man team from the 48th Flying Training Squadron departed July 17 for McCord Air Force Base, Wash., with the unique opportunity to participate in the 2009 Air Mobility Command Rodeo.

The international competition focuses on improving worldwide air mobility forces' professional core abilities and features more than 40 aircraft participating in airdrops, aerial refueling and other aerial events. Additional events will showcase the unique and wide-ranging capabilities of military security forces and aerial port, maintenance and aero medical evacuation personnel. More than 100 teams and 2,500 people from the Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, as well as 25 international partners, are expected to participate. Rodeo will also host seven foreign competitors and 17 observing countries including military competitors from Belgium, Israel, Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Turkey

Normally the AMC Rodeo is exclusively reserved for mobili-

ty aircrews. However, T-1A aircraft from Randolph AFB, Texas, Vance AFB, Okla., Laughlin AFB, Texas, and Columbus AFB, Miss., have been invited to compete against each other. In 2007 the Columbus AFB team came one spot short finishing second to Laughlin AFB.

Other international military members observing the events include representatives from Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Peru, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom and Vietnam. NATO will also be sending a representative to observe.

A variety of more than 40 aircraft will be used during this year's competition, including: C-5s, C-17s, C-130s, KC-10s, KC-135s, C-160s, C-21s, C-20s, C-32s, C-295 and T-1s.

"Having spent my entire flying career in (Air Education and Training Command), I'm looking forward to seeing the things that I have been teaching at Columbus executed in this AMC competition," said Capt. Craig Dardenne, a participating first assignment instructor pilot. "I'm eager to build my instructional skills."

According to Capt. John Grady, "it is very important for the

48th FTS to keep our training aligned with AMC operations... this is the perfect check up."

The AMC Rodeo focuses on improving worldwide air mobility forces professional core abilities. In regard to the T-1A Jayhawk, aircrews will be competing in a timed arrival competition, a fit-to-flight challenge, and both simulated airdrop and air refueling events.

"RODEO showcases AMC's best of the best and allows us to train and learn through spirited competition," said Maj. Gen. Brooks Bash, AMC director of operations and RODEO 2009 commander. "Not only does this world-class competition train mobility forces for the fight, it provides a forum for Airmen and our international partners to share the best of tactics and techniques."

"In that we are not capable of meshing with much larger air frames, the T-1s will be strictly competing against each other," said head Rodeo wrangler and team-chief Capt. Beau Nicewanner. "Nonetheless, it promises to be a heated competition. I'm excited to see how our preparation and hard work stands up to the other squadrons."

Air Mobility Rodeo begins at McChord

Staff Sgt. Matthew Bates
Defense Media Activity-San Antonio

MCCORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. — More than 2,500 servicemembers from around the Air Force and the globe gathered here July 19 to officially kick off the 2009 Air Mobility Rodeo, which runs through July 24.

The Rodeo, sponsored by Air Mobility Command, is a week-long mobility readiness competition that brings teams from AMC bases together to compete in a variety of judged events. The competition focuses on improving worldwide air mobility forces' professional core abilities and features more than 40 aircraft participating in airdrops, aerial refueling and other aerial events.

On hand to kick off the competition were Gen. Arthur Lichte, AMC commander; Maj. Gen. Brooks Bash, AMC director of operations and this year's Rodeo commander; and Doug Richardson, mayor of the surrounding city of Lakewood.

"The local community recognizes and values your service and we are proud to be the host community for this event," the mayor said. "The competitions will be remarkable to witness."

This year's competitions include an aerial port loading and offloading of an aircraft with engines running, a security force's obstacle course, a timed aeromedical evacuation configuration challenge and a timed aircraft egress.

In all, there are more than 50 competitions, each of which is designed to showcase the abilities of mobility Airmen around the Air Force. But the Rodeo isn't just about competition. The event is also a way for Airmen to share ideas and learn from each other.

"Rodeo showcases AMC's best of the best and allows us to



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bennie J. Davis III

Master Sgt. Jeff Guilmain delivers the American flag with style after parachuting from a C-5 Galaxy during the opening ceremony of the Air Mobility Rodeo 2009 July 19 at McChord Air Force Base, Wash. Sergeant Guilmain is stationed with the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron at McChord AFB.

train and learn through spirited competition," General Bash said. "Not only does this competition train mobility forces for the fight, it provides a forum for Airmen and our international partners to share the best of tactics and techniques."

This year, more 100 teams are expected to compete, including ones from the Air Force Reserve, the Air National Guard and the allied nations of Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, Malaysia, Israel, the Republic of Korea and Turkey.

"The involvement of our partner nations elevates the



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bennie J. Davis III

Gen. Arthur J. Lichte salutes all participating countries and teams of the Air Mobility Rodeo 2009 while conducting a pass and review during opening ceremony July 19 at McChord Air Force Base, Wash. General Lichte is the commander of the Air Mobility Command from Scott AFB, Ill.

Rodeo to a world-class competition," General Lichte said. "It's really a total force effort on display."

And while the teams are here to compete against each other, in the general's eyes, each one is already a winner.

"There may be 16 trophies up for grabs, but we all will win by making things better together," he said. "And that's what the Rodeo is all about."

Defense Department must end business as usual, Gates says

Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

CHICAGO — Defense spending and program priorities cannot be divorced from the very real threats of today and the growing ones of tomorrow, the defense secretary told hundreds of members of the Economics Club of Chicago here July 16.

“We stand at a crossroads,” Robert M. Gates said. “It is time to draw the line and take a stand against the business-as-usual approach to national defense.”

“We must all fulfill our obligation to the American people to ensure that the United States remains safe and strong,” he said.

The proposed \$534 billion Fiscal 2010 defense budget is the first true 21st Century defense budget and reflects the fundamental shift in the nature of the conflicts the nation faces, Secretary Gates said. Other nations have learned from others’ encounters with the United States that it is ill-advised to fight a conventional war head-to-head with the United States.

“Instead, they are developing asymmetric means that take advantage of new technologies — and our vulnerabilities — to disrupt our lines of communication and our freedom of movement, to deny us access, and to narrow our military options and strategic choices,” Secretary Gates said. “In sum, the security challenges we now face, and will in the future, have changed, and our thinking must likewise change.”

“The old paradigm of looking at potential conflict as either regular or irregular war, conventional or unconventional, high end or low end, is no longer relevant,” he added.

As a result, Defense Department leaders need to think about and prepare for war in a profoundly different way than what it has been typical throughout the better part of the last century, he said.

To this end, the president’s budget request cut, curtailed or ended a number of conventional modernization programs, including satellites, ground vehicles, helicopters and fighters that were either performing poorly or in excess to real-world needs. Conversely, future-oriented programs where the United States was relatively underinvested were accelerated or received more funding.

As an example, Secretary Gates described a little-noticed



DOD photo/Master Sgt. Jerry Morrison
Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates tells members of the Economic Club of Chicago July 16 that the Defense Department must end “business as usual” approach.

initiative in the budget that includes money to begin a new generation of ballistic missile submarines. It also allows for nearly \$700 million in additional funds to secure and assure America’s nuclear deterrent.

“In truth, preparing for conflict in the 21st Century means investing in truly new concepts and new technologies,” Secretary Gates said. “It means taking into account all the assets and capabilities we can bring to the fight. It means measuring those capabilities against the real threats posed by real-world adversaries.”

One of the programs the budget would cap is the F-22 Raptor program. While “a niche silver-bullet solution for one or two potential scenarios,” the fighter is expensive and has limited capabilities when compared to the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, he said.

The F-35 is 10 to 15 years newer, less than half the cost, carries a much larger suite of weapons and is technologically superior in several areas, Secretary Gates said. About 500 will be purchased over the next five years and more than 2,400 over the life of the program. By contrast, he recommended to the president that the F-22s already allowed for were sufficient.

“The grim reality is that with regard to the budget, we have

entered a zero-sum game,” Secretary Gates said. “Every defense dollar diverted to fund excess or unneeded capacity ... is a dollar that will be unavailable to take care of our people, to win the wars we are in, to deter political adversaries and to improve capabilities in areas where America is underinvested and potentially vulnerable.

“That is a risk that I cannot accept and one that I will not take,” he said. “If the Department of Defense can’t figure out a way to defend the United States on a budget of more than half a trillion dollars a year, then our problems are much bigger than anything that can be cured by a few more ships and planes.”

When inflation and the fact that some war costs were moved from the supplemental appropriations to the main defense budget, the current proposed \$534 billion budget is a modest increase over the last proposed defense budget of \$524 billion, Secretary Gates said.

By one estimate, the U.S. defense budget adds up to about what the entire rest of the world combined, friend or foe, spends on defense.

“Only in the parallel universe that is Washington, D.C., would that be considered ‘gutting’ defense,” Secretary Gates said.

Some in Congress have called for yet more analysis before making any of the decisions in this budget, he added. But when dealing with programs that were clearly out of control, performing poorly and (in) excess to the military’s real requirements, military leaders didn’t need more study, more debate or more delay, he said.

“What was needed were three things: common sense, political will, and tough decisions,” Secretary Gates said.

Those three qualities would lead to decisions that provide the country with a portfolio of military capabilities with maximum versatility across the widest spectrum of conflict, exactly what’s needed in today’s high-stakes security world where the country is at war and the security landscape is growing steadily more dangerous and unpredictable, he said.

“I am deeply concerned about the long-term challenges facing our defense establishment and just as concerned that the political state of play does not reflect the reality that major reforms are needed, or that tough choices are necessary,” Secretary Gates concluded.

Randolph Air Force Base gains UAS Sensor Operator training

Gabriel Myers

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials recently gave Randolph Air Force Base the green light to begin training the next generation of enlisted sensor operators to support unmanned aircraft systems.

Stemming from the high demand for UAS platforms and operators, the Air Force created the 1UOX1 Air Force Specialty Code career field for enlisted sensor operators to better meet the need for highly-trained enlisted per-

sonnel to support UAS operations around the globe.

The first group of sensor operators will consist of cross-trainees from other career fields. They are scheduled to begin training at Randolph Aug. 17. The first group to attend fresh from basic training will start Sept. 21.

Sensor operators control the sensor suite on the MQ-1 Predator and the MQ-9 Reaper while also communicating with service members and commanders in the deployed theater of operations and intelligence specialists watching the UAS feeds at U.S. bases.

The new 3-level certification course, called Basic Sensor Operator Training or BSOT, will be 21 days long and consists of fundamentals, sensors and communication, reference systems, full motion video and operational interface.

“DoD leaders have recognized the need to produce more UAS operators and enlisted sensor operators. This curriculum is the Air Force answering the call to provide the capability to support this growing need,” said Col. Jimmy Donohue, 12th Operations Group deputy commander.

In response to an Air Force chief of staff

directive last year, Randolph launched its first UAS course in November 2008, the UAS Fundamentals Course or UFC. By design, UFC was created to give future UAS operators a foundation of tactical knowledge and weapons employment before heading to Creech AFB for technical training with actual UAS platforms.

The enlisted students completing the new BSOT course will immediately join the UAS officer operator candidates in the UFC course to train together and develop crew resource management skills that are essential to the MQ-1/9’s success, Colonel Donohue said.

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.

Suspension of CLEP/DSST Exams

Due to budget cuts at DANTES, the Education Center must suspend administration of CLEP/DSST exams starting on August 1. CLEP/DSST testing will resume on October 1. Administration of Excelsior College exams and all other tests will continue (CDC, PME, etc). During this period, service members can take computerized CLEP exams at the Mississippi State U. Assessment and Testing Center (http://www.ats.msstate.edu/testing/). Service members will not have to pay the CLEP Test Fee, but they will have to pay the \$23.00 Service Fee, which will be refunded by the Air Force. Please bring your CLEP payment receipt to the Education Center for refund processing. Call the Education Center at 434-2562/2563 for more information. Note: The last days for CLEP/DSST testing dates are July 23, 28 and 30.

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 BX/PX. Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar year. Military families can contact their local AAFES main store manager or general manager for more information.

Education Needs Assessment Survey - Part One

If you are interested in pursuing a Master’s degree on Columbus AFB, please participate in the Columbus AFB Education Needs Assessment Survey – Part One! Only 10 questions - takes about 1 minute! The survey will be active until July 31. We will use this survey to determine what Master’s degree program(s) to provide on Columbus AFB!! The survey is located at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/needs/>. Be sure to select “Columbus AFB”. In August, Part Two of the survey will ask what Bachelor’s degree programs interest you the most. Call the Education Office at 434-2562/2563 if you have any questions.

Saint Leo U. Military Spouse Discount

Military spouses seeking a degree at Saint Leo U. can enroll in two classes and take a third class for FREE. Contact Dew White at 434-8844 or stop by the Saint Leo U. office in the Personnel Bldg., Room 120.

AETC Civilian Tuition Assistance is still available for FY09

To be eligible for Civ TA, the civilian employee must be an appropriated fund, permanent AETC employee or in a term position with more than one year before the “not to exceed” date. Temporary employees will be considered on a case-by-case basis. AETC civilians can use up to \$4500 per fiscal year. Civilians are restricted to ONE course per TERM, and the per semester hour tuition cap is \$250. Courses must be Air Force mission-related. Call the Education Center at 434-2562/2563 or send an email to edward.hodge@columbus.af.mil for more information.

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor’s/Master’s programs, Tuition Assistance, 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 HYPERLINK www.drms.dla.mil 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

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 July 15.

CAC/PKI Restriction of AF Knowledge Now (AFKN).

Effective Sept. 1, the AF Portal will CAC/PKI restrict access to AFKN. This affects off-base access from home or while TDY and particularly regular off-base users (National Guard, Reservists, and DoD contractors). This means you will require either a CAC with reader or an External Certificate Authority (ECA) software certificate to access AFKN via the AF Portal (.com access). There is no change to .mil access to AFKN CAC/PKI enabled since March 2007. Please ensure widest dissemination.

The AFKN and AF Portal are committed to supporting the Warfighter and to meeting USAF and DoD PKI/PKE mandates. There are many benefits with CAC/PKI enablement.

* Members receive secure worldwide access to information and applications, greater information confidence, peace of mind with regard to the security of their account identity, and fewer usernames/passwords to maintain and remember.

* The Air Force benefits from easier user/account administration by leveraging the CAC/PKI as the method of self-registration/maintenance. More importantly, the AF enterprise achieves a greater Information Assurance posture reducing the overall risk to data, networks, and mission systems.

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.

Sponsorship Training

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

Iraqi children get a kick out of donations

Senior Airman Andria J. Allmond
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — Airmen and Soldiers here prepared and delivered donations from a stateside fraternity to Iraqi children who live near Joint Base Balad July 14 and 15.

The Pennsylvania State University chapter of the social fraternity Phi Kappa Tau supports programs that increase the quality of life for terminally ill children, and through their program Kicks 4 Kids, along with some inquiring by Capt. Craig Bryan, a 332nd Expeditionary Aeromedicine Squadron psychologist and PKT alumnus, they were able to collect approximately 300 soccer balls to be distributed to Iraqi children.

"Kicks 4 Kids is an annual soccer tournament hosted by the PSU chapter of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity," said Captain Bryan, who was president of the University of Evansville chapter in Indiana for two years. "It was designed as a philanthropy event to raise money for an international network of summer camp facilities for terminally ill children ... allowing these children the opportunity to participate in typical summer camp activities despite their illnesses."

Months prior to the donations being made, the captain was having lunch with Capt. Laura Dart, a 532nd Expeditionary Security Forces medical officer, she mentioned that Iraqi children were asking the 532nd EFSF for soccer balls while the Airmen were outside the wire on patrol.

"She commented that she wished she had some soccer balls to hand out to the kids, so I told her I'd e-mail some friends back in the states to see if they could send some," Captain Bryan said. "I e-mailed a few of my fraternity brothers and told



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christopher Hubenthal
Airmen sort donations of clothing, toys and soccer balls July 15 at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. The Pennsylvania State University chapter of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity sponsored a donation drive at a soccer tournament in June, and then shipped the balls here for distribution to children near Balad.

them the story. I asked if they'd be willing to get some soccer balls for us. One of them wrote back and said 'We're on it. We'll get you some soccer balls.'"

After Captain Bryan contacted them, the PKT brothers hosting the event sent an e-mail to the 200 participating team coaches a month prior to the event. They requested each bring one deflated soccer ball and air pump to the event registration. The request was also posted on the Kicks 4 Kids Web site.

The captain said the boxes started arriving shortly thereafter.

"They just kept coming," he said. "My initial reaction was, 'What am I going to do with all these soccer balls?'"

The captain contacted Kids of Iraq, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of Iraqi children by fulfilling their basic needs and providing a brighter future. They accepted the majority of the contributed balls and inflated them.

"We met at Troy's place and there were boxes and boxes of these soccer balls to inflate," said Airman 1st Class Jefferson Aguiar, a 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron radar maintenance apprentice.

Due to the large amount of donations, Captain Bryan coordinated multiple methods to distribute the soccer balls.

Some were kept in the intensive care ward at the base hospital and given out to pediatric patients, while a number were given to Army Spc. Nazha Lakrik, who is assigned to the 1st Medical Squadron medical control center, he said.

"Certain days of the week, the (local nationals) on base come in for their follow-up appointments," Specialist Lakrik said. "I know a lot of them are parents, so I make up goody-bags of items for them to give to their children, like books and school supplies. When I heard that Captain Bryan had those extra soccer balls, I asked if I could have them to put in my bags."

The remainder were given to the 532nd EFSF quick reaction force for distribution to Iraqi children while on patrol in areas surrounding Joint Base Balad.

"I think where we're at right now in our operations in Iraq, building strong relationship with the citizens is what's most important," Captain Bryan said. "Combat action will only go so far, especially during a stage that is 100 percent about building lasting, trusting relationships with the people."

USAFE officials stand up air ground operations wing

Capt. Megan A. Schafer
86th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The stand up of U.S. Air Forces in Europe's first wing solely dedicated to supporting battlefield Airmen took place during a July 16 ceremony at Ramstein Air Base.

The 435th Air Ground Operations Wing takes over the mission previously performed by two 86th Airlift Wing units here — the Contingency Response Group and the Air and Space Communications Group — along with the 4th Air Support Operations Group out of Heidelberg, Germany.

"This is a historic day for Ramstein and for USAFE," said Col. Tom Gould, who took command of the 435th AGOW during the ceremony. "This wing's new capability is certainly one of a kind, from calling in airstrikes to opening bases, the capabilities this wing brings to the European and African theater is tremendous."

The wing consolidates the tactical air control party and battlefield weather specialties of the 4th ASOG, the contingency communications support of the ACOMG, and the expeditionary support to assess, prepare and operate airfields for air expeditionary forces of the CRG. Both of the groups from the 86th AW will now perform their mission under the 435th AGOW.

"The 435th AGOW provides these specialized Airmen with a single command and control structure," Colonel Gould said. "By consolidating these units under one wing, we will be able to standardize our organizational processes and streamline how we train, equip and employ our battlefield Airmen."

As part of the reorganization ceremony, the 435th Air Base Wing was redesignated as the AGOW. The 431st Air Base Group was also officially inactivated during an earlier ceremony. The remaining mission areas of the 435th ABW will merge with the 86th Airlift Wing.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Stephen J. Otero
U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials redesignates the 435th Air Base Wing to the 435th Air Ground Operations Wing July 16 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The 435th AGOW is the first wing of its kind in U.S. Air Forces in Europe dedicated to supporting battlefield Airmen.

Chief Roy explains his road to CMSAF

Airman Brian McGloin

Air Education and Training Command
Affairs

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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — After completing high school, there wasn't much happening in Monroe, Mich., in 1982 for James A. Roy. He wanted to do something with his life where he could get some training and an education. He wanted to do something that wasn't what everyone else was doing.

He enlisted as an airman basic in September 1982, and today, nearly 27 years later, he is the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

"I wanted to do something I enjoy," Chief Roy said. "I was looking for something different than the status quo, something different from car manufacturing."

Chief Roy said he entered the Air Force with the idea of serving four years and doing the best he could in that time, both for himself and for the Air Force. He said he wasn't thinking about a long-term career at the time.

"I came into the Air Force looking for an education and to learn a skill," Chief Roy said.

Chief Roy's Air Force career path took him down a road similar to most enlisted Airmen. After Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he went to technical training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. There he learned to operate heavy construction equipment in a joint training environment.

Tech. Sgt. Nathan Heard, since retired, was Chief Roy's supervisor and a big influence on Chief Roy early in his career.

Sergeant Heard "made an indelible impression early in my

career," Chief Roy said. "He reinforced the standards that were taught to me in the beginning."

Chief Roy said Sergeant Heard allowed him a month to finish his career development course — not a month and a day.

At the end of that month, Chief Roy said he knew he had to be finished with his CDC's.

"I had to be finished with a certain volume at a certain time. I didn't want to disappoint Sergeant Heard, that's how much respect I had for this man," Chief Roy said. "He taught me what it was to be a leader and about taking care of people."

Chief Roy took advantage of the education the Air Force offered and was the first in his family to earn a college degree.

"It's never been done before in my family," Chief Roy said. "The Air Force gave me the opportunity to not just look at my training, but also education — it's part of the whole-person concept."

Chief Roy said he places high priority on care of Airmen and their families. He said he wants to continue to improve training and education for enlisted Airmen as well as the health and well-being of them and their families.

"Families are a huge factor in an Airman's career, so we need to ask ourselves, 'How do we help develop them as well? How do we better involve families in this profession of ours?' I believe helping them with their education is part of their development," Chief Roy said.

Chief Roy said his own family is involved in his career, and he can't overemphasize the family aspect of being an Airman.

"I've been able to stay energized because it's been noteworthy and fun for the family," Chief Roy said. "I can tell you, communication is key to a military family's success. We have to keep our fami-

lies informed so they can be active participants in, and supporters of, all we do."



U.S. Air Force photo/Joel Martinez
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy shakes hands with Tech. Sgt. Chuck Nichols, a 322nd Training Squadron military training instructor, July 9 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

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Chief Roy said not to worry about putting on rank or gathering awards, and that doing one's best is more important.

"Just be the best Airman you can," Chief Roy said. "Regardless of what job you have or where you are, just be the best Airman you can, and you will be recognized for that."

Lorenz on Leadership - It's all about service

Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz

Commander, Air Education and Training
Command

depends on each and every day.

The leadership at Vance had to make some immediate changes, to reallocate limited resources based on new priorities and new realities. Services that had long been taken for granted were now in jeopardy. Student flying training was no longer the most important operation on Vance. One minute after midnight on June 8, Sergeant Price ceased working as a RAPCON controller and became Vance's lodging detail noncommissioned officer-in-charge. When she returned to work, Sergeant Price began training in a brand new capacity, learning the intricacies of military lodging operations and even how to handle hazardous waste! She and her team worked every day of the strike, including weekends. Lodging, a base service function with 100 percent occupancy at the outset of the strike, could not fail.



No one would argue the importance of her job, especially since it directly enables the student flying training that Vance conducts on a daily basis. Had you asked, Sergeant Price would have told you that her ability to make a difference in our Air Force was directly related to her ability to expertly control Vance's aircraft. Her perspective, however, was about to change.

On June 8, at one minute after midnight, the collective bargaining agreement between an Air Force contractor and its labor force at Vance expired and student flying training stopped. Nearly 800 people went on strike - that's over 40 percent of the base's labor force! These were all key and essential people who not only ran aircraft maintenance operations, but also enabled most base support operations. Suddenly, Vance was without people to run the child development center, base supply system, environmental management programs, transportation, mail delivery, communication systems, civil engineering operations and many other services that the base's population

Being an Airman in the United States Air Force is all about service. For many, when we start serving in the Air Force, this is simply something we do. As time passes, military service becomes central to who and what we are. This transition happens at different times for all of us — and the sooner the better. When the Air Force is who you are, then you have internalized our Core Values. You'll spend the extra time to finish the job right. You'll stop and pick up the lone piece of trash along the road while jogging. You'll put the needs of others ahead of your own.

Is Sergeant Price's story unique? It certainly isn't in the 71st Flying Training Wing. The entire base population shifted

responsibilities to keep the wing running. When the strike eventually ended more than two weeks later, the base was ready to return to its traditional allocation of responsibilities. Sergeant Price, her lodging detail teammates and the rest of the wing returned to their normal duties.

Student flying training is once again a top priority for Vance. Tranquility is defined by the sound of aircraft engines above. Vance's reallocation of responsibilities during the strike helped the base gain an important lesson in priorities. Base support services provide the foundation for Vance to conduct their 'primary' mission: student flight training. This is just as applicable at every installation across the entire Air Force and not just at Vance. Our daily base support activities can never be taken for granted. From Sergeant Price's perspective, "even the smallest jobs play their part in sustaining the mission."

Stories like Sergeant Price's happen every day across the Air Force — service-focused Airmen helping Airmen to accomplish the mission, even if it means moving away from their comfort zone. Sergeant Price never expected in her wildest imagination she would have the opportunity to make such a positive difference in people's lives and in her organization while working for base lodging — and not as a RAPCON controller. As Airmen, we are all united by our commitment to Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do. Through our Core Values, Sergeant Price made a difference for Vance.

If you ask Sergeant Price today what she does, her response, while still simple and quick, sounds a little different, "I am an Airman." You see, serving in the Air Force is who she is. The sooner all of us follow her lead, embracing service and the other Core Values, the better our force will be.

Sesame Workshop aims to help military children, keep families connected

Samantha L. Quigley

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — "Sesame Street" usually conjures visions of Muppets teaching young children their letters and numbers, but they also teach life lessons to help military children cope with deployments, injuries and now, loss.

The newest phase of Sesame Workshop's "Talk, Listen, Connect" initiative is aimed at helping children cope with the death of a loved one.

"Sesame Workshop is committed to providing our military families with the resources they deserve," said Gary E. Knell, president and CEO of Sesame Workshop. "We hope that 'Talk, Listen, Connect,' which reaches out to all families with young children, will continue to help families discover ways they can be resilient despite experiencing difficult transitions in their lives."

"Talk, Listen, Connect: Helping Families

With Children Cope With the Death of a Loved One" will consist of bilingual, English and Spanish, multimedia materials for young children and adults starring the Sesame Street Muppets.

The Sesame Workshop staff will produce and distribute materials at no cost through organizations that provide services to military families and the general public, including grief centers, social services and other programs specifically addressing the needs of children and families coping with the death of an immediate family member. The kit materials also will be available online at www.sesamestreet.org/tlc.

Workshop officials also unveiled the Sesame Street Family Connections Web site and announced the creation of 35 "Sesame Rooms" during a news conference July 16 at the Military Child Education Coalition's National Conference in Philadelphia.

The Sesame Street Family Connections Web site is a child-centered, online space that

will keep military families connected across the globe.

With the help of their favorite Sesame Street friends, family members can compose encouraging messages to each other, share artwork and videos, upload photos and get answers to some questions they may have but didn't know how to ask.

"Families and warriors will be able to stay connected and share in a safe and nurturing place, joined by their special Sesame Street friends," he said.

Additionally, Sesame Workshop officials, with the support of New York designer Jonathan Adler and several generous partners, will provide a rich and engaging set of materials to brighten up spaces it's calling "Sesame Rooms."

These rooms provide a much-needed, child-friendly place for military children to play.

Sesame Street will send a "room-in-a-box" to 35 locations across the United States, includ-

ing military hospitals, libraries, child care centers and family support centers

"The Military Child Education Coalition is delighted to partner once again with Sesame Workshop on its initiatives that have been uniquely beneficial to military children and their families," said Patty Shinseki, a member of the MCEC board of directors, during the event.

"Elmo and his friends, Sesame's beloved characters with whom children connect so well, serve as conduits for dealing with the difficult issues in nurturing and sensitive ways," she said. "These valuable tools and resources for fostering resilience help children to thrive during the good times and challenging ones."

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury and several other organizations, including Military OneSource and the USO, have provided support for the "Talk, Listen, Connect" initiative.

MSG's Ombudsman here to support you

Lt. Col. Michael Dilda

14th Mission Support Group
Deputy Commander

People see my picture posted all throughout the base with an unfamiliar word 'ombudsman' posted below my photograph. So what does it mean for the base community?

Webster's New College Dictionary defines ombudsman as, "One who investigates complaints, as from consumers, and assists in achieving fair settlements." To many, it may simply be a fancy term for arbitrator.

The Air Force doesn't officially recognize the Ombudsman program, which is typically why the Columbus AFB popula-



tion isn't aware of its role in the base community. On occasion, base support customers may feel they have exhausted their options while trying to work out solutions with our customer-level providers or their immediate supervisory chain.

The 14th Mission Support Group Ombudsman offers an avenue directly to the group's leadership to present your concerns, seek resolution of the issue or simply provide feedback on your experience.

The 14th MSG Deputy Commander is designated by the 14th MSG Commander as the 14th MSG Ombudsman.

It is my responsibility to help cut

through confusing and difficult policies, procedures and requirements to improve support functions across the base and find ways to assist our customers in need.

The most common issues I face on a day-to-day basis include calls or e-mails concerning base entry and pass policies and procedures, privatized housing transition, lodging reservation rules, and services at the Club, Arts and Crafts Center, Fitness Center, Bowling Alley, Personnel Center and other organizations on base. I also receive inputs which enable me to pass positive feedback directly to supervisors and their subordinates. The positive feedbacks enable us to encourage and reward outstanding customer services from specific personnel or offices.

The 14th MSG Ombudsman program

was created before my arrival at Columbus AFB. My predecessor established the foundation of a great program which I intend to continue developing into the finest customer support program in the Air Force.

To help meet this goal, the 14th MSG established a permanent e-mail address and dedicated phone line for the 14th MSG Ombudsman. If you have any questions, concerns or comments please e-mail: 14MSGOmbudsman@columbus.af.mil or call 434-2990. If you have a positive experience on CAFB or if you simply need help trying to understand how to work through a difficult process; contact your 14th MSG Ombudsman! I will work as quickly as possible to help resolve the issue, improve the process, or clarify the operating guidance.

I love Air Force Blue

Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith
14th Operations Group
Superintendent

Twenty-one years ago I became a member of the greatest Air Force the world has ever known.

Unlike some, I wasn't predestined to join the military. I am not a product of second or third generation Air Force. To be quite honest, I was more likely to become a correctional facility resident - my focus and vision were certainly unclear.

Now I know we all have our reasons for serving our country and Air Force. Some serve because it's a family tradition, others feel it's their patriotic duty and still others want to secure college funding. Similarly, many take their Air Force experience and move on to civilian life while others stay on for 20 years and beyond. I'd like to share my reasons for enlisting in the Air Force and why I chose to stay blue for 20-plus years. I'll close with some words of wisdom for our next generation of enlisted leaders as they move forward in their Air Force careers.

I grew up in Central Virginia, graduated high school and had no real clue what I wanted to do. College was not an option for two reasons; I had to work to support my family and I wasn't the smartest of students. So, I stayed close to home trying to figure out what I was going to do with my life.

Three years came and went and still nothing significant had changed. I was at home, still hanging out with the same people, experiencing the same problems, doing the same things and just not moving forward. However, one night I was staying at my aunt's house with my cousin (who is like a brother) and heard her voice "loud and clear" saying, "you need to do something with your lives...try the military." She had said this to us several times before, but for some reason we heard her voice loud and clear this time!

So, I visited all of the recruiter offices, but I was most impressed with the Air Force. It seemed the less stressful and physically demanding. I signed up to take the ASVAB test and scored miserably; not well enough to be considered for a

career in the Air Force. I was convinced, it was Air Force or nothing and at this point, and nothing was not an option. Six months later, after studying, I took the test again and scored well enough to be considered for a future in the Air Force!

I arrived at Lackland Air Force Base in June 1987 and spent the next six weeks wondering "what in the heck was I thinking." I thought this would be an easy ride...it's the Air Force! I didn't expect loads of profanity hurled my way without the freedom to retaliate. I didn't expect to be challenged beyond my threshold and reshaped into this person called an Airman.

However, by the end of basic training, I was a different person. I had a different perspective. I had a different determination. Yet, after it was over, I was left wondering if I had what it took to be successful and make a difference. I made it through basic, but was anything but a superstar, a perennial standout. No distinguished graduate or expert marksmanship out of basic. No squad leader or tech school roper. However, I knew I was different. I was disciplined, I was determined and I was driven!

As I look back, I realize all of the shoulders for which I am now standing on. Those supervisors who took an interest in this young, not very talented, but determined kid from Central Virginia who just needed a change and a challenge. They saw something in me that I didn't see in myself. They saw me leading Airmen because I had been a pretty good follower. They saw me giving back because I sincerely appreciated all that was given to me. They saw me selling the Air Force to others because I had bought into the vision and purpose of the Air Force through my actions.

I'm confident that through the grace of God, family, hard work, determination and great mentorship, I have been afforded the opportunity to reach the top one percent of our USAF enlisted corp. Wow, once Airman Basic Smith, now Chief Master Sergeant Smith. The

Air Force gave me what I needed the most; an opportunity and the room to soar above where I came from. The challenge to "make a difference" by doing my part and listening carefully to those who had the wisdom and foresight to lead in our Air Force. I am convinced that if I can make it, most can! It's not easy, but it is attainable!

So, for those who will continue to make the Air Force their career, I leave you with these pearls of wisdom:

- Seek out people that you respect and trust and learn from them; good mentors are a precious commodity - treasure their knowledge and experience.

- Don't take the easy path. Actively search for problems in your organization because those problems will be your opportunities.

- Always work on making yourself a better person. Become an expert in your field, work on a college degree and grow spiritually through your church or chapel. It's never too late to work on self-improvement.

- Make time to recognize your people. A simple pat on the back or a kind word spoken at the appropriate moment will pay huge dividends.

- Don't be afraid to correct, with tact and professionalism, those who DO NOT meet our standards. Tradition should NEVER trump standards! Shame on those who argue with standards!

- Remember where you came from and how you got there.

- Give advice when asked, help when needed, counsel as required and praise when deserved.

I serve because I love this institution known as the United States Air Force. I believe I can and am making a difference in my little AOR. I rejoice when I see an Airman succeed and I had a little "behind the scenes" part in bringing their achievement to fruition. I hunger to see change, for the better, in our Air Force. I hate to see the day I will have to hang up this blue suit. However, I anticipate that our Air Force will be left in good hands because of the outstanding men and women I have had the distinct privilege of serving alongside!

"Nothing can stop the US Air Force!"
Airpower!



4 golden rules of leadership

**Chief Master Sgt.
Robert Ellis**
39th Air Base Wing
command chief

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — Ask any leader and I'm sure they have a leadership book or philosophy that's impacted who they are as a leader.

I've read a lot of different ones throughout my career, but while there are many principles or "rules" I think help make an effective leader, these four are some of the most common and most important. They are gleaned from a book entitled "The Art of Influence" by Chris Widener.

Golden Rule No. 1:
Live a life of undivided integrity. There's a reason integrity is at the forefront of our Air Force core values, because integrity matters. It doesn't matter if you're refueling aircraft, building flares or coordinating airfield operations, we need to know we can count on you. Integrity at its core is all about trust. If we can't trust you in one regard, how can we trust you in another? Once your integrity is called into question in one area, it can be called into question in others. I've heard many stories about "good Airmen," or should I say good workers who made bad or irresponsible choices. My response is always the same, good Airmen make responsible choices, so if you want to be counted among the good, live a life of undivided integrity in every regard.

Golden Rule No. 2:
Always demonstrate a positive attitude. I realized early in my career that no one desires to be around negative people, but positive people are like magnets. Attitudes are very contagious so we must model the attitudes we want, even when things aren't going our way. After all, it's not about what

happens to you in life, but how you respond to it. Choose to respond positively even when negative things come your way and you'll be amazed how much better you feel and how others around you respond. Leaders should be like thermostats and not thermometers; we set the environment to positive, especially when the temperature reads negative. A positive environment is a more productive environment. Always demonstrate a positive attitude.

Golden Rule No. 3:

Consider other people's interest as more important than your own. Have you ever worked with someone who only wanted to know "what's in it for me?" The only person they were concerned about was themselves. Perhaps you've had supervisors who were so focused on their career, they didn't have time to mentor you or set you up for success. Those people were great examples of what not to do; good leaders put their people first. People work harder when they know they're taken care of and appreciated.

Golden Rule No. 4:

Don't settle for anything less than excellence. As a friend once told me, "set high standards, get high standards." We get what we accept or tolerate. My hope is that we all raise the bar of excellence so that we are stretched to a new level of achievement. But someone has to set that standard, I challenge you to do so. In this era of lean resources, there's no place in our Air Force for mediocrity. We've got a mission that we must accomplish to the best of our ability with precision and reliability. We only obtain those when you don't settle for anything less than excellence.

Remember these four golden rules, but most importantly apply them to your life and our Air Force as well as the nation will be better served because of you. Thanks for your service.



T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 09-12 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



Capt. Dave Gentile
Westerville, Ohio
C-130, Pope AFB, N.C.



First Lt. Emmanuel Byaruhanga
Entebbe, Uganda
Mig-21, Entebbe Airbase, Uganda



First Lt. Harrison Gipple
Garden Grove, Calif.
KC-135, Kadena AB, Japan

Twenty-four officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-12 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker is 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. General Foglesong has also served as the 18th president of Mississippi State University and was a graduate of Columbus AFB pilot training.

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

First Lt. John Sparks, T-38, and 2nd Lt. John VanderVoort, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 1st Lt. Matthew Hought, T-38, and 1st Lt. Mark McNaughton, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Sparks and VanderVoort were named the distinguished graduates of Class 09-12.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn

aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

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

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

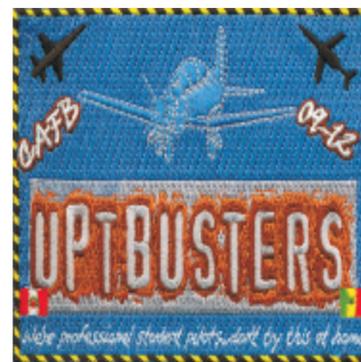
Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

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

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

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with two business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. Class 09-12's pilot partners are Bobby Berry, WCBI, and Paul Cade, Baptist Memorial Hospital.



First Lt. Aaron Knight
Pinehurst, N.C.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



First Lt. Benjamin Malott
Bellevue, Ohio
MC-12/C-17, TBD



First Lt. Mark McNaughton
Stoneham, Mass.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



First Lt. Hansel Rabell
Avon Park, Fla.
T-38C, Columbus AFB, Miss.



First Lt. Mike Ryan
Ventura, Calif.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



First Lt. John Sparks
Memphis, Tenn.
F-22, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



First Lt. Leah Sullivan
North Kingstown, R.I.
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



First Lt. Lee Thompson
Chicago, Ill.
MC-12/C-17 TBD



First Lt. Roberto Yanez Vargas
Mania, Ecuador
K-fir CE, Manabi, Ecuador



Second Lt. Omar Al-Nuaimi
Baghdad, Iraq
T-6, Kirkuk, Iraq



Second Lt. Michael Bargiel
Hernando, Fla.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



Second Lt. Michael Gaskins
Sweet Home, Oregon
UAS, Creech AFB, Nev.



Second Lt. Miguel Gaspar
Reguengos de Monsaraz, Portugal
EH-101, Montijo, Portugal



Second Lt. Samuel Hummer
Dyersburg, Tenn.
A-10, Whiteman AFB, Mo.



Second Lt. Omar Malas
Amman, Jordan
C-130/F-16, TBD, Jordan



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E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



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KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



Second Lt. Timothy Wilhelm
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C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.