

# SILVERWINGS

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## Weather



**Today**

High: 82, Low: 68  
Scattered T-storms



**Saturday**

High: 83, Low: 69  
Scattered T-storms



**Sunday**

High: 87, Low: 68  
Scattered T-storms



**Monday**

High: 89, Low: 68  
Scattered T-storms

## News Briefs

### Bowling Alley snack bar closure

The bowling center will close for renovation of the snack bar area August 9 to 23. The Columbus Club and Golf Course will offer lunch during the closure.

### 50th FTS CoC

The 50th Flying Training Squadron will have a change-of-command ceremony August 7 at 8:50 a.m. in the BLAZE Hanger.

### Class 10-06 Track Select

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-06 will hold their Track Select ceremony August 11 at 5 p.m. in the Columbus Club.

### Class 09-13 Graduation

SUPT Class 09-13 will graduate in a ceremony on August 14 at 10 a.m. in the Kaye Auditorium.

## Inside



### Feature 10

The hours of operation for a multitude of services on base are featured this week.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan  
Retired Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, former U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, former 14th Flying Training Wing commander and former president of Mississippi State University, speaks at the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-12 July 24 at the Kaye Auditorium.

# General Foglesong returns to speak at Class 09-12 graduation

**Senior Airman Jacob Corbin**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

A former Columbus Air Force Base wing commander and retired 4-star general spoke at the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-12

at the Kaye Auditorium July 24.

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, former commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe and eighteenth president of Mississippi State University, spoke to the graduates and their families about the importance of their graduations, international relations and the importance of

character during the ceremony.

The general started out by explaining he's received lots of awards and other objects during his career, but most of them are somewhere in his attic. The one item that's he always known its location was something the new pilots were about to

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## 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)	-4.18 days	-4.35 days	Sept. 2	48th (09-13)	-1.90 days	-0.08 days	Aug. 14	49th (09-JB)	1.21 days	1.53 days	Aug. 11	T-6	2,992	2,498	26,060
41st (10-06)	3.74 days	-0.51 days	Aug. 11	50th (09-14)	3.83 days	2.91 days	Sept. 4					T-1	1,018	978	9,866
Graduation speaker for Class 09-13: Maj. Gen. Harry Feucht, Jr., Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Ohio Air National Guard												T-38	842	660	7,324
												IFF	233	172	2,494

## Deployed defenders helps train overseas



U.S. Air Force photo  
Master Sgt. Terry J. Meadows, a member of the 14th Security Forces Squadron, is currently the NCOIC of Host Nation Training at Ali Al Salem, Kuwait. There are three levels of training they give, and shown above is the first class of Level III trainees that have graduated under Sergeant Meadows.

## 14TH FLYING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 43 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



### SPEAKER

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receive – his silver wings.

He emphasized his point by reaching into his pocket and showing the wings he received years earlier to the assembled graduates, friends, family and BLAZE Team members.

“This (graduating pilot training) is a measure of your personal and professional discipline,” General Foglesong said.

Class 09-12’s graduation featured graduates from five other nations, Iraq, Jordan, Uganda, Ecuador and Portugal.

“You all (the international students) sitting here is a great example of how the U.S. should never do anything alone,” he said.

He continued by saying the graduates were the next generation of leadership for the assembled nations.

“Your nations are not only looking to you for your aviation skills, but are looking to

you to become leaders,” the general said.

General Foglesong closed by talking to the graduates about the importance of character, and specifically, courage. He said there are numerous aspects of character, ranging from integrity and honor, to passion and compassion, but in his mind the most important is courage.

“None of the other defining aspects of character matter, unless you have courage,” he said.

The general remarked there are two types of courage, physical and moral, and that both are important.

He defined physical courage as being willing to put yourself in harm’s way to defend another, and moral courage as making the right decisions even if what’s right isn’t popular.

General Foglesong said that if the people following someone see character in their leader, it will spill over and they will have it also.

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# Sports Shorts

**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 3rd) - 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.

**Bowling League meeting:** The Tuesday Night Intramural Bowling League meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Bowling Center. Election of officers and approval of the league bylaws will take place at the meeting. League is limited to the first 10 teams that register. For more information, call the Bowling Center at 434-3426.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
3	4	5	6	7	8/9
Night Flying Week FTAC		Lunch Bunch @ Club, 11 a.m.		50th FTS CoC, 8:50 a.m., BLAZE Hangar	
10	11	12	13	14	15/16
	IFF Graduation, 4:45 p.m., 49th FTS	Lunch Bunch @ Club, 11 a.m.	Tops in Blue @ MUW, 7 p.m.	Class 09-13 Graduation @ Kaye Auditorium, 10 a.m.	
	Class 10-06 Track Select, 5 p.m., Columbus Club				

### Long Term Events

Aug. 18 - Hearts Apart, 2 p.m.  
Aug. 21 - Class 09-14 Assignment Night  
Aug. 24-28 - Night Flying Week

Aug. 31 - Enlisted Promotions  
Sept. 2 - Class 10-07 Track Select  
Sept. 4 - Class 09-14 Graduation

## Stretching, strengthening, aerobics can condition you against injuries in outdoor sports

Sean Bowlin

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

hydrated all of the time. If you’re thirsty, then remember - you’re already dehydrated.”

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — With plenty of summer sun shining, Airmen are playing softball, touch football, volleyball — and of course, are running.

However, some are getting hurt in the process.

In fact, 12th Medical Group personnel said they’ve seen “a lot” of outdoor sport injury patients in their physical therapy clinic with separated shoulders, tendonitis, ankle sprains, heat injuries and knee, back and foot problems.

This happens at the beginning of every sports season, said a leading Team Randolph physical therapist.

“There are a lot of sports injuries we see here and a lot of it has to do with conditioning properly,” said Maj. Ramil Ascano, 12th Medical Group physical therapy and diagnostic imaging flight commander. “Sometimes it happens simply because the patients were wearing the wrong kind of shoes - like tennis shoes or basketball shoes for running. Or, their shoes could be old and the support in them could be worn down.”

Besides wearing the right kind of well-fitting, supportive shoes, Staff Sgt. Zach Coyner, 12th MDG NCO-in-charge of the physical therapy flight, said with an increase of heat-injured patients coming into the clinic, it’s imperative to remember to constantly hydrate while playing sports in the heat of the summer days.

“You can fatigue really fast, black out and get cramps,” the sergeant added. “Be

With the heat baking, Sergeant Coyner also said to avoid running during the mid-day. Run either in the morning or in the evening, drink plenty of water all day, wear sunscreen and ultraviolet light-protecting sunglasses to protect your vision - and be conservative in building your distances. Don’t run the same distance daily and don’t try to run a whole load of miles all at once. Increase the mileage on your run by 10 to 15 percent per week, he said.

The Major added it’s important to cross-train for your sport of concentration. For example, if you run, then lift weights with your legs; if you’re a softball or baseball pitcher, strengthen your throwing muscles with a good weight-lifting program.

And stretch out those muscles to prevent tears in them, Sergeant Coyner added. “To stretch properly, you should do three repetitions of a 30-second hold,” he said. “That’s good, solid stretching. A lot of people workout and never stretch.”

Additionally, Major Ascano said before undertaking a heavy workout after a good stretching session, the body needs to be warmed up somewhat. If not, the chance of injury heightens.

It all comes down to your body being ready to play whatever your sport of choice is, he said.

“Often, people are too aggressive with their workouts initially; they’re not in condition,” the Major said. “But if you can have a good strengthening and flexibility regimen coupled with an aerobic program that provides a variety of ways to work out, it’s the best of all worlds.”

## Intramural Softball

Here are the softball scores for Wednesday night

Field 1:	Game 1: 49th/50th FTS 13 W 37th/41st FTS 5 L	Game 2: 14th SFS 15 W 48th FTS 12 L
Game 2:	48th FTS 17 W 14th OSS 2 L	Field 2:
Game 3:	14th SFS 6 L DYN 18 W	Game 1: 14th WSA L Forfeit 37th/41st FTS W
Thursday night	Game 2: 14th CES 16 W Field 1: 14th OSS 6 L	

# Post-9/11 GI Bill guidance sent to Airmen

**Maj. Beth Kelley Horine**  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force Personnel Center officials here provided updates to the field recently on the Air Force implementation of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The updates, effective Aug. 1, include guidance on how eligible Airmen can choose to transfer part or all of their educational benefits to family members enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System.

“Since the Transfer Education Benefits Web site began accepting applications in July, more than 4,000 Airmen have requested transfer of benefits to their family members,” said Maj. Jamison Braun, the AFPC deputy chief of transformation.

The request to transfer is initiated by an Airman through TEB, a Department of Defense portal, to the Total Force Service Center-San Antonio for validation, and then sent back to the DOD and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“However, the DOD portal experienced difficulties at first that limited our ability to push validation of eligibility back to the DOD and the VA in a timely manner,” Major Braun said. “Now that the kinks have been worked out, we anticipate the total process from application to approval to take between 30 to 45 days. Please be patient with the new rollout and we'll continue to keep you up to speed on changes.”

Basic eligibility  
All Airmen serving greater than 90 days of active duty, post-Sept. 11, 2001, are automatically eligible and enrolled for the new GI bill benefit. For additional information and eligibility requirements, visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).  
Next, if only applying for personal use of benefits (not trans-

ferring to dependents), go to the VA online application, or VONAPP, Web site at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp> to apply.

**Transferability**  
Active-duty and selected Reserve Airmen who meet all of the VA's Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit requirements, who are on duty as of Aug. 1, who have already served at least six years, and who commit to four more years of service, have the option to transfer their benefits to eligible dependents.

Before applying to transfer benefits, an Airman should do four things to ensure a smooth and efficient application process. The very first step for all Airmen is to seek counseling from your Education Center on GI Bill options, said Rudy Torres, the AFPC education services and benefits program deputy chief.

“Next, ensure you have at least four years left of retainability before transferring benefits, unless retirement eligible. If you need additional retainability, visit your military personnel section for counseling on your reenlistment or extension options,” Mr. Torres said.

Third, Airmen must sign a statement of understanding to acknowledge acceptance of their active duty service commitment. The statement of understanding is available in military personnel sections, education offices and on the “Ask” AFPC Web site.

“If you've already applied to transfer your benefits, a copy of the (statement of understanding) will be sent to you for signature via email from the Total Force Service Center-San Antonio. In the near future, the SOU will be available on the virtual MPF to allow Airmen to complete this action digitally,” Major Braun added.

And finally, all Airmen should verify family member information is accurate in DEERS.

A printable version of this checklist is available on the AFPC Web site under the Post-9/11 GI Bill link.

**How to apply**  
After completing the checklist above, Airmen can apply to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits at the TEB site. Applicants must use a common access card, a DOD self-service user identification, or a Defense Finance and Accounting Service personal identification number to access the site. The TEB site is also posted on the AFPC Web site and the Air Force Virtual Education Center on the Air Force Portal.

“If for some reason an applicant doesn't meet eligibility requirements, the application will be returned to the TEB site and AFPC will provide the applicant with a statement of why it was disapproved, or guidance on what actions are required before approval can be granted,” Major Braun said.

Once Airmen receive approval of their transfer application from the VA, family members may apply to use transferred benefits by completing VA Form 22-1990e in VONAPP. The VA Form 22-1990e should only be completed and submitted to VA by the family member after TEB approval. Further information is available at: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>.

Additional guidance about GI Bill options can be found at the following resources:

- DVA GI Bill
- DoD Post-9/11 GI Bill
- AFPC Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Post-9/11 GI Bill link on the "Ask" AFPC site, or
- Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

NOTE: For specific details on selected reservists transferring GI Bill benefits, contact the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102, option 3, or option 4 for Air National Guard.

## Tops in Blue to perform August 13

**Pam Wickham**  
14th Force Support Squadron

The Tops in Blue 2009 team will perform Thursday August 13 at 7 p.m. at the Mississippi University for Women's Rent-Whitfield Auditorium. This show is free and the doors will open at 6:45 p.m. and is open to the public. Bus transportation to and from the show will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Buses will pick up from each of the housing area bus stops at 5:15 p.m. and from the Base Post Office and Columbus Club parking lots at 5:30 p.m.

This year's showcase is sponsored in part by national sponsors Coca-Cola and AT&T. Local sponsors are WCBI, Cable One, Mississippi University for Women, the Attorneys at Studdard Law Firm and The Little Dokey.

The 2009 tour, entitled “To Dream,” is a celebration of 56 years of Tops in Blue. Featured will be revivals of favorite acts from past tours, along with brand new production numbers created especially for the 2009 tour. This year's tour will take Tops in Blue throughout the United States and to more than 25 countries, with close to 150 performances over a 10-month period.

Each year, Air Force personnel stationed worldwide compete in a multilevel competition for the right to be selected as a member of this elite organization. The Tops in Blue team is an all-active duty U.S. Air Force special unit made up of talented performers selected for their entertainment abilities.

Each team begins their tour with an intense 60-day training period at the “Home of Tops in Blue,” Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. This training consists of a highly accelerated educational process to prepare them to succeed as world-class entertainers and distinguished Air Force ambassadors during the 10-month tour. The performers must master the instrumental, vocal, choreography and staging requirements of the show. In addition, they also must become highly accomplished in the intricate technical skills needed to support the tour. They are, in essence, their own “road crew.”

Under the guidance of five technical personnel, the performing team is responsible for setting up over 50,000 pounds of staging, lighting, audio, video and special effects equipment required for each performance.

For more information on how to apply for the Worldwide Talent Search, log on to [topsinblue.com](http://topsinblue.com) or call (210) 652-6566.

## Mouth guards available at base dental clinic

**Staff Sgt. Demetress Wright**  
Base Dental  
Clinic

Football season is rapidly approaching and it's time to contact the Columbus AFB Dental Clinic for a free mouth guard. Although flag football is not considered a contact sport, each season players are injured in some manner. Wearing sports guards can help eliminate injury to teeth and the surrounding tissues.

They are also useful when participating

in other sports such as, basketball, soccer, racquetball and weight lifting. The Columbus AFB Dental Clinic would like to actively minimize injuries by providing free mouth guards to active duty members and adult family members (18 and above) who are participating in base intramural sports.

In 1960 the Air Force Academy became the first institution to require mouth guards to be used in both intramural and varsity sports. Many Air Force bases, including Columbus, require all participants in wing intramural sports to wear mouth guards. This reduces the number of injuries related to the mouth.

The Dental Clinic encourages everyone to protect themselves by using a mouth guard. Free “Boil and Bite” mouth guards for adult family members can be obtained from the dental clinic. Active duty members can schedule an appointment to have a custom mouth guard made by calling 434-2250. Remember an injury to the mouth can be a costly one.

## Columbus AFB Communications Focal Point to begin operation

**Maj. Leo Lawson**  
14th Communications Squadron commander

The Columbus AFB Communications Focal Point will be operational effective August 1.

The customer service (Walk In) hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. The CFP is located in the 14th Mission Support Group building, first floor, Room 131. It is one-stop-shopping for all of your customer service needs.

Customers with airfield systems, client systems, or telephone issues will need to call 434-COMM (2666) to receive service.

Choose option 1 for Airfield Systems - There will not be any change in the way your calls are currently handled. Your afterhour's calls will be transferred to the on-call operator and prioritized as it is today.

Choose option 2 for Client Systems - Your calls will be redirected to the Enterprise Service Desk (ESD) where your information and the nature of your problem will be collected and routed properly for resolution.

Choose option 3 for Telephones - Your calls will be redirected to Telephone Maintenance for action as needed.

The CFP will also be where all personnel communication processing and outprocessing actions are handled.

## Families, volunteers essential to nation's defense, says Reserve Affairs chief

**Army Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill**  
National Guard Bureau

DEARBORN, Mich. — Family support is vital to the more than 700,000 members of the National Guard and Reserve who have been called to duty since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the assistant secretary of defense for Reserve Affairs said here July 27.

“The only way that we can sustain that kind of effort is by having strong families and strong relations with our nation's employers ... both of those groups have served magnificently so far,” Dennis M. McCarthy told 1,200 attendees of the 2009 National Guard Family Program Volunteer Workshop here.

“Volunteers are the heart and soul of any successful family readiness program,” he said. “We simply could not have successful programs without the work that our volunteers do.”

A presidential appointee confirmed by the Senate on June 25, Mr. McCarthy is responsible for the overall supervision of the affairs of the 1.2 million-strong reserve component for the Department of Defense.

“These men and women have served in Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom,” Mr. McCarthy said of guardmembers and reservists deployed since 9/11. “They've served at bases and stations here in our country (and) on the northern and southern borders. They've served in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. They've been enablers at Djibouti and the Horn of Africa, served aboard ships at sea, and as peacekeepers in Bosnia, in Kosovo and in the Sinai.”

Some 948 Guardmembers and Reservists have died during that service, including 708 killed in action, Mr. McCarthy said.

### BRIEFS

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### 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](mailto:afrc@columbus.af.mil).)

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

The Wing Newcomers Orientation will be August 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Phillips Auditorium.

### Resume and Cover letters Workshop

The Airman and Family Readiness Center will

host a Resume and Cover letters Workshop August 5 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

### 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.

### 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

### BARGAIN LINE

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For sale: Two chrome nerf bar side steps, fits extended cab pickup \$150; can deliver and email pics. Call FMI 575-791-1821.

### Pets

For sale: 1 year old boxer, shots up to date, spayed; FMI call 740-975-4418 or 40-975-9233.

### Yard Sales

Yard sale: 5523A Hamilton Ave CAFB, Saturday 7:00

a.m. to 12:00 noon, children & adult clothing; George Foreman outside grill; board games & other misc items.

Yard sale: 5204A Lowndes Ave CAFB, Saturday 7-11am; lots of baby items, bouncy seat, tub, toys, baby monitors, bottle warmer, precious moments crib set, diaper bag, etc., baby girls clothing size NB-12 mo, some neutrals; all in excellent condition; women's clothing and accessories, home décor items and various other items.

## AROUND TOWN

### United Way Bowlathon

Columbus Lanes challenges you to join the fun for the first annual bowlathon to benefit United Way of Lowndes County. Bowling begins at 10 a.m. and rolls through 6 p.m. on August 1-2 and August 8-9. Cost is \$15 per adult and \$7.50 per child 10 and under. This includes three games per person and shoe rental. Columbus Lanes will donate \$500 in honor of the group that brings the most people to bowl. The largest family or business group will receive an award. All proceeds benefit United Way. Columbus Lanes is located at 122 S. McCrary Rd. in Columbus. Call James at 327-9095 for more information.

### 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.

# AMC officials unveil official travel Web site

**Mark Diamond**

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command officials here recently unveiled its first official, command-level AMC Travel Web site.

People planning to travel the AMC military travel system can now point their Web browsers to <http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp> for the latest in AMC travel information.

The site, which officially went live July 24, offers prospective space-available travelers a wealth of information, including an updated AMC passenger terminal contact list (complete with phone, e-mail and Web links), and more than a dozen travel documents, example letters and brochures.

Every day around the world, hundreds of military and military-contracted commercial aircraft travel the world delivering troops and cargo. And each year, hundreds of thousands of military personnel, retirees, and their family members go along for the ride, courtesy of the AMC Space-A travel program.

Space-A flights, also known as “military hops,” are a unique benefit to U.S. servicemembers, retirees and their families. Under the AMC travel program, unused seats on U.S. military and military-contracted aircraft are made available to non-duty passengers on a space-available basis

(once space-required or official duty passengers and cargo have been accommodated).

According to one AMC travel expert, the AMC Travel Web site was created simply because “AMC customers deserve it.”

“(The AMC Travel) site was created to provide our customers a wealth of AMC travel information, which can be counted on to contain the most accurate and up-to-date travel information available,” said Tech. Sgt. Steve Katsonis of the AMC passenger policy branch. “Our customers deserved a Web site where they can obtain travel information that is correct, up to date and validated by AMC. This Web site will give them that.”

Sergeant Katsonis said AMC officials understand the massive amount of anxiety and stress felt by space-required and Space-A travelers.

“Our goal is that this site will answer any questions the passengers will have, therefore minimizing their stress before they leave their homes,” he said.

In the past, prospective Space-A passengers frequently turned to one of several AMC headquarters offices in search of Space-A travel information. Sergeant Katsonis said although these headquarters personnel are trained to respond to these public queries, he hopes the new Web site will provide all their information and more.

Additionally, he said trained passenger service agents at AMC terminals around the globe are

standing by to assist. People searching for up-to-the-minute AMC travel information are encouraged to contact their nearest AMC passenger terminal. A current listing is available on the new AMC Travel site.

Another great benefit of the new AMC Travel site is that it will be updated with the latest breaking news and updates. For instance, Sergeant Katsonis said dependent travel policies have gone through a few significant changes during the past few years.

“There have been many important changes over the last few years, with most of them relating to dependant travel,” the sergeant said. “With the ongoing conflict, it is important that family members are taken care of (when the military spouse is deployed).”

He said the Department of Defense responded by allowing unaccompanied travel by dependents when the military spouse is deployed on contingency/exercise/deployment orders, also known as CED orders. According to Sergeant Katsonis, when the deployment is for 120 days or more, unaccompanied travel is authorized in category IV; and for deployments of 366 days or more, unaccompanied travel is authorized in the bottom of category III.

Additionally, a long-awaited change, made last year by DOD officials, allows dependents of dual military couples the ability to travel with either parent, with the appropriate documenta-

tion. Prior to this, dependents were only authorized to travel with the sponsor listed on their identification card.

According to AMC officials, today’s challenging times underscore the importance of properly caring for our military servicemembers and the families who support them. Changes to the AMC travel program are a reflection of the trust and faith DOD officials place on men and women in uniform.

Sergeant Katsonis said he wants people to know that Space-A is a great benefit, but it can be a stressful experience without the proper planning.

“AMC never guarantees travel, and passengers need to be prepared for their (Space-A) trip to take more time than it would were they traveling commercial,” the sergeant said.

He added that not every base is equipped with facilities or lodging capable of handling passengers stranded by a broken or rerouted aircraft.

“The most important thing to remember when traveling Space-A is be prepared to fly commercial if problems are encountered” Sergeant Katsonis said. “The key to a stress-free trip is to have a plan. Have enough money for all contingencies, and be mentally prepared for disappointment when plans don’t come together.”

The AMC Travel site cannot predict problems that may arise, but the sergeant said it should be a huge benefit in the planning phase.

*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](mailto: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.*

## Transportation

**For sale:** (Motorcycle) 2006 Ducati Paul Smart replica, PS1000LE, 1450mi, showroom condition w/ lots of extras, full Termi exhaust. \$10,500 o.b.o. 808-221-2005.

**For sale:** (Motorcycle) 1979 Triumph Bonneville, 750cc, purchased from original owner, have all papers, excellent condition. \$4250 o.b.o. 808-221-2005.

**For sale:** (Motorcycle) 2005 Honda 600RR, 6700mi, Devil exhaust, lots of extras - \$5750 o.b.o. 808-221-2005.

**For sale:** (Motorcycle) 2007 Honda 230CRF; 15+ hours, very little use, excellent condition. - \$2500 o.b.o. 808-221-2005.

**For sale:** 2003 Toyota Tacoma xtra cab. SR5, 4WD, V6, 5 spd, pw, pl; has chrome nerf bars, billet grille, 3” suspension lift, 33x11.50 tires, bed liner, tinted windows. This truck is really clean and in excellent condition with only 58K miles. Asking \$13,000. FMI call 662-549-9865.

**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:** 1995 Mazda 626 LX, 4 cylinder, white; car runs good \$1000 o.b.o. FMI call 662-574-4769 or 662-434-7103.

**For sale:** Moto-cross quad, 2007 Honda 450 TRX, Awsome machine! Electric start; only 30 hours of use, one owner. Price includes helmet, gloves, goggles, oil and filter cleaner, \$5000 o.b.o. FMI call Bart at 623-698-5916.

**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:** Boat: 1999 Lowe’s 20’ pontoon; 90 h.p. Evinrude outboard, \$23,000 new \$10,200. FMI call 662-329-1843.

**For sale:** Harley Davidson ‘07 Heritage Soft Tail Classic, pearl white

and chrome, 93 cu.in. motor with 4100 miles, \$17,000 o.b.o. FMI call (360)271-7406 leave message if no answer.

**For sale:** 1995 Nissan Altima SE, Runs Very Good, A/C, Sunroof, Paint faded on top, asking \$2200 o.b.o. call (662) 386-6981.

**For sale:** 2006 Honda Shadow, candy apple red, 600cc engine, low mileage (less than 3500), \$6000, FMI call 662-356-0023 or 662-251-1728.

**For sale:** 2002 Suzuki Volusia VL800 motorcycle, cruiser, bags, windshield, performance pipes, light bar, mustang seat with back rest, crash bar with pegs, custom pin stripping, lots of chrome and extras, bike runs good and in excellent condition. \$3600.00 FMI call 662-549-9660.

**For sale:** 1996 Kawasaki 750 Jet Ski, XI super-sport, 2 seater, looks good, runs good, comes with trailer. \$900.00 o.b.o. 662-549-9660

## Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Ford F-150, Set of 4 - 20inch

Rims with Pirelli Scorpion tires; excellent condition. \$800 o.b.o. FMI call 808-221-2005.

**For sale:** Aerostich Darien two piece Gortex motorcycle riding suit, jacket (large), pants (size 34), liner (large), and all pads; cost over \$1000 new, excellent condition - \$525 obo. 808-221-2005.

**For sale:** 42” Husqvarna riding mower, less than 3 years old. Quality 20 hp Kohler engine with approx. 130 hours; brand new mower blades. Will include pull-behind seed/fertilizer spreader. \$750 or best offer. Call Mike at (662)425-7837.

**For sale:** Samsung 5050 btu window A/C unit \$50 (barely used), Peavey Bandit 112 guitar amp w/extras \$225, Ping clone irons/driver/putter (lefty) \$120, color printer Canon i850 w/ink \$25, black diamond over rail truck box \$80, motorcycle ramp \$55, stand \$25, large house speakers (older) \$25, misc cat supplies \$10, Hillcrest 8X12 storage building \$795 orig \$1100; o.b.o. FMI call 1-662-253-5021.

**For Sale:** Top quality “Hot Spring” portable spa/hot tub; perfect condition, seats four; two years old. New \$7500;

Firm selling price, \$3500. FMI call 662-329-1843.

**For sale:** Six-drawer dresser (brown) \$150 o.b.o.; computer desk, \$40; small pool table, \$50; fireplace insert w/glass doors, \$75. FMI call 574-9414.

**For sale:** Bind Mate personal Com. BIND machine and 3-hole punch. New in box, \$ 70.00; FMI call 662-315-1800.

**For sale:** College Text Books for Sale: The Musical Experience by Chiego, The American Democracy 7th Edition, Geography Regions, Realms, & Concepts by Muller & Wiley and Hole’s Human Anatomy & Physiology 11th Edition. Please call 662-574-0538.

**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.

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# DOD announces new Tricare regional care contractors

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Department of Defense officials here have announced the selection of new Tricare managed care support contractors for the North and South Tricare regions in the United States.

The third generation contracts are worth an estimated \$55.5 billion more than the base and five options periods.

Transition from the current contracts is scheduled to begin immediately, with the start of health care delivery under the new contracts anticipated to be April 1, 2010. The transition will occur during the base period and health care delivery will begin with the first option.

Tricare officials administer the health care plan for 9.4 million servicemembers, retirees and their families worldwide. Managed care support contractors provide health, medical and administrative support services to eligible beneficiaries in each of the three Tricare regions within the United States.

Aetna Government Health Plans of Hartford, Conn., is selected for the North region where Health Net Federal Services is the current contractor. UnitedHealth Military & Veterans Services of Minnetonka, Minn., is selected for the South region

where Humana Military Healthcare Services is the current contractor. The Tricare West region will retain its current contractor, TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp.

“We expect all of our managed care support contractors to provide top quality health care and the highest possible customer satisfaction,” said Ellen Embrey, the acting director of Tricare. “Delivering quality health care to our nation’s heroes and their families is our number one priority — with a special emphasis on our wounded warriors.”

Although two new contractors have been selected, the three-region structure in the United States and all of the Tricare benefit options offered under the current contracts remain the same.

The contracts feature financial incentives to encourage exceptional customer service; high-quality care; detection of fraud, waste and abuse; increased electronic claims processing; better program management, improved preventive care and cost savings. To apply these incentives fairly, Tricare officials improved methods to measure and assess network provider, beneficiary and military treatment facility commander satisfaction.

As with the current contracts, the new contracts require

prime service areas around military treatment facilities and Base Realignment and Closure sites. Under the contract, some prime service areas may be discontinued, and as a result, some beneficiaries will no longer be offered Prime. These beneficiaries still retain Tricare coverage under the Standard or Extra plan.

Tricare Standard is the most flexible of the Tricare options and is available everywhere, Tricare officials said. Tricare Extra is a discount given to Tricare Standard beneficiaries when they use a Tricare network provider. According to Tricare officials, both Tricare Prime and Standard are excellent options with high satisfaction rates.

“Tricare and all the managed care contractors are dedicated to making a smooth transition with minimal impact on beneficiaries,” Admiral Hunter said. “We will ensure that key information flows to all of our beneficiaries and stakeholders, in particular those affected by the changes in contractors or providers.”

States included in each region and other contract information can be found at a special Web page at [www.tricare.mil/T3contracts](http://www.tricare.mil/T3contracts).

Base News

**Airman's Activity Council Meeting**

The Airman's Activity Council is having a meeting on August 13 at 4 p.m. in the Services Complex Bldg. All Airmen grades E-1 through E-4 are encouraged to attend.

**Fish Fry Fundraiser**

The African American Heritage Committee will be sponsoring a Fish Fry Fund-raiser on August 6. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sheryl Allen at 434-7221 or Senior Airman Derek Ramsey 434-2264/2262.

**Columbus Officers Spouses Club 18 August Social**

Please join The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club for a new season at their "Ice Cream Social and New Membership Drive" on Tuesday, August 18, 6:00 pm at Columbus Club. Get great ideas and information from multiple businesses & services from Base, Downtown and COSC Members as well as volunteer and educational opportunities in Columbus. Sign-up opportunity to participate in COSC Special Activity Clubs like Mahjong, Gourmet, Antiques & Trail, etc. The Menu is Chocolate, Vanilla and Strawberry ice cream with many toppings, Italian and cream sodas. \$6.00 for Columbus Club Members, \$8.00 for Non-Members. Bring your friends and see what the Officers' Spouses Club is all about. Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, August 13 to coscrsvp@yahoo.com.

**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.

**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.

**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 you 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](mailto: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 [www.drms.dla.mil](http://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**

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.

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14th FTW announces Quarterly Awards winners

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing recently announced its Quarterly Awards winners at a ceremony July 23 in the Columbus Club.

The winners for the second quarter of 2009 were as follows:  
Airman of the Quarter: Staff Sgt. Jonathan Marion, 14th Mission Support Group.

NCO of the Quarter: Tech. Sgt. Chin Keomanila, 14th Medical Group.  
Senior NCO of the Quarter: Master Sgt. Scott Ely, 14th MDG.

Honor Guard Member of the Quarter: Airman 1st Class Marquis Skinner, 14th MSG.

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter: Capt. Gloria Walski, 14th MDG.

Field Grade Officer of the Quarter: Maj. Lisa Davison, 14th MDG.  
Flight Commander of the Quarter: Capt. Vincent Sherer, 14th Operations Group.

Instructor Pilot of the Quarter: Capt. Ishan Avila, 48th Flying Training Squadron.

Civilian of the Quarter, Category one: Rector Johnson, Jr., 14th MSG.  
Civilian of the Quarter, Category two: Heath Niemet, 14th MSG.

Civilian of the Quarter, Category three: Kevin Crown, 14th Wing Staff Agencies.

Volunteer of the Quarter: Patricia Ely, 14th MDG.

Congratulations to the 14th FTW Quarterly Award Winners for the second quarter, 2009.



The 14th Flying Training Wing Second Quarter 2009 Quarterly Award winners pose for a group photo July 23. U.S. Air Force photo

BLAZE Team members have fun, raise money at Drawdown



Second Lt. Matthew Miller poses with classmates 2nd Lt. John Waters, 2nd Lt. Bryan Powell and 1st Lt. Dan Naske, with his Grand Prize check at the 2009 Columbus AFB Drawdown July 17. The drawdown was a fundraising event held by the Annual Ball Committee.

**Capt. Ryan Charlton**  
Annual Ball Committee president

The Annual Ball Committee hosted the first annual Columbus AFB Drawdown July 17.

All of the profits from the fundraiser went to funding the 2009 Air Force Ball, September 18 at the Trotter Convention Center. The Annual Ball Committee is a private organization dedicated to raising funds for the annual ball.

Second Lt. Matthew Miller, 49th Fighter Training Squadron, was the grand prize winner of \$5,000. Kelli Harden, 14th Comptroller-Contracting Squadron, won the second place prize of \$1,000; and Capt. Rick Schafer, 49th FTS, won the third place prize of \$500.

Tickets to the fundraiser sold for \$50. Despite slow ticket sales early on, the committee sold 297 tickets by the start of the event. Included in the price of admission were all you can eat wings and unlimited beer. The guests almost polished off the over 3,000 Buffalo wings provided for the event.

Other prizes included \$1000 for second place, and \$500 for third place. Also up for grabs were two Xbox 360s, two Nintendo Wii's and two \$75 gift cards to Best Buy and Lowe's gift certificates.

Over 20 door prizes were given out to randomly selected tickets in addition to the above prizes. The Annual Ball Committee said they would like to thank everyone who supported the fundraiser and congratulate all of the winners and looks forward to hosting the event again next year.

## AETC Commander speaks to future operators

**Carl Poteat**

Air University Public Affairs



U.S. Air Force photo  
**General Stephen R. Lorenz is the Air Education and Training Command commander.**

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, Commander, Air Education and Training Command, opened the Future Operators Symposium to 300 attendees to explore the direction for developing future leaders as Air Force operators in the 21st Century here July 21.

The Air Force Research Institute sponsored the symposium which included experts in many key functional areas, such as air (manned and unmanned), space, cyberspace (communications and network operations), special operations, combat systems officer, air battle manager and enlisted operator.

To properly define a future operator, General Lorenz suggested having functional experts who are operating in the field meet at Air University and discuss new ideas.

As the intellectual and leadership center of the Air Force, Air University is built around ideas and is designed for events, such as the Future Operators Symposium, where people and facilitators from diverse backgrounds can converge to develop plans for the future, the general said.

General Lorenz opened the symposium by challenging current Air Force operator paradigms. Such challenges are necessary because of two emerging dynamics within the force, he said.

First, the number of graduates from career fields traditionally considered as operators is getting smaller and smaller with each passing year.

At the same time, space and cyberspace have joined air as a critical war-fighting domain. Our future leaders must be proficient across all three domains, the general said.

"Fifty years ago we were operating in one dimension, which was air," he said. "Then we started operating in space, and now we're operating in cyberspace to support the Joint Force Commander."

Concerning the future operators, the "who, what and how" questions are most relevant.

The general said he is asking "who will they be, what will they do, and how will they be trained and educated."

General Lorenz challenged the symposium to develop a strategic vision to help guide the development of the "new" operator and tomorrow's leader. The general expected the symposium to provide a basis for recommendations to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force to help guide and provide ideas for the way forward in defining the Air Force operator of the 21st Century.

## Academy officials add unmanned aircraft system into curriculum

**Ann Patton**

U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — U.S. Air Force Academy officials here integrated unmanned aircraft systems into the school's curriculum.

"The Air Force has made unmanned aircraft systems a priority for our service, and the value of these capabilities is evidenced on a daily basis in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Lt. Gen. Michael C. Gould, the Academy superintendent.

"So it is only fitting that our cadets have a keen understanding of this vital piece of our national security," he said.

He added the Academy's UAS program is designed to educate cadets and interest them to serve as UAS leaders after graduation.

Training on the two Viking 300 UAS' is being held Camp Red Devil at Fort Carson, Colo., and is included in the Academy's UAS and Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Education Program.

Training has been contracted through Bosh Global Services and its subcontractor, L3 Communications.

Four cadets were selected to serve as the first cadre in the program that opened July 12. The four cadets first spent time at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., home to the MQ-1 Predator unmanned aircraft that flies daily in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The four cadets began to train 21 other cadets at the Fort Carson site July 22. More than 80 cadets originally volunteered for the program.

Training is held under the academic course Airmanship 200 and 201. In the fall, cadets will have 10 ground training lessons and 10 flights. In the spring they will begin 30 hours of airpower theory and will begin flying again in April.

The program serves two purposes, said Lt. Col. Dean Bushey, the Academy UAS director.

"The training is primarily motivational," he said. "If they get motivated, I've done my job."

The program will also introduce key



U.S. Air Force photo/Mike Kaplan

**The U.S. Air Force Academy's unmanned aircraft systems Viking 300 aircraft flies July 22 over Fort Carson, Colo.**

skills cadets will use in their Air Force careers.

Colonel Bushey said he anticipates the program will grow substantially to include about 300 cadets and stressed the future leaders of the Air Force will at some point encounter brushes with UAS' regardless of career choices. Talks are underway for the creation of an additional Air Force specialty code for the technology.

The Viking 300 weighs between 200 and 300 pounds and reaches a top speed of 100 knots with a cruising speed of 55 knots.

Cadets are also receiving the full scope of managing information gathered by the Vikings, by monitoring such sources such as cell phones, computers, chat rooms, radios and cameras. They also are training in exercises involving identifying, planning and carrying out missions.

"It's amazing what we can do in combat," Colonel Bushey said.

He pointed out military application is but one use for UAS', which have evolved from flying drones to armed

combat. The broader uses include crop dusting, crowd control and observation of floods and fires.

The Israelis were first to employ the unmanned aircraft in the 1970s. The Air Force integrated it in the mid- to late 1990s, and it was used in Bosnia.

Michael Gendron, a retired Air Force member now on the Bosh staff, praised the Academy for its initiative.

"The Academy is the first service academy to institute unmanned systems," he said. "It's nice to see the Air Force moving forward with this."

Cadets are enthusiastic about the newest addition to the Academy curriculum.

"This is an outstanding opportunity," said Cadet 2nd Class Jeffrey Nakayama. "It's good to be a pioneer and a great leadership opportunity."

Cadet 2nd Class Rupert Domingo also said he appreciates being in the forefront of the relatively new technology.

"This is the future of the military," he said. "It's good to have our eyes in the sky and know what's going on."

# 12 nations activate groundbreaking Heavy Airlift Wing

**Maj. Cristin Marposon**  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe  
Public Affairs

PAPA AIR BASE, Hungary — Senior diplomatic and defense officials representing 12 nations as well as NATO witnessed July 27 the official activation of a first-of-its-kind multinational strategic airlift unit at Pápa Air Base, Hungary.

"I want to extend my thanks to all of the nations that chose to participate in SAC," said Ambassador Claudio Bisogniero, NATO deputy secretary general, referring to the Strategic Airlift Capability program formalized 2006. "Because of your commitment, today we are well-positioned to provide aid anywhere, at any time, and on any mission - humanitarian, disaster relief, or peacekeeping."

The nations committed to the 30-year SAC Program built the program's multinational operational-level unit, known as the Heavy Airlift Wing or HAW, in just 10 months. The purpose was to collectively create a heavy airlift solution with global reach to meet national obligations to the European Union, United Nations and NATO. Primary among those obligations for all the participants is support to the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

"In building this program, the twelve nations forged an unshakable bond," said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Richard Johnston, chairman of the SAC Steering Board. "Today, this unshakable bond is gathered here at Pápa to celebrate a significant milestone in military aviation. This is your day, your nation's day, and each and every nation should be proud to have brought this vision to reality."

The SAC program, which will operate independently of NATO's military command, includes NATO member nations Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and the United States, as well as Partnership for Peace nations Finland and Sweden.

The nations' varying investments in the SAC Program dictate their proportionate share of the annual flying hours on three jointly acquired Boeing C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. The first C-17, SAC 01, landed at Pápa AB July 18 under the control of HAW pilots from Norway, Sweden and the U.S. Boeing will deliver SAC's two remaining C-17s in September and October.

Each nation also contributed a propor-

tionate share of the unit's 131 personnel.

"For nearly a year now, airmen from 12 nations have worked as a team here in Pápa, blending their varied skills, military experiences and cultures into a new form of multinational military unit," explained the HAW's first commander, U.S. Air Force Col. John Zaworsky, in his multinational capacity.

"The team has consistently focused on being able to conduct strategic airlift missions as soon as the first aircraft was delivered. Now that we have reached that milestone, we have the strong sense that we are creating a model for future cooperative military efforts."

SAC 01 will begin operational missions in support of the nations' requirements in early August and anticipates flying roughly 630 hours before the end of 2009 and more than 3,100 flying hours in 2010, all of which will be flown by multinational aircrews regardless of the nation to which the mission belongs.

Many of the already-scheduled missions will fulfill the participating nations' commitments to ISAF. A typical mission transporting troops, mechanized firepower and oversized equipment weighing tens of tons from Pápa to Afghanistan and back requires roughly 15 flight hours.

The Republic of Hungary plays a significant role in the SAC program as host to the main operating base of the newly activated HAW and to its personnel and their families. It will also register the SAC aircraft, the tail flash of which presents the nation's flag in stripes of red, white and green.

To facilitate the HAW's mission, the Hungarian air force will manage the Pápa airfield, air traffic control operations and base infrastructure support. A Boeing team assigned to Pápa AB will provide material management, flight line maintenance and other support for the wing's C-17s. And the NATO Airlift Management Agency or NAMA, an organization of roughly three dozen individuals, will handle acquisition, logistics support and financial matters.

According to SAC officials, the program's approach to shared use of strategic airlift assets allows participating nations to achieve greater efficiencies in defense investment and operational capacity than otherwise possible.

Furthermore, the program provides a model for future consortium acquisition and management of expensive defense capabilities and for future combined operations.



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Scott Wagers

During the official activation ceremony of a first-of-its-kind multinational Heavy Airlift Wing at Pápa Air Base, Hungary, July 27, U.S. Air Force Col. John Zaworsky and Brig. Gen. Richard Johnston unveil the organizational flag. The ceremony celebrated the efforts of the 12 nations who, during the last 10 months, stood up the organization that will provide strategic airlift worldwide for humanitarian, disaster relief, and peacekeeping missions in support of the European Union, United Nations and NATO.



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Scott Wagers

Airmen representing the 12 partnering nations take part in the activation ceremony of a first-of-its-kind multinational Heavy Airlift Wing at Pápa Air Base, Hungary. The ceremony celebrated the efforts of the 12 nations who, during the last 10 months, stood up the organization that will provide strategic airlift worldwide for humanitarian, disaster relief, and peacekeeping missions in support of the European Union, United Nations and NATO.

# Winners announced for Mobility Rodeo 2009

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. — Air Mobility Rodeo 2009 ended here July 24 with a closing ceremony and the announcement of 74 awards including the coveted "Best of the Best" Award.

The competition is the Air Force's and Air Mobility Command's premier mobility competition and included seven international competitors and observers from 13 other nations.

The main awards presented during the closing ceremony were:

- Knuckle Buster Award to the 374th Airlift Wing from Yokota Air Base, Japan.
- Best Aerial Port Team to the 19th AW from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.
- Best Contingency Response Team to the 621st Contingency Response Wing from McGuire AFB, N.J.
- Best Security Forces Team to the 446th AW from McChord AFB, Wash.
- Best International Team to the team from South Korea.
- Best Aeromedical Evacuation Team to the 86th AW from Ramstein AB, Germany.
- Best Aerial Refueling Team (tanker) to the 22nd Air Refueling Wing from McConnell AFB, Kan.
- Best C-5 Galaxy Team to the 60th Air Mobility Wing from Travis AFB, Calif.
- Best C-130 Hercules/C-160 Team to the 19th AW from Little Rock AFB.
- Best C-17 Globemaster III Team to the 62nd Airlift Wing from McChord AFB.
- Best KC-10 Extender Team to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best KC-135 Stratotanker Team to the 916th ARW from Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
- Best Air-land Team to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best Tanker Team to the 97th AMW from Altus AFB, Okla.
- Best Airdrop Team to the 62nd AW from McChord AFB.

And the Best Air Mobility Team, the top award given, went to the 62nd AW from McChord AFB.

The sub-category winners were:

- Best Fit-to-Fight Team went to the 446th AW from McChord AFB.
- Best Aeromedical Evacuation Configuration went to a team from Turkey.
- Best Aeromedical Evacuation Contingency Flight went to the 86th AW from Ramstein AB.
- Best Security Forces Combat Weapons Team went to the 92nd ARW from Fairchild AFB, Wash.
- Best Security Forces Combat Shooter went to Airman 1st Class Cory C. Linn from the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best Security Forces Combat Tactics Team went to the team from Germany.
- Best Combat Endurance Course Team went to a team from McGuire AFB comprising the 305th Air Mobility Wing and the 514th Air Mobility Wing.
- Best Aerial Port Challenge Course Team went to the 62nd AW from McChord AFB.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

**Members of the 62nd Airlift Wing from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., hold up the trophy for winning Best Air Mobility Team for Air Mobility Rodeo 2009 July 24 at McChord AFB. The award is considered the "Best of the Best" in the Rodeo competition.**

- Best Aerial Port 10K Forklift Operators went to the 521st Air Mobility Operations Wing from Ramstein AB.
- Best 60K Tunner Team went to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best C-5 ERO Team went to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best C-17 ERO Team went to the 97th AMW from Altus AFB.
- Best C-130 ERO Team went to the 19th AW from Little Rock AFB.
- Best En route ERO Team went to the 521st AMOW from Ramstein AB.
- Best In-transit Visibility Team to the 19th AW from Little Rock AFB.
- Best Joint Inspection Team to the 62nd AW from McChord AFB.
- Best Joint Airdrop Inspection Team to the 43rd AW from Pope AFB, N.C.
- Best Contingency Response HELAMS Team to the 621st CRW from McGuire AFB.
- Best Contingency Response SPICE Team to the 621st CRW from McGuire AFB.
- Best Contingency Operations ERO Team to the 615th CRW from Travis AFB.
- Best Low-level Airdrop Crew to the 47th Flying Training Wing from Laughlin AFB, Texas.
- Best T-1 AR Crew to the 47th FTW from Laughlin AFB.
- Best T-1 Aircrew to the 47th FTW from Laughlin AFB.
- Best C-5 AR Crew to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best C-5 Aircrew to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best C-17 Low-level Airdrop Crew to the 62nd AW from McChord AFB.
- Best C-17 AR Crew to a team comprising the 437th AW and 315th AW from Charleston AFB, S.C.
- Best C-17 Short Field Landing Crew to a team compris-

ing the 437th AW and 315th AW from Charleston AFB, S.C.

- Best Backing/Combat Offload Crew to a team comprising the 305th AMW and 514th AMW from McGuire AFB.
- Best C-17 Aircrew to the 62nd AW from McChord AFB.
- Best C-130 Low-level Airdrop Crew to the 86th AW from Ramstein AB.
- Best C-130 Short Field Landing Crew to the 19th AW from Little Rock AFB, Ark.
- Best C-130 Backing/Combat Off-load Crew to 314th AW at Little Rock AFB.
- Best C-130 Aircrew, the Col. Joe M. Jackson Trophy, to a team from Israel.
- Best KC-10 AR Crew to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best KC-10 Cargo Loading Crew to a team comprising the 305th AMW and 514th AMW from McGuire AFB.
- Best KC-10 Aircrew to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best KC-135 AR Crew to the 121st ARW from Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio.
- Best KC-135 Cargo Loading Crew to the 916th ARW from Seymour-Johnson AFB.
- Best KC-135 Aircrew, the Gen. Bruce K. Holloway Trophy, to the 916th ARW from Seymour-Johnson AFB.
- Best OSA/VIPSAM Arrival Crew to the 86th AW from Ramstein AB.
- Best OSA/VIPSAM Aircrew to the 375th Airlift Wing from Scott AFB, Ill.
- Best C-5 Preflight Team to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best C-5 Post-flight Team to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best C-17 Pre-flight Team to a team comprising the 437th AW and 315th AW from Charleston AFB.
- Best C-17 Post-flight Team to the 62nd AW from McChord AFB.
- Best C-130 Pre-flight Team to the 19th AW from Little Rock AFB.
- Best C-130 Post-flight Team to the 314th AW from Little Rock AFB.
- Best KC-10 Pre-flight Team to a team comprising the 305th AMW and 514th AMW from McGuire AFB.
- Best KC-10 Post-flight Team to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best KC-135 Pre-flight Team to the 97th AMW from Altus AFB.
- Best KC-135 Post-flight Team to the 916th ARW from Seymour-Johnson AFB.
- Best C-5 Maintenance Team to the 60th AMW from Travis AFB.
- Best C-17 Maintenance Team to the 446th AW from McChord AFB.
- Best C-130 Maintenance Team to the 19th AW from Little Rock AFB.
- Best KC-10 Maintenance Team to a team comprising the 305th AMW and 514th AMW from McGuire AFB.
- Best KC-135 Maintenance Team to the 97th AMW from Altus AFB.

# Putting life in perspective 6,000 miles from home

**Maj. Paul Kopecki**

379th Expeditionary Force Support Squadron commander

SOUTHWEST ASIA — What's the most important statistic of this war? Bombs dropped? Sorties flown? Territory secured?

I'd argue the most important number of this war as of mid-July is this: 5,059. Unfortunately, this number is not static. It grows every day. It's the number of American service men and women killed in Iraq and Afghanistan since the commencement of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Almost daily there's a solemn event that occurs in Southwest Asia. While many of us press through the rigors of long work days, trying to find time for sleep or a quick workout, there are men and women of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing here performing, perhaps, the most important additional duties of any Airman here — honoring our fellow Soldiers, Sailors,

Marines, and Airmen who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.

These honors are often rendered in the wee hours of the night. Silently, with dignity, and with the respect of a grateful nation, those few Airmen who meet these planes carry out this special duty for all of us, as they honor those American heroes who are brought here en route to their families and their final resting place.

Sometimes it's easy to forget we're in the middle of a war — even here. Let's face it — it doesn't get much better than this. So, big deal, you have to walk to the bathroom from an air-conditioned trailer and our swimming pools aren't open 24 hours. But our warplanes fly unimpeded every day. We can order Pizza Hut while we drink a beverage at the Desert Eagle Lounge and watch our favorite sports team on cable TV even at air bases throughout Southwest Asia. This is what I think about when I watch those fallen warriors come off the plane: they'd give anything to be where we are today.

It's also easy to forget our own vulnerabilities. We reside

within a few hundred miles from a nation that openly advocates the extermination of its neighbors and has violently suppressed its own citizens in order to secure a theocracy. This same nation has very capable weapon systems well within range of our comfortable confines. So make no doubts about it: we live in a dangerous part of the world and there are people close enough to cause us direct harm.

The Greek historian Herodotus said, "In peace, sons bury their fathers. In war, fathers bury their sons." We owe it to our families, and to the families of our fallen warriors, to be thankful for what we do have, and to maintain our vigilance to ensure our flight home to our families involves little more than a simple choice of chicken or beef.

Tonight before you go to bed, offer a silent "thank you" to those handful of men and women who carry the torch for all of us by quietly standing by to honor those fallen warriors who pass through here. And the next time you feel a sense of entitlement or self-pity, remember this: better men and women have sacrificed far more than you or I ever will.

## Fast track to losing stripes

**Airman Adam Osgood**

52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — April 17 started off just like every Friday. Wake up, get ready for the night shift and get through the work day to start my weekend. What I didn't see coming was the decision I would make at the end of my night, a decision that would ultimately put my career at risk. I made a choice that would affect many more people than just myself. My name was Airman 1st Class Adam Osgood, and I decided to drink and drive.

I finished the night shift and decided to hang out with some friends after work. It was about 3 a.m. when I reached the doms and was ready to "throw back a couple" and relax. I had a wingman and good intentions to drink responsibly. I also had a plan to sleep at the doms and drive home after waking up. That's it! That's all there was to my plan.

It's very clear by my current situation that I didn't think this one through. What's the point of having a plan if you can easily defer from it when not thinking clearly. That's exactly what I did.

On the morning April 18, I received a DUI for driving drunk.

When I finished filling out my statement after being arrested, I was released to my first sergeant and flight chief. The look on their faces made my stomach knot; it wasn't a look of just anger, mostly disappointment. The feeling of guilt didn't end there. They told me I would have to go home to change into my uniform because the entire squadron was being called in for recent alcohol incidents. I was the reason, and it wasn't long after that briefing that everyone at work knew it. I am now known at work as a "drunk driver." It's a title I am not proud to carry.

Two months passed and I had still not heard anything

about my punishment. It felt like two years to me, waiting and not knowing if I would still have a future in the Air Force. I felt like everything was at a stand-still, and I could not think straight. The stress and anxiety were weighing me down and taking their toll at both work and home. Everything I worked for since enlisting in the Air Force could all be for nothing due to a single night of bad choices, choices I made and will have to live with for the rest of my life.

I was called into my squadron commander's office June 25; let's just say nervous isn't even close to how I felt. I was allowed to give a statement before he made his decision on what to do with me. I had thought about how I would plead with him, but when the time came I had no words, just a dry mouth, shaky knees and a crackling voice. I knew there was no excuse for what I did and words wouldn't make an exception.

My future was in his hands, and he had every right to end it. A few hours later the decision came down: loss of a stripe, suspension of a second stripe for six months, additional duty and an Article 15.

I can't drive for at least a year. I have to constantly ask for rides from friends or co-workers, or take the bus. While not being able to drive is a hassle, that is the least of my worries. Now I have to work twice as hard to regain the trust of my peers, supervisors and family; make a new budget with my E-2 income; and learn how to recover from an Article 15 — all of this because I decided to drink and drive. I could have avoided all of this if I listened to what was drilled into my head since I arrived in Germany, "Don't drink and drive."

The message is loud and clear now.

I hope my story does not fall lightly to you as the reader, and you take a moment to think about my experience. If you drink, make wise choices, think them through before acting on them, and honestly ask yourself if your "plan" is actually a real plan.

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## New Vet Clinic Hours

New Hours at Vet Clinic are Every Wednesday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and every Thursday 9 a.m. to noon. Our next clinic dates will be August 5, 6, 19 and 20. We will take appointments for these clinics and call for appointments at 662-434-2281, please leave message and someone will get back to you.

## Bowling Center Closure

The bowling center will close for renovation of the snack bar area August 9 to 23. The Columbus Club and Golf Course will offer lunch during the closure.

## Casino trip

Register by August 7 at ITT for the Casino trip. Cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and \$25 in bonus bets. For more information, call 434-2505.

## Canoe and camping trip

September 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

Bowling Center customer appreciation days – August 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 September 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 August 10. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Clubs around the world

August 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 this trip September 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 August 15 to offer. A \$60 deposit is required when registering. For more information, call 434-2507.

## 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 August 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 October 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.

## Parents time out

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

## Tickets available

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

## Blaze Lunch Bunch

at the Columbus Club

Every Wednesday During Lunch

All plates come with one meat, two sides, roll or cornbread, tea or water  
\$6.25 for club members  
\$7.25 for nonmembers

**This week's menu:**

**Meat choices:**

Fried Chicken, Meat Loaf, Chopped Steak with Mushroom Gravy

**Sides:**

Macaroni & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Turnip Greens, Sauteed Cabbage and Side Salad with Ranch Dressing

For More Information, Call Ext. 2490

**Lunch Bunch Special - \$6.95**

Oriental chicken salad made with fresh salad greens, mandarin oranges, bean sprouts, chow mein noodles, grilled teriyaki chicken and a side of oriental sesame dressing

**Desserts:**

\$2.95 each

Strawberrt shortcake  
Warm Apple pie ala mode  
Key lime pie

*The new menu that starts Aug. 10 will also be available to order from Aug. 5.*

# Officials prepare to launch morale, welfare, recreation survey

**Samantha L. Quigley**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are preparing to launch the first militarywide survey to assess morale, welfare and recreation programs.

"We've established standards for all the services," said Arthur Myers, principal director for the deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy. "Now we want to get feedback from the (servicemembers) on how we're doing with our programs."

Mr. Myers' office is conducting the survey with the help of CFI Group, an international customer-satisfaction consulting firm with headquarters in Ann Arbor, Mich. It will be e-mailed July 27 to about 600,000 randomly selected servicemembers and will appear as being from CFI Group "on behalf of DOD."

Some 120,000 active duty servicemembers in each service will receive an invitation to participate, and another 120,000 surveys will be spread across the 26 joint-base installations.

Though the survey will collect data on participants' service branches and, if they choose to provide it, their ethnicity, the responses will be completely anonymous, Mr. Myers emphasized.

Though the survey will be sent only to active-duty servicemembers, Mr. Myers encouraged those selected to take their families' opinions into consideration when responding. As more data is gained, future surveys will be open to the reserve components, he added.

Those receiving surveys will have about three weeks to participate. When the responses are collected and analyzed, the findings will be published on the Defense Department Web site, as well as on Military Community and Family Policy's Military OneSource and Military Homefront sites.

# Warrior Ethos: Desire, Dedication and Discipline

**Maj. Leo Lawson**

14th Communications Squadron commander

During his tenure as Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen.T. Michael Mosley sharpened our character into a warrior's mindset. One of the ways he did so was to focus on instilling the warrior's ethos, which he described as "This warrior ethos exhibits a hardiness of spirit, and moral and physical courage."

During that time the Air Force was being asked to take a larger role in the Global War on Terror and with that demanded a shift into the mindset of those we were tasked to serve with. Since that time the Air Force's role in the fight has continued to increase beyond Air Dominance. Now the warrior's ethos mindset is becoming the norm to all Airmen, not just those who traditionally operate in harm's way such as our aviators, security forces and civil engineers.

In comparison, it is important to see how our sister services define warrior ethos: the Army's

Warrior Ethos states, "I will always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. I will never leave a fallen comrade."

Hooah! The Marine Corps simply base their warrior's ethos on "Honor, courage and commitment." OORAH!

So what does all of this mean to all of our Total Force Airmen that may not be on the "tip of the spear?"

As a citizen of our great nation, we have a sacred trust to deliver the safety and security of our nation's interests around the world. When faced with your next challenge, use your desire to turn it into an opportunity, your dedication to make your best effort and your discipline to ensure your final product is in full compliance.

Your desire, dedication and discipline, to do your "personal best" in the daily mission and training along with a positive perspective (thanks Chaplain Montoya) build a great foundation of "warrior-minded" Airmen that are "all in."

# What time do you open?



The Columbus Air Force Base Barber Shop is located inside the Base Exchange across from the Optical Shop and is open seven days a week.



The Fitness Center features a variety of work out equipment and fitness programs and is open every day of the week.

**Airman's Attic**  
Tuesday: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
First and second Saturday of the month: 10 a.m. to noon.  
434-2651

**Airman and Family Readiness Center**  
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
434-2790

**Auto Hobby Shop**  
Sunday-Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Wednesday-Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-7842

**Base Exchange**  
Monday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-6013

**Base Housing (Pinnacle Hunt)**  
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
434-8213

**Base Operator**  
434-1110

**Base Pool**  
Every day: Noon to 7 p.m.  
Adults Only Midnight Swim:  
Tuesday: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
434-2491  
(Open seasonally till Labor Day)

**Barber Shop**  
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday: Noon to 4 p.m.  
434-6699

**Bowling Alley Grill:**  
Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
434-2427

**Bowling Alley**  
Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Friday: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
434-3426

**Chapel**  
Duty hours (see chapel schedule on page 18 )  
434-2500

**Child Development Center**  
Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
434-2479

**Columbus Club**  
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Lounge: Thursday-Friday: 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
434-2489

**Commissary**  
Sunday: Noon to 6 p.m.  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
434-7109

**Copy Cut-Ups**  
Tuesday-Thursday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Friday-Monday: Closed  
434-2336

**Custom Framing and Engraving**  
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
434-7856

**The Daily Grind**  
Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
434-1131

**Emergencies**  
Please call 911 and inform them you are on Columbus AFB.

**Finance**  
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
434-2705

**Fitness Center**  
Monday-Thursday: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Friday: 5 a.m. to 9 a.m.  
Saturday-Sunday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
434-2772

**GNC**  
Monday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 9 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Friday: 9 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
434-5050

**Legal Office**  
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
434-7030

**Library**  
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m.  
434-2934

**Lodging**  
434-2548

**Medical Appointments**  
434-2273 (CARE)

**Optical Shop**  
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-8496

**OSI**  
434-2852

**Outdoor Recreation**  
Monday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8 a.m. to noon  
Thursday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to noon  
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
434-2507

**Personnel Customer Service**  
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-2626/434-2624

**Shoppette**  
Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Sunday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

434-6026

**Skeet Range**  
434-7145

**Subway**  
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-5491

**Taco Bell**  
Sunday: Closed  
Monday: 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Thursday: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Friday: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
434-1369

**Thrift Shop**  
Tuesday and Thursday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
434-2954

**Visitor Center**  
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
434-3161

**Whispering Pines Golf Course:**  
Every day: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
434-7932

**Wood Shop**  
Wednesday-Thursday: 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
434-7836

**Youth Center**  
434-2504



The Columbus Air Force Base Commissary is open six days a week for use by BLAZE Team members and their dependents.



The Airmen's Attic provides gently used items that are donated by Airmen to be given free of charge to other Airmen in need of them. All BLAZE team Airmen and their families are eligible for any of the items located in the store. Airmen in the ranks of E-5 and below can also place their names on a wish list for large appliances and furniture items.