

# SILVERWINGS

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## Weather



**Today**

High: 57, Low: 36  
Sunny



**Saturday**

High: 59, Low: 43  
Few Showers



**Sunday**

High: 62, Low: 46  
Few Showers



**Monday**

High: 54, Low: 32  
Few Showers

## News Briefs

### Photos Available

Officials photos of Command Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith, 14th FTW command chief, are available at the Public Affairs Office, located in the wing headquarters building. If you require a size other than 8x10, please contact Multimedia at 434-2444. Public Affairs may be reached at 434-7068.

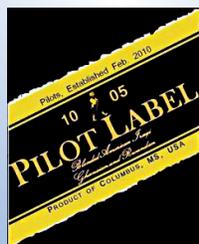
### 41st FTS Anniversary Event

The 41st Flying Training Squadron will host a 70th Anniversary event today. They will have a P-51 Mustang Static Display during the day, a T-6 simulator IFT-5 will be open for anyone who wants to use it between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and BBQ will be provided from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### Black History Month Food Tasting and Game night

There will food tasting and game night in honor of Black History Month on Tuesday, Feb 23 at the Chapel annex 4 p.m.

## Inside



### Feature 10

SUPT Class 10-05 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

## What did you learn today?

### Lessons learned from a merged operation

**Major Mathew Waggoner**  
14th Comptroller Squadron  
Commander

On June 19, 2008, the Secretary of the Air Force approved an initiative to test a combined squadron the active duty comptroller and contracting functions at the installation level.

This initiative was part of then SecAF Michael Wynn's ongoing transformational efforts within both communities and was looked on as a potential avenue to improve customer support while continuing to address manpower reductions while supporting increased deployment taskings. The ultimate goal of the pilot program was to see if combining the two traditional strategic base-level business partners into one organization would result in a more effective, customer-centric model that could be duplicated across the entire Air Force.

Five bases, including Columbus AFB, Miss., were selected to test the concept for a period of two years. Each test base was given a degree of flexibility to construct their combined organization in a manner that maximized the synergic results, and improved the level of customer service to supported organizations. Each of the five bases took a different road to test this concept.

While the majority of the test bases took a conservative approach, Columbus

decided early on that true synergy in testing the concept would not be achieved without taking risks. We felt early on that unless we removed the traditional functional stovepipes and put into play a total integration concept, we would not achieve our full potential. Both SAF/FM and AETC leadership commended our efforts and willingness to experiment. Over a period of 18 months we truly tested a full integration

SAF/AQC Special Acts and Services award for our efforts under the pilot program. Wing and AETC leadership were very pleased with the results as the squadron set records for performance, recording the two best fiscal year ends in the base's history, \$12.8M in FY08 and \$24.5M in FY09. Survey results showed that the base populous, in general, really didn't notice a change in service. We felt this was perhaps the best feedback of all. Improving capabilities without affecting the customer is the epitome of success.

The Air Force has decided to end the pilot this Spring. In official jargon, "Transformation and functional needs went in a different direction, and the test did not provide a compelling rationale to alter the current organizational structure of the comptroller and contracting squadrons across the air force." In plain language, while the concept of operations was proven to be a success, key assumptions requiring the test changed and energies were refocused toward our current challenges.

We will deactivate the combined organization and stand back up the separate squadrons on February 17. As we move forward we will continue to be co-located and plan to continue to work closely; maintaining some of the combined operations so as not to lose the positive results that allow us to better serve



design; one that included a flight that combined many of the squadron's support functions.

The merger presented major challenges and a huge cultural change for those working in the squadron. While there was some initial resistance, once it was clear this train was really leaving the station, everyone got on board and made it work. And work it did! In 2008, the Columbus' combined squadron was awarded the

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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 (10-15)	-0.14 days	-2.02 days	Apr. 1	48th (10-05)	0.00 days	-1.13 days	Feb. 19	49th (10-EB)	-0.63 days	0.33 days	Mar. 9	T-6	1,696	1,682	12,460
41st (10-14)	4.34 days	-3.53 days	Mar. 10	50th (10-05)	0.00 days	-1.41 days	Feb. 19					T-1	570	530	3,889
												T-38	576	429	3,583
												IFF	116	92	790

Brig. Gen. Anthony Rock, Commandant, Air Command and Staff College, and Vice Commander, Spatz Center for Officer Education, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. will be the graduation speaker.

# Track Select

## CBM SUPT

# 10-13

### Leverette Award

2nd Lt. Jamie H. Mun

### T-6 Top Guns

**Contact:** 2nd Lt. Brent L. Bienenfeld  
**Instrument:** 2nd Lt. Brent L. Bienenfeld  
**Formation:** 2nd Lt. Matthew J. Roudebush

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2nd Lt. Brent L. Bienenfeld	T-38	
2nd Lt. David M. Bishop	T-1	
Capt. Elijah N. Bishop	T-44	
2nd Lt. Daryl R. Carden	T-1	
2nd Lt. Brian B. Crawford	T-1	ANG
2nd Lt. Bryan S. Farthing	T-1	
2nd Lt. Kyle R. Gauthier	T-44	
2nd Lt. Geoffrey P. Hanson	T-1	
2nd Lt. Benjamin I. Hulburt	T-1	
2nd Lt. Sultan H. Jawhari	T-38	RSAF
2nd Lt. Nathaniel E. Jobson	T-44	ANG
2nd Lt. David A. Kuhn,	T-38	
2nd Lt. Nathan T. Malatesta	T-44	
2nd Lt. Brian R. Moody	T-1	ANG
2nd Lt. Jamie H. Mun	T-38	
2nd Lt. Brandon S. Nance	T-1	
2nd Lt. Patrick S. Ng	T-1	ANG
2nd Lt. David K. Palmer	T-1	
2nd Lt. Jacob E. Pruitt	T-1	
2nd Lt. Tanner W. Roth	T-1	
2nd Lt. Matthew J. Roudebush	T-38	
2nd Lt. Kevin M. Rynbrandt	Helo	
2nd Lt. Michael W. Shea	T-38	
2nd Lt. Dmitry Stupnikov	T-1	
2nd Lt. Jason D. Van Parys	T-1	
2nd Lt. Robert D. Wilson	T-1	
2nd Lt. Kento Yamasaki	T-38	JASDF
2nd Lt. Tomohiro Yoda	T-38	JASDF
2nd Lt. Chase A. Zickefoose	T-1	

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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.)*

#### Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

Mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring. Briefing should be completed at least 90 days prior to separation and may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30 a.m. and takes approximately 30 minutes.

#### Pre and Post Deployment Tour Brief

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are 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 1:30 p.m., 434-2790.

#### Education Grant

The application deadline for the 2010-2011 General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program is March 12. You can get the application from the Air Force Aid Society's web site at [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org). Just look under Education and Arnold Grant. Fill out the application, print it, attach required documents, and put it in the mail today. Don't pass up this chance to help pay for your family's education with a \$2,000 grant.

#### Kids & Cash

This program held Feb. 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. introduces kids to easy ways to plan for purchases and save money.

#### Sponsorship Training

Sponsorship Training will be held Feb. 23 from 9 to 10 a.m. for all Unit Intro Monitors and Sponsors. Info on the importance of a good, effective sponsorship program and resources available for both Unit Intro Monitor and Sponsor. To register call 434-2790. In addition, web-based training is

offered thru the AF Portal, under Bases-Organizational Functional Area TAB, select My Base and look under Training.

#### Bundles of Joy w/Military Saves Campaign

This event will be held Feb. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. for active duty military &/or spouses assigned to Columbus Air Force Base who are pregnant or have a child up to 4 months of age. Informative speakers on finances, labor & delivery and infant care will be present. An Air Force Aid Society program.

#### VA Home Loans for Veteran

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is proud to host the two-hour seminar "VA Home Loans for Veterans," Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Course instructors are from the VA Regional Loan Center in St. Petersburg, Florida. Key topics include eligibility requirements, VA loan guidelines and compromised sales. This seminar is a must for all veterans looking to purchase a home!

## Chapel Schedule

### Pioneer Club

The CAFB Chapel has begun registration for the children's program Pioneer Club. The program will be held each Wednesday evening 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This program is open to children ages three years thru seventh grade. This is an ecumenical religious program geared to teach children about Christ in every aspect of life. A pot luck dinner will be served each week at 5 p.m. parents must join their children at dinner.

### Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

The CAFB Chapel will be holding a variety of Adult Bible Studies from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A Pot Luck dinner will be served at 5 p.m., please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able. Please call the Chapel at 434-2500 for a list of studies.

### RefresHer

Please join us at the Base Chapel for RefresHer at 6 p.m.:  
Feb. 25 – Game Night/ Bring a Finger Food to Share  
March 25 – Movie Night Casablanca/Bring a side dish or dessert to share  
April 29 – TBA

### 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

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 67 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



### SPLIT

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our customers. As the Deputy Commander and Acting Commander of the combined squadron while the Commander was deployed for a good portion of the test period, I am often asked questions about the test. As one of the five bases to conduct a test that could have major impacts on the future structure of career fields, you expect to get some interest in what you are doing. However, the questions I received most were not so much on what we were doing, but instead what have I learned? I learned that as hard as Comptroller members work on the front end of a customer requirement, contracting works just as hard on the back end to ensure the customer gets exactly what they need to perform the mission. Without one neither is effective. As such, I have a true appreciation for what our contracting brethren do for the Air Force. I'd be willing to bet that they

have built an appreciation for the job we in the comptroller world do as well. We all learned that working together solves the customer's needs faster that working on our own. Communication solves almost any problem.

I also learned to never underestimate the human spirit for compassion. As a combined unit, we had 10 squadron members lose a relative or spouse. We even unexpectedly lost one of our civilian employees. I was personally amazed at how quickly two units that did not know much about each other come together to help alleviate the personal suffering of others. No matter the hour, or need they were there.

As the provisional squadron is dissolved and the two independent contracting and comptroller squadrons stand back up, the relationships built during the test period will endure. So perhaps the most important lesson learned is that while organizations come and go, taking care of your people remains job one, and as always the 14th Comptroller Squadron motto says a lot: "Luck Favors the Prepared".

# Keeping Your Heart Healthy

**Trudy Glusenkamp, RD**  
**Tech Sgt. Ryan Caviness**  
14th Medical Operations  
Squadron

healthy recipes to spice up your meals.

## Get Moving!

Maintaining an active lifestyle reduces the risk of heart disease by improving blood circulation throughout the body. According to the latest American Heart Association/American College of Sports Medicine guidelines, all healthy adults should get at least 30 minutes of moderate activity five days a week. If you do not already have a routine, the fitness center offers a variety of classes to choose from. You can add more steps into your day by parking a little further from buildings and using stairs instead of elevators.

## Maintain a Heart-Healthy Diet

A heart-healthy diet should be low in saturated fats and high in fiber. Limit meats that are fatty and/or high in cholesterol. White meats are lower in fat and cholesterol, and fish is loaded with heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids. Increase your fiber intake by consuming whole grains. A heart-healthy diet should include plenty of fruits and vegetables. Also, the way food is prepared can make a big difference. Instead of frying foods – which adds unnecessary fat and calories – use cooking methods that add little or no fat, like baking, broiling or grilling. Finally, some people “get tired of eating healthy”. If your menu gets old, use cookbooks or online recipe websites to find

## Know Your Body

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but most heart attacks start slowly with more subtle signs. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are some signs that might indicate a heart attack could be imminent: discomfort in the chest, arm, neck, back or jaw; shortness of breath; nausea; lightheadedness and breaking out in a cold sweat. If you have one or more of these warning signs, seek medical attention.

For questions or more information on healthy lifestyle choices, contact the Health and Wellness Center at 434-2477.

## Thousands of families sign up for FitFamily

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Within the first week of the launch of FitFamily, more than 2,000 families have signed up for the program at <http://www.usafFitFamily.com>.

FitFamily empowers families to take charge of their lifestyles and make healthier choices.

The program offers innovative ideas, resources and activities for Air Force families to improve their family's healthy and fitness habits.

With nearly one third of all children in the U.S. overweight or obese, Air Force officials are taking action by introducing small changes that can make big improvements in a family's overall wellness.

White House officials released a presidential memorandum this week establishing a task force on childhood obesity.

"I have set a goal to solve the problem of childhood obesity within a generation so that children born today will reach adulthood at a healthy weight," said President Barack Obama in the memorandum.

"With the national spotlight on fitness and health care, it is relevant that fitness awareness is taught at an early age," said David Brittain, one of the program's administrators. "Youth can play a big role in FitFamily by choosing activities that keep the family involved and on the go."

The site encourages parents and children together to take ownership of their health. While the emphasis of FitFamily is on family fun, resources on the site include information on good nutrition, healthy recipes, sports and fitness, games, educational projects and fitness tips.

# The “Economics” of H1N1

Courtesy, 14th Medical Group

*The following is an article from: <http://www.filife.com> in partnership with the Wall Street Journal*

August 2009 was the month of H1N1 in the Ramirez household. Father, Maurice A. Ramirez, M.D. was the first to come down with the virus. He wasn't entirely surprised. With his work as a pandemic preparedness consultant, Dr. Ramirez had come in close contact with contagious patients as part of his assignments with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Homeland Security. For nearly a week, Dr. Ramirez spent his days and nights in bed trying to get over his illness. At times, his temperature reached 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

He was the first person in his household to get sick. Soon after he recovered, his high school aged son picked up a strain at school. And then the pattern repeated. After a week of illness his son returned to school, then another member of the family, Dr. Ramirez's daughter was sent home from college because she tested H1N1 positive. While each of the Ramirez's illnesses came from different sources, the result was the same: high fevers accompanied by aches and pains, a prescription for anti-viral medication, and a week unable to work or attend school. In the end, the month of lost work hours, prescription co-pays and doctor visits carried a hefty price tag—in the ballpark of \$14,000.

While much of the focus lately has been on the health risks associated with H1N1, another story is emerging as families grapple with the economic costs of taking time off from work or staying home to care for sick children. Svetlana Kogan, an internal medicine doctor in New York City contracted H1N1 from her 8-year-old daughter in May. The single mom had never missed a day of work because of illness in nine years. Enter the swine flu. Dr. Kogan missed 5 days of work in total. "I'm self-employed so being out for so long really hit hard as far as the business is concerned," explains Dr. Kogan. "There's still overhead costs and bills to pay whether I'm able to work or not." Along with missed work hours and wages, Dr. Kogan's daughter was unable to return to school for 30 days. Dr.

Kogan had to hire a full-time babysitter to watch her daughter when she went back to the office.

If you're wondering what the potential dollar costs might be if your family were to contract the H1N1, take a look at the biggest money drains (this assumes that you don't have a serious case).

- **Lost work income.** Dr. Ramirez estimates his tab in lost wages at about \$12,000 for his three-week H1N1 ordeal. That amount doesn't factor in the potential business he lost while sick.

- **Medical co-pays.** If you see a doctor, tack on another \$20 or more for a co-pay if your insurance covers office visits. Or perhaps you have a high deductible health plan so you might be covering the full cost out of your own pocket. If, on the other hand, you choose to go to the emergency room with your symptoms, triple or quadruple that \$20 amount.

- **Prescription co-pays.** Add another \$25 to \$35 (depending on your health insurance prescription drug plan) to your H1N1 bill if your doctor prescribes an antiviral medication. Tamiflu comes in 10-pill dosages, according to Dr. Ramirez. That means for every 10-pill dose you'll be paying a co-pay. If, for instance, you don't respond to your first dose, plan on paying a co-pay for another. For those paying out of pocket, the price tag increases to \$75 to \$85 per dose.

For a family of four, even with a mild case of H1N1, the costs can add up to hundreds—or thousands—of dollars. While your health always trumps dollar signs, you might be surprised that once you've survived your feverish days of influenza, you still have to endure pain of an inflated credit card bill.

The Immunizations Clinic at the 14th Medical Group has plenty of vaccine on hand for both children (aged 6 months and older) and adults. The Immunizations Clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Thursday 7:30 a.m. to noon. Please contact the Public Health office at (662) 434-2143 for any questions regarding the vaccine. For reliable information on seasonal flu, please visit the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/> and the Mississippi State Health Department at: <http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/>

# Transition to return tower to Haitian controllers begins

**Tech. Sgt. Larry W. Carpenter Jr.**  
Joint Task Force-Port Operations Public Affairs

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Air Force air traffic controllers worked side-by-side with Haitian air traffic controllers to provide some sense of normalcy two weeks after the earthquake devastated vast portions of Port-au-Prince.

Since Feb. 1, Haitian controllers worked with American military controllers to ensure the safety of the airfield and the planes in the sky.

“Our goal is to make (the Haitian controllers) comfortable and actually have them take over the control tower,” said Chief Master Sgt. Tim Sowder, an air traffic controller assigned to the 260th Air Traffic Control Squadron.

This is the second transition Air Force air traffic controllers have made since taking over ATC responsibilities from combat controllers from the Air Force Special Operations Command.

With the local tower in disrepair, there was a need to get a more permanent structure at the airport for the controllers to work in.

The Federal Aviation Administration officials set up a mobile air traffic control tower on the airfield to provide the operators with a safer and more comfortable platform to work from. Before the arrival of the FAA tower, combat controllers were landing aircraft from a dirt berm on the airfield with equipment stacked on a table.

The Haitians working with the U.S. forces is the beginning of a process to eventually have ATC operations completely turned over to the Haitians and airport authorities.

“The biggest benefit is to be able to familiarize the Haitians in the tower that they will be using until their new tower is built,” Chief Sowder said.

So far, it has been a smooth transition and the integration of the two styles of air traffic control has gone rather seamlessly.

The Haitian controllers are very good, but it will take some time for them to get accustomed to dealing with a much higher volume of air traffic than they were used to, Chief Sowder said.

“It’s a good experience for me to work in this kind of situation because I experience much more traffic than before,” said Nadia Adma, a Haitian air traffic controller. “It’s good to work with different people from different countries because you learn the differences in controlling traffic.”

Prior to the earthquake, the Haitians ran the airport as a nonradar facility, where aircraft were controlled one at a time by one controller. The new way of operating may require an additional body in the tower to perform ground operation responsibilities.

“If they bring in someone to perform ground control, then they will ensure that they are properly trained,” Ms. Adma said.

The transition should be rather smooth because the equipment is much the same as what they were using before, Ms. Adma said.

# Newest FTAC class graduates



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens  
**Master Sgt. Brian Bailey, career assistance advisor; Airman Daniel Conner, 14th Communications Squadron; Airman 1st Class Lillian Martinez, 14th Force Support Squadron; A1C Stefan Hulsey, 14th Operations Support Squadron; and Staff Sgt. Fitzporter Kidd, 14th Security Forces Squadron stand for a photo at the First Term Airmen's Center graduation Feb. 9. Congratulations to Columbus Air Force Base's newest FTAC graduates.**

## Airmen confirm satellite completes integrated system test

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The Air Force’s second geosynchronous Space Based Infrared Systems satellite successfully completed its first baseline integrated system testing, Feb. 10, at Lockheed Martin Space Systems in Sunnyvale, Calif.

This test demonstrated the hardware integrity and functionality of the payload and spacecraft bus. The satellite was verified as ready to proceed with the remaining rigorous integration and performance tests.

Over the last four months, the GEO-2 space vehicle completed nearly 200 scripted test events. These scripts were responsible for verifying the satellite’s vital subsystems.

“This marks two major milestones in the SBIRS program,” said Lt. Col. Heath Collins, the commander of the SBIRS Space Squadron. “It is the first time the GEO-2 pay-

load and spacecraft bus have been integrated and operated together, and for the first time ever, we have two fully integrated SBIRS GEO satellites powered on and in test.”

The GEO-1 satellite recently completed thermal vacuum testing and the team is preparing the satellite for delivery to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. later this year.

“Initial results indicate the satellite is in good health and everything is operating nominally. We’re ready to continue through our rigorous test program,” Lt. Col. Collins added.

This first round of system testing was performed with the satellite side panels in an expanded mode for easy access to satellite components. The development team will now continue GEO-2’s integration to its final, closed-panel configuration. GEO-2 is scheduled for launch in 2012.

## Community Volunteer Opportunity of the Week

Disney is offering a promotion where if you volunteer for a day, you get one free pass to a Disney park. The East Columbus Lions Club needs 60 volunteers to help with their Lions Club Phone Book Delivery Drive on Saturday, February 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Last year the East Columbus Lions Club took on a new fund raiser that provided much needed funds to provide eye examinations, glasses, eye surgeries, and hearing aids. This project requires about 60 volunteers to ensure it is effective. They will have the city broken down into sections and will orchestrate the placement of drivers and volunteers into each area.

To be a driver you must have preferably a truck, SUV, or possibly a car with a large trunk space. Assuming they get the required number of volunteers each driver will have a volunteer in the vehicle with them to help mark off the map and fill bags. There should also be two other volunteer walkers with each vehicle. The process should begin around 8:00 a.m. and go until finish or 4:00 p.m.

To sign up to volunteer, please visit <http://disneyarks.disney.go.com> and follow the instructions on the website. For more information about the program, please call Janie Shields, AmeriCorps\*VISTA, with the Community Volunteer Center at 327-0807 or email her at [volunteercolumbus@cableone.net](mailto:volunteercolumbus@cableone.net).

# BARGAIN LINE

## Miscellaneous

**For sale:** IBM ThinkPad R51 laptop, 1.6Mhz, P4, 512rm, 40ghd, DVD-CDRW drive, Wi-Fi, Windows XP, Microsoft Office Suite, w/carrying bag, great condition \$275 o.b.o. Sunbeam microwave oven asking \$25; two electric handheld blow dryers asking \$15; RCA model J25420 - 27" color TV - excellent working condition, asking \$40. FMI call (662) 386-6981.

**For sale:** Emerson 1000W microwave \$50; Sears sport roof cargo carrier, 20 cu ft capacity, \$100; Honda Accord trailer hitch \$50; 6 drawer wooden dresser, \$125. FMI call 660-238-3687 or 660-233-3235.

**For sale:** Hot Spring hot tub, perfect

condition (Rated Best Buy by Consumer Report), seats 4-5, new cost \$7100; firm selling price \$3,500. FMI call 329-1843.

**For sale:** Mitsubishi 42" big screen 1080 TV, model WT46809 \$200; solid wood rustic TV stand/coffee table \$100; aluminum motorcycle ramp \$50; aluminum stand \$30; Canon i850 color printer w/ex ink \$25; Large (older) home floor speakers \$20. Wedding dress, new Maggie Sottero discontinued dress, never worn or altered with tags still attached, all diamond white, cathedral train, silk satin, strapless, A-line shape, built in crinoline and bustier, rushing in front, box pleats in back, Swarovski crystals and beads on bodice and back, size 6 with lace up back to fit a smaller or larger size, perfect condition \$400 o.b.o. FMI 662-889-8559.

**For sale:** 30-gallon fish tank w/3 fish and accessories \$25. Please call 574-9764 FMI.

## Free

**Free to good home:** 2 boxers, brother and sister must go together! 30-gallon fish tank w/3 fish and accessories \$25. Please call 574-9764 for more information.

**Free to good home:** two AKC Teacup Yorkie Terrier puppies (M/F) Contact: [marvincarrington06@gmail.com](mailto:marvincarrington06@gmail.com)

## Wanted

**410 Gauge shotgun,** 38 caliber revolver, & 9 mm pistol, refrigerator, in good condition. Call 662-329-1843/662-329-1843.

## Lost

**Handheld Radio from Public Affairs:** ICOM FM Transceiver (handheld radio), SN: 1518787. (Item is slightly larger than filter king cigarette pack, in black canvas cover w/single volume button at top and "icom" printed on front bottom.) If found return to Wing Public Affairs, Ste 237, Wing HQ Bldg or for more info call PA at 434-7068.

## Found

**Air Force ring:** found at Stateline Country Store, 1200 Hwy 18, Sulligent, AL; believed lost between 21 and 24 January 2010. Call Denise at 662-434-7310 with identity verification of the ring to claim it.

## Homes

**For sale:** 135 Scarlet Dr., Sherwood Forest: 4 br, 2.5 bath w/new kitchen, all new stainless steel appliances. Formal dining room, living room, sun room w/hot tub and bonus room (2714 sq ft). 2 car garage, with a large back yard with 6 ft privacy fence completely enclosed. 10 minute drive from CAFB. \$192,900. FMI call 662-242-0776.

## Transportation

**For sale:** 2005 Harley-Davidson 883 Sportster motorcycle red with only 2k actual miles, 3.3 tank; excellent condition, \$4250 o.b.o. FMI Call 662-549-4081

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Base News

**COSC Scholarships for High School Seniors and Spouses of Military Members**

The Columbus Officers Spouses Club is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors and continuing education students.

Each applicant must be a dependent of an active duty, retired, MIA, active duty reservists, or deceased military member associated with Columbus AFB.

Applications can be obtained at the Columbus Air Force Base Education Center, Columbus Air Force Base Family Support Center, financial aid/scholarship offices, or high school guidance offices.

For more information contact Brooke Williams, Scholarship Chair, 662-570-4517 or Bridget Peterson, Scholarship Co-Chair, 707-386-7811 or email to OSC.CAFB@gmail.com

Application Deadline Monday, March 1, 2010

**All Texas voters,**

A recent voting release states the Texas state primary election will be held on 2 Mar. If you plan on voting in this election, you need to send in your Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) soon. It must be received by your local election office by 7 pm on 2 Mar. If you have any questions please call 434-7803.

**New legal appointment opportunities**

Legal Assistance Appointments now available on Tuesday AND Wednesday call the Legal Office at (662) 434-7030. Also, new website allows you to enter your info ahead of time for a will or POA [www.aflegalassistance.com](http://www.aflegalassistance.com).

**Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club 2009-2010 Scholastic Achievement Awards**

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**School Liaison Officer**

The Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Officer works with local school districts, schools, parents and students on issues related to elementary and secondary education for the children of ALL personnel (civilian, military and contractor) assigned to the installation. As parents of school age children are aware, there are many unique issues our children face as they transition to new schools. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families ensure their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. For assistance, please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil.

**Library Story Time**

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

**Personnel Office Information**

The Military Personnel Section (MPS) has gone to a single-point of entry for all customer service actions. Please sign-in at the Customer Support counter located in room 106. Additionally, for Common Access Card (CAC)/ID Card renewals, we request one make an appointment with Customer Support at 434-2624 or 434-2626

**POCs and Volunteers needed for special observances**

March - Women's History Month (Writing Women Back into History)

If you are interested, please contact the EO office at 434-2546 or email 14ftweo@columbus.af.mil

**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.

**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.

**Major and lieutenant colonel selects congratulated at party**



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jacob Corbin  
**Col. George Ross III, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, speaks to Capt. Rick Schafer and his wife at the promotion party for major and lieutenant colonel selects Feb. 11 at the Columbus Club. Thirty-three officers were selected for promotion to major, and one officer was selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel.**

**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.

**DRMO as a source of supply**

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 the Inspection Section at extension 434-7233 to review the property, Stock Control at 434-7198 to check for authorization and Customer Support at 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).

**Do you have a supply problem?**

Do you need status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Support section is the single point of contact when requiring assistance on supply

related matters. For assistance, you may contact Customer Support at 434-7178.

**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 (IDEA) Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Support section of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

**Legal Hours**

The legal office offers legal assistance on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. by appointment only. Notary and/or power-of-attorney are done as a walk-in during normal business days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., arriving no later than 3:45p.m. Participants must be eligible for assistance to receive service. For more information, call the base legal office at 434-7030.

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U.S. Air Force photo/SrA Jacob Corbin  
**Retired Col. Carlisle "Smitty" Harris talks with retired Lt. Col. Richard "Gene" Smith at the street named in honor of Colonel Harris in 2007 on Thursday Feb. 11. Colonel Harris, now residing in Tupelo, Miss., was a POW in Vietnam for nearly eight years and is credited for improvising the "Tap Code" while held in captivity. Lt Col Smith, residing in West Point, Miss., was a POW in Vietnam for five and a half years and the wing ceremonial plaza is named in his honor. Feb 12 marked the 37th anniversary of Colonel Harris' repatriation. Both former POW's visited Columbus AFB to participate in the Maj/Lt Col promotion party at the Columbus Club.**

**Deployed Global Hawks surpass 30,000 combat flying hours, 1,500 sorties**

**Master Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol**  
380th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — One of the largest unmanned aerial systems operating in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, the RQ-4 Global Hawk, surpassed 30,000 combat flying hours and 1,500 combat sorties Feb. 10 here.

The Global Hawks are assigned to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing from Beale Air Force Base, Calif. They provide a broad spectrum of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance collection capability to support joint combatant forces in worldwide peacetime, contingency and wartime operations.

The 380th AEW Global Hawks reached their 1,500th combat sortie on Feb. 10.

The historic sortie and flying hour mark nearly coincided, said Capt. Michelle Campbell, the lead aircraft maintenance officer for the 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Hawk aircraft maintenance unit.

"When our 1,500th combat sortie completed we were at 29999.4 hours," Captain Campbell said. "On our very next sortie the next night (Feb. 11), as soon as the (Global) Hawk cleared the airfield, that's when we reached 30,000."

The RQ-4 arrived to this deployed location in October 2001, shortly after the events of Sept .11, 2001, said Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Green, the 380th EAMXS Hawk AMU superintendent.

"The aircraft has been a constant presence here since then providing high altitude-long endurance ISR to the combatant commander," Sergeant Green said. "The significance of 30,000 combat hours and 1,500 flights is high. This began as a test platform and was never intended to fly that many sorties or hours. Because of the capability the RQ-4 brought, it has been able to pave the way for a future generation of RQ-4s and has driven the overall (UAS) programs to even greater heights than expected."

At the core of the RQ-4's capabilities is its ability to take photos using its integrated sensor suite.

Tech. Sgt. Edward Andrews, a Global Hawk avionics systems craftsman with the 380th EAMXS Hawk AMU also deployed

from the 9th AMXS at Beale AFB, said his primary job with the airframe is to care for the "center package."

That package includes sensors comprised of synthetic aperture radar, electro-optical and medium-wave infrared sensors.

The RQ-4 reaching these historical achievements speaks volumes for those who maintain them, Sergeant Andrews said.

"The Hawk AMU knows every day we have to prep the Global Hawk for an important mission, a mission to help troops on the ground which in turn helps save lives," said Sergeant Andrews, who has helped prepare the (aircraft system) for more than 110 combat sorties. "I like what I do because it is such a unique role and so few Airmen have a part in something like this."

"Throughout those 30,000 combat hours, the aircraft has provided near real time imagery to meet strategic planning across the full spectrum of the battlefield," Sergeant Green said. "The key to its success falls on the shoulders of the young men and women of the Hawk AMU. Maintaining an aircraft this new has many challenges."

Another RQ-4 maintainer with the 380th EAMXS, Staff Sgt. Michael Goenner, prepared the Global Hawk on more than 50 combat missions.

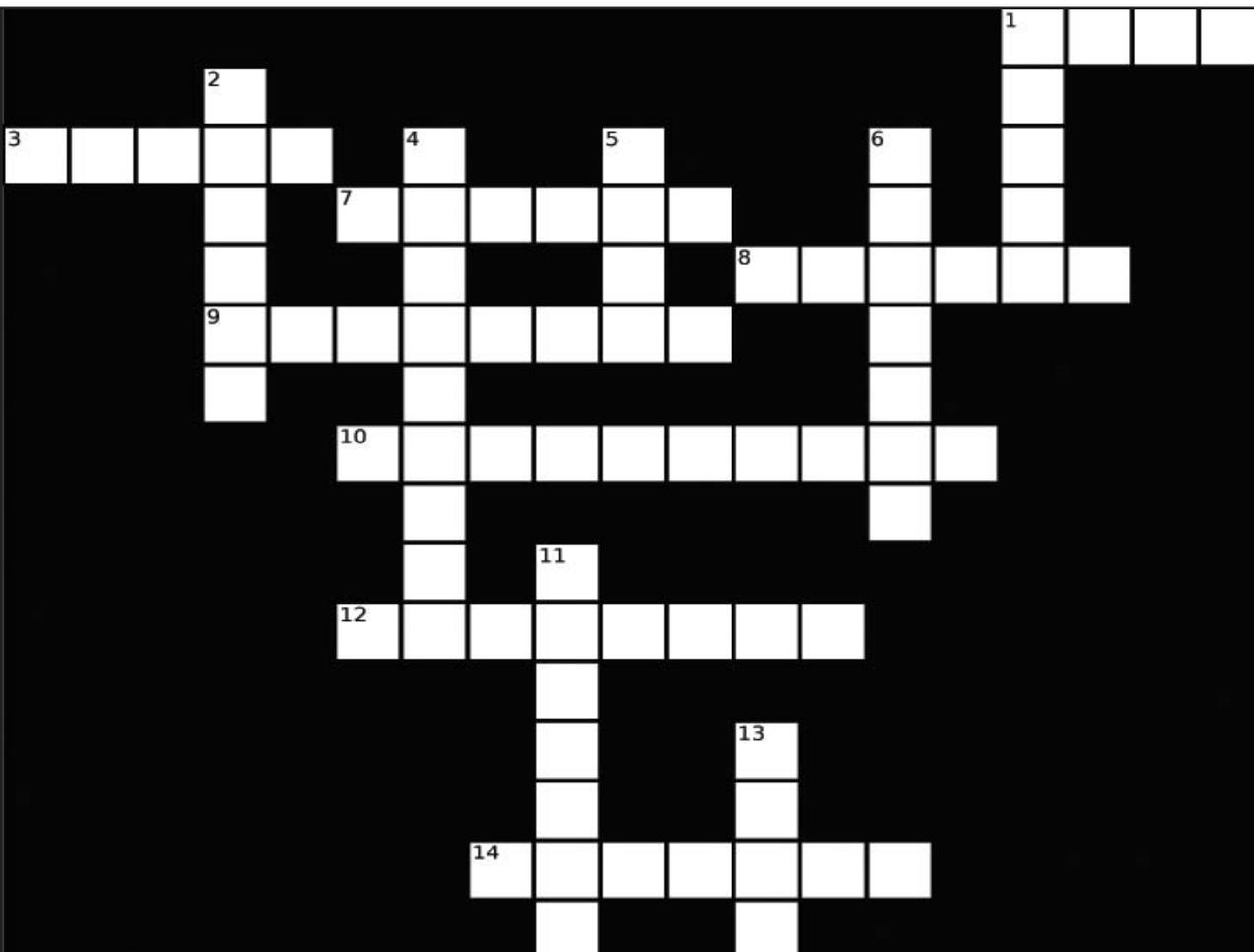
"The aircraft has to be ready to go every day," said Sergeant Goenner, who helped with the both historic launches on Feb. 10 and 11. "We finish our pre-flight servicing checks every day to make sure everything is good to launch for the next mission."

"It's an honor to be involved and to see it become accomplished. For an airframe that was never supposed to go this long, we are essentially making history every day we use it," Sergeant Goenner said.

For Airmen 1st Class Jessica George and Rueben Mendoza, both RQ-4 cyber-transport specialists with the Hawk AMU from the 9th AMXS at Beale AFB, knowing they had a part in the success of the Global Hawk's achievements is special.

"When it actually happened, I didn't realize it," said Airman George, who cares for the launch recovery element that guides the RQ-4 in flight. "We come in and work hard every day. The historic launches weren't our focus, but looking back I'm glad I was here for it."

# This week's crossword: Columbus AFB Buildings



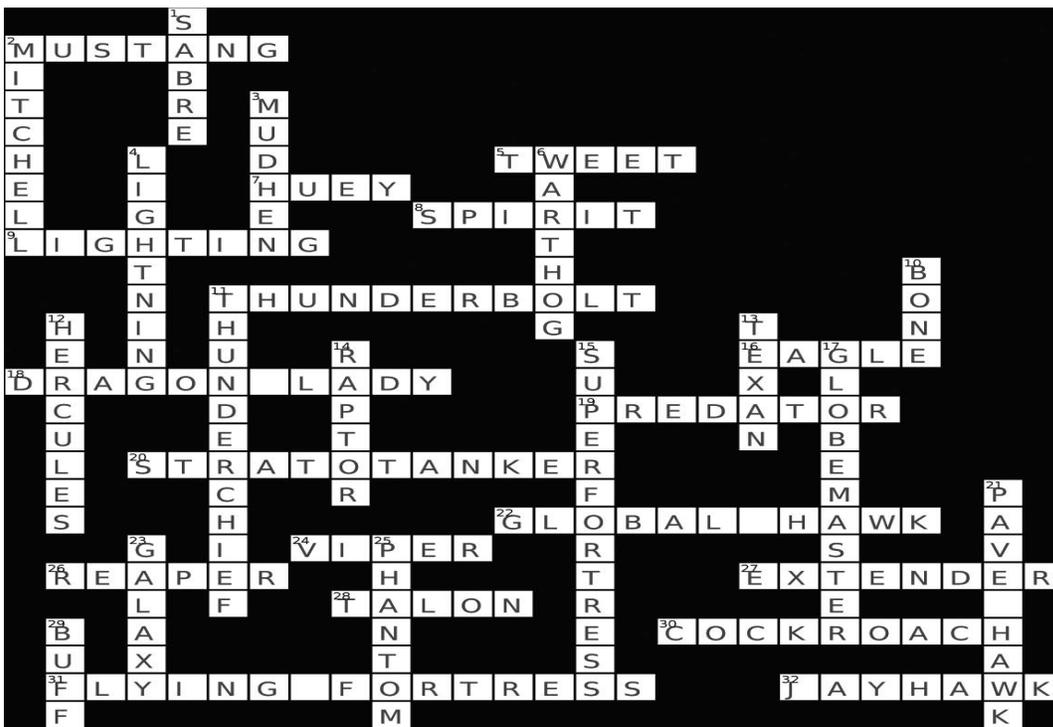
**Across**

- 1 A memorial in bldg 268, dedicates the building to Captain \_\_\_\_\_ stationed at CAFB from 1975 to 1979. A graduate of class 76-05, and an instructor in academics and the T-37, he died in a KC-135 training mission at Castle AFB, California in 1979.
- 3 Medal of \_\_\_\_\_ park on CAFB, with 41 trees, was commemorated to two soldiers in the US Army, who earned the prestigious award for which the park is named after.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Hall was the name of the old fire station on Columbus Air Force Base. It is named after the CAFB fire chief from 1952-1984. He was known for building a T-38 aircraft mockup to practice putting out fires, which is still used today. After construction of the new fire station, this building name was retired.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Center was dedicated to a First Lieutenant who was a Tuskegee Airmen from Indianola Mississippi. He was the first Tuskegee Airmen from Mississippi to give his life for his country.
- 9 A memorial in bldg 268 is dedicated to 10 men who were prestigious members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Airmen. The unit is famous for training the first African American pilots in World War II.
- 10 The enlisted dormitories were named after form Mississippi Congressman G. V. "Sonny" \_\_\_\_\_. He was instrumental in supporting Columbus AFB and other national defense requirements.
- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Auditorium is named after the 37th Flying Training Squadron's commander from January 1985 to July 1987.
- 14 The glass on the chapel windows was made to commemorate 12 heroic airman, who flew B-52s and KC-135s, that died during the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Down**

- 1 The Wing HQ building is named after Major General Scott \_\_\_\_\_ who was the wing commander from July 1978 to July 1980. He was killed in an aircraft accident near Madrid, Spain, in 1988.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic is named after a flight surgeon who flew an F-15E in Operation DESERT STORM. He was killed on the first day in action on a mission over Basra, Iraq.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Complex was named after the director of training at Columbus Army Flying School in the 1940s. He developed a system of instrument flying on which future FAA and USAF flying would be based. He also established the Flying Evaluation Board.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Auditorium was dedicated on September 21, 2007 to honor a World War 1 pilot from Columbus.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Hangar is a small maintenance hangar named after the Colonel who was named commanding officer in charge of construction of Columbus AFB.
- 11 The Operations Support Squadron was dedicated to First Lieutenant \_\_\_\_\_, a graduate of UPT class 72-02 at CAFB. Shortly after leaving CAFB, he was KIA flying a Cessna A-37 aircraft at An Loc, Republic of Vietnam. From 1984 to 1998 his remains quietly rested in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. In 1998, his remains were identified by DNA and returned to his family.
- 13 Richard \_\_\_\_\_ Smith was an F-105 pilot and POW for more than five years during the Vietnam War. He later became the 50th FTS commander and director of the \_\_\_\_\_

**Last week's answer: Aircraft Names**



# Tuskegee Airman laid to rest

WASHINGTON — Lt. Col. Lee Archer, a World War II fighter pilot with the Tuskegee Airmen, was laid to rest in a ceremony held Feb. 12 at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Active-duty members, retirees and their families gathered at Colonel Archer's final resting place to pay their respects.

Among those in attendance were Tess Spooner, a member of the Air Force Arlington wives as well as wife of retired Maj. Gen. Richard E. Spooner and close friend of Colonel Archer.

She presented the family with a small memorial token and whispered kind words that brought smiles to Colonel Archer's surviving family members; daughter Ina Archer and sons Lee III, Roy and Raymond.

As the funeral continued and respects were paid, a four-ship F-16 Fighting Falcon mission flew overhead piloted by members of the 187th Fighter Wing from Montgomery, Ala. However, in homage to Colonel Archer, one of the aircraft pulled up just as they were passing over the cemetery transforming the configuration into a missing-man formation.

After the rifle volleys were fired and a rendition of "Taps" filled the air, Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, the deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel, presented Colonel Archer's daughter with a folded American flag on behalf of the Air Force.

"Lee Archer was a trailblazer in many

ways," Mrs. Spooner said. "As a Tuskegee Airman he not only fought prejudice and segregation on the home front, but also he fought selflessly for his country. He was a great man and he will be dearly missed."

Colonel Archer entered the Army in November 1941 and received training as a telegrapher and field network-communications specialist. In December 1942, he was accepted into aviation cadet training and reported to the Tuskegee Army Airfield in Tuskegee, Ala.

On July 28, 1943, after graduating No. 1 in his class and receiving his commission as a second lieutenant, he was assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron under the 332nd Fighter Group. The group was transferred to Italy during World War II.

Colonel Archer flew 169 combat missions, flying cover and escorting long-range bombers over more than 11 countries, as well as strafing missions against enemy landing zones and troops on the ground.

Colonel Archer held numerous post-war leadership and staff positions including chief of protocol for the French Liaison Office, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe; White House Air Force-France project officer; chief or executive officer of three international military organizations including the SHAPE Liaison Office, the 36th North American Air Defense Division and Headquarters U.S. Air Force Southern



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Alexandre Montes  
**Air Force Honor Guard members render full military honors during the funeral for retired Lt. Col. Lee Archer Feb. 12, 2010, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. Colonel Archer, who died at age 90, was a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen and flew some 169 combat missions during World War II.**

Command in Panama.

Colonel Archer enjoyed continuing success in civilian life, as vice president for urban affairs at General Foods Corporation; CEO of North Street Capital Corp.; and chairman of Hudson Commercial Corp. He also served on the Board of Directors of Beatrice International Foods and the Institute for

American Business, a General Motors Venture Capital Subsidiary.

He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and received special citations from Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson, along with the director of the CIA. Colonel Archer retired as a lieutenant colonel after 29 years of service and resided in New Rochelle, N.Y.

## Air Force officials to fly missions to support Vancouver Olympics

**Capt. Justin Brockhoff**

618th Tanker Airlift Control Center Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — More than 2,600 athletes from nearly 90 nations will kick-off the 2010 Winter Olympics during opening ceremonies Feb. 12, and Air Mobility Command Airmen will play a supporting role by flying air refueling missions and posturing medics to support the 17-day competition.

KC-135 Stratotankers and KC-10 Extenders have already flown 14 air refueling sorties for the games and will continue to fly more Olympic-support missions, AMC officials said.

The tankers' primary customers are E-3 Sentry command-and-control aircraft and Canadian CF-18 Hornets, which are flying patrols over the Vancouver-area.

AMC planning efforts are led by the 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center officials at Scott Air Force Base. 618th TACC officials plan, task and provide command-and-control for all of AMC's inter-theater airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evac-



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uation missions, employing a fleet of nearly 1,300 mobility aircraft worldwide.

"The first AMC tanker mission supporting the Olympics was planned Jan. 5 and flew Jan. 29," said Lt. Col. Christy Kayser-Cook, the chief of the 618th TACC's Air Refueling

Operations Division. "While the planning is exactly the same as any of the other air refueling missions we support, it is a unique opportunity to be part of something involved with the Olympic Games and it adds a little extra meaning when you see the events on TV."

In addition to the air refueling missions, AMC officials also worked with Canadian officials to establish aeromedical evacuation plans in the event a medical emergency requires Air Force assistance to move patients from Vancouver to another location via fixed-wing aircraft.

"We started laying out the aeromedical evacuation plans to support the 2010 Winter Olympics in July," said Lt. Col. Duncan Smith, the chief of the 618th TACC's Aeromedical Evacuation Division. "We do not have any missions currently flying for the Olympics, but we're poised to support any and all aeromedical evacuation needs if we get the call. At the same time, we have daily requirements in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations around the world, which keeps us busy, but also very proud of what our forces can accomplish worldwide."

# Spear phishers target military members at home, work

**Staff Sgt. Samuel Morse**  
35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Information warfare was around long before the computer. Even in the days of homing pigeons, adversaries would attempt to intercept each other's messages to gain an advantage.

Today, the enemy is still trying to steal our secrets, but they have devised new methods in this age of ones and zeros. One of these methods is known as spear phishing.

Phishing is defined by Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations engineering as "criminal activity using social engineering techniques." Phishers attempt to fraudulently acquire sensitive information, such as passwords, personal information, military operations and financial details by masquerading in an e-mail as a trustworthy person or business.

Spear phishing, on the other hand, is a highly-targeted phishing attempt. A phisher often will use the victim's name, organization, and even relevant jargon to further make them think the e-mail is legitimate, said JTF-GNO officials. They will spoof who the e-mail is from, making it look like it came from a coworker or friend. There may be spelling mistakes due to third-country national origin, but for all intents and purposes, the e-mail will look legitimate.

While normal phishing is almost always for the purpose of identity theft, spear phishing on government systems is usually an attempt to

gather information and intelligence. Spear phishers usually will attempt to make you open an attachment or Web link that will load malicious logic onto your computer. Often times, the malicious logic is a key logger, a program that records keys typed on a keyboard and sends the keystroke data to the phisher, said Master Sgt. Thomas Parker, the 35th Fighter Wing information assurance office NCOIC.

Government systems are not the only computers targeted in these schemes. Military members can be targeted at home as well.

"It is critical that (everyone) understand that they will not be contacted by Air Force network (specialists) to upgrade their home-use common access card software or perform other actions on their home PC," said Master Sgt. James Rowland, from 13th Air Force cyber operations. "The Air Force's policy is to post all upgrade notices for the Common Access Card Home Use Program on the AF Portal. Download of the program and updates should only be accomplished via the AF Portal home page."

Sergeant Parker also said the best way to make sure an e-mail is authentic is to look for a digital signature. To his knowledge, phishers have yet to find a way to spoof a digital signature from a trusted site. He encourages all network users to digitally sign and encrypt their e-mails. If someone is unsure of how to do this, he or she can contact a local information assurance officer.

Another protective measure is to look for tell-tale signs of a fake e-mail. A lack of proper "For Official Use Only" tags, misspellings, incorrect signature blocks and other items out of place or missing can indicate a foreign origin.

Users should double-check Web site addresses. Links should start with "https://" rather than "http://." This denotes a secure connection. Also, the suffix ".mil" should be present in the domain name of official military Web sites. Unfortunately, even if a Web address has these elements, it can have an embedded link that takes you somewhere other than what it says. To combat this, Sergeant Parker suggests opening an empty browser and navigating to the Web page manually. While this may take longer, it will help prevent the user from falling victim to malicious logic.

If you must open an attachment, do not enable macros. Government systems are designed to give warnings when a document or other seemingly normal file attempts to do something other than what it was designed to do. Users should make sure e-mails with attachments are digitally signed and should request the e-mail to be resent with a signature if there isn't one, said 1st Lt. Robby Williams, the 35th Communications Squadron plans and resources flight commander.

"Blindly clicking 'yes' to alerts is the type of complacency that phishers are looking for," said Senior Airman Benjamin Nelson, a 35th

Mission Support Group knowledge operator.

Also, disabling the e-mail preview pane, or at the very least disabling HTML on the preview pane, will give a degree of separation, allowing users to verify a sender before opening an e-mail with attachments.

"If you do get an e-mail that you deem to be suspicious, call the sender to verify that the e-mail did, in fact, come from them," said Sergeant Parker. "If not, or if the e-mail came from an organization outside the military, contact your information assurance officer so they can investigate the e-mail. If you have already opened the suspicious e-mail, Web link, or attachment, immediately unplug your computer from the network and contact your IAO."

E-mail is not the only medium being targeted, however. The increasing popularity of social media sites such as Facebook or Myspace have drawn phishers into these new frontiers.

"Status updates posted on Facebook, Myspace and Twitter propagate headlines such as 'Donate to Haiti Efforts' or 'Facebook charging for membership' usually include a link to a website with additional information," said Sergeant Rowland. "The simple act of browsing a maliciously-crafted website is all it takes to infect your computer with information-stealing malware. Personally identifiable information is the hottest commodity in cyber crime rings--so be careful when giving details about yourself online."



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Angelina Drake  
**With the tracking system for the Iridium satellite constellation on screen, 1st Lt. Daniel Moomey explains his knowledge of how the system works to Capt. Amy Ianacone and Airman Patrick Adams Jan. 7, 2010, at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The Joint Space Operations Center recently reached a milestone Dec. 18, 2009, increasing the number of active satellites tracked from 120 to approximately 1,150. Lieutenant Moomey, Captain Ianacone and Airman Adams are from the Joint Space Operations Center.**

Haitian relief operations," said Royal Australian Air Force Squadron Leader Chris Robson, assigned to the 614th Air and Space Operations Center.

In fact, JFCC Space members were involved less than 24 hours after the Haiti disaster occurred. Once initial reports of the earthquake in Haiti reached the 24-hour watch floor of the JSpOC, it triggered a standing process to begin planning to support any requests for space support that may come from the U.S. government forces supporting relief operations.

That process included drafting of a statement of intent directive from Lt. Gen. Larry D. James, the commander of the Joint Functional Component Command for Space, for space forces assigned and attached to JFCC-Space to be prepared to support relief operations. JSpOC planners then began matching available space assets to the anticipated relief needs, and preparing the tasking order to direct space units to provide support as requested.

## JFCC-Space continues to support Haiti mission

**Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek**  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Members of the Joint Functional Component Command for Space here are continuing to support relief efforts in Haiti by providing space effects such as satellite communications and position timing and navigation services.

At any given time, up to 200 personnel, including the JFCC-Space staff, Joint Space Operations Center and JFCC-Space tactical units, are contributing to the overall space support delivered to Haiti.

Additionally, the JSpOC force enhancement team, made up of approximately 30 members, is primarily responsible for theater integration and is the JFCC-Space focal point for the reception of space support requests from users such as those at Southern Command and Joint Task Force-Haiti.

"JFCC-Space is an integral part of the current support to

# Recognizing a heritage of perseverance

**Senior Airman Wes Carter**  
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq — But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground," President Abraham Lincoln said. "The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

President Abraham Lincoln said this Nov. 19, 1863, on a battlefield near Gettysburg, Pa. Although they were meant to recognize the battlefield where brave men fought to end the stain of slavery in America, the words provide equal significance to a field in southern Alabama that became the birthplace of

African-American pilots in the Air Force.

As we celebrate Black History Month in February, it's only fitting to reflect upon the accomplishments of those aviation pioneers of whom we are direct descendents in unit lineage.

In January 1941, War Department officials announced plans to create a "Negro pursuit squadron" whose pilots would be trained at the Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Three months later, a trustee to the Rosenwald Fund, a fund that helped secure financing for one of the Tuskegee airfields, visited the institute and flew with Chief C. Alfred Anderson, the Tuskegee Institute's chief pilot instructor. The trustee's name was Eleanor Roosevelt, wife to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mrs. Roosevelt was so impressed with the

ability of the African-American pilots she went back to her husband and insisted that African-Americans were just as capable to fly as anyone else in the sky.

In July of that same year, 13 cadets walked onto Tuskegee Army Air Field to become the first class of African-American combat pilots. Eight of the pilots didn't succeed in the rigorous training, but five did.

These men were not treated as equals, yet they fought for a chance to fight in a war that was based on equality for others. They knew they could contribute and set out to prove so.

Legend has it that the first people to realize that African-Americans were just as competent as anyone flying in combat missions were the bomber planes that the Tuskegee's escorted through hostile enemy fire. The only color that a pilot was concerned with was red.

The Tuskegee fighter pilots, marked by their aircraft's red tail, had a reputation of never leaving the side of an aircraft until it was safe.

Today their legend lives at Joint Base Balad; in the roar of the afterburners of an F-16 Fighting Falcon barreling down our runway; in the sweat of the maintainers, refuelers and crew chiefs prepping that fighter for its patrol; in the determination of the security patrols keeping the base safe to execute that flying mission. In me and in you.

After completing their training, the original Tuskegee Airmen became part of the 332nd Bomber Group, which is now the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at Joint Base Balad. I am not an African-American, but as part of the 332nd AEW, I take pride that I am part of a heritage that represents honor, sacrifice and perseverance.

## Every little bit helps

**Airman 1st Class Marissa Tucker**  
4th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. — Soon after the earthquake rocked Haiti Jan. 12 and changed the country forever, the reaction among many Airmen was the same: "How can I volunteer to go?"

Like them, I wanted my chance to be a part of the relief effort. After all, how many people get that kind of experience? Thinking I probably would not be tasked because of my rank and an upcoming deployment, I thought all I could do was donate money to a charity and pray for the survivors.

Quicker than I thought, people, including those in my office, began getting tasked for temporary duties and I thought they were lucky to be the ones on the ground in Haiti because they would really get to help. Throughout the next week, I learned that in situations like this, helping the relief effort goes much deeper than being on the front lines.

On Sunday afternoon following the quake, I got a call to pack my things. I was going to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and on to Haiti. I was excited that I would actually get a chance to see the place that had been all across news stations and that I could do my part to help. Then when I found out I would "only" be going on air delivery missions where the supplies were dropped out of the back of the plane while in the air, I did not feel like I would be helping the citizens of Haiti as much.

I later learned that what I was a part of was an invaluable, tireless effort by thousands of people to provide relief to a country that had been devastated by a natural disaster.

My job was to augment the Pope AFB public affairs office by escorting media on air deliveries. While we facilitated the

media getting their stories, I noticed there were people who always seemed to be working to help, whether it was creating flight plans or guarding the entry points. Even volunteers, including those with the Red Cross and the USO, worked every day until there were no more people to feed.

More than 500 soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., slept in the terminals for two days before leaving for Haiti.

I learned they were given a very short amount of time to prepare for the trip and they did not know when they were coming back. Even people who deploy to the desert know when they are coming back, I thought to myself. They were definitely stepping into an unknown situation and I thought about the families. I thought how the families probably helped the Soldiers pack their bags, running out to the stores to get things they forgot or how they take care of the things at home, so the servicemembers can focus on the mission.

Out on the flightline, there were aircraft from many different bases waiting to load supplies and people to take to Haiti. Pope's aircraft maintainers and other flightline personnel worked around the clock to support the missions with more than 70 aircraft from other bases arriving and leaving daily. No, they never went to Haiti, but neither the supplies nor the personnel could have made it there without them.

My job is to help tell the Air Force story and through my experience, I learned that many times, it reaches beyond us. The many family members, many Department of Defense civilians, the USO, the Red Cross, and even a pizza man who bravely maneuvered his way through the base to provide pizzas for the Soldiers, all took part in the Haiti relief efforts.

As the saying goes, Airmen are the heart of the Air Force because we are the worker bees. Although we may not always see or understand how our job is helping, our actions span further than we know.

## Air Force officials extend financial management program deadline

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force Personnel Center officials here extended the deadline for Air Force line officers to apply for the Financial Management Leadership Program to March 15.

The program is open to majors and major-selects in the year groups 1997 through 2000 who possess an undergraduate or graduate degree in business, accounting, economics or financial management.

The Financial Management Leadership Program consists of three phases. First, officers selected for the program attend the four-week financial management staff officer course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Next, they are assigned to major command financial management staffs as part of a two-year internship to gain a broad understanding of financial services, budget analysis, and planning and programming. The final phase of the program includes an assignment of command at a comptroller squadron.

Following this approximate two-year command, officers are released back to their career field.

Officers interested in applying for this program must be approved for temporary release from their career field by their functional assignment team as well as meet further basic eligibility criteria.

Nomination packages are due to the AFPC Acquisition Officer Assignments Branch by March 15. A selection board convenes at the end of March at AFPC to identify candidates.

For more details on eligibility requirements and nomination procedures, visit the AFPC "Ask" Web site or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## No Tap Bowling Tournament

The Strike Zone Lanes offers this fun tournament starting at 7 p.m. Feb. 26. Cost is \$10 and includes 3 games, shoes and prizes. Register by 6:30 p.m. the day of the tournament. For more information, call 434-3426.

## Teen Aviation Camp

Air Force Services in conjunction with the US Air Force Academy invite teens to experience the Air Force Academy firsthand during the 11th Annual Teen Aviation Camp. Camp is held in Colorado Springs, CO, from June 5 to 10. The camp is for high school students entering their sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2010. Eligible applicants include teen dependents of active duty military assigned to or living on an Air Force Base, AF retired military, AF civilian employees, or activated Air National Guard or AF Reserve. Teens who participated in the 2009 camp are not eligible to apply this year. Attendees are selected based upon information included in their application. Contact the youth center for more information. Deadline for application is March 15. For more information, call 434-2504, or visit [www.afyouthprograms.com](http://www.afyouthprograms.com).

## Air Force Space Camp

Teens, ages 12 to 18, may apply to the Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. Applications may be picked up at the Youth Center but must be returned by April 8. This year's Space Camp is open to dependents of active duty, Air Force retired military, Air Force civilian employees and activated Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve. The camp will be divided into two age divisions: ages 12 to 14 and 15 to 18. Interested youth must have a 2.8 GPA. Lodging, meals and activity fees are paid by the Air Force. Transportation to the Space Center will be the individual's responsibility. For more information, call 434-2503.

## British Soccer Registration

Register online at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com) for this annual soccer camp for children ages 3 to 18. The camp dates are June 7 to 11. Free jersey if registered by April 23. Late fee of \$10 assessed after May 28. Call the youth center at 434-2504 for details.

## 2-4-1 Steak and Lobster Night

RSVP by March 1 at the Columbus Club. This program is for members only. Cost is \$24.95 for two. Menu includes filet mignon and a 5-ounce lobster tail served with rice pilaf, chef's vegetables and spring greens salad. Also offering a grilled chicken breast with mushroom sauce for \$14.95. A wine list, dessert tray, appetizer menu and children's menu available. For more information, call 434-2490.

## Youth Center photography contest

Ages 6 to 18 may enter this contest scheduled for March 11. Display will be from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Winning photographs will be entered into the regional contest. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Outdoor family/Sipse Wilderness area hike

A new program that puts the family outdoors March 13. The kick off program is a hike to the Sipse Wilderness area, hitting trails ranging from easy to moderate. Cost is \$12 and includes transportation only. The bus will depart at 6:30 a.m. and return around 4 p.m. Register by March 10 at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Win a Cruise in the Columbus AFB vs food competition

Outdoor Recreation is hosting this contest from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 17 at Freedom Park. Make your most competitive food and have it judged on taste, presentation and originality. Must present and prepare enough food and provide serving plates and cutlery for seven judges. Entry is \$50 and is due by April 9. Entry includes cost of table, chairs, electricity and prizes. Must be set up for judging at noon. Prizes awarded at 2 p.m. with first prize being a seven-day cruise for two to the Grand Caymen, Montego Bay and Cozumel (winner must be available for cruise Oct. 30-Nov. 6). Second prize is a weekend pontoon boat rental and third place wins a weekend camping rental. Must have a minimum of 10 entries in order for event to take place. For more information, call 434-2507.

## Fitness Fun Run

This monthly event is March 5 at 7 a.m. starting at the Fitness Center. For more information, call 434-2772.

## Squadron DUI-Free Bowling Party

Starting March 1, the bowling center is offering a free squadron bowling party from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday for those squadrons who have been without a DUI for three months. Shoe rental, food and beverage charges still apply. For more information or to reserve the center, call the Bowling Center at 434-3426.

## Lifeguards/Instructors needed

Outdoor Recreation is looking for swim instructors and lifeguards for the coming summer season. For more information, call Steve Bocek at 434-2507.

## Join FitFamily!

Air Force Services family fitness and wellness initiative, FitFamily is an integral component of the Year of the Air Force Family. Families can register as a team at [www.USAFitFamily.com](http://www.USAFitFamily.com) to earn points and achieve levels for participation in Family Fun activities, family sports and fitness and family nutrition. Recognition is provided at each level to encourage families to continue on the path of wellness. The FitFamily program encourages Air Force families to make healthy lifestyle choices and provides resources and tips in an effort to promote overall family fitness. For more information, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504.

## Space A lodging

The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at 434-2548.

## Crafts Classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers crafts classes for both youth and adults every Thursday. There are three times available – 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Class projects can be viewed in the lobby of the center. Crafts "to go" are also available. For more information, call 434-7836.

## 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, Geysers Falls, and more. Call 434-2507 for more information.

## Youth Center sponsorship program

Moving is hard, but it is also a time to meet new friends, find new hangout spots, get involved in fun and different things and go on trips to interesting places. The Youth Sponsorship Program at Columbus was created by and just for youth. To help make your transition from your old base on to your new base, contact the Youth Center and join in the fun of the youth sponsorship program. For more information, call 434-2504.

## Casino trip

Register at outdoor recreation for this monthly trip the first Friday of every month to the Silver Star and Golden Moon casinos. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation and \$25 in player money. For more information, call 434-2507.

## One Page at a Time

This program is open to youth, ages 3-13. The desired outcome of this program is to offer literacy enrichment opportunities for youth and to create a passion for reading. It is a motivational program where children read books, document their literary accomplishments and earn incentives for each level of their literary successes. Participants select books from required readings lists at school, the library, selected by their family members or from a list of 15,000 suggested titles located on the [www.afyouthprograms.com](http://www.afyouthprograms.com) website. Parents of children, ages 3-5 years, who read a minimum of five books to their child's class in the child development center will earn a book at the conclusion of the program. The program concludes March 19. For more information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

## RV Storage Lot

Effective March 1, the RV storage lot will change their lock combinations. Stop by Outdoor Recreation on or after March 1 to receive your new code. For more information, call 434-2507.

Visit [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil) for more information today!



T-1A Jayhawk

# SUPT Class 10-05 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-05 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class will be Brig. Gen. Anthony J. Rock is Commandant, Air Command and Staff College, and Vice Commander, Spatz Center for Officer Education, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. As Commandant, he leads the world's premier professional military education college for midcareer officers and civilians which focuses on the development of leaders. Graduates go on to provide significant contributions in developing, employing, sustaining and commanding air, space and cyberspace power in joint and combined operations throughout the world.

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

Capt. Nathan W. Preuss (T-38) and 2nd Lt. Joshua D. Schochenmaier (T-1), received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Christopher J. Perry (T-38) and 2nd Lt. Joshua F. Steffen (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.

Captain. Preuss (T-38), 2nd Lt. Justin S. Berry (T-1) and 2nd Lt. Joshua D. Schochenmaier (T-1) were named the distinguished graduate of Class 10-05.

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 10-05 pilot partners are Roger Larsen, The Columbus Packet, and Stan Maynard, Trinity Place Retirement Community.



**Capt. Nathan Preuss**  
Williston, S.C.  
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



**Second Lt. Fahd Alblaihees**  
Riyadh, K.S.A.  
F-15S, King Kalid AFB, Saudi Arabia



**Second Lt. Wade Ausloos**  
Plainsfield, Wis.  
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



**Second Lt. Justin Berry**  
Orlando, Fla.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**Second Lt. Dustin Edwards**  
Havana, Ill.  
F-15C, Plymouth Falls AFB, Ore.



**Second Lt. Michael Fleharty**  
Oklahoma City, Okla.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**Second Lt. Rollie Flint**  
Superior, Wis.  
F-16, Duluth IAP, Minn.



**Second Lt. Deborah Gaddis**  
Portland, Ore.  
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



**Second Lt. Mark Hanks**  
Granite City, Ill.  
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**Second Lt. James Hayes**  
Panama City, Fla.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**Second Lt. Brian Jensen**  
Apple Valley, Minn.  
EC-130, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



**Second Lt. Benjamin Johnson**  
New Orleans, La.  
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



**Second Lt. Nicole Lincoln**  
Baton Rouge, La.  
RPA, Cannon AFB, N.M.



**Second Lt. Julian Madrid**  
San Diego, Calif.  
C-130J, Keesler AFB, Miss.



**Second Lt. Geoffrey Manter**  
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**Second Lt. Brain Metzger**  
Peachtree City, Ga.  
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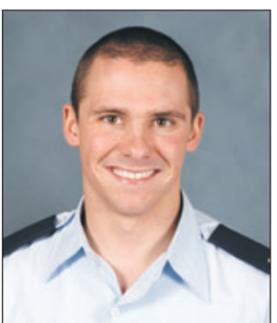
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Kigali, Rwanda  
L-39



**Second Lt. Collin O'Bryant**  
Colorado Springs, Colo.  
EC-130, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



**First Lt. Andres Orduz**  
Pasto, Colombia  
AT-29, Apay AFB, Villavicencio Colombia



**Second Lt. Christopher Perry**  
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**Second Lt. T. Gant Petty**  
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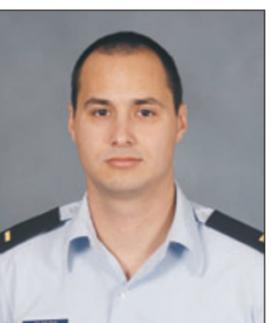
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C-130, Pope AFB, N.C.



**Second Lt. Joshua Schochenmaier**  
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**Second Lt. Joshua Steffen**  
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