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Weather



Today

High: 98, Low: 75
Mostly Sunny



Saturday

High: 95, Low: 76
Partly Cloudy



Sunday

High: 92, Low: 75
Isolated T-storms



Monday

High: 66, Low: 52
Scattered T-storms

News Briefs

Wing Retreat

The 14th Flying Training Wing will hold a Retreat Ceremony July 26 at 5 p.m. at Smith Plaza. All invited.

Year of the AF Family Picnic

The 14th FTW will host a Year of the AF Family Picnic July 27 at 4:30 p.m., behind the Services Activity Complex (Bldg. 510). It is open to all base personnel and their families. Tickets are \$3 and are available from squadron POCs. Purchase tickets before July 23.

Sales Tax Holidays

Mississippi and Alabama both have sales tax holidays, directly targeting back-to-school activities. Mississippi: 12:01a.m., Friday, July 30, 2010, and ending at midnight Saturday, July 31, 2010. For additional information regarding specific items and limitations, refer to the appropriate state's tax collection website.

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

Aux field fire station hosts open house

Sonic Johnson

Chief, 14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Wing and local community leaders joined over 50 BLAZE Team members at the newly-renovated fire station open house at Columbus Air Force Bases' auxiliary airfield on Thursday, July 8.

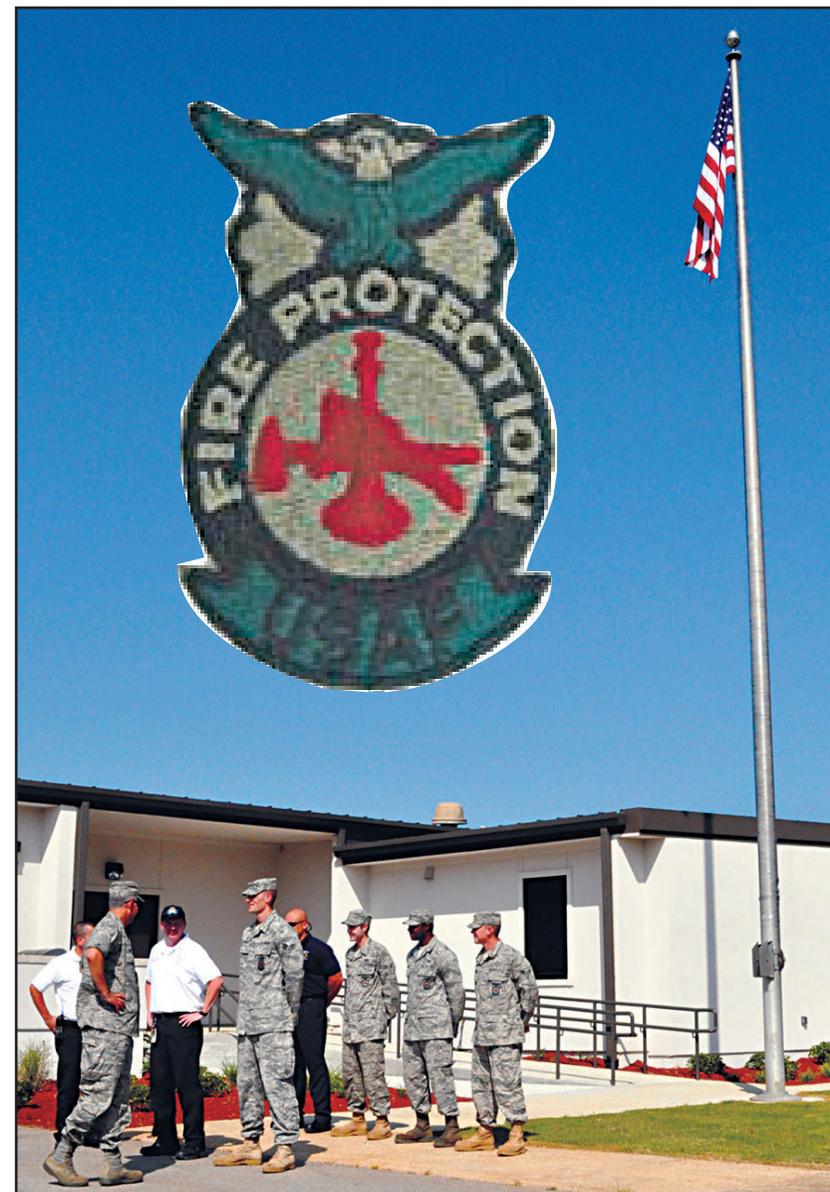
The 10 month fire station renovation not only improved the quality of life for the five firefighters that are on duty each day, but also reduced the environmental footprint by making the facility smaller and more energy efficient.

The auxiliary airfield, often referred to by its nickname "Gunshy", is located south of Columbus AFB off U.S. Highway 45 in the town of Shuqualak, Miss. Firefighters from the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Emergency Services Flight make the one-hour trip to be in place before T-6 training operations can be conducted. The auxiliary airfield helps relieve the congestion of the T-6 pattern at Columbus AFB.

Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander and Col. Ken Bryson, 14th Mission Support Group commander, were joined by Shuqualak Mayor Velma Jenkins, Macon Mayor Bob Boykin and several Noxubee County officials to tour the newly renovated fire station.

Lt. Col. Lars Hubert, 37th Flying Training Squadron commander and Lt. Col. Kelly Holbert, now the 41st Flying Training

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U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson

Col. Ken Bryson, 14th Mission Support Group commander, is greeted by Senior Airman Nathan Milan, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight, at the open house of the Shuqualak Auxiliary Air Field, also known as 'Gunshy,' July 8. The Air Field was recently renovated in an \$800,000 project.

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 (11-06)	4.89 days	0.14 days	Aug. 12	48th (10-12)	0.86 days	-0.05 days	Jul. 23	49th (10-JB)	0.48 days	4.07 days	Aug. 11	T-6	2,025	2,031	27,606
41st (11-07)	-5.98 days	-3.13 days	Sep. 3	50th (10-12)	0.47 days	-1.43 days	Jul. 23					T-1	635	698	9,307
												T-38	720	669	9,119
												IFF	125	149	1,920

The graduation speaker is Gen. Gary North, Commander, Pacific Air Forces.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
26 Wing Retreat, 5 p.m., Smith Plaza, UOD	27 Colonel Watkins Fini-flight, 3:30 p.m. Year of the AF Family Picnic, 4:30 p.m., Services Complex	28 14th FTW Change of command, 10 a.m., BLAZE Hangar	29	30 Enlisted Promotions, 3 p.m., Columbus Club Class 10-13 Assignment Night, 5 p.m., Columbus Club MS Sales Tax Holiday	31/1 July 31/1: Autocross
2 14th MDOS Change of command, 3 p.m., Columbus Club	3 Officers Calls, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Kaye Auditorium	4 Columbus City Schools first day	5	6 Aug. 6-8: Alabama Sales Tax Holiday Lowndes County Schools first day Base Community Council Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Columbus Club	7/8

Long Range Events
Aug 10: Newcomers
Aug 11: IFF Graduation
Aug 12: Class 11-06 Track Select
Aug 12: ALS begins
Aug 13: Class 10-13 Graduation
Aug 16: Enlisted Calls
Aug. 23-27: Night Flying Week
Aug. 24: Hearts Apart
Aug. 27: Class 10-14 Assignment Night

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OPEN HOUSE

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Squadron commander, arrived together at the fire station on the flight line side when they took time out of a T-6A Texan II training mission to land at Gunshy to participate in the Open House and have lunch.

Senior Airman Nathan Milan, Open House Project Officer, coordinated a lunch feast of hamburgers, hotdogs, sausages and all the picnic fixings for the over 50 invited guests.

The \$816 thousand project was funded through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

"This is a great achievement for the morale of my firefighter who spend up to 16 hours a day, five days a week at the facility," beamed Chief Neil Hogan, Fire Chief for Columbus AFB.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 68 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Tuesday Intramural Softball Scores

Here are the softball scores for Monday, July 19.

Game 1	14th CES 20 Winner
14th MDG 17 Winner	14th CS 0
DynCorp 14	Game 4 ✓
Game 2	49th/50th FTS 2
14th FSS Winner	14th SFS 15 Winner
48th FTS Forfeit	Game 5
Game 3	14th OSS 21 Winner
	37th/41st FTS 13

BLAZE Team welcomes new commander and family

Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The soon-to-be commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing will take command in a ceremony Wednesday, July 28 at 10 a.m.

Col. Barre R. Seguin will take the place of outgoing commander Col. Roger Watkins. In his last assignment, Colonel Seguin was Commander, 8th Operations Group, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. As commander, he was responsible for the conduct of conventional air-to-ground and air-to-air missions in support of wartime taskings to defend the Republic of Korea.

The colonel is married to his wife

Nancy, and they have three children.

Colonel Seguin was commissioned in 1988 as a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He was the first-ever First Assignment Instructor Pilot to transition to an Air Liaison Officer assignment and follow-on to fly the F-16. Colonel Seguin was one of only two USAF operational F-16 instructor pilots qualified in the Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infra-Red for Night tactical employment system. He is a veteran of Operations Southern Watch, Deliberate Guard, Deliberate Forge and Joint Guardian.

Colonel Seguin is a combat mission commander with more than 3,000 flying hours.

Downtown Farewell



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson

Col. Roger Watkins, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, speaks to Columbus, Miss., Mayor Robert Smith at the Downtown Farewell for Colonel Watkins and his wife, Leslie. Colonel Watkins will assume the command of Squadron Officer's College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., following the 14th FTW Change-of-Command July 28. The event was held at Snoudon, the home of Columbus AFB Wingmen Stephen and Dana Imes.

Airmen enjoy meal at Dorm Dinner



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick

Airman 1st Class Heather Godon, new president of the Dorm Council, gets some food at the buffet line during the Dorm Dinner on July 15 in the chapel annex. The Airmen enjoyed hamburgers, pulled pork sandwiches and much more during the event.

Quarterly Awards winners announced

Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Some of the BLAZE Team's best were recognized recently for their outstanding contributions to the wing's mission at the Quarterly Awards Ceremony July 14.

The winners were as follows:

Airman of the Quarter: Airman 1st Class Perry Huffman, 14th Mission Support Group
NCO of the Quarter: Master Sgt. Chin Keomanila, 14th Medical Group (Editor's note: Sergeant Keomanila was recently promoted to the rank of master sergeant, and was awarded it due to his excellence as a technical sergeant during the awards quarter)
SNCO of the Quarter: Master Sgt. Daniel McCleskey, 14th MSG
Honor Guard Member of the Quarter: Airman 1st Class Michaela Spiegle, 14th MDG
Company Grade Officer of the Quarter: 2nd Lt. Sara Greco, 14th MSG
Field Grade Officer of the Quarter: Maj. Timothy Stevens, 14th Flying Training Wing Staff Agencies
Flight Commander of the Quarter: Capt. Eric Peterson, 14th OG
Instructor Pilot of the Quarter: Capt. Joshua Miller, 37th Flying Training Squadron
Category 1 Civilian of the Quarter: Juliette Zuber, 14th MDG
Category 2 Civilian of the Quarter: Heath Niemet, 14th MSG
Category 3 Civilian of the Quarter: Jana Hall, 14th MSG
Flight Chief of the Quarter: Neil Hogan, 14th MSG
Volunteer of the Quarter: Angie Reth, Officer's Spouses Club
Congratulations to our latest BLAZE Team award winners.



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan
The winners of the latest 14th Flying Training Wing Quarterly Awards pose for a photo at the awards ceremony July 14 at the Columbus Club.

CMUSD Superintendent takes to the skies in T-6



Dr. Del Phillips

DANGER
EJECTION SEAT
DANGER

U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens
Dr. Del Phillips III, Superintendent Columbus Municipal School District, gives a "thumbs up" prior to his orientation flight in a T-6 Texan II, July 20 at Columbus Air Force Base. Doctor Phillips flew with Capt. Amanda Hobbs, an instructor pilot and graduate of New Hope High School.

Class 11-05 Track Select

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| 2nd Lt. Brett I. Bell | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Bente | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Samuel M. Bexten | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Simon F. Brackett | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Jesse A. Brown | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Jennifer L. Byrne | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Christopher S. Cahill | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Joshua J. Caltagirone-Holzli | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Matthew C. Dickson | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Nicolas L. Dilmore | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Melissa A. Evans | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Robert C. Hyatt | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Robert E. Jurgensmeier | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Justin A. Miller | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. James F. Miltenberg | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Rudy J. Monteagut | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Sebastian F. Ortiz | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Frank J. Panebianco | T-44 |
| 2nd Lt. Frank W. Perry | UH-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Johnathan R. Poyser | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Erik L. Svendsen | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Benjamin R. Walker | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Zachary A. Wallace | T-38 |

Actors and Technicians Needed

Columbus Arts Council is looking for actors and technicians for the September 8 to 11 run a production of Tennessee Williams' Sweet Bird of Youth. If interested, contact Brook Hanemann at 662-889-5746.

Hitching Lot Farmer's Market

Located at 2nd Avenue and 2nd Street North.
Open Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
Live Music by: Kelsey Collins and Children's Activity: By 4H Extension office — plant people.

Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society seeking volunteers

The Columbus-Lowndes Humane Society is seeking volunteers and foster homes. We are a non-profit and we depend on donations to operate. If you would like to help volunteer, foster, or donate; please call 662-327-3107.

Sounds of Summer

The third season of Sounds of Summer continues this week with "Mike & Sheila" All events are on Thursday in June and July and run from 7-9 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, please leave personal coolers at home. The event is free and open to the public, for more information call 328-6305.



Answers to last week's crossword: CPTS

See this week's puzzle on Page 10

BARGAIN LINE

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

Homes

For sale: Great 3/2 brick home just outside of Caledonia city limits. Open floor plan with 10 ft. ceilings throughout, wood laminate and ceramic tile flooring, gas fireplace, wood blinds, laundry room, pantry, large covered patio w/ceiling fans, two-car carport w/attached workshop, on circle drive. Must sell due to military move. For photos and contact information, visit www.fsbo.com, listing #138068.
For sale: Beautiful, 1,714 sq ft, 3/2 brick home in Roanoke Estates.

Transportation

For sale: Black 2002 Nissan Sentra, GXE Sedan. Manual transmission. After-market MP3/CD player

Corner lot with mature trees, horse-shoe pit, privacy fence, and electricity-ready workshop/shed. New carpet, tile, and exterior trim. Two-car garage. Walk-in closets. \$129,000. Call (662) 435-1712.
For rent or for sale: 3 bedroom / 2 bath house on a corner lot in Sherwood Forest. 2,125 sqft. Walk-in closets in every bedroom, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room. Large family room with vaulted ceiling and fireplace is wired for surround sound. Heated and cooled sunroom. Fully fenced backyard with secured boat/camper parking. Attached two-car garage with separate work and storage areas. \$1,300 per month. Security deposit waived for military. Pets negotiable. House is also listed for sale at \$174,900. For more information call 798-4413.
For sale: Beautiful home situated on 3.8 acres in New Hope. Approximately 2,800 sft, 13 rooms to include 3 bedrooms, bonus room, living room, office, huge den/ in laws quarters, 2 and 1 half bathrooms, whirlpool tub. Approximately one acre of fenced yard with large wired shop. One year home warranty. \$289,900. Call 240-0226.
For sale: Regular maintenance. Zero mechanical problems in eight years. \$3,500. Call (662) 435-1712.
For sale: 2000 Chrysler Town and Country LXi Minivan, loaded, leather seats, power seats and power windows. Seven passenger, regular maintenance with receipts and dates of service, extra nice condition. Gold with tan interior. Price is \$6,000, is negotiable. Call 356-4292.
For sale: 2006 Buick Lacrosse CX, fully loaded, V-6, in excellent condition. GPS, 69,740 miles, tan ext/int. \$9,600. Call 434-7176 or (205) 695-6308.
For sale: 2008 Honda CBR1000RR, only 450 miles, full exhaust, over 4K in extras! \$8,950 or best offer. Call (808) 221-2005.
For sale: 2000 BMW R1200C, cruiser, black w/ pinstripes. 11,500 miles. Recently serviced. Excellent Condition. \$6,450 or best offer. Call (808) 221-2005.
For sale: 2005 Triumph Rocket III, Black w/ lots of extras! 6,800 miles. Excellent condition. \$9,250 or best offer. Call (808) 221-2005.
For sale: 1994 Ford Ranger 203,400 miles. 5 speed. Runs great. A/C intermittent -\$ 800.00 or best offer. Call 443-398-6556.
For sale: 2005 Chevy Uplander Van, silver, 93,000 miles, loaded, leather, DVD Sys, heated seats, power doors, windows, seats, quad seats. \$8,000.

installed. Regular maintenance. Zero mechanical problems in eight years. \$3,500. Call (662) 435-1712.
For sale: 2004 Yamaha VStar Classic 1100, 8,300 miles, two tone, excellent condition. Call 549-5016.
For sale: 2008 Harley Davidson, 883 Sportster Low Rider, only 72 miles, 2.5 Year Extended Service Plan, Midnight Pearl Blue, accessories included, \$7,000.
For sale: 2006 Victory Hammer motorcycle. Less than 5,000 miles. Aftermarket performance exhaust, side mount license plate, over \$3,000 in extras. 1624 cc engine, 6 speed transmission. \$10,500 or best offer. Call Adam for a test ride or more information at (719) 330-3758.
For sale: 2000 Chrysler Town and Country LXi minivan, leather, seven passenger, gold with tan interior, extra nice. \$5,200. Call 356-4292.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Ethan Allen Leather Couch excellent condition \$300. Will e-mail pictures. For more information call (662) 549-0506.
For sale: Scuba Gear-BC, tank, fins, dive knife, regulators, dive weights. Items were purchased in 2004-2005, but have not been used lately. \$2000 but willing to negotiate. Call 724-255-3054.
For sale: Solid Oak Bar with marble inlaid top, brass rails, excellent condi-

tion \$200. Folds to 4'X4' and fully extends to 6'X4'. Will e-mail pictures. For more information call (662) 549-0506.
For sale: 20" Boss wheels and tires! Black wheels with red pin stripe tires are 225/30/30. Brand new rims and tires \$1,200.00 or best offer. Call (443) 398-6556.
For sale: Whirlpool washer and dryer for sale. Works perfectly. Imperial series. \$350. Call (812) 989-4184 if interested.
For sale: Kenmore Refrigerator with ice maker. \$125.00. Call (662) 244-5717.
For sale: Kenmore 21 Cu. Ft. frost free refrigerator with ice maker and new thermostat. \$100. Call 356-4292.

Wanted

Looking to buy: Refrigerator in good or better condition and reasonably priced. Contact Kay at 662-364-0238.

Missing

Lost: Missing dog, brown/white coloration, missing for 12 days. Please call (407) 301-5681 if found.

Sell your item in Silverwings today!

Base News

Manpower Openings

There are currently openings for qualified non-commissioned officers in the manpower career field. If you have excellent mathematic and communication skills, you may qualify for a career opportunity in this exciting career field. Interested? Call Ms Linda Kessler extension 434-2341 at the Installation Manpower and Organization Office.

Personnel Property Challenges this summer

The Joint Personal Property Shipment Offices and Traffic Management Facilities are experiencing unprecedented challenges this summer season regarding the movement of household goods, mostly due to carrier capacity through an increased demand in both the DOD and commercial markets. This saturated market is making it difficult for JPPSO San Antonio to book shipments. In addition, some Transportation Service Providers that previously accepted shipments are now canceling them a few days before the move, resulting in JPPSO-SAT having to rebook the shipment. The QA section is taking corrective action as necessary against the TSPs, but it doesn't resolve the problem. JPPSO-SAT is working overtime and weekends to make sure all shipments are booked in a timely manner. In the meantime, we ask that our customers have alternate pack/pickup dates, be flexible and consider performing a full PPM (DITY) move. There is no easy fix, but TMF Columbus is here to assist. The Air Staff and Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) are working hard to find a solution and SDDC will be providing the JPPSOs and TMFs some additional guidance through an upcoming advisory.

IDEA Program

The Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness is looking for submissions of individual, group, or team ideas about how the Air Force can accomplish something more efficiently. Cash rewards for ideas are possible. Visit <https://ipds.randolph.af.mil> or call Tech. Sgt. Angela Coleman at 434-2388.

Columbus Retiree Affairs Office

The Columbus Retiree Affairs Office is in need of a leader. For more information contact Major Bland at 434-2802.

Air Force Retiree Council

The Air Force Retiree Council is looking for a candidate to serve in Area IX which includes Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. For more information, call 434-2802. Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

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.)

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.

Sponsorship Training

27 Jul, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 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-Org-Functional Area TAB, select My Base and look under Training.

Hearts Apart

29 Jul, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Hearts Apart social gathering for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel. Information, refreshments, and prizes. Advance registration required.

DePLAYment Tag Pass Pack

Families of deployed members are eligible for a special DePLAYment Tag Pass Pack. Provide a copy of deployment orders, and pick up your DePLAYment Tag Pass Pack at the ARFC, then log onto the www.myairstorcelife.com website to register. Once registered, you may use your tag-pass for discounts and free programs identified by the installation.

MS Excel 2007

July 12 to July 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free workshop on using Excel 2007, meet Mon, Tue, and Wed for two weeks. Please call to register.

Self-paced Tutorials

Available on MS Office 2007 Suites;

ACT/SAT Testing information



Check out the respective website provided below on ACT and SAT testing. Plenty of information regarding registration and quick tips regarding these all important tests for aspiring college students! Tests begin as early as September, with advanced registration required. Register early to avoid a late fee! SAT: <http://www.collegeboard.com>. ACT: <http://www.act.org>. If you have any questions, please contact the School Liaison Office at 434-2792.

Access, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Word and Windows Vista. Set your own learning pace at your AFRC.

Relocation assistance

Weekly workshop on programs, services and resources available through the Airman & Family Readiness Center held every Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the AFRC. Topics of discussion include preparing for a move, environment/cultural issues or needs, adaptation and community awareness.

Spouse welcome

For new personnel assigned to CAFB held every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Magnolia Inn lobby. Local information is presented.

Budgeting Basics

Every Wednesday from 11:00 to 12:00. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went.

Chapel Schedule

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.

Protestant Worship Service

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 Services

Tuesday
6:30 p.m. — Choir Practice
Sunday:
3:30 p.m. — Religious Education, grades K-9
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. — Confession
5:00 p.m. — Mass
6:00 p.m. — RCIA

A preview to pilot training: CAP cadets visit Columbus AFB

Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick

14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Civil Air Patrol cadets along with CAP leaders visited Columbus Air Force Base from July 12 to July 16 for a week of the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course.

The CAP cadets who attended the course spent the week getting a firsthand look at the everyday life of a student pilot. Cadets experienced physical training, reveille and retreat among many other events sponsored by groups on base.

In addition to the military experience offered to the cadets, they were also expected to study basic aircraft knowledge and emergency procedure actions for the T-6 Texan. Tests were given to the cadets to evaluate their academic performance, and T-1 Jayhawk incentive rides for the top performers.

The course was more than military experience and academics for the CAP cadets. CAFB officers, many of whom are in current enrolled in Air Force Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training courses mentored the CAP cadets, providing valuable information.

Several events for fun and relaxation were also built into the SUPTFC. Cadets enjoyed pool parties and a bowling tournament against the CAP's senior staff.

The experience ended with a graduation banquet, where the cadets were able to revel in the completion of their respective courses.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens
Airman 1st Class Matthew Reeves, an Aerospace and Operational Physiology Technician with the 14th Medical Operations Squadron, instructs a Civil Air Patrol cadet in Aerospace Physiology during the cadets visit to Columbus AFB July 12-16.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens
CAP cadets look at a T-38 Talon engine during their tour of DynCorp Maintenance Facilities while participating in the CAP SUPTFC program July 12-16.

Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits key to recruiting and retention

Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael J. Carden

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Proposed changes to the Post-9/11 GI Bill would improve military readiness, a senior Pentagon official said July 21 at a Capitol Hill hearing.

Robert E. Clark, assistant director for accessions policy in the office of the defense undersecretary for personnel and readiness, also said education benefits are crucial to military recruiting and retention efforts during his testimony before the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Mr. Clark discussed the Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Improvement Act of 2010 and how it would affect the Department of Defense.

One of the more notable options in the bill is transferability. It gives career servicemembers who have served on active duty or in the selected reserve on or after Aug. 1, 2009, the option to transfer their education benefits to family members, Mr. Clark said. Transferability was approved in the Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Improvement Act of 2008, which became law in June 2008.

Panel members are debating that option for the 2010 bill. Some say transferability shouldn't be available for every servicemember, because of budget constraints. Rather, the option should be reserved for specific military specialties that are difficult to fill, they said.

"We had concerns about the generous benefit being more of a draw for first-term members to leave (the military) in order to use this benefit," Mr. Clark said. "(But) we were very pleased to see the transferability ... to share this benefit that (servicemembers) have earned with their family members.

"We did not believe this benefit for family members was to be limited to any specific targeting," he continued. "We believe that every Soldier, Sailor, Airmen and Marine who chooses to stay should have the same opportunity to share their earned benefits with their family members."

Money for education remains a top reason for young Americans to join and stay in the military, Mr. Clark said.

Transferability and the 9/11 GI Bill will help Pentagon officials meet their recruiting and retention goals, he added.

Other proposed changes include new rules for entitlement, modifications of the amount and types of assistant covered, methods of education payment and transferring unused benefits.

The proposed bill would enhance provisions of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, as well as make improvements in other Veterans Affairs Department education programs, Keith M. Wilson, director of education service for VA, said at the hearing.

The proposed bill also clarifies eligibility for reserve component troops. Troops activated for training and other purposes in support of reserve component forces or in support of contingency operations qualify for the bill benefits, Mr. Wilson said. Also full-time citizen-servicemembers and members activated for national emergency responses are eligible, he added.

Individuals released from active duty for medical or hardship conditions must be released under honorable conditions, Mr. Wilson continued.

Regarding tuition payment under the proposed bill, VA officials would pay fees based on charges reported by the institution. That would include out-of-state tuition, as well, Mr. Wilson said.

Meanwhile, he said, the housing stipend will be calculated based on attendance in school. This means, for example, students enrolled in 50 percent of a full course load will receive 50 percent of the stipend.

Also, housing stipends under the proposed 2010 bill will expand to vocational schools, correspondence training, on-the-job training and apprenticeships and flight schools. Stipends are based on the area's housing allowance rates for an E-5 with dependents, Mr. Wilson said.

Additional amendments in the proposed bill include the types of methods VA officials use to pay various institutions and training facilities. Although they support the intent to improve the Post-9/11 GI Bill, they do not support some of these provisions, Mr. Wilson said.

Spouse jobs program to relaunch in October

Elaine Wilson

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts program will resume Oct. 25, but with some significant changes to the popular spouse employment program, a defense official announced July 20.

Changes include a reduction in the amount of financial aid, a change in the population eligible to receive that aid — from all military spouses to just spouses of junior servicemembers — and more robust counseling services.

These changes bring the program, commonly known as MyCAA, back to its original intent of equipping military spouses of junior servicemembers with portable careers, such as in real estate or health care, said Clifford Stanley, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. The program was launched in November 2007 for spouses of junior servicemembers, and was expanded to all pay grades and programs of study in March 2009.

"We're trying to empower, to give spouses in particular, an opportunity to be immediately impactful as soon as they get into a community," Mr. Stanley said. "We want to make sure they have opportunities to work when they get to a new duty station."

Officials temporarily halted the program Feb. 16, pending a top-to-bottom review, after an enrollment surge overwhelmed the system and caused the program to nearly reach its budget threshold. In March, with the review still under way, officials resumed the program for the more than 136,000 spouses who already had established an account.

The review took time, but officials wanted to ensure they could sustain the program for the long-term, particularly in light of fiscal realities the government is facing,

Mr. Stanley said.

"We want to help people be employed, but at the same time we have to be cost conscious," he said.

The aim is to sustain the program, he said.

"We don't want to start it and stop it. This is something we want to continue because it's important to take care of our families and our spouses."

The previous program offered all spouses of active duty servicemembers a lifetime benefit of \$6,000 to be used for education purposes.

Under the new parameters, spouses of junior servicemembers can apply for a maximum financial benefit of \$4,000 for up to three years from the start date of the first class, with a \$2,000 annual cap, Mr. Stanley explained. Spouses pursuing licenses or certifications requiring an up-front fee of greater than \$2,000 may apply for a waiver of the annual cap up to the maximum benefit of \$4,000, he added.

Financial aid will be limited to spouses of active duty servicemembers in pay grades E-1 to E-5, W1 to W-2 and O-1 to O-2, Mr. Stanley said, as well as the spouses of activated Guard and Reserve members within those ranks. Spouses of Guard and Reserve members must be able to start and complete their courses while their sponsor is on Title 10 orders, he added.

Those spouses eligible to receive aid can use the money to fund associate's degrees, licenses and certification programs, not higher degrees. The program wasn't intended to support bachelor's and master's degrees, Mr. Stanley said. However, he added, spouses pursuing higher degrees can explore a plethora of other education opportunities — such as scholarships, federal grants and the G.I. Bill — with help from Military OneSource consultants.

"The counseling piece is probably the most important,

and pivotal, part of this program," he said.

Spouses currently enrolled in the program can continue their participation through Oct. 21, when MyCAA will ramp down and prepare for the Oct. 25 relaunch. As of Oct. 25, those spouses who fall within the eligible pay grades can continue their program participation. Spouses who no longer are eligible for financial aid still can participate by accessing career and education counseling services, Mr. Stanley said.

"There are still opportunities," he said. "This one program is just one small part of the overall equation of taking care of our family members. It's an important part, but it's a small part."

To fund the program, officials have budgeted about \$210 million for 2010 with an increase to \$250 million for 2011 due to an expected spike in enrollments, Mr. Stanley said. For future years, officials are estimating a budget of about \$190 million per year.

To ensure the vitality of the program, Military OneSource counselors will encourage spouses to explore other funding resources, including federal benefits. And staffing levels have been increased to handle the anticipated call volume and enable more one-on-one counseling with spouses, Mr. Stanley said. Officials also will monitor the program much closer now to ensure they can maintain it, he added.

The program became "wildly popular" before, mainly through word of mouth, Mr. Stanley said. People heard about the program and immediately recognized it was a good deal.

And "It's still a good deal," he said. "We always tend to look at the glass as half empty. We are doing the best we can with what we have. I wish we had a lot more money, but we don't. But this glass is still half full."

AETC inducts newest member into Order of the Sword



Courtesy photo
Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander, stands with members of the Columbus AFB Honor Guard and 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Zef Smith, at the general's Order of the Sword Induction Ceremony July 16 at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Master Sgt. Paul Kilgallon
Air Education and Training Command
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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — More than 300 Airmen from across Air Education and Training Command gathered in a formal ceremony at the Gateway Club on Lackland AFB July 16, to induct Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander, into the Order of the Sword.

General Lorenz is the sixth leader AETC Airmen have chosen for the honor.

The general was informed of his nomination when speaking to a class at the Airman Leadership School here. When he walked into the classroom, he was met by Chief Master Sgt. Robert Tappana, AETC Command Chief Master Sergeant, several other chief master sergeants and the general's wife, Leslie. There they read the official invitation stating the Airmen of AETC wished to induct him into the Order of the Sword.

"I was just speechless," General Lorenz said. "I was very surprised, and am privileged to be honored by the most professional force in the entire world, the number one enlisted force in the entire world. It is just an amazing feeling, and I am just humbled."

During his remarks at the ceremony, General Lorenz, the driving force behind the Community College of the Air Force's General Education Mobile Program, said, "The enlisted force today reflects the history of the United States Air Force and service members today stand on the shoulders of giants."

The general's message to the gathered enlisted Airmen also covered the service's foundation in the Army Air Corps and the

Army Air Service.

"Over the years our service and our people have become more and more professional and more and more educated," he said. "With three generations in the Air Force today, each generation brings different talents and experiences to the fight."

"Today our Air Force is the best in the history of our force," added General Lorenz, who transformed Air University into streamlined centers for professional education, research and doctrinal development. "This is because of our bright young non-commissioned officer and Airman corps."

We take bright, shiny, young Americans, send them to basic military training and then technical training to get education and experience, and then we send them off today in harm's way around the world."

The general said he is impressed when he looks at the younger generation in today's Air Force.

"They are making such a difference in Afghanistan, Iraq the Horn of Africa, and around the world; they are so impressive and professional on how they do things," General Lorenz said. "The things they are doing today are shaping the future of the world and not just the future of our country."

During the ceremony, Chief Tappana explained to the general why he was chosen for the Order of the Sword. He said the sword is given only to deserving leaders; and the recipient must not only be an amazing leader, but also demonstrate an unrelenting dedication to the enlisted corps.

"General Lorenz has a long record of taking care of enlisted people -- especially during his time at Air University and while commanding AETC," Chief Tappana said. "Under his watch, we have seen the creation of the Air University's Associate to Bachelor cooperative. Enlisted Airmen used to struggle to get

degrees; they now have a fully transportable program with 40 universities that take all of our Community College of the Air Force credits."

Presentation of the Order of the Sword is important for enlisted Airmen, Chief Tappana said, because it is the way Airmen say "thank you" and to recognize outstanding leadership.

"Enlisted people and officers decades from now will look back and reflect on his record and his contributions to our Air Force," Chief Tappana added. "He is a part of Air Force history, and I think it is important that this recognition come from us (the Airmen of AETC)."

General Lorenz said he is truly humbled to be selected for this honor.

"Every Airman out there, every chief, master and technical sergeant, who this sword represents, needs to continue to strive for excellence," he said. "Although you don't always get an award for that, the greatest award you get is knowledge of service to the nation and service to other people."

The general told the audience that one of his favorite photographs is one of a chief master sergeant deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq, who came back night after night to comfort a baby shot by anti-Iraqi forces.

"To me that represented his service to the nation and to the Air Force, and that is what it's all about," General Lorenz said. "That chief to me is the epitome of what our NCO corps is all about ... service to others. He made a difference in that baby's life and that chief made a difference in my life -- for he represents all that is good in America."

General Lorenz's father, Col. (retired) J. Edward Lorenz, who was enlisted during World War II, shared his pride in his son's selection.

"He has worked with enlisted personnel all of his career, from being an aircraft commander, flight commander, squadron commander, group and wing commander and so forth," Colonel Lorenz said. "I think he has worked really hard, and I am glad to hear that AETC Airmen selected him for this high honor."

Colonel Lorenz said his son's first introductions to enlisted personnel were as a Boy Scout and playing in Little League Baseball.

"The coaches and the Boy Scout leaders worked with him and I think that's where he got his first appreciation for the enlisted members in the Air Force," he said. "This provided him with an incentive to become a leader, and I think this was instrumental in his deciding to become a military officer and to make the military his career."

Colonel Lorenz recalled his son always being a good leader and deciding a long time ago that he wanted to join the Air Force and attend the Air Force Academy.

"When I was going to missile school at Lowry Air Force Base, he came down to spend a weekend at the Air Force Academy with a friend of his," Colonel Lorenz said. "He decided that he wanted to go to that school, and he never deterred. He showed leadership while at the Academy, and he was later selected to be a cadet squadron commander."

"He follows the core values of the Air Force: Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence in everything you do, which characterize the person he has become," the proud father said.

Air Force Civilian Service website reveals depth, innovation to federal employment

April Rowden

Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs Office

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) — Jobseekers unfamiliar with civilian employment opportunities within the Air Force now have a new online resource that defines the numerous career fields and outlines many of the benefits of being a federal employee.

The site, www.afciviliancareers.com, contains practical information for those interested in applying for a federal job within the Air Force Civilian Service,

including various hiring authorities, base locations, career field descriptions, employee benefits and application procedures.

"The Air Force has always relied on the civilian workforce to meet the mission. With new organizations standing up and an overall net gain in civilian positions, we hope more people will look at all the benefits we have to offer and consider applying with us," said Michelle LoweSolis, the director of civilian force integration at the Air Force Personnel Center.

One of the highlights of the website is a job match machine. By entering educational background or specific skills, the job

match machine will generate a list of possible career choices.

"We think this is going to be one of the most popular applications on the site," said Mike Brosnan at AFPC. "People are often unaware of the breadth of Air Force Civilian Service careers, and we're hoping this will aid them in their job search."

The site also has a resume coach that walks users through some of the most frequently asked questions: How do I get my resume to stand out? Do veterans or current federal employees have different application procedures? What should college graduates include on their resumes?

Additionally, the site features a faster-loading HTML version, or the more interactive Flash version, along with special downloads and video clips.

When visitors are ready to search for an AFCS job, clicking the "apply now" button on the home page will give them access to Air Force jobs listed on USAJOBS.gov. There, they can build resumes, search for job vacancies, and submit their applications.

For more information, Air Force employees may call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Missoula Children's Theater

Register at the youth center for this weeklong camp starting July 26. Open to youth from Kindergarten to 12th grade. Practices daily from 10 a.m. to noon with a final performance on Saturday at 3 p.m. July 31. For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504.

Jr NBA Basketball

Ages 8-14. Every Friday at 4 p.m. at Youth Center. Call 434-2504 for more information.

Horseback Riding at Rock Hills

Horseback Ring, July 28 – 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 and transportation is free. Ages 9-18 accepted. Maximum of 13 allowed. Must sign up by July 26 at Youth Center. Call 434-2504 for more information.

Family Swim Party

There will be a Family Swim Part July 30 – 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Independence Pool. Register at Youth Center by July 26. Cost is \$5 per person and includes hot dog roast. For more information, call 434-2504.

Martial Arts Camp

There will be a martial arts camp August 2-4, 10-11 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Sign up no later than July 27 at Youth Center. Call 434-2504 for information.

Auto Hobby Shop Special

Free tire rotation with every purchased oil change during August. Call 434-7842 for an appointment.

National Bowling Week Specials

July 31 --1/2 price Cosmic Bowling
August 1---Rent a Lane—Unlimited bowling for \$5.00 per person
August 2---BOGO Bowling—Buy 1 game, get the second game free
August 3--- Free Bingo Card for ages 18 and older ONLY!
August 4---Red Pin Bowling – get a strike when the red pin is the head pin and win a FREE game

August 5---Free Bowling Equipment Check from 1-5 p.m.

August 6---Free Balloons and 50 cent Ice cream

August 7---Bowl for the World Record—Bowl anytime from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. to participate. DJ Party starts at 7 p.m.

US Women's British Open Pick a Pro

Pick a Pro Player in the Women's British Open by 9 a.m. Saturday, July 31 – August 1. Must play with another golfer so that your scores can be attested. You put your score with her score for the two days for a net score. Lowest score wins. Handicap will be given if one is not established based on your level of play. Cost is \$10 plus greens fees. Call 434-7932 for more information.

Cruise in 2011

The Information, Ticket and Travel Office has book two group cruises in 2011. Register by Aug. 1 for the five-day cruise starting Feb. 12 to Cozumel and Progresso. Register by Sept. 1 for the four-day cruise starting Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24 and going to Cozumel. Cost for two people for the February trip is as low as \$682 with a \$75 shipboard credit. Cost for two people for the November trip is as low as \$816 with a \$50 ship board credit. For more information, call 434-2507 or 7861.

NFL tickets

The ITT office has home game tickets for the New Orleans Saints and the Dallas Cowboys –For more information about the tickets and group trips, call 434-7861. Limited seating/tickets available.

Tops in Blue

Four positions are available with this special group with auditions open now for trumpet, bass, video technicians and technician support stat. The deadline for audition packages for the 2011 worldwide talent search is Nov. 5, 2010. The competition will be held Dec. 5 to 13 at Lackland AFB. Go to www.topsinblue.com to begin the application process.

Vegan menu available

The bowling center now offers a vegan menu. To place an order, call 434-3426.

Club scholarship program

Write a 500-word or less essay on “What does it mean to be part of the Air Force Family? Open to current Air Force club members and their family members. Entries are due by July 1 to the FSS commander. Twenty-five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded throughout the Air Force. For more information, go to www.afclubs.net.

Family child care homes needed

Ever dreamed of owning your own business? Are you willing to work out of your on base home? Do you enjoy working with children? Then family child care might be for you. Please contact Kat Savage, Airman and Family Services at 434-3602 for more information.

DePLAYment Tag Passes

DePLAYment Tag Passes are at the Airman and Family Readiness Center until the program's end in July 2010. Air Force active duty members with children and/or spouse are eligible for the tag pass who have been deployed in support of an active operation anytime after July 2009. Deployment is described as TDY for 30 days or more; or 365-PCS in support of an active Operation and documented on official orders. Family members must bring in a copy of their sponsor's orders and register for their tag passes for such items as free instruction classes, youth sports, youth events or hourly child care.

Zumba fitness classes

The fitness center now offers these classes Sundays from 3 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person per class but the first class is free. For more information, call 434-2772.

Lunch and Bowl

The Bowling Center offers two free games of bowling with the purchase of an adult lunch combo, Monday thru Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and all day Sunday. For more information, call 434-3426.

Mommie and me crafts classes

Stop by the Arts and Crafts Center to check out the display of upcoming projects for both youth and adult. Classes are held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-7836.

Join FitFamily

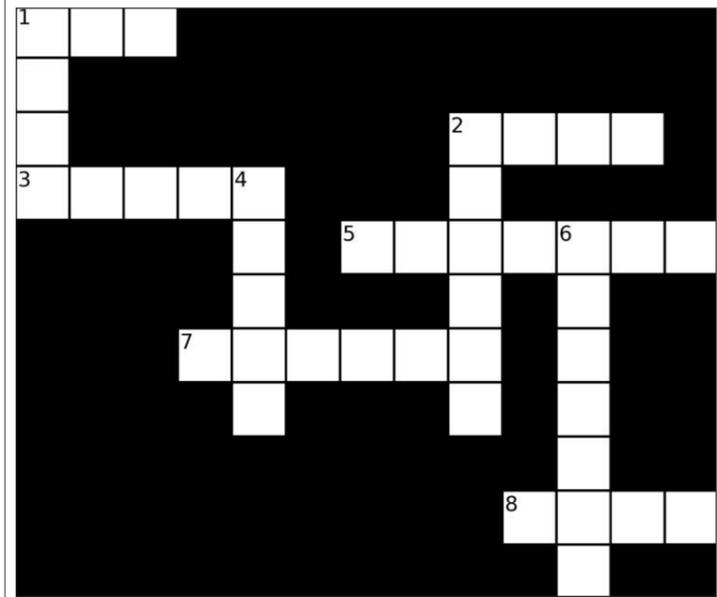
Air Force Services family fitness and wellness initiative, FitFamily is an integral component of the Year of the Air Force Family. Families can

register as a team at www.USAFFitFamily.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.

Crossword:

CAFB History

- Across**
- In April 1955, Columbus AFB became was transferred from ATC to _____.
 - Including the training tracks at CAFB and other locations, students can transition into one of _____ training tracks after the T-6.
 - The T-37 _____ was retired from Columbus AFB and replaced by the T-6.
 - The T-1 _____ is used to train students in the tanker/airlift track.
 - The _____ War impelled the Air Force to turn to contract pilot training at Columbus AFB.
 - When created, CAFB was part of the _____ Air Corps.
- Down**
- Acronym for the method of pilot training adopted in 1993 and still uses to this day.
 - On June 26, 1941, the War Department named Columbus as the home of Columbus Army _____ School.
 - The T-38 _____ is used to train students in the fighter/bomber track.
 - In the 1930s, civic leaders originally wanted to build an _____, not a military base.



Closing Thoughts – The Fantastic Journey

Col. Roger H. Watkins
Commander,
14th Flying Training Wing

BLAZE Team, as I reflect on the last 25 months that I have had the privilege to command the 14th Flying Training Wing, I am struck by a sense of awe inspired by each one of you. You have performed admirably over the past 2 years and risen to every challenge. From overcoming a timeline deficit of more than 8 days due to record breaking rainfall last autumn, to hosting members of the Saudi royal family for a graduation, to hosting General Lorenz and the AETC Commanders and Command Chiefs conference, to servicing the space shuttle transport vehicle, to hosting Columbus' first ever 2-day air show, to responding to a crash of one of our T-6 aircraft, to coming together when we lost one of our BLAZE Team members to a motorcycle accident, to graduating over 650 pilots, including the first Afghani pilot in nearly



50 years and the first Iraqi pilot since the first Gulf War, to completing numerous construction projects that further enhanced the appearance and functionality of the base, to supporting our downtown community partners in multiple events—you have exceeded the standards in nearly everything we have undertaken.

When I took command on June 25, 2008, I said we would focus on four priorities: Mission, People, Family, and Community anchored by a focus on safety in everything we do. As you can plainly see, we have accomplished what we set out to do. Columbus AFB regained the distinction of being the Air Force's busiest air traffic control complex, with over 390,000 movements last year. The wing flew over 56,000 sorties and nearly 80,000 flying hours. We graduated 300 pilots despite the most challenging

weather the region has experienced in decades. We were able to accomplish this because every medic, every maintainer, every defender and firefighter, every personnel specialist, every support person, every controller, and every pilot, both student and instructor, gave their absolute best effort each and every day. More than that, our family members did their very best to

ensure that Columbus was a great place to live and work, and supported the military members so that we could focus on taking care of the mission. And you took care of one another—the BLAZE Team deployed well over a hundred warriors last year, and nearly 250 during my time in command; and we established a support network to take care of the families that remained behind. We also partnered with our community—nearly 125 adults and a number of

children volunteered at the local antebellum homes during the pilgrimage this year—the most anyone downtown could ever remember. And despite our two severe mishaps, Columbus reduced its overall mishap rate by better than 20 percent -- an incredible accomplishment! Four of our flying squadrons were recognized by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force with safety awards, and our own Chief of Safety was named best Air Force safety professional.

So yes BLAZE Team, you accepted the challenge I gave you over two years ago and you not only met it, you absolutely blew it away! Leslie and I leave Columbus with nothing but the fondest of memories, but especially of the experiences we have had with each and every one of you. You are truly an amazing group of people, dedicated warriors, and the consummate professionals—it has truly been a fantastic journey! My best wishes to you all.

Follow-through: a necessity for communication

Lt. Col. Robert Pavelko
21st Space Operations Squadron

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Recent sporting events reminded me of the importance of follow-through to guarantee results.

Whether it was a golf swing at the British Open, a tennis swing at Wimbledon or an at-bat in a baseball game, good form and follow-through are needed to achieve results.

Each athlete practices countless hours to perfect his or her swing to include the follow-through.

Golf has many shots: driving off the tee, laying up in front of a water hazard or sinking a short putt. Each particular shot requires a specific approach, but all require a good follow-through. Similar circumstances are present in tennis and baseball, and specific situations require different approaches. None are executed properly without correct follow-through.

Follow-through has an equally important place in our mission execution every day. Whether it is satellite operations, personnel actions, finance transactions or response to a security incident, each requires proper and consistent follow-through to guarantee results.

What would happen if actions taken during shift were not documented and briefed to the relief crew? Would a promotion raise take effect if proper information was not entered into the Defense Finance and Accounting System? Any of these examples, and many more, would fail to be

executed properly if the actions were not completed with correct follow-through.

Communication is the critical bedrock in any endeavor, relying on the basic premise that individuals both receive and understand a message. Without an acknowledgement of receiving the communication and feedback, does the sender know the receiver perceived the instructions correctly?

In our day-to-day operations, communication is essential to guarantee mission success.

Communication and management in daily activities has focused on the ever-insular e-mail to transmit information. An e-mail sent does not equate to the message being received, much less read, understood or acted upon. Far too many times, technical issues cause information not to be received. Once received, does the recipient understand the message and intent? Follow-through is needed to verify the message has been received.

Communication can be an impersonal exchange, such as reading this article. There is no instant feedback from the reader. Communication in person provides ample opportunity to ensure messages have been received. Phone calls assist with real-time exchange, but are not always feasible. E-mail and instant messaging have accelerated the pace of exchange, but not necessarily our understanding of the communication.

So how do we ensure everyone understands the message? Each of us must practice proper follow-through and not

presume “fire and forget” applies to communication. Action is required by both parties. Feedback completes the communication loop, ensuring parties understand the intent. Proper follow-through by both the sender and receiver increases good communication.

Communication goes both up and down the chain of command, conveying critical information and providing direction. A commander issuing an order does not know if the intent is understood unless we relay acknowledgment and our comprehension of the message.

Each message, no matter how small, is an opportunity to provide accurate follow-through to assist successful communication and ultimately affect action. Every message, no matter how trivial or innocuous, is critical to keep your unit operating at peak efficiency.

Similar to those household names on the professional golf tour and in major league baseball, practicing follow-through is critical.

Communication is the responsibility of both sender and receiver. Both must practice good follow-through.

Refrain from going “comm out,” acknowledge every message and convey feedback each time. Strive to be a good communicator with outstanding follow-through, and it will ultimately ensure mission accomplishment.



T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 10-12 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



First Lt. Ryan O'Quinn
Baton Rouge, La.
F-15C, New Orleans, La.



First Lt. Kentaro Mihara
Kamakura, Kanagawa
C-1/C-130, Hamamatsu, Japan



First Lt. Shingo Nakata
Sakai, Osaka
C-1/C-130, Hamamatsu, Japan

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

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

The graduation speaker for the class is Gen. Gary North, Commander, Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander for U.S. Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. PACAF is responsible for Air Force activities spread over half the globe in a command that supports 45,000 Air Force people serving principally in Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Korea and Japan.

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

Second Lt. Taylor Wilson, T-38; and 2nd Lt. Gregory Smith, 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. Kent North, T-38, and Lieutenant Smith. 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.

Lieutenant Wilson, Lieutenant Smith and 2nd Lt. James Gibson, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 10-12.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week pre-flight 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.

SUPT Class 10-12's pilot partners are Dr. Cooper Callaway, Callaway Orthodontics; Mr. Lynn Robinson, Air Control Engineering.



Second Lt. Kevin Christian
Bartlett, Tenn.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



Second Lt. Rachael DeRoche
Bushkill, Penn.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



Second Lt. Ben Fredrickson
Jacksonville, Fla.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



Second Lt. James Gibson
Oakland, Md.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



Second Lt. Michael Lewis
Lavelle, Penn.
C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.



Second Lt. Broderick Lockett
Lexington Park, Md.
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kansas



Second Lt. Kent North
Charlottesville, Va.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



Second Lt. Andrew Petersen
Orono, Minn.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



Second Lt. Kyle Pokorney
Mautson, Wis.
KC-135, Eielson AFB, Alaska



Second Lt. Roger Rabe
Kennewick, Wash.
MQ-1, Creech AFB, Nev.



Second Lt. Mitchell Simonsen
Baton Rouge, La.
C-17, Dover AFB, Del.



Second Lt. Gregory Smith
Doylstown, Penn.
C-21, Ramstein Air base, Germany



Second Lt. David Snyder
Citrus Heights, Calif.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



Second Lt. William Swinonos
Lubbock, Texas
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



Second Lt. Alexandra Traña
Prairieville, La.
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



Second Lt. Benjamin Wiford
Minster, Ohio
B-1B, Dyess AFB, Texas



Second Lt. Phillip Wilkerson
Fredericksburg, Va.
MQ-1, Creech AFB, N.M.



Second Lt. Taylor Wilson
Richmond, Va.
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.