

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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Weather



Today

High: 97, Low: 72
Isolated T-storms



Saturday

High: 94, Low: 70
Partly Cloudy



Sunday

High: 92, Low: 63
Partly Cloudy



Monday

High: 93, Low: 61
Isolated T-storms

News Briefs

POW/MIA Ceremony

The 14th Flying Training Wing will host a POW/MIA Day Ceremony and Retreat Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. in Smith Plaza.

IFF Grad

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron will hold a graduation ceremony for Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Class 10-KB at 4:50 p.m. Sept. 13 at the 49th FTS building.

ALS Graduation

The most recent Airman Leadership School class will graduate in a ceremony at 6 p.m., Sept. 15 at the Columbus Club.

LeaveWeb down Sept. 15

The LeaveWeb Server will be brought down from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Sep. 15 to upgrade the server. At that time, no personnel will be able to input leave requests or view leave status. Please plan accordingly.

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SUPT Class 10-14 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Team BLAZE leaders respond to a question posed by Jerry Perez, Air Education and Training Command Strategy Management, at the second day of the Commander's On-site, Sept. 7 at the Columbus Club.

Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

Col. Barre R. Seguin
14th Flying Training Wing
commander

Your entire BLAZE leadership team just completed its second, day-long leadership seminar with the goal of defining the Mission and Vision statement for the 14th Flying Training Wing and defining our

strategic objectives.

With the inspiration of noted author Jim Hunter, your squadron commanders, division chiefs and Wing Staff Agency chiefs dissected the wings activities and defined a new wing mission statement. A mission statement is defined as an organizations reason for existing. I am excited to announce our new wing mission state-

ment for Team BLAZE: Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen and Feed the Fight.

Produce Pilots, reflects our primary operational mission at Columbus AFB. Columbus is very unique in that it has one mission, one commander, one MAJCOM. The word produce is favored over train to reflect not only the flying training

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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 (11-08) | 2.70 days | -0.77 days | Sep. 28 | 48th (10-15) | -2.71 days | -1.69 days | Oct. 1 | 49th (10-KB) | 1.04 days | 1.32 days | Sep. 13 | T-6 | 773 | 707 | 32,735 |
| 41st (11-09) | -0.28 days | -1.82 days | Oct. 21 | 50th (10-15) | 0.17 days | 0.73 days | Oct. 1 | | | | | T-1 | 269 | 192 | 10,930 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | T-38 | 263 | 249 | 10,811 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | IFF | 51 | 50 | 2,279 |

The graduation speaker will be Lt. Gen. Garry Trexler, former 14th Flying Training Wing commander.

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required, but also the support required from the Medical and Support Group, Maintenance and the Wing Staff Agencies. I challenge all of you to understand what you contribute daily to Producing Pilots.

Advance Airmen reflects our commitment to continuously developing our Enlisted, Officer and Civilian Airmen. From our formal training like enlisted core Career Development Courses, First Term Airman Course, Professional Military and civilian education to our informal mentoring sessions or conference attendance, we are committed to personally and professionally improving our Team Blaze members.

Feeding the Fight highlights our full time commitment to where America needs our Airmen in today's fights. Some of the fight is at Columbus AFB; most is preparing our Airmen for deployment in support of our combatant commanders. We are ready, we are all in.

A vision statement should paint the picture of the future of your organiza-

tion. Our new Vision Statement for the 14th Flying Training Wing is An Innovative Training Environment, Focused on Families, Partnered with the Community.

An Innovative Training Environment reflects the need for continuous process improvement to continue training in the future as resources shrink. The environment speaks to the whole macrocosm required to produce our mission, from 30,000 feet to below ground level.

Focused on Families reminds us of our most valued resource, our people. Whether we are talking our biological family or our Air Force family, we recruit Airmen, we retain families.

Lastly, Partnered with the Community reinforces one of the great strengths of Columbus AFB, its renowned community support. Community support is a force multiplier for Quality of Life issues for all our Airmen.

Take time now to learn our mission statement. I expect every Team BLAZE member to know it. More importantly, I challenge you to know and articulate your contributions to our mission.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 66 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat/Sun |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 13 IFF Grad, 4:50 p.m., 49th FTS | 14 CES Sports day, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Class 11-14 PPW, 5 p.m., @ The Grill | 15 ALS Graduation, 6 p.m., @ Club | 16 Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m., @ Chapel Annex | 17 POW/MIA Day Retreat, 4 p.m., @ Smith Plaza Class 10-15 Assignment Night, 5 p.m., @ Club | 18/19 |
| 20 | 21 Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m., @ AFRC CSC Dinner Social, 6 p.m., @ Club | 22 Newcomers, 8 a.m., @ AFRC | 23 | 24 | 25/26 25th: Retiree Appreciation Day, 9 a.m., @ Club |

| Long Range Events |
|-------------------------------------|
| Sept 28: Class 11-08 Track Select |
| Sept 30: Enlisted Promotions |
| Oct 1: Class 10-15 Graduation |
| Oct 2: Daedalian's Fall Scholarship |
| Golf Tournament |
| Oct 9/10: Autocross |
| Oct 18: Wing Retreat |
| Oct 19: CSC Social |
| Oct 19: Hearts Apart |
| Oct 20: Newcomers |

Track Select

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| 2nd Lt. Adams, Jonathan | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Atmaraga, Yusuf | T-6 |
| 2nd Lt. Bogner, Scott | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Bosworth, Joshua | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Carver, Matthew | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Castro, Joseph | T-44 |
| 2nd Lt. Deriggi, Benjamin | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Epperson, Kyle | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Epstein, Jarred | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Fantauzzi, Michael | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Fugate, John | T-44 |
| 1st Lt. Jean Pierre, Samuel | T-6 |
| 2nd Lt. Jones, Kyle | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Kennedy, Charles | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Kluk, Justin | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Lasek, Matthew | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Mauss, Brooklynn | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Miller, James | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Miltenberger, Edwin | T-1 |
| 1st Lt. Musa, Shafiu | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Oster, Benjamin | UH-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Schuette, Christopher | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Storm, Justin | T-1 |



Dubisher Award
2nd Lt. Matthew Carver

Top Guns

Contact: 2nd Lt. Johnathan Adams
Instrument: 2nd Lt. John Fugate
Formation: 2nd Lt. Matthew Lasek

11-07

Gardasil: To vaccinate or not to vaccinate for HPV

Senior Airman Amanda Thompson
14th Medical Group Immunizations Clinic

The 14th Medical Group Immunization Clinic continues to offer the Gardasil Vaccine (also known as the HPV vaccine or cervical cancer vaccine).

The 14th MDG staff is always available and willing to answer questions patients may have about the vaccine to help patients decide when and if Gardasil is right for their child.

Gardasil was FDA approved for use in girls and women in 2006 to prevent genital warts, cervical cancer and other genital cancers caused by Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). HPV is a large group of viruses, of which several are known to cause genital, head and neck cancers.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection today and it is estimated that at least 50 percent of sexually active people will be infected with it sometime in their lives. In up to 90 percent of these infections, the body will clear itself of the virus before cancer can develop. However, in the United States, 12,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer annually, and almost 4,000 women die from it. In boys and men, HPV can cause genital warts and genital, head and neck cancers. Recently Gardasil was approved for use in boys and men also.

Prior to FDA approval, clinical trials with Gardasil were conducted with 29,000 male and female participants. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the FDA have found Gardasil to be safe and effective based on these trials and, although all vaccines carry some risk to certain individuals, found that the benefits of vaccination outweigh the potential risks. The most commonly observed side effects have been fainting (common with all immunizations in adolescents); local injection site reactions such as redness, tenderness, swelling, and itching; and headache. Severe reactions are rare. Because of the risk for side effects, we require everyone to remain in the immunization waiting area for 15 minutes after they receive the vaccine.

Gardasil is approved for use in individuals 9 to 26 years old. This raises questions for some parents about the appropriateness of a vaccine to prevent a sexually transmitted infection in young boys and girls. The intent is to have them vaccinated, and thus protected, before they are likely to be exposed to HPV. Vaccination remains appropriate, however, for men and women in this age group who are already sexually active. Gardasil contains protection against four specific HPV strains; the two which are responsible for 70 percent of cervical cancers and the two most likely to cause genital warts. Gardasil is given as a series of three injections; the second and third are given at two and six months after the first.

Gardasil is available during walk-in hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; except Thursdays after noon (when clinic training occurs) and the first and third Fridays after 3:15 p.m. (Smallpox vaccinations only). Please sign in at our new kiosk for assistance. We can be reached by phone at 434-2187. Below are websites you may find useful for more information on HPV, Gardasil and cervical cancer screening.

<http://www.cdc.gov/std/hpv/stdfact-hpv.htm>

<http://www.gardasil.com/>

<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/726386>

Columbus AFB BX to Salute Those 'Still Serving'

Public Affairs

Army & Air Force Exchange Service

As part of its annual "Still Serving" weekend, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) will salute former Soldiers by offering unique specials at the Columbus AFB BX Sept. 24-26.

AAFES' "Still Serving" sales and benefits information flyer should be arriving in the mailboxes of Columbus AFB retirees in mid-September. The flyer offers exclusive savings on a wide variety of products, including \$50 off any in-stock Toshiba notebook, 25 percent off men's adidas apparel, Hanes women intimate apparel, all Nike caps and accessories, Rosetti handbags and all Rolfs belts. AAFES is also offering several "meal deals" at the Columbus AFB food court.

In addition, Columbus AFB will be hosting its annual Retiree Appreciation Day at the Columbus Club beginning at 9 a.m. with complementary activities, information booths and a base tour.

"At approximately 2.3 million, retirees account for 26 percent of AAFES' 12.3 million authorized shoppers," said Gerri Townsend, the Columbus AFB Base Exchange manager. "The specials offered in the flyer should provide plenty of incentive for retirees to come and rediscover the value the exchange offers."

In addition to the savings available in-store, authorized shoppers will also find details of the "Salute to Your Service" sweepstakes at www.shopmyexchange.com. Online giveaways during the event include an Apple 8GB iPod Touch, netbook computer, six-piece luggage set and a Dyson bagless vacuum cleaner, among other prizes.

Columbus AFB shoppers can learn more about activities planned for the weekend of Sept. 24 by calling the BX at 434-8484.

Stater takes command of the 14th OG

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

The new commander of the 14th Operations Group took command of the unit in a formal ceremony Sept. 8 at the BLAZE Hangar here.

Col. Steven Stater was given command of the group by 14th Flying Training Wing Commander Col. Barre Seguin, soon after Col. David Reth, previous 14th OG commander, relinquished command in military tradition.

"Thank you Colonel Seguin for the privilege to command the 14th Operations Group," Colonel Stater said after the passing of command occurred. "This group is in such fantastic shape."

The departing commander, Colonel Reth, offered some advice to his replacement.

"Don't take a breath after the change of command," Colonel Reth said. "The last two years have just flown by."

Colonel Reth also had a few words for the men and women he had led for the previous two years.

"You are an absolutely incredible group of professionals," he said. "I am so very proud to have been your commander."

Colonel Seguin charged his newest group commander with continuing the tradition of excellence of the 14th OG and upholding the mission and vision of the wing.

He asked Colonel Stater to Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen and Feed the Fight, by continuing to be an Innovative Training Environment, Focused on Families and Partnered with the Community.

Colonel Stater entered the Air Force in 1987 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at the University of Iowa. He has served as both a T-37 first assignment instructor pilot at Reese AFB, Texas, and a T-37 instructor pilot at Mather AFB, Calif., as part of Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training.

Following his time as an instructor pilot, Colonel Stater was assigned as a C-130 pilot at Little Rock AFB, Ark. Prior to his current assignment; he was Director, Security Agreement Secretariat and Assistant Chief of Staff (Forward), United States Forces - Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jacob Corbin
Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, presents incoming 14th Operations Group Commander Col. Steven Stater with the 14th OG guidon during a formal change of command ceremony Sept. 8 at the BLAZE Hangar here.
INSET: The men and women of the 14th Operations Group offer their first salute to their new commander, Col. Steven Stater, under the guidance of 14th OG Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Robert Mozeleski Sept. 8 at the BLAZE Hangar here.

Mississippi Symphony Orchestra

The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra will perform at MUW's Rent Auditorium Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and students. Call 328-2787 for more information.

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library continues its series on Sept. 15 as Dr. Thomas Easterling, of the Mississippi School for Math and Science, discusses the novels of Walker Percy. Percy, who spent his formative years in Greenville, MS, wrote six novels, one of which won the National Book Award. Bring your lunch at 11:30 a.m. Iced tea provided. Or join friends from noon to 1 p.m. for the pro-

Symphony

gram. For more information contact the library at 329-5300.

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 327-3107.

Hitching Lot Farmer's Market

Located at 2nd Avenue and 2nd Street North.

Open Tuesday and Thursdays from 6 until 10 a.m.

Open Saturdays from 7 until 10 a.m.

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 home situated on 3.8 acres in New Hope. Approximately

2,800 sq. ft., 13 rooms to include three bedrooms, bonus room, living room, office, huge den/ in laws quarters, two and one-half bathrooms, whirlpool tub. Approximately one acre of fenced yard with large wired shop. Call 240-0226.

For sale: Three bed two bath 1,700 sq. ft. home with garage, fenced yard and boat shed on cul-de-sac convenient to bypass in New Hope. \$149,900. Call 329-0065 or 574-6600.

For sale: Beautiful three bedroom, two bathroom. 1,480 sqft. Home located in Bluecutt Estates on John Hancock Dr. Original hardwood and brick floors throughout. Renovated bathroom and kitchen with new tile. Fully fenced-in backyard, in a great neighborhood, \$121,900. Call 937-545-6232.

Transportation

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 \$4,500 or reasonable offer. Call 356-4292.

For sale: 2005 Ford Taurus SEL with new tires. 3.0 V6. Auto trans with shifter in floor, sun roof and like new leather seats. Keyless entries and auto

trunk release. \$6,250. Call 328-4374.
For sale: 2002 Olds Van with 3.4 V6 Auto Trans, third seat with rear air, very clean low mileage car. \$4,600 or trade for pickup truck. Call 328-4374.
For sale: 2004 Lincoln Towncar Ultimate, 4.6L V8 engine. Fully loaded. 74,000 miles. Ivory with tan interior. Has two and a half years dealer's warranty. Call 425-4953 or (337) 274-5479 for more information.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Twin mattress, box springs, and frame in good condition, \$50 or best offer. Forty eight inch round glass top table with wood and metal base, four ornate heavy metal chairs with padded seats \$165 or best offer. Wood entertainment center 6 feet tall, 30" width, 25" deep, will hold 36" TV and store VCR tapes, CDs, DVD, etc. \$40 or best offer. Two 35" CRT TVs \$75 each or best offer. Call 327-6606 or 229-251-8077.
For sale: Compaq Presario Notebook, 160 GB hard drive, Windows Vista Premium operating system, DVD/R/RW, Intel Dual Core processor. Built in Wi-Fi and many extras. \$295 or best offer. HP Pavilion Slimline Desktop Computer with Windows Vista Premium, 1 GB Intel Pentium Dual Core processor, 160GB

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Per JFTR U3415-C1c(4), A claim for damage to a rental vehicle, while the vehicle is being used for official business, may be reimbursable to the traveler or the rental car company when appropriate as a miscellaneous reimbursable transportation expense. The claim must be adjudicated as payable per the DoDFMR, Volume 9, Chapter 4 (found at <http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/fmr/>) or appropriate Service directives for the non-DoD Services. If damage is to a rental car under the Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO) rental car agreement, a DoD traveler may file an accident report at the DTMO website <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Rental/>.

REMINDER: It is mandatory, within DoD, to obtain rental vehicles through the CTO/TMC, when available. NOTE: It is not mandatory to use a CTO/TMC when renting an airplane or bus.

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Bldg 730, first floor lobby.

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***If you are unable to come during customer service hours due to mission requirements, please call 434-2705/2095 to schedule an appointment.*

best offer. 27" Flatscreen TV \$50 or best offer. Call 570-1587.

For sale: New Nature Purest High Chair, \$60. Sony DVD Camcorder with accessories, \$200. Hamilton Beach Prep Star food processor, \$20. New PSP Ultimate Travel Kit, \$8. New PSP Final Fantasy video game, \$15. New Black and Decker coffee maker \$20. New box of plates cups, etc, \$25. New Bright Starts Dream Along Mobile, \$18. New Bright Starts Dream Along Mobile, \$18. New Leap Frog Click Start Learning System, \$30. Vtech V-Smile Learning System, \$30. Baby bedding set, includes comforter, bumper, fitted sheet, bed skirt and two pillows, \$20. Box of beanie babies, \$20. Tall Christmas tree, \$20. Please call 337 274-5479.

Yard Sale

Moving sale: 1742 Seed Tick Road, Caledonia MS, Sept. 10 and 11 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Partial list of items include. Cub Cadet mower, seeder, trailer, wicker lawn furniture, clothing, speakers and more.

Wanted

Wanted: Swing set in good condition. Call 570-1856.

Airman of the Week

Name/unit: Staff Sgt. Shannon Smith, 14th Operations Support Squadron

Job title: 50th AFE NCOIC

Time at Columbus AFB: 6 years

Time in Service: 6 years

Hometown: Jacksonville, Fla.

Career goals: Short Term: Make technical sergeant; long term: become a command chief.

Family members: Wife Katie & Daughter Kaitlin.

Favorite musician: Anything that rocks.

Favorite movie: James Bond (any).

Biggest pet peeve: Slow people in the fast lane!

Favorite book: "Rich Dad, Poor Dad"

Inspirations: My Grandfather, a retired Army chief warrant officer, three.

Personal motto: Doing things the wrong way will save you five minutes now, but doing things the right way will save you hours later.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Staff Sgt. Shannon Smith, 50th Flying Training Squadron AFE NCOIC, checks over a parachute Sept. 7. Sergeant Smith was selected as the Team BLAZE Airman of the Week.

Only 60 days until the November 2nd general election!

If you have not requested your absentee ballot for the 2010 general election, do so immediately.

Complete your registration and ballot online in less than 10 minutes!

Visit:
Federal Voter's Assistance Program

General Elections Date:
Nov. 2, 2010

Installation Voting Assistance Officer:
Office:
Personnel Center Bldg 926, Rm 245

24 Hour Hotline:
(662) 434-2927 or DSN: 742-2927

E-Mail:
vote@columbus.af.mil

OG leadership takes part in four-ship fini flight



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens
Col. David Reth, then 14th Operations Group commander, stands with the squadron commanders of the 14th OG after his fini flight Sept. 3. All seven squadron commanders took part in a four-ship fini flight for the colonel. The total flying hours of all the participants totaled over 27,000 hours.

LeTourneau out-swings competition at golf championship

14th Force Support Squadron

The Whispering Pines Club Championship was held this Labor Day weekend with a new champion, Bob LeTourneau, besting the two-time past champion Hal Larkin, Jr., and taking Mr. LeTourneau's total wins to three.

The competition was tight with only three strokes difference between Mr. LeTourneau who posted a 72, 71 and 72, and second place winner Gene Holcomb with a 74, 70 and 73 and Mr. Larkin with a 71, 70 and 77.

Mr. LeTourneau was the champion in 2006 and 2007 also.

The tournament was broken down into three flights and was based on handicaps. In the first flight, Chuck Jones won low gross with scores of 73, 78 and 82 and Roger Hinshaw won low net with scores of 79, 75 and 84.

In the second flight, Pam Wickham won low gross with scores of 83, 90 and 79 while Mike Fowlkes took low net with scores of 87, 86 and 86.

The overall handicap champion was Pam Wickham with a low net score for three days of 195.

Upcoming events for the golf course are the steak night and music on the patio Sept. 23 with reserva-



U.S. Air Force photo/Pam Wickham
Bob LeTourneau makes the final winning putt for the Whispering Pines Club Championship over Labor Day weekend. Mr. LeTourneau won the tournament, making it his third.

tions encouraged and a two-person scramble Oct. 9 and 10 with the West Point Country Club. For more information about these programs, call 434-7932.

55 years of the U-2 Dragon Lady: the evolution of training

Senior Airman Chuck Broadway 9th RW Public Affairs

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — For the past 55 years U-2 Dragon Lady crews have soared high above the earth collecting intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance information to aid in the fight against enemy forces. Throughout the years, even with the advances in technology, the mission remained the same.

Over time, several changes in the aircraft and protective equipment have evolved to help the U-2 and its pilots better perform their mission. Training to become a U-2 pilot has also evolved from "learn on the fly" to a detailed training course requiring approximately nine months to complete.

In the late 1950s, when the first U-2 pilot trainees were becoming familiar with the aircraft, there were no instructors, no two-seater trainer aircraft, no ejection seats, no full pressure suits, no full-scale base at which to train and no technical manuals or history for reference.

In 1957, there was simply a dried up lake in Nevada called Groom Lake with a bare-bones training ground the pilots referred to as "The Ranch".

The U-2 had no operational testing done by the Air Force before its pilots graced the cockpit. The pilots tested the aircraft while learning its movements and capabilities. The shiny, silver, short-nosed structure far differed from the flat, black, long-nosed platform of today. Pilots also wore a silver, skin-tight partial pressure suit to protect them at high altitudes, which was also new to the Air Force.

The U-2 was a low-budget aircraft even for the 1950s, said retired Lt. Col. Tony Bevacqua, one of the first U-2 pilots. The plane wasn't given the best instruments or equipment available at the time, and it wasn't until later in the program that the cockpit was upgraded to give U-2 pilots what they need to perform the mission as easily as possible.

The aircraft was flown to Groom Lake in pieces and then assembled and flown by a Lockheed test pilot. Upon the Lockheed pilot's approval of the assembly, the aircraft was handed over to the Air Force and training began.

Colonel Bevacqua recalled his time at Groom Lake and how he was completely focused on learning a brand new style of flying.

"There wasn't anything to do except fly and get the training," Colonel Bevacqua said. "It was pretty boring really, unless we were



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class David Tracy
A U-2 Dragon Lady prepares for take-off before a high-flight. The U-2 is capable of flying at altitudes up to 70,000 feet.

learning the new system."

The beginning of the U-2's history was highly classified. Pilots were interviewed by members of the Central Intelligence Agency and when accepted were off on an adventure they knew little to nothing about.

"All I knew was that I was going to Connecticut for a pressure suit fitting and then to Wright-Patterson (Air Force Base, Ohio,) for altitude chamber training and a further fitting," Colonel Bevacqua said. "I was told I would be flying to March AFB (Calif.) and meet a guy there who would take me the rest of the way."

Upon arrival at Groom Lake, they were thrust into training and performed numerous touch and go flights as they adjusted to the handling characteristics of the U-2. Within a week of training, pilots performed their first high-flights in the partial pressure suit.

"The partial suit was fitted and acted like a girdle," Colonel Bevacqua said. "It was skin tight throughout and when you lost pressurization, the external hoses would enlarge and tighten the suit more. It did its job by preventing your blood from boiling, but it was very uncomfortable."

The first pilots arrived at Groom Lake and completed their entire training in less than three weeks. They flew to Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas where they became operational pilots and instructor pilots for the second class.

"Everything back then was pushing the envelope to get somewhere where human beings weren't designed to go," said Maj. Mark Ferstl, a U-2 student pilot at the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron. "They didn't have a lot to go on, but in some ways the lack of knowledge and experience may have been a motivator."

In today's training, pilots are interviewed first, which includes several interview flights at low altitude to see how a pilot handles the aircraft. Once accepted into the program, they fly T-38 Talons for three months and learn survival skills before even sitting in a U-2 cockpit again.

Part of their survival training includes several training sessions in the high-altitude flight chamber at the 9th Physiological Support Squadron.

Major Ferstl said it's a big confidence booster once the training is complete and pilots are comfortable in the suit.

"The full pressure suit has not failed anybody at altitude," he said. "The people at suit training want to prove to you that the suit is going to save your life, and they do that. They take you up to altitude in the chamber, and it's a great confidence builder."

Major Ferstl said it was hard to imagine how the first pilots went through training not knowing if the pressure suit was going to save them.

"Knowing what I know now, I probably wouldn't fly in a partial pressure suit," he said. "Those guys were the pioneers, pushing the envelope, and they've forged the way for us."

Once they are comfortable in the pressure suit and qualified to fly the T-38, pilots then fly two-seater U-2s at low altitudes with an instructor pilot. By flying in two-seater aircraft, pilots learn the characteristics of the U-2, and instructors can test them on different aspects of flight.

"The instructors are phenomenal," Major Ferstl said. "We've got the best instructor pilots and they are very understanding and professional. They've all been where we are and are amazing pilots and instructors."

Once their low sortie flights are completed, student pilots will take off on a high flight with an instructor. Once the instructors deem them qualified, students will perform solo flights at low altitudes, then complete several solo high flights before graduating the program. Student pilots will fly 20 U-2 sorties before graduating the program and deploying for the first time.

"The training does a great job giving you a well-rounded experience," Major Ferstl said. "I fully expect what I learned here will get me through my first few deployments, but you can always learn more."

The U-2 training program has evolved during the past five decades. State-of-the-art equipment is now available to student pilots and more time is spent on their training to ensure they're capable of piloting such a unique aircraft.

When the program first started, its secrecy and unfamiliarity provided challenges to pilots like Colonel Bevacqua who paved the way for today's newest U-2 pilots.

With the advancements in technology and a full history book to learn from, today's U-2 pilots, such as Major Ferstl, are trained by experienced instructors, on the best available equipment, to become more capable of delivering high-altitude intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance data.

Base News

Columbus Spouses' Club Information Fair

Kick off this football season by displaying your favorite sports team colors and mascot at the Columbus Spouses' Club (CSC) Information Fair on Sept. 21 at 6 pm in the Columbus Club! The CSC will be hosting on and off-base organizations and businesses to showcase their services. The menu for this month is a light buffet, with a cost of \$12 for all. Please RSVP by noon on Sept.16 to cscsrsvp@yahoo.com.

Housing Asset Management Office Co-location

The Housing Asset Management Office in-processing and relocations services have co-located to 256 State Loop (Landings at Columbus). The Relocations Services telephone number is 434-8402

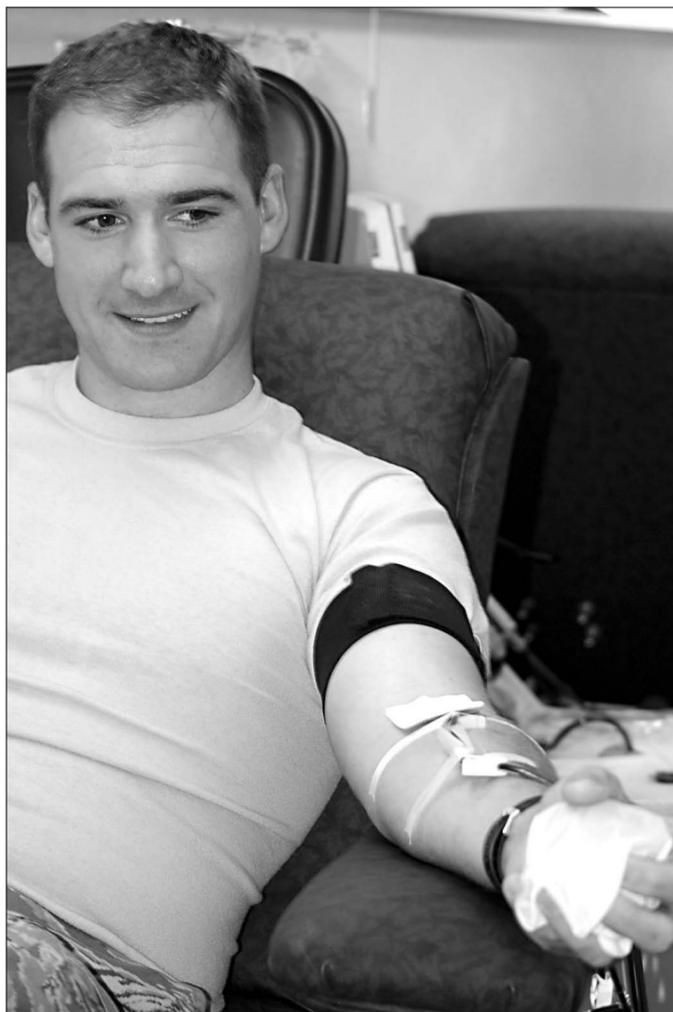
Compulsory Attendance: School Home School

Parents who are teaching their children at home (home school) are required to complete a certificate of enrollment card each school year. You can complete this card at the Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Office, located in Building 730, Suite 174A. Mississippi law requires this card to be completed prior to Sept. 15. Please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at: slo@columbus.af.mil for an appointment to complete your registration.

Air Force Academy Briefing

Maj. Cara Shuttleworth, Air Force Academy Liaison, will be briefing AF Academy opportunities for active duty personnel on Sep. 13 at 1 p.m. in the Education Services Center (Bldg 916), room 3. Please send an email to edcenter@columbus.af.mil to confirm your attendance. Call Major Shuttleworth at 795-4744 or send an email to cshutt.usafa@gmail.com for more information.

Blood drive scheduled Sept. 28



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
There will be a blood drive held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 28 in the Chapel parking lot. In this photo, 2nd Lt. Mark Thorley, 14th Communications Squadron, donates during the last blood drive at the chapel annex May 27.

degree programs at Columbus AFB. Email resumes to the ERAU's Director of Academics at reginald.boring@erau.edu.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Columbus AFB classes for ERAU's Master of Science in Management and Master of Aeronautical Science degree programs will begin Oct. 18. Please contact (901) 507-9969 for more information.

Smooth Move

Valuable information for relocating. Learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and AFRC during your move. Sept. 15 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Advance registration required. Must register no later than 10 a.m. the day of the workshop.

Coping with Restructuring, Layoffs, and Transition

Workshop designed to ease the stress with restructuring, layoffs, and transition. Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to noon. Conducted by the Military Family Life Consultant.

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.)

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Employment Workshop

Workshop on local and base employment opportunities, held every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Chapel Schedule

2010-2011 Pioneer Clubs Program

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 7:30p.m. This program is open to children ages three years through 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.

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

Daily Mass at 11:30 a.m. until Sept. 23
Thursday
6 p.m. — Choir Practice
Sunday:
3:30 p.m. — Religious Education, grades K-9
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice
4 p.m. — Confession
5 p.m. — Mass
6 p.m. — RCIA
Baptisms every 3rd Sunday of the month except Lent and Advent. Call (808) 271-4882 for more information.

Chaplain Manager

The Columbus Air Force Base Chapel is looking for an account manager for all Chaplain Fund purchase requests. Deadline is Sept. 20. Contact Tech. Sgt. Floyd Recto at 434-2500 for more information. Background checks will be required.

Wednesday Night Chef

The Columbus Air Force Base Chapel is looking for a chef to pro-

vide cooked meals for the Pioneer Club's weekly fellowship. Deadline is Sept. 20. Contact Tech. Sgt. Floyd Recto at 434-2500 for more information. Background checks will be required.

Adjunct Needed

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University needs instructors for their Master of Aeronautical Science and Master of Science in Management

Instructors

Retired chief encounters Team BLAZE excellence

Recently, a retiree and his wife visited Columbus AFB for one of their many trips to the base. This one differed though, as the chief soon encountered Team BLAZE members who took the time to not only ask for help, but just say hello as well. Below is the chief's letter to the 14th Flying Training Wing Commander Col. Barre Seguin, and Colonel Seguin's response to him.

Letter from Retiree

Dear Colonel Seguin,

I am a retired USAF chief master sergeant. I am originally from Drew, Mississippi but was sworn into the Air Force in Columbus, Mississippi in July 1948. I volunteered for and received assignments to Korea (1952-53) and Vietnam (1970-71). During my 27 years of active duty, I served two four-year tours at Columbus Air Force Base. I was Base Personnel Sergeant Major there as a technical sergeant in 1960-61 and was assigned to the same job when I returned in 1970 as a senior master sergeant. I was promoted to chief in 1972 and retired at your base in 1975.

When I was a chief master sergeant, everywhere I went on base, I was treated with friendliness and courtesy, as one might expect. After I retired, it was a different story. When I parked my car and walked to the BX or commissary and approached military personnel coming my way, I very seldom received a greeting of "hello" or even a nod in passing. They usually looked the other way, apparently to keep from having to acknowledge my existence. I was never treated badly in my dealings with hospital personnel, etc, but most contacts could best be described as "professional coldness."

I say all of this to make a point. Today, my wife and I visited Columbus AFB to renew her ID card that was nearing expiration. As we awaited her turn out in the waiting area of the Mission Support Group building, it was remarkable as to the number of people that spoke to us as they came by. I was amazed because this was so completely different from most of my visits to the base over the past 35 years since I retired. We left there with such a good feeling.

While my wife and I shopped in the Base Commissary, I picked up a copy of the Silver Wings base newspaper and brought it home to read. It was interesting to note that you are a fairly new arrival at Columbus AFB and that you came from Kunsan Air Base, the same base where I was stationed in 1952-53. I know you will have an enjoyable tour in the Magnolia State and I hope it will be extremely pleasant for you and your family.

I cannot close this "epistle" without telling you that, when I arrived at Columbus AFB for my first tour there in 1957, there were about 135 military people on base and only one aircraft, a C-47. The only two people there who flew the C-47 were the Base Commander and a first lieutenant in Base Operations. But, then it wasn't too long before the KC-135s and B-52s arrived and things really got busy around there.

I must say that Columbus AFB is now one of the prettiest bases that I have ever seen. I have watched as the World War II buildings that were so numerous when I was there have been torn down and replaced with beautiful structures. My last duty there was in one of those old buildings; however, we thought they were pretty nice at the time.

Again, Colonel Seguin, please accept my best wishes for a fruitful assignment at Columbus AFB. May God go with you.

Sincerely,
Bob Wilson, CMSgt
USAF, Retired

Response from 14th FTW/CC



COMMANDER
COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT
14th FLYING TRAINING WING
COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI 39710-1000

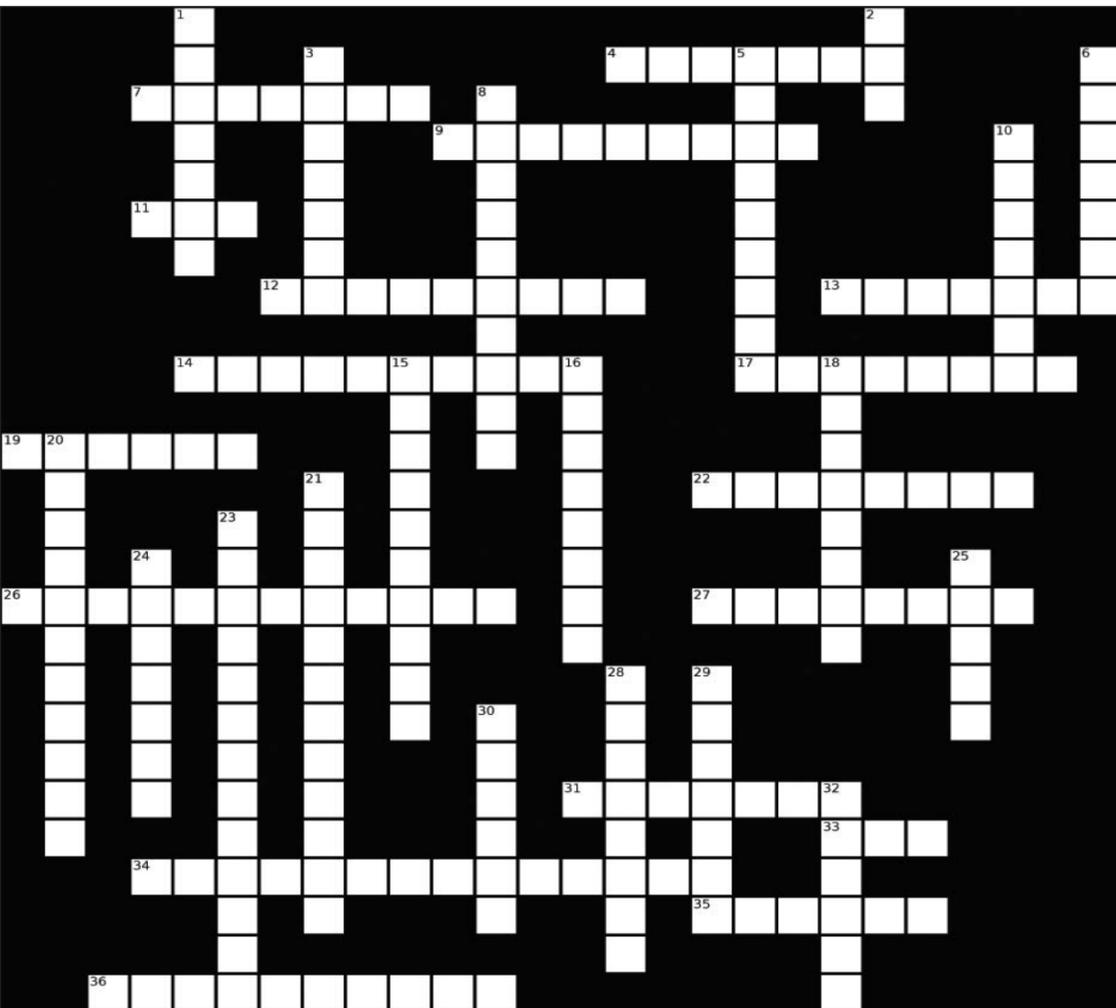
31 August 2010

Chief Master Sergeant Bob Wilson, USAF, Retired
512 Meadowbrook Circle
Amory MS 38821-1311

Dear Chief *Wilson*

I received your letter regarding your recent visit to Columbus Air Force Base. As a new wing commander, I too am very impressed. The base is beautiful and the people are warm and friendly. Your kind words evoked a desire in me to let others know how important it is to uphold our AF heritage of service and to not just focus on being qualified and proficient in what we do. We strive to meet the "servant leader" style of caring and providing for the needs of others. We are proud of the strong relationship we have forged with the local community and would be pleased to showcase the myriad changes that have taken place over the past 50 years here at Columbus Air Force Base. We offer an open invitation to visit with us. Please call the public affairs office at (662) 434-7068 and they will arrange a tour for you at your convenience.

Sincerely,
I thank you for your note - GREATLY APPRECIATED!
Barre Seguin
ZEFREM A. SMITH, CMSgt, USAF
Command Chief
BARRE R. SEGUIN, Colonel, USAF
Commander



SEC Football

- Across**
- 4 Recently student voted Admiral Akbar from Star Wars to replace Colonel Reb as the mascot for this team.
 - 7 The fight song for this school is set to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."
 - 9 This South Carolina team enters their stadium to the theme from "2001: A Space Odyssey."
 - 11 This school's stadium became a "second home" to the Alabama Crimson Tide who did not lose a game there from 1971-2000.
 - 12 LSU beat Kentucky on a last second Hail Mary pass that became known as the _____ Miracle.
 - 13 This team plays Georgia in a game called "The World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party."
 - 14 When ESPN gameday visited this school for the first time in 2008, a fan summed up the game with a sign behind the set that proclaimed "The geeks shall inherit the turf!"
 - 17 This team plays LSU every year for a trophy known as "The Golden Boot."
 - 19 The University of Tennessee's mascot, a bluetick hound, has this name that reflects the mountains where the university is located.
 - 22 Paul "Bear" Bryant began his SEC head coaching career at this school.
 - 26 Homespun nickname for the LSU tigers.
 - 27 This fight song for the University of Tennessee is often played by opposing teams during practices leading up to the game against Tennessee.
 - 31 After the 1966 Super Bowl, Vince Lombardi was asked how it felt to be the coach of the greatest football team in the world. He responded "I don't know, we haven't played _____ yet."
 - 33 Georgia has a live bulldog mascot that is affectionately called _____.
 - 34 Mississippi State hired this coach as the first African-American head coach ever in the SEC.
 - 35 This is the only school where John Heisman coached that has players who have been awarded the Heisman Trophy.
 - 36 This school has never won an SEC championship.

- Down**
- 1 This team was the first college football team to ever fly to a game.
 - 2 In 1988 this team upset the Auburn Tigers in a game where the cheers were so loud that they registered on a seismograph in the Geoscience complex on campus.
 - 3 Ole Miss plays Mississippi State in an annual rival game known as the _____.
 - 5 The only quarterback from the University of Alabama to have beaten Notre Dame.
 - 6 This school's football field is said to lie "Between the hedges."
 - 8 This school lost to the Air force in the 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl.
 - 10 This team has won more games than any other college football team in Division I over the last 20 years.
 - 15 The mascot for the University of Arkansas.
 - 16 This player from the University of Florida became the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy.
 - 18 This school boasts the newest stadium in the SEC.
 - 20 The movie "Blindside" is based on the story of this Ole Miss player.
 - 21 This coach led Arkansas to claim its only national championship in 1964.
 - 23 This Tennessee head coach who was also an ROTC instructor Two of his assistants, also ROTC instructors, outranked him.
 - 24 South Carolina's Williams-Brice stadium is sometimes called _____ in a reference to the team's mascot.
 - 25 The name of South Carolina's mascot.
 - 28 Mississippi State shares this mascot name with Georgia.
 - 29 This storied football program boasts 13 national championships.
 - 30 This program boasts two Heisman Trophy winners: Pat Sullivan and Bo Jackson.
 - 32 This team's mascot is the tigers yet their victory cheer is "War Eagle!" They also have a live golden eagle mascot nicknamed "Tiger" until 2006.

Team BLAZE Airman graduates NCOA



Courtesy Photo
Command Chief Master Sgt. Zef Smith, 14th Flying Training Wing, Master Sgt Gina Francis, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; and Chief Master Sgt. Barbara Steffen, 14th Medical Group Superintendent; join Tech. Sgt. Jacob Longest, 14th MDS, at his NCO Academy Graduation at Kessler AFB, Miss., Sep 2. Sergeant Longest, the NCOIC of the Operations Element Aerospace and Operational Physiology, received the Distinguished Graduate award.

Fire department honor guard posts colors at national fire chief conference



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Christopher Dooley
Airman 1st Class David Patrick, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Emergency Services Flight; John Lewis, 14th CES/CEF station chief; Heath Niemet, 14th CES/CEF crew chief; Steven Gonzales, 14th CES/CEF fire inspector; and Senior Airman Justin Williamson, 14th CES/CEF, all members of the Columbus AFB Fire Emergency Services Color Guard, post the colors at the 2010 Fire Chief's Conference in Chicago, Ill. The Color Guard posted the colors for the very first presentation of the Robert A. McAllister Heroism Award.

Nonprofit groups step up to help military families

Elaine Wilson
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- America's support of our troops and their families has been a welcome theme during this past decade of war. The stories of support are abundant, from top leaders encouraging Americans to salute troops to neighbors pitching in to help a deployed family.

Some people have taken this support even a step further, creating innovative programs and organizations that are doing extensive work on behalf of military families.

Eight of these organizations were lauded for their efforts to improve military families' quality of life during the 11th Annual Newman's Own Awards ceremony Sept. 1.

The volunteer-based organizations received awards totaling \$75,000, with Inova Health System Foundation's Military to Medicine program taking the highest honor and corresponding \$15,000 award.

The behind-the-scenes contributions of these organiza-

tions are every bit as valuable as the more visible contributions of those in uniform, said Marine Corps. Gen. James E. Cartwright, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"For those who go out and sacrifice in a very overt way, there are those (who) serve in a very different way, but equally as important," he said. "What you have done is no less important to the legacy of this country."

The Newman's Own Award was presented to the following programs and organizations:

- Military to Medicine, of Falls Church, Va., recruits and trains extended military family members to become workforce-ready health care employees. Its purpose is to help military spouses, wounded warriors and their caregivers, veterans, National Guard and Reserve members and servicemembers transitioning to civilian employment find accessible, short-term training with immediate career accessibility in health care.
- Carolina Canines for Veterans, of Wilmington,

N.C., provides trained dogs rescued from local shelters to assist wounded warriors. This program, launched by the Carolina Canines for Service organization, received \$10,000 for its efforts.

- Military Marriage Enrichment, of Corsicana, Texas, strengthens military marriages, enabling couples to better cope with the stressors of combat, wounds or multiple deployments. The program, created by Marriage Management Consultants Inc., received \$10,000.
- Empowering Military Families through Employment, a program of the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network of Lake St. Louis, Mo., features virtual training seminars that provide military-affiliated applicants job education and training needed to increase employment success. For its efforts, the organization received \$10,000.

Including this year's awards, the annual competition has recognized 133 programs with awards totaling \$650,000 since its inception in 1999.

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ANSWER FOR LAST WEEK

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11. N O R L D
12. K E L L Y
13. Y O R L D

Airman to receive Medal of Honor for '68 actions

WASHINGTON — An Air Force senior NCO who was killed 42 years ago will receive the Medal of Honor for actions he took after enemy forces overran a clandestine U.S. radar site in Laos.

Chief Master Sgt. Richard L. "Dick" Etchberger, 35, died March 11, 1968, after being shot following an overnight battle on Mount Phou Pha Thi at Lima Site 85, as the radar location was known to Americans, where he helped maintain equipment that aided the U.S. bombing campaign of North Vietnam.

Despite having received little or no combat training, Chief Etchberger single-handedly held off the enemy with an M-16, while simultaneously directing air strikes into the area and calling for air rescue.

Because of his fierce defense and heroic and selfless actions, he was able to deny the enemy access to his position and save the lives of some of his crew.

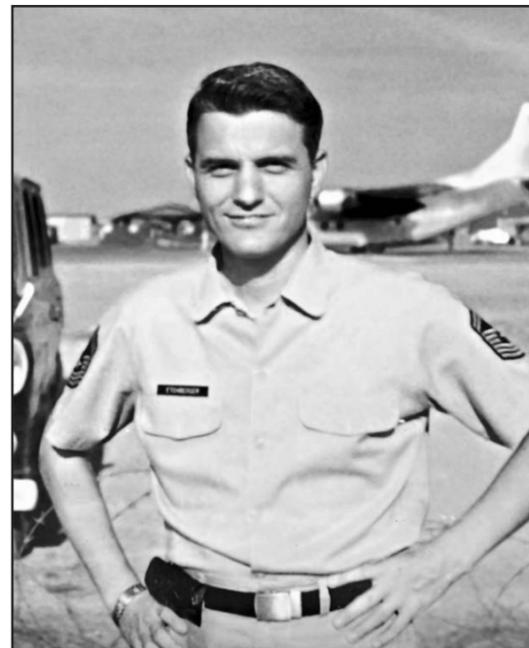
With the arrival of the rescue aircraft, Chief Etchberger, without hesitation, once again deliberately risked his own life numerous times, exposing himself to heavy enemy fire in order to place his three surviving wounded comrades into rescue slings hanging from the hovering helicopter waiting to airlift them to safety.

With his remaining crew safely aboard, Chief Etchberger finally climbed into an evacuation sling himself, only to be fatally wounded by enemy ground fire as he was being raised into the aircraft.

"He should have a 55-gallon drum full of medals," said retired Tech Sgt. John G. Daniel, 71, of La Junta, Colo. Sergeant Daniel was one of the three rescued. "I wouldn't be alive without him."

Following a 2008 personnel board of review of the chief's actions, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley nominated the Hamburg, Pa., native for the U.S. military's highest decoration, which is awarded "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty."

President Obama approved the Medal of Honor, which will be presented in a White House ceremony on Sept. 21. The following day, an induction ceremony of Chief Etchberger into The Hall of Heroes will take place in the Pentagon.



Courtesy photo

Chief Master Sgt. Richard L. "Dick" Etchberger, an Air Force senior NCO who was killed after saving the lives of some of his crew during a fierce battle at a radar site in Laos 42 years ago, will receive the Medal of Honor Sept. 21 in a White House ceremony.

NCOs still needed to retrain

Jon Hanson
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Airmen have until Sept. 17 to voluntarily retrain as part of the 2011 NCO Retraining Program before the program's involuntary Phase II begins.

Air Force officials identified 1,061 opportunities for Airmen to retrain out of their current career field under NCORP. Airmen can volunteer during Phase I for career fields meeting Air Force specialty code and grade requirements listed in the implementation message. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. However, those selected under Phase II will be placed into AFSCs based on the needs of the Air Force.

As of Aug. 31, the Air Force has reached 46 percent of the Phase I NCORP goal.

Officials caution NCOs identified as vulnera-

ble not wait until the final days to apply for a specific AFSC, which may no longer have any quotas. In addition, if a member does not qualify for one of remaining available AFSCs, he or she will be considered for separation.

Airmen can find the master vulnerability list on the Virtual Military Personnel Flight at <https://w20.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecurenets20/>. Frequently asked questions concerning NCORP are available at <http://gum.afpc.randolph.af.mil> under the "Enlisted" button and then click on the "Retraining" tab. Airmen can apply for retraining on the vMPF as well as find the remaining retraining-in opportunities.

For more information about the fiscal 2011 NCORP, visit the AFPC personnel services website at <http://gum.afpc.randolph.af.mil>, contact your local military personnel section, or call the Total Force Service Center toll free at (800) 525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

Save Energy and Money Today

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
U.S. Department of Energy

Did you know that the typical U.S. family spends about \$1,900 a year on home utility bills? Unfortunately, a large portion of that energy is wasted. And each year, electricity generated by fossil fuels for a single home puts more carbon dioxide into the air than two average cars. And as for the road, transportation accounts for 67 percent of all U.S. oil consumption.

The good news is that there is a lot you can do to save energy and money at home and in your car. Start making small changes today.

The key to achieving these savings in your home is a whole-house energy efficiency plan. To take a whole-house approach, view your home as an energy system with interdependent parts. For example, your heating system is not just a furnace—it's a heat-delivery system that starts at the furnace and delivers heat throughout your home using a network of ducts. Even a top-of-the line, energy-efficient furnace will waste a lot of fuel if the ducts, walls, attic, windows, and doors are not properly sealed and insulated. Taking a whole house approach to saving energy ensures that dollars you invest to save energy are spent wisely. Energy-efficient improvements not only make your home more comfortable, they can yield long-term financial rewards.

Reduced utility bills more than make up for the higher price of energy-efficient appliances and improvements over their lifetimes. In addition, your home could bring in a higher price when you sell.

For more information on saving energy and money visit: <http://www.eere.energy.gov>.

Remember to turn off lights and computer monitors when you are done for the day!

Behind the Scenes: The Making of an A-10C Pilot "Graduation"

Capt. Stacie N. Shafran
355th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — *(Editor's note: Curious about what it takes to become an A-10 pilot? Follow along as this series showcases 1st Lt. Daniel Griffin's journey to becoming a fully qualified A-10C attack pilot.)*

It was a celebration here Aug. 20 as 1st Lt. Dan "Pabst" Griffin and his 11 classmates became the Air Force's newest A-10C attack pilots.

Their afternoon graduation ceremony was held at the base theater in front of family, friends, their instructor pilots and teachers, and base leadership. It culminated 27 weeks of some of the most intense training these pilots will undergo in their entire Air Force career.

Over the past six months the pilots were assigned to the 358th Fighter Squadron, also known as the Lobos, as members of class "10-BBD" where instructor pilots taught them the basics about flying the A-10C.

This class was also the first to graduate the Lobos as A-10C pilots. For the past 32 years, previous classes were trained in the A-10A. While the A-10A underwent upgrades throughout its life with improvements to its navigational system, bombing computers, and digital countermeasures, the A-10C was the first upgrade extensive enough to generate a new model letter. These upgrades, along with the refurbishing of the A-10's wings, will contribute to sustaining the A-10 through 2028 ... long enough for these new attack pilots to keep flying it.

Graduation culminated 230 hours of academic instruction, more than 56 hours of simulator training, 42 sorties and 88 hours of flight time. This course was their last step in the training pipeline, following undergraduate pilot training and a fighter fundamentals course.

For Lieutenant Griffin, this day symbolized the completion of a goal he's held on to for 28 years.

And, as all of the students would attest to, reaching this milestone wouldn't have been possible without the support of their family members and loved ones.

Lieutenant Griffin's parents, John and Noleen, his sister, Sarah, brother-in-law, Ryan, uncle, Kieran, aunts Karen and Maggie, friend Chris, and girlfriend, Amanda, all spent the weekend in Tucson sharing in the excitement. They also had the chance to see an A-10C up close and visit the 358th Fighter Squadron.

It didn't take me long, after spending some time around the Griffin family over the weekend, to realize this had become their goal as much as it was Lieutenant Griffin's. Their admiration and love for him radiated.

Having spent the past five months shadowing and reporting on this class, I can also say their success was attributed to the bond they shared with one another and their genuine desire to help one another succeed. Whether it was studying for tests, preparing for missions, or making sure they all had something to eat between classes and flights, they showcased some of the best teamwork I've ever seen.

In fact, the squadron's leadership and IPs often commented, in comparison to previous classes, about the tremendous amount of camaraderie the 12 pilots shared.

With training complete, Lieutenant Griffin and his class-



Lt. Col. Scott Campbell, 358th Fighter Squadron commander, presents a graduation certificate to 1st Lt. Dan Griffin, certifying his completion of the A-10C Pilot Initial Qualification Course Class 10-BBD at the base theater here Aug. 13, 2010. Lieutenant Griffin was one of 12 students to most recently complete the 27-week training course, becoming the Air Force's newest A-10C pilots.

mates are now bound for their first operational assignments and some may even see combat within a matter of months.

They are all well prepared, though, to take on future challenges. All have worked extremely hard and are fiercely dedicated and committed to the task of protecting this country's sons and daughters.

Based on my last deployment, without a doubt, I know important work awaits these 12.

It wasn't long ago I was navigating Afghanistan's terrain as part of a provincial reconstruction team, anxiously looking upwards to make sure top cover had "checked in" to protect our convoys. Just seeing our U.S. military jets, or hearing their rumble, reassured my teammates, offering us the confidence to carry on with our mission.

Some of these jets and pilots turned out to be from the 354th Fighter Squadron, Davis-Monthan's only operational A-10C squadron, which was deployed to Kandahar Air Field in southern Afghanistan. During its unprecedented six-month tour, the squadron amassed more than 10,000 flight hours and 2,500 sorties, protecting countless ground forces.

Soon enough, the responsibility of protecting and saving our war fighters will belong to these new A-10C pilots. Godspeed, my friends.

The graduates of Class 10-BBD and their assignments are: Capt. Aaron Bigler - 81st Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

Capt. Patrick Chapman - 354th Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base

Capt. Rodney Dwyer - 81st Fighter Squadron,

Spangdahlem Air Base

Capt. Sean Jones - 74th Fighter Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Capt. Peter Moughan - 354th Fighter Squadron

Capt. Chris Palmer - 74th Fighter Squadron, Moody Air Force Base

Capt. James Schmidt - 81st Fighter Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base

Capt. Josh Stallard - 74th Fighter Squadron, Moody Air Force Base

1st Lt. Jason Attinger - 190th Fighter Squadron, Idaho Air National Guard

1st Lt. Michael Bermensolo - 190th Fighter Squadron, Idaho Air National Guard

1st Lt. Daniel Griffin - 104th Fighter Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard

As I sign off, I'd like to say it was an honor and privilege for my staff and I to bring our audience this unprecedented behind-the-scenes perspective about A-10C pilot training. Sharing in this journey with Lieutenant Griffin and his classmates reinforced the many valuable lessons I've learned throughout my Air Force career: the importance of preparation, teamwork, hard work, pride and honor.

Most of us will only see the jets fly overhead, taxi down the runway or take off. This series, through stories, photographs and videos, offered a behind-the-scenes perspective into Lieutenant Griffin's life as he became one of the Air Force's newest A-10C pilots. The series can be found on www.dm.af.mil.

Congratulations...you've been FAIP'd!

Lt. Col. Michael O'Connor
48th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Every three weeks CAFB holds an assignment night where the next class of graduating student pilots finds out which aircraft and base they will be sent to launch their careers. These nights are full of suspense and anxious moments, as none of the active duty students know exactly what the results of their last year of hard work will be.

A select few find out that night that they will be spending the next three years of their career where they are standing, right here at Columbus AFB. These students have been FAIP'd, becoming First Assignment Instructor Pilots.

The 48th Flying Training Squadron carefully vets our students to determine which have the demonstrated flying and interpersonal skills, as well as maturity to become a FAIP in the T-1 Jayhawk. The assignment selection process for students is merit based, but the needs of the Air

Force and the student's potential to succeed in follow-on training are key factors in determining who gets FAIP'd. Those selected are sent after graduation to Pilot Instructor Training at Randolph AFB, Texas, to learn instructor skills. Upon returning, they quickly fill the daily flight training schedule. The responsibility so quickly given to these young aviators, many responsible for aircraft and aircrew as second lieutenants, is remarkable.

As 48th FTS commander, I'm responsible for over 100 instructor pilots who fly the T-1 at Columbus. All of the instructors, active duty and reserve, are key to ensuring the 48th FTS provides World Class Training to our students. But, the energy and enthusiasm brought by its 30 FAIPs is tremendous. Invariably, the squadron's top quarterly flyers in both hours and sorties are FAIPs, ensuring the squadron meets its production of 220 plus pilots annually. They also fully understand their student mentorship role, setting the right example in a formal training environment.

Additionally, our FAIPs routinely seek out responsibili-

ty for special projects and duties at the squadron, group and wing levels, and they are volunteers throughout the Columbus community for numerous worthy causes, advancing or community partnerships. Finally, 48th FAIPs have volunteered for three extended deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan this year, feeding our nations' fight down range.

All FAIPs depart the 48th FTS for their follow-on assignment with a wealth of leadership and airmanship experience that will serve as a bedrock foundation to launch their careers in their new Major Weapon System. Further, our FAIPs role in Producing Pilots, Advancing Airmen and Feeding the Fight is integral to 48th FTS' contribution to the wing's mission.

So, when assignment night comes along and we have a FAIP in the drop, I tell the young officer selected, "congratulations...you've been FAIP'd!", because I know it will be a rewarding assignment.

Lorenz on Leadership — Love your people

Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz
Commander, Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — I have gained a wealth of knowledge during my career, but one point remains at the top of the list ... love your people. Through Lorenz on Leadership articles and presentations, I have shared countless personal stories. While they always have different themes, one constant is the wonderful examples and lessons from people I have met. Our Airmen are priceless. They are what make our Air Force the most powerful in the world.

Loving your people is a personal tenet I fervently believe in and live to uphold each day. It is core to my passion and drive as a member of the Armed Forces and is an essential trait for leaders. Our military force's diverse makeup of service members and their families are themselves powerful reminders of the special charge we have been given as leaders in service to our country.

A humbling example of this is the story of Bradley and Sara Sullivan. Eighteen months ago Brad, an Air Force captain, was

preparing for his first deployment as an F-16 pilot. Amidst the flurry of pre-deployment activities, his family received two life-changing announcements. First, he and his wife were pregnant with their first child. Second, Sara was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer at the age of 28.

Following a number of difficult choices, Brad and Sara moved to San Antonio to begin her chemotherapy, which would allow Sara to stave off cancer and still allow normal growth of their baby. To their delight, treatment went as planned. However, during the third trimester the pregnancy became increasingly complicated due to the effects of the chemotherapy, and Sara was placed on bed rest. On Sept. 8, 2009, Brad and Sara welcomed their daughter Chloe Grace into their family.

But their struggles were not over. Less than two weeks after Chloe was born, Brad and Sara were back in the hospital. Sara had suffered a massive stroke, thought to be a result of the physical ailments her body received from pregnancy and chemo. Within days of her return to Wilford Hall Medical Center, Sara was on life support and declared brain dead. She passed away shortly thereafter.

One of the many constants that continue to sustain Capt. Sullivan is the community and network of unit leadership, friends and family at Randolph Air Force Base. You see, Brad and Sara were warmly welcomed into a unit that accepted them unconditionally and lovingly met every challenge with them as a family.

From the day of Sara's first hospitalization, their family was never alone as friends and family regularly visited. There was an even greater outpouring of support when Sara passed away. Now, as Chloe fast approaches her first birthday, Brad and his daughter are gifted daily with words of support, meals, and anything else required to help them walk in their new life. When difficult decisions had to be made after Sara's passing, Brad had a Family Liaison Officer present or a member of unit leadership who was fully prepared to present him with all options for his family. All of this is a result of a culture of community — one that begins within our Air Force and reaches out to every member of our families.

Critical to loving your people is knowing them. Not just what they do or their reputation at work, but genuinely knowing them. As leaders and peers we must invest

the time to determine what moves and motivates those around us. It is essential we know names of spouses and children. It is also imperative we understand the perspectives our people share. We must see the view an individual maintains of the world around them. This dictates an investment of time spent with them to hear their stories and life experiences. This stands to strengthen the bond you share with fellow Airmen and allows you to lead effectively.

Inevitably the investment we make in our people is returned. Oftentimes the return comes at a time of crisis, as in the story of Brad Sullivan. It is during this time that we owe it to those around us to focus centrally on what is in the best interest of the member affected.

Loving your Airmen is not a catch phrase, nor does it mean passively asking someone how their day is going. Rather, it is an active process, an investment on the part of leaders and fellow Airmen. You never know when you are going to make a difference, so never pass up an opportunity to reach out to those around you and invest in their lives. Trust me, it is an investment that will pay dividends for the rest of your life.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Kindermusik by Musical Norwegian Cruise Line Special to Alaska

Now enrolling for the fall semester. Kindermusik Village (ages Newborn – 18 months) will hold classes Tuesdays 11 a.m.-12 p.m., and Kindermusik Family Time (Newborn - 7 years) will be Tuesdays 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Please contact the Youth Center at 434-2504 for more details. Kindermusik is a music and movement program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and big kids. You and your child will play, listen, and dance to musical activities specifically designed to stimulate early childhood development and strengthen neural pathways in your child's mind.

Fall Festival

Specialty beer tasting along with an oompah band and German finger food buffet in the ballroom from 4 to 8 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Columbus Club. There will also be a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres in the Happy Lounge. The cost is \$5 for members and \$15 for nonmembers which includes the price of the tasting. This is an adults only Event.

Home Décor Project

Register by Sept. 17 for this workshop making a twin size upholstered headboard. Cost is \$50 plus three yards of your fabric. For more information, call the arts and crafts center at 434-7836.

New Orleans Saints tickets available

The information, ticket and travel office has tickets for the Minnesota Vikings game Sept. 9. Cost is \$65 each.

Steak Night with Music on the Patio

The Whispering Pines Golf Course is hosting a steak night from 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 23 on their back patio under the tent. Cost is \$10.95 for an 8 oz. rib eye steak or chicken breast. Price includes salad, baked potato, vegetable and a 16 oz. iced tea or fountain drink. Cost for children ages 12 and under is \$2.50 for a hot dog, chips and fountain drink. Stay for the acoustical sounds of base musicians from 6-8 p.m. Reservations are recommended for dinner. Make your reservation in the pro shop at 434-7932.

Norwegian Cruise Line Special to Alaska

Take a 7-night Alaskan cruise from Seattle to Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, and Prince Rupert BC Canada. Ship departs Aug. 27, 2011. Cost is \$881.64 per person for an inside cabin, \$1,121.64 for ocean view and \$1,501.64 per person for a balcony. Pricing does include port charges and taxes and a \$75 onboard ship credit but not transportation to Seattle. Fares are cruise only, per person based on double occupancy. Rates are subject to availability and can change without notice. Restrictions may apply. Contact the Information, Ticket and Travel Office at 434-7861 or visit www.aftravelonline.com to make your reservations.

Royal Caribbean Cruise Special to Alaska

Take a 7-night Alaskan cruise from Seattle to Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Victoria, British Columbia and back to Seattle. Cruise departs June 10, 2011. Cost is \$939.17 per person for an inside cabin, \$1,069.17 per person for an ocean view or \$1,879.17 for a balcony. Pricing includes port charges and taxes and \$50 onboard ship credit. Prices are per person, based on double occupancy for cruise only. Price does not include transportation to Seattle. Rates are subject to availability and can change without notice. Restrictions may apply. Contact the Information, Ticket and Travel Office at 434-7861 or visit www.aftravelonline.com to make your reservations.

National Hispanic Heritage Month Library Program "Guess Who" Contest

Open to adults and teens ages 13-18. There will be photos of a dozen or more notable Hispanic Americans along with a brief bio of the person and contestants must take their best guess as to who these people are. They can use the databases in the library to research their answers. Entries are due no later than 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30. Winner will be announced the first week of October.

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. The competition will be held Dec. 5 to 13 at Lackland AFB. Go to www.topsinblue.com to begin the application process.

Squadron DUI-Free Bowling Party

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.

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 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.

Tickets available

The information, ticket and travel office

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

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 \$25 and includes transportation and \$25 in player money. Bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. from the BX parking lot and returns at 1 a.m. For more information, call 434-2507.

Sealed Bid Sale

The 14th FSS will be having a sealed bid sale at Outdoor Recreation from Sept. 13 to Sept. 26 at noon. Bids will be opened Sept. 27. Items for sealed bid: Pontoon boat and trailer, dunk tank/trailer, electronic dartboard, safe, CD jukebox, large flat screen TV and stand, English snooker table. All purchasers must hold a valid military ID or CAC card. All bids to be placed on sealed bid sheet obtained from Outdoor Recreation or NAF Accounting Office. For more information please call Outdoor Recreation at 434-2507 or 434-7861.

NAF Open Sale

There will be a NAF open sale at the Outdoor Recreation area Sept. 24. View items for sale from Sept. 20 to Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. You will be required to show a military ID or CAC card to enter the sale area.

Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.



T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 10-14 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



Capt. Eric Carlo
San Diego, Calif.
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



Capt. Aaron Sherman
Williamsburg, Va.
C-17, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



Capt. Trevor Williams
Cameron, Okla.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 10-14 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. The 14th Flying Training Wing conducts Specialized Undergraduate Pilot training for U.S. Air Force and allied officers. The wing possesses 222 aircraft and flies 56,000 sorties and 80,000 hours to train nearly 300 new pilots annually. He is also responsible for base support and medical care for the wing's 3,100 Airmen, an operations and maintenance budget of \$127 million and capital assets exceeding \$1.6 billion. The wing additionally supports seven associated units and provides contingency mission support for Air Education and Training Command and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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

Capt. Eric Carlo, T-38, and Capt. Aaron Sherman, 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 Capt. Trevor Williams, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Bryan Hladik, T-38. 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 Carlo, Captain Sherman and 2nd Lt. Drew Bateman, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 10-14.

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.

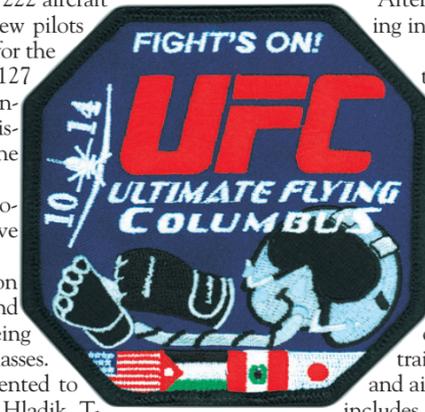
After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

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. SUPT Class 10-14's pilot partners are Kathy Kenne, Quest Group, LLC, and Sandra Mims, Southern Ionics.



First Lt. Kaichiro Sasaki
Yokote City, Japan
F-15/F-2, Hamamatsu, Japan



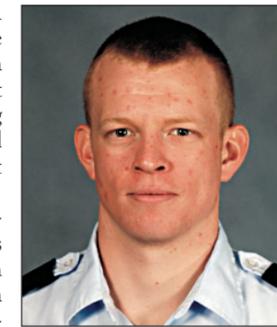
First Lt. John Wells
Mesa, Ariz.
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



Second Lt. Drew Bateman
Carson City, Nev.
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



Second Lt. Neal Brinkworth
Northbrook, Ill.
KC-135, Scott AFB, Ill.



Second Lt. Corey Brown
McMinnville, Ore.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



Second Lt. Kyle Dowd
Danville, Calif.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



Second Lt. Jon Fisher
Wytheville, Va.
KC-135, Birmingham IAP, Ala.



Second Lt. Abraham Freedman
Pittsburgh, Penn.
KC-135, Pittsburgh IAP, Penn.



First Lt. Mustapha Ahazzam
Khouribga, Morocco
Alpha Jet, 2nd B.A.F.R.A, Meknes



First Lt. Yuya Nishimi
Fukuoka, Japan
F-15/F-2, Hamamatsu, Japan



First Lt. Jibrán Rashid
Islamabad, Pakistan
K-8P PAF, Raisalpur, Pakistan



Second Lt. Daniel Germaine
Elizabethton, Tenn.
C-17, Charleston, S.C.



Second Lt. Jason Harper
Memphis, Tenn.
KC-135, McGhee Tyson ANGB, Tenn.



Second Lt. Bryan Hladik
Columbus, Ind.
T-38, Columbus AFB, Miss.



Second Lt. Scott Lechner
Nazareth, Penn.
RPA, Creech AFB, Nev.



Second Lt. Michael Medrano
Corpus Christi, Texas
C-5, Lackland AFB, Texas



Second Lt. David Newman
Forest Park, Ga.
C-130J, Cannon AFB, N.M.



Second Lt. Vishal Patel
Germantown, Md.
KC-135, March ARB, Calif.



Second Lt. Juan Piña-Duluc
Santiago, Dominican Republic
A-29, Santo Domingo, D.R.



Second Lt. Nick Porras
Modesto, Calif.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



Second Lt. Gregory Sauder
Rapid City, S.D.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



Second Lt. David Terry
Kent, Wash.
C-21, Andrews AFB, Md..



Second Lt. David Winslow
Conroe, Texas
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.