

"Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight"

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Weather



Today

High: 97, Low: 72
Isolated T-storms



Saturday

High: 98, Low: 72
Sunny



Sunday

High: 100, Low: 71
Sunny



Monday

High: 100, Low: 72
Mostly Sunny

News Briefs

Blood Drive Today

A blood drive will take place in the 14th Medical Group clinic training room and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 17. Donors will receive a free T-shirt and cholesterol screening.

Class 11-11 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-11 will hold their assignment night on June 17 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

Lebanese G.O. Visit

Columbus Air Force Base would like to welcome the visiting General Officers from Republic of Lebanon.

Father's Day

Father's day is on June 19.

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The 14th FTW/MAQ is spotlighted this week.

14th Medical Group receives new commander



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin
Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander passes the 14th Medical Group guidon to Col. Billye Hutchison, 14th MDG Commander during a change of command ceremony on June 14. Colonel Hutchison was previously the Chief, Medical Force Development and Formal Training Division, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas.

Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Col. Billye Hutchison assumed command of the 14th Medical group on Tuesday in a ceremony at the Columbus Club.

Colonel Hutchison was previously the Chief, Medical Force Development and Formal Training Division, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas, where she guided over 150 formal training programs for over 40,000 medical personnel attending initial technical training or retraining. She was also responsible for the development of over 1,200 nurses in AETC as a senior member of the Air Force Nurse Corps Board of Directors and Development Team.

After graduating from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, she obtained a direct commission in 1986. She later received a Master of Science degree in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas.

Colonel Hutchison entered active duty in June of 1986 and has since served in various clinical and administrative nursing assignments in military treatment facilities. She is a native of Arkansas and she and her husband, Richard, have a daughter, Brandi, son-in-law, Brad and two grandchildren Kristen and Colin.

She has previously commanded at the squadron level, and has been assigned as the deputy commander and chief nurse at multiple locations.

Though she has only been at Columbus Air Force Base for a short time, the new medical group commander said she is looking forward to working with the BLAZE team.

"I'm personally amazed at this base. It's one of those you don't hear about very much, but it's a great place with a great community and it's an honor to be here," she said.

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 (12-05)	1.73 days	1.36 days	Jul. 25	48th (11-11)	1.27 days	0.04 days	Jun. 30	49th (11-1B)	6.86 days	3.43 days	Jul. 13	T-6	1,744	1,605	22,727
41st (12-04)	8.15 days	0.76 days	Jun. 29	50th (11-11)	-1.07 days	-4.16 days	Jun. 30					T-1	497	578	7,399
												T-38	614	650	8,043
												IFF	150	106	1,691

The next graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Harold Cross, USAF retired. Former adjunct General, Miss. National Guard.

AROUND TOWN

Hitching Lot Farmer's Market

The Hitching Lot Farmer's Market is open Mondays from 5-7 p.m., Thursdays from 6-10 a.m., and Saturdays from 7-10 a.m. Visit hitchinglotfarmersmarket.com for more information.

Daughters of the American Revolution workshop

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Shuk-ho-ta Tom-a-ha Chapter will be holding a genealogical workshop 10:30 a.m. June 18 at the Golden Triangle Planning and Development center, 1522 Gardner Boulevard, Columbus, Miss. The workshop is for any woman 18 years or older who would like to research their lineal decent for a patriot who gave aid or was a soldier in the American revolution.

14th Security Forces Squadron receives new commander



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens
Col. Ken Bryson, 14th Mission Support Group Commander, passes the 14th Security Forces Squadron guidon to Maj. Joseph Ringer during the 14th SFS change of command ceremony on June 13.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
20	21	22	23	24	25/26
Night Flying Week	Newcomers, 8 a.m. @ AFRC				
27	28	29	30	1	2/3
		Class 12-04 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	Class 11-11 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye Enlisted Promotions, 4 p.m. @ Kaye	AETC Family Day; Most CAFB services closed.	

Long Range Events

July 4: Independence Day
July 6: 14th MSG CoC
July 13: IFF Graduation
July 15: 37th FTS CoC
July 15: Class 11-12 Assignment Night
July 18: Wing Retreat
July 19: Newcomers
July 21: Dorm Dinner

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 71 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



IFF 11-HBC graduates



2nd Lt. Matthew Dickson
F-16



2nd Lt. Brent Smith
F-16

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron will graduate Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Class 11-HBC on June 13. Two members will graduate this phase of their training on their way to becoming fighter pilots in the Combat Air Forces.

The 49th FTS is responsible for Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and International flying training in the T-38C IFF aircraft. The 49th FTS provides training to fighter pilots and weapon system officers entering Air Force major fighter weapons systems, which include the F16, F15C, F15E, and A10C.

The nine-week course begins with tactical formation flights and then introduces pilots to basic fighter maneuvers and air-to-air employment in offensive, defensive, and high aspect fight scenarios. Students bound for aircraft with an air-to-ground attack capability then move on to surface attack and low-altitude tactical navigation phases learning to employ ordnance against ground targets. The skills learned during IFF directly translate to the fighters these students will soon fly in their follow-on training and one day employ in combat.

Congratulations to the following fighter wingmen!

New resource for retirees opens on Columbus AFB

Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Columbus Air Force Base Retirees Affairs Office opened for business June 7 inside the 14th Mission Support Group Building.

The Director of Retirement Services Ammiana Kenrad said that the mission of the information sharing resource is to ensure that retirees of any branch and their families receive the adequate benefits and entitlements available to them.

Once an Army Personnel Technician who worked on retiree affairs programs, Mrs. Kenrad described the office as a one-stop-shop that works in conjunction with the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Together they provide support and information to the over 5,000 military retirees living in the local area on benefits such as Tricare, casualty assistance, the Air Force Aid Society, referrals to Veterans Affairs, legal assistance and more.

Even longstanding retirees are encouraged to call or stop by to see what new programs have opened up since they retired.

"I sat down with her for just 15 minutes and found out three new things I hadn't known about before," said retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jayne Tabb.

Though she is currently the only volunteer for the program, Mrs. Kenrad is not alone. The office is supported by allocated base funds and keeps in contact with its Active Duty Liaison, Col. George Ross III, who also serves as the 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Ammiana Kenrad, Director of Retirement Services reviews information on retiree benefits on June 14. The Columbus Air Force Base Retirees Affairs Office is located in the 14th Mission Support Group building suite 182 and is open for walk ins from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. They can also be contacted by phone at (662) 434-3120 during available hours.

Mrs. Kenrad hopes to expand the office's programs with help of additional volunteers to do monthly informational seminars and to improve events such as retiree appreciation day.

Dollars and \$ense: Dollars & \$ense Topic #42: How does the advance pay process and request work?

Advance pay provides you with funds to meet extraordinary expenses incident to a government-ordered relocation (PCS or a deployment for more than 365 days to an area subject to hostile fire or imminent danger pay). Advance pay is intended to assist with out-of-pocket expenses that exceed or precede reimbursements incurred in a duty location change, and are expenses that are not typical of day-to-day military living. PCS moves from OCONUS to CONUS for the purpose of separation or retirement are not authorized PCS advance pay.

The amount of advance pay that you may receive is limited to a maximum amount of three month's basic pay less deductions. Advance pay, once approved, will be electronically deposited into your bank account.

Requests for advance pay are documented on a DD Form 2560 (Advance Pay Certification/Authorization Form).

Your unit Commander is the approval authority for advance pay in the following circumstances:

- You are in pay grades E-1 through E-3 regardless of amount or repayment schedule.
- You are in a pay grade of E-4 or higher and:
 - Amount requested is more than one month's base pay less deductions
 - Repayment is requested for more than 12 months
 - Payment is requested between 30 and 90 days of PCS departure or 60 to 180 days after PCS arrival
 - In all other circumstances your signa-

ture is all that is required

You can complete your DD Form 2560 at the Financial Customer Service Counter when either in-processing or out-processing 14th Comptroller Squadron.

Repayment will typically be made within 12 months, beginning in the month after receipt of the advance. For example, if you receive a \$1,200 advance pay in June, the repayment will begin in July. In this example your repayment amount would be \$100 per month (\$1,200 divided by 12 months equals \$100 per month), or \$50 per pay period if you get paid twice per month.

References:

AFMAN 65-116, Volume 1, Chapter 26.2.9
DODFMR Volume 7A, Chapter 32,

Paragraph 320101

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14th CPTS Finance Customer Service:
Bldg 730, first floor lobby.

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

14th CPTS Finance Customer Service e-mail: 14CPTS.FCS@columbus.af.mil

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

Trail BLAZE'r

Name: Judy Endsley

Unit: 14th Contracting Squadron

Job title: Aircraft Maintenance Contracting Officer

Time at Columbus AFB: 37 years

Time in Service: 37 years

Hometown: Columbus, Miss.

Career goals: Retirement

Family members: Husband; Jerry Endsley, two children Terry and Sherry, and four grandchildren

Favorite musician: No favorite, still listen to rock and roll

Favorite movie: Pirates of the Caribbean

Biggest pet peeve: For people not to do what they told you they would do.

Favorite book: Any that is on tape that I can listen to while I drive. I can't find the time to read anything other than the Bible.

Inspirations: My Grandmother

Personal motto: Take the extra time and effort to do it right the first time.



Commander's Action Line

434-7058



The Commander's Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Commander's Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command.

The Commander's Action Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the MSG building, Bldg. 730, suite 186. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.

Congratulations Tech. Sgt. Angela Schlosser of the 14th Security Force Squadron on selection for master sergeant during the June supplemental board.

Green Oaks Teams Takes Top Spot at Super Scramble

Pam Wickham

14th Force Support Squadron

The 9th Annual Super Scramble sponsored in part by Sonic Drive-In Highway 45 was held this weekend at Whispering Pines Golf Course with a team from Green Oaks Golf Course winning the tournament.

This two-day tournament hosted sixteen teams competing for the top spot. After the first day of play, the tournament was broken down into two flights based on scores for Saturday. The top three teams in each flight went home with prizes.

The Green Oaks team of Arl Taylor, Zac Taylor, Dennis Cox and Joey Persechino won the championship flight with scores of 56 and 58 for a combined total of 114 (or 26 under par).

Second place went to Jim Green, Bill Gates, Tim Cyprian and John Pigg. The third place slot went to Skip Egger, Bruce Stephens, Wayne Box and Bobby Box.

In the first flight, the team of Roger Hinshaw, Darrell Petters, Bart Bartowick and Jack Kalphus took first place. Jack Davis, Howard Ferguson, Shaw Boadwee and Steve Shriner took second place in the flight, and third place was the team of Chuck Jones, Doug Lee, Jason Vassar and David Varga.

Chuck Jones and Dennis Cox won closest to the pin on #7 on



U.S. Air Force photo
Arl Taylor, Zac Taylor, Dennis Cox and Joey Persechino point out their 1st place position on the 9th Annual Super Scramble score board at the Whispering Pines Golf Course on June 12. Sixteen teams played the two day tournament.

Saturday and Sunday, respectively, and Longest Drive was won by Arl Taylor both days.

This year's event sponsors were Sonic Drive-In on Hwy 45N, Premier Ford, Porter and Singley Family Dentistry, Splash in a Flash Auto Detailing, WCBI-TV, The Fox 99.9 and ESPN Radio 103.1. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

BARGAIN LINE

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Transportation

For sale: 1987 Ford Escort, four door, body and interior in excellent shape, needs engine work. Call 244-8390 after 5 p.m. or 251-1413.

For sale: Boston Whaler boat, 16 foot, outboard 115 Evinrude Motor. New trailer tires. Excellent condition. \$12,000 or best offer. (808) 221-2005.

For sale: 2001 Damon Daybreak 35 foot Class A motor home. Asking payoff \$31,000. Call 356-6844. Please leave a message.

For sale: 2000 Sonoma extended cab truck. White, five speed, 2.2l four cylinder. Standard shift, bed liner, good condition, no rust, 124,000 miles. Asking \$4250. Call 574-2970. Price negotiable.

Miscellaneous

For sale: 46' RCA rear-projection TV, \$150. Ping pong table, \$75. Call 574-9414

For sale: Two twin mattresses. Great condition. \$100 each. Call 327-4886.

For sale: Highboy chest of drawers. Cost \$2,000 new, will sell for \$400. Lots of boys' toys. Trucks, games, etc. Call 328-3977.

For sale: Six drawer dresser, \$50. Wood desk and desk chair, \$50. Entertainment center, holds 25" TV, \$40. Call 574-2970 all negotiable.

For sale: 46' RCA rear-projection TV, \$150. Ping pong table, \$75. Call 574-9414

For sale: IBM Thinkpad R52 Laptop, 1.8ghz Pentium 4 processor. 1G of RAM, 60G hard drive, CDRW-DVD, Wifi, USB Ports, WinXP Pro, Microsoft Word Pro Suite, Adobe. Very Good Condition. Asking \$200. Call (662) 386-6981.

Saturday Yard Sales

Yard sale: June 18 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., 303 Dogwood Blvd off Spivey. Furniture, household, misc.

Garage sale: 110 N. Walnut Dr. Oak Dale Park. June 18 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Garage sale: Two Families. June 17 and 18 at 7 a.m. 349 Dickerson Lane Columbus, Miss. 39705. Baby items, furniture, toys, etc.

Investigation nabs 30 Air Force spice users

Brandice J. O'Brien
72nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — In April, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Det. 114 here completed a two-month Spice-use investigation that resulted in the identification of 30 Airmen.

The Airmen, who are assigned to six units within Air Force Materiel Command, Air Combat Command and Air Force Space Command, have been or are currently awaiting discharge.

"Everyone needs to understand that spice is a schedule I controlled substance," said Col. Bob LaBrutta, the 72nd Air Base Wing and Tinker installation commander. "In other words, it's considered the same as using marijuana. Therefore, if you use spice and are caught, which you will be, the Air Force has a zero-tolerance policy, so you will be jeopardizing your military career!"

"It is no surprise to any military member that the Air Force has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual assault, sexual harassment and illegal drug usage," said Col. David Babyak, the 3rd Combat Communications Group commander. "Failure to enforce these standards would negatively impact

good order and discipline thereby reducing an organization's combat effectiveness. Make no mistake, Spice is a drug; if you use it you will get caught and suffer the consequences."

Although some versions of the product were marketed as an "herbal incense" and not for human consumption, users found it offered a high similar to that of marijuana.

Yet, the side effects of anxiety, nausea, paranoia, discomfort, confusion and an overall longing for the experience to end proved more severe than marijuana. Officials said users also complained of "couch-lock," a feeling of paralysis.

Officials have said the reason behind the intensified effects can be blamed on the purity of the synthetic chemicals. It can also be attributed to fact that not all batches are the same. There is no universal recipe and not all of spice's ingredients are known.

Airmen who test positive for spice can be court-martialed, face dishonorable discharge, confinement for at least five years and forfeit pay and allowances. Additionally, enlisted Airmen can be demoted to the lowest grade. According to Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, possession or distribution of the drug is also a violation and could result in the same consequences as an Airman who ingests spice.



Across
4 The blue field on the flag represents the night sky for a new (made of the stars on the flag) to hang.

6 According to American legend, the first American flag was created by seamstress Ross.

7 The Stars and

8 are _____.

Down
1 The Second Congress adopted a flag with thirteen stars and thirteen stripes, representing each original colony.

2 The state representing the 50th star.

3 Star _____ Banner. In 2011, President Obama proclaimed the week beginning June 12, 2011, as _____ Flag Week.

AF NEWS

Military spouses get help with professional licenses

Lisa Daniel

American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — A Defense Department organization is making it easier for military spouses to maintain professional licenses as they move from state to state.

State Liaison and Educational Opportunity, an office of military community and family policy here, announced June 13 that 16 states have adopted laws, or are close to doing so, to make it easier for military spouses to work in their career fields.

"It gets them to work faster, and that's been our objective," said Marcus Beauregard, the chief of the state liaison office and a retired Air Force officer.

States require licenses for practitioners in virtually every medical occupation, as well as for teaching, social work, cosmetology and other fields, and the standards vary from state

to state, Mr. Beauregard said.

DOD's state liaison office was created in 2004 to work with states to address military family issues, and the licensing problem has been among the top concerns of families, he said.

Of working military spouses, 33 percent work in fields that require licenses, mostly nursing and teaching, Mr. Beauregard said.

The state liaison office created a forum on its Facebook page for spouses to discuss the licensing problems. More than 100 spouses wrote in, describing licensing challenges ranging from the expense of having to license with a new state every two to three years, to lengthy processes of certification that include much paperwork, training, waiting periods and internships.

Many spouses said they found that by the time they could get through the process, it would be time to relocate again.

Mobility Airmen take C-5M on first direct Arctic overflight to Afghanistan

Master Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Fourteen mobility Airmen teamed together to fly a C-5M Super Galaxy on a direct, non-stop mission from Dover Air Force Base, Del., here June 5 and 6, 2011.

The flight was the first time a U.S. Air Force plane flew this northern route from the U.S., over Canada and into the Arctic Circle, then back down through Russian and Kazakhstan airspace to Afghanistan.

"Everyone involved with this mission worked very hard to make it happen," said Lt. Col. Thomas Loper, the pilot and aircraft commander for the mission. "We're also very proud to be a part of the historic mission."

U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command officials at Scott AFB, Ill., said the mission was a "proof-of-concept" flight that will help establish future sustainment operations in Afghanistan.

"Our mission is to provide the right effects, to the right place, at the right time through global reach, said Gen. Raymond E. Johns Jr., AMC commander. "This historic proof-of-concept flight is the embodiment of that mission. It provides a valuable new option that allows us to be effective to those we serve."

AMC's 618 Tanker Airlift Control Center planners at Scott AFB tasked and built the mission plans for the effort. It's part of TACC's continuing effort to support and control airlift and air refueling missions around the globe.

"This mission validates all the hard work TACC planners do every day," said Lt. Col. Matthew Ahern, a C-5 pilot with Dover

AFB's 9th Airlift Squadron. Colonel Ahern was also a member of the aircrew for the mission.

AMC officials said the flight was a culmination of months of diplomatic efforts and operational planning, and further illustrates the military's commitment to finding innovative new ways to operate with increasingly constrained resources.

Maj. John Rozsnyai, a planner in USTRANSCOM operations at Scott AFB, said his command worked with the U.S. State Department, regional combatant commands, AMC, TACC and numerous other agencies to get this historic mission under way.

"This partnership was especially important in coordinating transit agreements with Russia and Kazakhstan," Major Rozsnyai said, "While civilian airlines have been using the airspace, this was the first time an AMC plane took this direct delivery route."

To make the entire 15-plus hour flight to Afghanistan, the C-5M was refueled by a KC-135R Stratotanker from the New Hampshire Air National Guard 157th Air Refueling Wing at Pease Air National Guard Base. The refueling took place over northern Canada.

"It's cool to be a part of a mission like this," said Master Sgt. Sam Blackwell, an in-flight refueling craftsman from the 157th ARW, who refueled the C-5M to full capacity.

USTRANSCOM planners said this flight is just the beginning of understanding new ways to strengthen the northern corridor.

"There will most likely be other flights that will originate from the western U.S. and won't require the use of tankers," Major Rozsnyai said.

"This route used by the C-5M may also be useful for

"I gave up education as a profession because of all that was involved in obtaining licensure with each move," a spouse wrote. "It was a difficult decision."

The state liaison office formed partnerships with state agencies and professional associations to educate state lawmakers about the unique challenges to military families.

"We're not looking to make the military community have a preferred status in states," Mr. Beauregard said. "We're looking at those things that impede people because of their military life. In all cases, we're just looking to level the playing field."

The office promoted two strategies for mitigating the licensing challenges. The first is for states to permit licenses by endorsement of the previous state license. The second option allows a temporary license to expedite the spouse's employment options.

States that have enacted laws for endorse-

ment of licenses, or those waiting for a governor's signature, are Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, North Carolina, New York and Texas. States that allow temporary licenses are Alaska, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Utah allows nonresident military spouses to use out-of-state licenses, and Virginia allows military spouses who leave the state to re-use the license upon their return, Mr. Beauregard said.

The state liaison office's efforts are in line with President Barack Obama's directive released in 2011 to promote a "whole of government" approach to helping military families. Since 2008, the office also has succeeded in getting 39 states to pass laws to accept the out-of-state course work of school-age military children.

swap-outs of deployed tankers and crews and for redeploying troops. The benefit might also allow for quicker trips saving days at home for deploying Airmen as well as requiring less stops for aircraft."

The aircrew for the mission combined active-duty and Reserve Airmen.



2010 Columbus AFB Drinking Water Quality Report

Spanish (Español) Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua potable. Por favor lea este informe o comuniquese con alguien que pueda traducir la informacion.

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

The base water supply is treated and distributed by Columbus Light and Water Company (CL&W). The water is drawn from eight wells supplied by the Coker Aquifer, a groundwater source, and is stored in various places on base, e.g. water towers. No further treatment is done by base personnel. Source water assessment and its availability The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identify potential sources of contamination. This source water assessment can be found in the Columbus Light and Water July 2010 newsletter.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Columbus Light and Water at: 662-251-4512, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, and ask for Steve Barksdale. If you want to learn more, please attend any of Columbus Light and Water's regularly scheduled meetings. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM at 420 Fourth Avenue South (CL&W Main Office).

Answers to questions about Columbus AFB water can also be directed to Bioenvironmental Engineering (BE) at 434-2285.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated

with service lines and home plumbing. Columbus Air Force Base is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below.

Term definitions

Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

For more information please contact:

Contact Name: Bioenvironmental Engineering
Address:
201 Independence Dr. Suite 114
Columbus AFB, MS 39710
Phone: 662 434 2285
Fax: 662 434 2515

	MCLG	MCL	or TT, or Your	Range	Sample		
Contaminants	MRDLG	MRDL	Water	Low High	Date	Violation	Typical Source
Disinfectants & Disinfectant By-Products							
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)							
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	0	NA	2010	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
THMs (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb)	NA	80	3.16	NA	2010	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	1.87	NA	2010	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminants							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.019249	NA	2009	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.838	NA	2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	0.2	NA	2010	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
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Base News

Thrift Shop

The Columbus Air Force Base Thrift Shop has moved locations. They can now be found in building 530 and are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 434-2954 for more information.

Airman's Attic

The Columbus Air Force Base Airman's Attic has moved locations. They can now be found in building 530 and are open Tuesdays from noon to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Donations may be dropped off during business hours. To donate furniture items please call 434-8824 or (719) 369-6791.

Motorcycle PPE at Exchange

Air Force compliant personal protection equipment for motorcycle riders is now carried at the base Exchange.

Operation Purple

Operation Purple camps offer a free week of summer fun for military kids with parents who have been, are currently, or will be deployed. These free week-long camps are provided through the generous support of the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Foundation. The goal of the Operation Purple camp program is to give military children tools to help deal with the stresses that result from a parent's deployment, through a memorable camp experience in a "purple" environment. Operation Purple camps are open to military children of all ranks and services: active and reserve components-and give priority to children whose parents are currently within a 15 month deployment "window" (specific dates announced each year). At Operation Purple

Chapel Schedule

Pioneer Clubs Program

Pioneer Clubs' children religious education program has ended for the summer and will resume Aug.23. For more information and volunteer opportunities, contact Ms. Ida Hall, 434-2500.

Chapel Schedule

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.
Protestant Men of the Chapel: Come out and join the men of CAFB Chapel every Saturday morning at 7 a.m. for Bible study and devotion in the Chapel Annex.

You made the Grade

The Exchange Service is moving military students who excel in the classroom to the head of the class with its "You Made the Grade" program. This education rewards initiative recognizes students who maintain a "B" average or better with a booklet full of complimentary prizes for every qualifying report card. AAFES' "You Made the Grade" booklet includes coupons for a variety of free offers. In addition, each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denominations. To receive the AAFES "You Made the Grade" booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local Exchange. Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar year. Military families can contact the Columbus Exchange main store manager or general manager for more information at 434-8484.

Zero overpricing program-incentive awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness (IDEA) Program. Advice and guidance are available

Catholic Services

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

by calling the Customer Support section of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

vMPF Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Benefits

Members can now access the vMPF and click DoD TEB website to transfer Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits. The vMPF application will verify the Airman's eligibility to transfer benefits, provide timely notice regarding eligibility issues and allow Airmen to complete, sign, and forward the required statement of understanding to the Automated Records Management System. You can link to the vMPF through the AF Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil/afpc2ww3/vmpf/Hub/Pages/Hub.asp>.

ACT/SAT Testing

Information on ACT and SAT tests are now available on their respective websites (<http://www.act.org> and <http://www.collegeboard.com>). Answers about registration as well as quick tips regarding both of these important tests for aspiring college students can be found here. The tests are provided throughout the year, with advanced registration required.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

The ERAU office is open Monday Wednesday Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located in Building 926, suite 124. ERAU is offering Master of Aeronautical Science and Master of Science in Management degrees. For more information contact the ERAU office at 434-8262 or Memphis.center@erau.edu

Base Thrift Shop

The Base Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments until noon. Please visit the Thrift Shop for more information on consignments. Donations are accepted and very much appreciated. They can be dropped off anytime in the donation shed. The Thrift Shop is non-profit and all proceeds benefit CAFB Community. It is located in Bldg 345, Imes Street (next to Youth Center). Phone: 434-2954.

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.

Education Counseling Hours

Education counseling (CCAF, Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

MPS Training dates require appointments

The Military Personnel Section (MPS) in building 730 will hold in-house training on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during Night Flying Weeks. They will utilize appointments-only on these days to accommodate this necessary training. If you have any questions, contact the MPS Supt, Master Sgt. Heng, at 434-2611.

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.)

Self-paced Tutorials

Available on MS Office 2007 Suites; 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 and Family Readiness Center held every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Topics of discussion include preparing for a move, environment/cultural issues or needs, adaptation and community awareness.

Employment Workshop

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

Spouse welcome

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

Budgeting Basics

Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon. Learn practical ways to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Book Your Summer Party Now

Outdoor Recreation is now booking summer parties at Independence Pool. For more information about availability and prices, call 434-2505 or 434-2507.

Duathlon at Dawn

Late registration is being accepted for the Columbus AFB Fitness and Sports Center's Duathlon at Dawn on Saturday, June 18. The pre-race meeting begins at 6:45, the race will start at 7 a.m. The race format is a 5K run, a 20K bike and another 5K run and may be entered by teams or individuals. Teams may be co-ed and consist of two or three members. All events will start and finish at the Fitness Center. Call 434-2772 for more information.

Bike and Hike Trip

Hike the Bear Creek Outcrop Trail and/or bike through the rest of the park at the Tishomingo State Park with Outdoor Recreation on June 25. This is a great trip for families with children over the age of 8. The cost is \$29 per person. For more information, call 434-2505 or 434-2507.

Youth Golf Clinic

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering golf clinics for youth ages 6 to 9, June 28-30, at 10 a.m. The cost is \$80 per person and includes three days of instruction and a set of clubs to keep. Youth participants with their own clubs pay only \$10. Call the Pro Shop to sign up or for more information at 434-7932.

Daily Grind Going Out of Business

Take advantage of the lower prices at the Daily Grind before it goes out of business for good on June 30. Stop by the Fitness Center location for a hot or cold beverage before it closes.

Fees Increase at FSS Activities

For the first time in nearly six years, fees will increase at the Bowling Center and at the RV storage lot in order to compensate for the rising costs of goods, repairs, etc. The new fees for games of bowling are posted in the bowling center and average 50 cents per game. RV storage prices will change as of July 1 with on-base resi-

dents' fees going from \$5 to \$8 and off-base residents' fees increasing to \$10 from \$15. The lock will be changed as of July 5.

Passport to Food, Family & Fun

Pick up your Passport to food, family and fun after May 31 at any of the participating 14th Force Support Squadron activities, and get it validated for such things as attending events, patronizing the facility or just visiting. Turn in your passport(s) at any of the participating activities by Aug. 31 for a chance to win prizes. The participating activities are the Bowling Center, The Daily Grind (until the end of June), Whispering Pines Golf Course, Columbus Club (and Indy's), Arts and Crafts (and Auto Hobby), Youth Programs, Fitness and Sports, Outdoor Recreation, ITT and the Child Development Center. For more information about this program, call FSS Marketing at 434-2337.

Thirsty Thursdays

The golf course will have drink specials every Thursday from 4-7 p.m. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

Air Force Club Membership Scholarship

Air Force Club members and their family members are eligible to win a \$1000 educational scholarship by submitting a one-page essay of 500 words or less entitled "My Contributions to the Air Force." Submissions are due no later than July 1. More information is available in displays around base and online at www.afclubs.net. Ms. Linda Dodson of the 14th Force Support Squadron is the point of contact and may be reached at 434-2314.

FitFamily Cook It Up!

Enter the FitFamily "Cook It Up Healthy Recipe Contest" for a chance to win great prizes and bring Celebrity Chef Herb Mesa to Columbus AFB. The contest runs through June 30, 2011, and there is no limit to the number of recipes that can be entered. Visit www.usaffit-family.com for all of the details and to enter the contest.

White Water Rafting Trip

Travel with Outdoor Recreation and ITT to

enjoy white water rafting down the Ocoee River, July 16-18. The cost is \$169 per person and includes transportation, lodging, rafting and some meals. For just \$10 extra, float down the river in your own tube. Space is limited and registration is required no later than July 1. Call 434-2505 or 7861 for more information.

PLAYpass Program

Single airmen returning from deployment and families of deployed members can receive special discounts and rewards valued at more than \$500 each beginning May 28. The PLAYpass cards offer discounts that provide members and their eligible family members opportunity to participate in the 14th Force Support Squadron's participating facilities and programs for free or at a reduced cost. These cards can be picked up at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center beginning May 28. Please bring a copy of orders and a valid military identification card. For more information or to find out if you are eligible for a PLAYpass card, visit www.MyAirForceLife.com or call the AFRC at 434-2790.

Say Cheese!

The Arts and Crafts Center is offering professional 3-D seasonal backdrops for your do-it-yourself photo shoots. You bring the camera, the kids, the pets, the friends...whoever. It's free and available for use Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays by appointment. Call 434-7836 for an appointment or for more information.

Home School Collection at the Library

The base library has a phenomenal collection of educational fun books, games, puzzles, "how-to" guides and the like for home-schoolers. For more information about the Home School Collection, please contact the Library at 434-2934

Dance, Dance, Dance!

Children ages 3 to 8 can learn all styles of dance at the Youth Center for just \$30 per month. Classes for ages 3 to 5 are Mondays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and classes for ages 6 to 8 are at the same time on Tuesdays. For registration infor-

mation, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

Squadron DUI-Free Bowling Party

The bowling center is offering a free squadron bowling party from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through 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 lanes at the bowling center, call 434-3426.

Join FitFamily!

All ages can benefit from the Air Force Services fitness and wellness initiative, FitFamily. 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.

Space A Lodging

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

Affordable Tickets at ITT

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, Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls and more. Call 434-2505/7861 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 travel to interesting places. The Youth Sponsorship Program at Columbus was created by and just for youth. For assistance in this sometimes difficult transition, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504 and join in the fun of the youth sponsorship program.

Have fun on the water...but come home in one piece

Lt. Col. Doug Jantzen
14th Flying Training Wing
Maintenance QAE Functional Commander

Now that the mercury has swollen past the 98 degree mark here in early June, many folks are planning excursions to the beach, river, lake or perhaps the five foot round, inflatable circle of delight in their own back yard. Each of these glimpses of nirvana has their own pitfalls as is with anything that's somewhat enjoyable.

I love to be out in a boat with the wind in my hair, sun shine on my skin, the cool sea spray splashing from the bow of the boat and of course, sunscreen seeping into my eyes... I'd rather be waterskiing than fishing but have done both on occasion. One fine summer afternoon I was out with my dad on his pontoon boat that lacked the power to pull even a small child on water-skis so we decided to lure some catfish home for dinner. With a big, bloody chunk of chum secured to my hook, I thought I'd send the bait across the water in search of said tasty catfish to carry home to my bride. My dad, who could consistently land any bait square in front of whatever he intended to catch, was sitting on the other side of the boat minding his own business. I, on the other hand, was happy if I could just manage to hit the water two out of three attempts. I grabbed the pole, ready to show him I had improved over the summer. Zing, out went the line with the gory lump of chum I was hurling out there for my quarry.

Over my shoulder I heard my dad say, "Doug, if I was ready for lunch now, I'd open up the cooler and eat it". It was then I realized the baited hook had slid across his face splattering him with pungent juice from the stinky bait I had intended for my comrades below the water. I think that was the first time I

actually heard a fish laugh at me. I wanted desperately to crawl inside the live bait well and yank the lid shut. Instead, I sat there looking straight at the reel from all sides, hoping he would think there was a malfunction with my trusty Zebco 202, because I was too embarrassed to look back. Fortunately, I had missed his ear and we didn't have to deal with a nasty injury. There are approximately 85,000 anglers each year that aren't quite as lucky and some of these "hookings" actually require hospitalization. Here are a couple of tips to avoid reeling in your partner or yourself. Hold the hook tightly in your fingers especially if you are trying to attach live bait. The squirming and flailing of those pesky little rascals can drive a hook deep into your skin. If you get your hook or lure snagged underwater, don't yank or try to jerk it free, the tension on the line or spring action of the pole could send the hook into you or your partner's body parts. Don't cast over your partners head and always point the tip of the pole toward the water and above all, have acute situational awareness before you cast.

Then came the next weekend and I talked my dad into taking me waterskiing on our next excursion. I learned to water ski about 40 years ago and am still not very good but do enjoy wandering around the lake on that 6 inch by 6 foot hunk of tree strapped securely to my feet. I thought to myself, now I can impress my dad with my waterskiing exhibition. I actually got up on the first attempt and soon was cutting through the water with ease. Across the wake I went to the far port side of our boat, aptly called "Miss Behave", and then thought I'd jump the wake as I crossed to the starboard side of the boat. I was almost even with the boat on the right side and had enough tension on the line to tow a small airplane when I started cart wheeling through the air like a windmill in a tornado. All I can remember is seeing water, sky water, a glimpse of the

A fighter pilot's perspective on control

Lt. Col. Gregory Kreuder
13th Fighter Squadron

If true, should we throw our hands up in defeat?

On the contrary, I propose we separate the few things that are within our control from the vast remainder which is not. We should expend our best effort where we can and let the rest ride. It sounds simple, but this requires critical analysis and deliberate effort.

In my opinion, what we can truly control are two things: our effort, starting with preparation through execution, and our attitude. Pretty much everything else is outside our control.

The Air Force needs pilots who react to emergencies in a cool, calm and professional manner; not someone who grabs the mic and yells, "We're all gonna die!"

As student pilots, we were graded on everything we did and how we did it, every day. Pilots who remained calm with a positive attitude invariably performed better than those who didn't.

Everybody has good and bad days and I'm no exception to this rule. Although it's easy to be in a good mood when things go our way, the true measure of our character is when things don't go so well. For example, on one of my bad days, I left my trusty T-37's landing light extended when doing practice approach and landings at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. After one particular approach, I failed to properly accomplish the checklist after bringing up the landing gear and completely forgot to retract my landing light. As I was about to over-speed the hapless appendage, my instructor took control of the aircraft and retracted it for me. He just as quickly handed me the aircraft back, and in the space of a few seconds, I knew I'd failed that sortie. Nuts!

Most Airmen in my class adopted a similar philosophy. Consciously or otherwise, we focused on having a good attitude and simply doing our best every day. We learned to let go of the rest, including the grades that ultimately determined class standing and our follow-on assignments. I'm confident we functioned well

boat and my dad laughing so hard he about lost his sunglasses, more water, the sky and then wham, when did they replace the water with concrete? I hit so hard, I thought my nose was on the back of my skull. If that wasn't enough and to add insult to injury, my ski (which I thought was my friend) gave me a quick uppercut to the forehead and left a clear impression of "nierB O", that would be O' Brien as read in a mirror, just above my nose and eyebrows. As I waited for the return of my family to pluck me out of the water, I was trying to come up with a good explanation for my version of waterskiing follies. I looked at my ski and to my amazement; the fin on the bottom of the ski had sheared off completely leaving me no directional control of any kind. That's the ticket I thought to myself, I'll blame it on faulty equipment. My 15 second dance on Lake Texhoma is often a topic of discussion to this day.

I was fortunate that there were no lingering effects of the fin shear incident but again many folks are seriously injured and even lose their life in water related incidents. First and foremost, check your equipment prior to launch. I figure that fin was either cracked or corroded to the point of failure before I strapped that stick to my feet. Furthermore, rope breaks, binding failures, rope anchor point failures etc, can lead to serious problems. Make sure your equipment is in good condition and stay within your skill set especially when learning a new sport. Make sure you load your craft properly and don't over load the boat remembering lunch, refreshments and other items add to the total. Personal flotation devices are a wonderful invention and when properly fitted and actually worn, can save your life. Make sure you drown the worms and minnows and not the fisherman or folks you tow behind your boat on skis, tubes and kneeboards.

as a team due to this or a similar mindset. On occasion, thankfully rare, one of our classmates would excessively focus on grades and comparative class ranking.

This concentration on factors outside their control greatly increased the individual's stress and often soured that person's attitude. When the team members saw this, they joined forces and brought the wayward soul back on board. We taught each other to remain positive, focus on effort rather than performance on any given day, and let our instructors worry about how the rest would go.

Although I've offered pilot training as an example, this approach can be applied to any environment where we work closely with one another, yet are graded in relation to each other. Rather than focusing on the parts of control that remain an illusion, we can instead concentrate on the variables that occasionally drive the outcome in our favor. By doing so, we're maintaining full control of our sense of self-worth and ability to lead less-stressful and happier lives.

Security and policy review

Did you know that as a military member you must coordinate all information relating to speeches, presentations, Academic papers, multimedia visual information materials and information proposed for release to a publicly accessible Worldwide Website with exception of Air Force publications through the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office? For more information contact the 14th FTW/PA at 434-7068.

Spotlight: 14 FTW/MAQ



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Tech. Sgt. Stanley Shellman, Quality Assurance Evaluations Inspector, checks the tie-down on a T-38 Talon at the engine testing facility on June 15. Tie-downs are used to hold the aircraft in place while running its engine during maintenance and repair.

1. Unit Mission?

Squadron Level Mission: Ensure safe, reliable aircraft are available in adequate numbers to train Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training and Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals pilots while maintaining fleet health of 226 T-1, T-6 and T-38 aircraft.

Vision: United States Air Force's premier quality assurance evaluators who are mission focused, professionally trained and educated while maintaining a close-knit family atmosphere.

Wing Level:
The 14th Flying Training Wing/QAEs ensure all aspects of the wing mission are completed at the appropriate time. We help produce pilots by ensuring sufficient aircraft are properly prepared for flight. And advance airmen during all phases of

pilot training here at Columbus as well as professionally developing our military and civil service inspector. We feed the fight by ensuring competent combat ready Airmen are ready to join the world's best fighting force.

2. Key Leaders?

Functional Commander: Lt. Col. Doug Jantzen
Chief, Quality Assurance Evaluator: Ken Phelps
Superintendent: Master Sgt. Pam Schultz

3. Personnel numbers?

Military: 8
Civil Service: 12
Buildings: 1

4. Squadron Functions?

Surveillance of all aircraft maintenance performed by DynCorp.

5. Unit name?

Maintenance Authority

6. Upcoming challenges?

Contract recompetition for Fiscal Year 2013

7. How does the unit play a part in SUPT?

We ensure the contractor, currently DynCorp, maintains and provides an adequate number of T-1, T-6, T-38 (to include the IFF mission) aircraft to produce 1/3 of all USAF pilots annually.

8. Unique aspects of the unit?

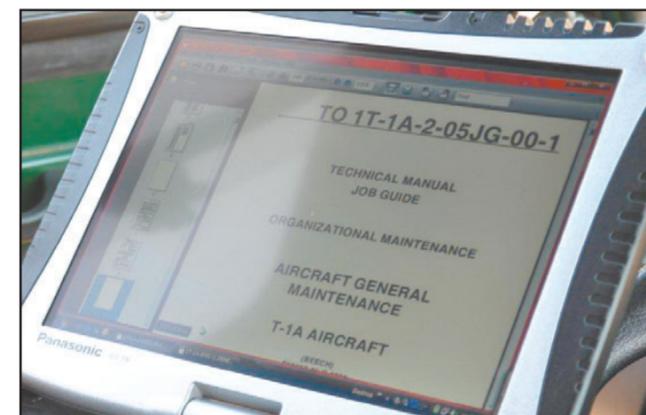
We are the only unit in AETC to be collocated with the ACO and have a career Maintenance Officer as the Functional Commander. We surveil AETC's largest aircraft maintenance contract worth over \$46.5M annually.



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Rich Holfield, Quality Assurance Evaluations Inspector, reviews his material while performing a thruflight maintenance inspection on a T-1 Jayhawk on June 15. Thruflight maintenance is performed on aircraft between same-day flights to ensure it is prepared and safe for additional use. Surprise inspections are used to help ensure a contract standards are met.



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Mike Mitchell, Quality Assurance Evaluations Inspector, oversees a contractor running calibration tests on a chaff dispenser at the precision measurement lab on June 15. Different types of chaff is used as decoys for different types of missiles, causing their radar systems to mistake the chaff for their original target.



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Aircraft maintainers follow strict checklists to ensure proper procedures are followed every time. Quality assurance evaluations inspectors use these checklists to test a maintainer's procedures.



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Master Sgt. Timothy Adams, Quality Assurance Evaluations Inspector, checks a box of ejection seat cartridges in a cooled building at the munitions dump on June 15. Explosive items such as these must be stored at certain temperature depending on their composition. Columbus Air Force Base not only stores its own parts for maintenance and training, but also holds munitions from transiting aircraft.



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Russell Flood, Quality Assurance Evaluation Inspector, checks the underside of a T-6, Texan in hangar 2 on June 12.