

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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July 15, 2011

Weather



Today

High: 95, Low: 73
Scattered T-storms



Saturday

High: 91, Low: 73
Scattered T-storms



Sunday

High: 92, Low: 72
Isolated T-storms



Monday

High: 94, Low: 72
Sunny

News Briefs

Wing Retreat

The 14th Flying Training Wing will hold a Wing Retreat ceremony at 4:30 p.m. in front of Smith Plaza.

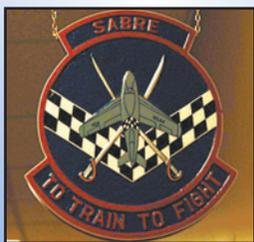
AF Ball Drawdown

Looking for a chance to win \$5,000? The Air Force Ball Committee, a CAFB organization is selling tickets for the Columbus 2011 Air Force Ball Drawdown at 6 p.m. on July 22 at the Columbus Club. Come for a night of free food, beverages, music by Hookin' Stan, and a chance to win one of the ten top prizes totaling a combined worth of over \$7,500 or separate door prizes. Tickets are \$50 per couple, and those interested should contact their ticket POC or David Bervig at (719) 588-7374 or Chenoa Clardy at 434-2005.

Enlisted Call

14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith will hold his final enlisted call here at Columbus Air Force Base on July 20 at 3 p.m. in the Kaye Auditorium.

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Feature **8**

Total force AF Reserve father flies sortie with ANG son.

CAP cadets receive week-long SUPT experience

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

Forty Civil Air Patrol cadets came to Columbus Air Force Base July 11 to 15 to catch a glimpse of just what Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training is really like.

The week-long camp, known as the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course, is an annual event that gives selected CAP cadets from a pool of all 50 states a chance to see what USAF pilot training is like.

The CAP cadets who attended the course spent the week getting a firsthand look at the everyday life of a student pilot. The cadets studied basic aircraft knowledge and the parts of the one year course required to become an Air Force Pilot.

Not all training was done in a classroom. The CAP cadets toured some operations such as the air traffic control facilities, flight medicine, aerospace and operational physiology, and the engine test cell.

The course was more than military experience and academics for the CAP cadets. CAFB officers, many of whom are teaching or enrolled in Air Force Specialized

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U.S. Air force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Civil Air Patrol Cadet Kyle Rose takes a picture of a firing T-38 Talon engine while visiting the engine test cell on July 13. Forty Civil Air Patrol Cadets arrived here on July 11 for a week-long Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Familiarization Course in which they were able to glimpse the rigorous demands and awesome opportunities that each student pilot trained at Columbus Air Force Base experiences.

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)	2.29 days	0.29 days	Jul. 25	48th (11-12)	1.30 days	0.40 days	Jul. 29	49th (11-JB)	0.76 days	0.30 days	Aug. 11	T-6	1,118	1,045	25,190
41st (12-06)	1.62 days	-2.85 days	Aug. 12	50th (11-12)	-2.81 days	-5.18 days	Jul. 29					T-1	322	360	8,305
												T-38	371	407	8,970
												IFF	97	72	1,874

The next graduation speaker is Lt. Gen. Douglas Owens, AETC Vice Commander

CAP

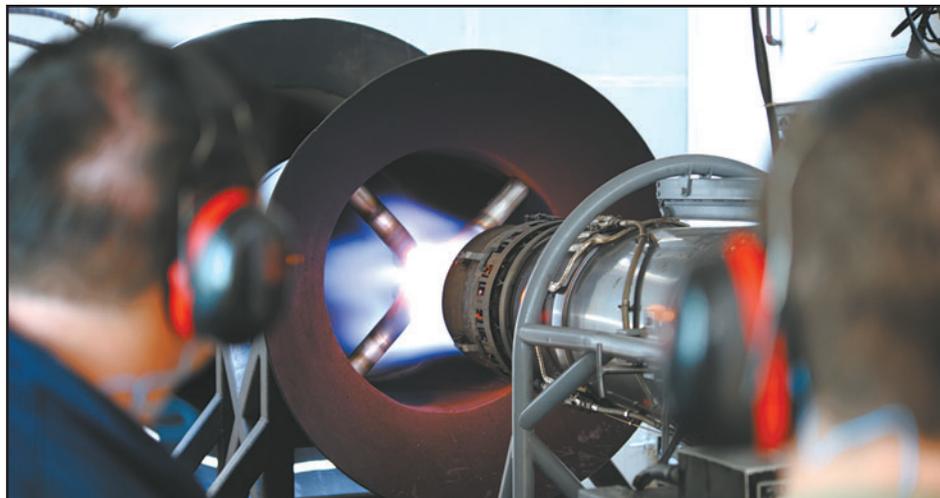
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Undergraduate Pilot Training mentored the CAP cadets, providing valuable information.

CAP cadets were also able to visit the flight simulators to put their learned skills into practice with the safety of solid earth beneath them.

T-1 Jayhawk incentive flights were available, and tests were given to the cadets to evaluate their academic performance and decide the deserving top performers.

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



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
A T-38 Talon engine on afterburner runs inside the engine testing cell at Columbus Air Force Base on July 13. Forty Civil Air Patrol Cadets were given the opportunity to see this and many other aspects of what goes into being a Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training student at Columbus AFB.

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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.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
18 Wing Retreat, 4:30 p.m. @ Smith Plaza	19 Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ AFRC 14th CONS AoC, 10 a.m. @ Club	20 Enlisted Call, 3 p.m. @ Kaye Boss and Buddy Night, 4:30 p.m. @ Club	21 Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Annex	22 First Sergeants Golf Tournament, 9 a.m. @ Golf Course Air Force Ball Drawdown fundraiser, 6 p.m. @ Club	23/24
25 Class 12-05 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club Health Consumer's Forum, 11 a.m. @ Club	26 BCC Luncheon, 11:45 a.m. @ Columbus Country Club Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremony, 3:30 p.m. @ Kaye	27	28	29 Class 11-12 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye Enlisted Promotions, 4 p.m. @ Kaye UPT Class 81-04, 30-year Reunion	30/31

Long Range Events

Aug. 5:
14th OSS CoC
Aug. 5:
11-13 Assignment
Night
Aug. 9:
AETC/CC Visit
Aug. 9:
Newcomers
Orientation
Aug. 11:
IFF Graduation
Aug. 12:
Class 12-06 Track
Select
Aug. 15:
Night Flying Week
Aug. 16:
Hearts Apart

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Columbus AFB to participate in “Ruck March to Remember”

14th Security Forces Squadron

The “Ruck March to Remember” is an Air Force Security Forces event in tribute to the 10th anniversary of September 11th. Security Forces members from 23 units will participate in the 2,181 mile march, which starts at the Security Forces Center in San Antonio, Texas and ends at Ground Zero in New York City. The march kicked off on July 12th, and will end in New York City on September 11th.

Each unit will ruck march approximately 140 miles passing the commemorative guidon to the next unit until it reaches Ground Zero. Each unit will add a streamer to the guidon before it is relinquished to the next unit. Upon completion of the march, 23 streamers will have been attached, marking each unit's participa-

tion in this memorial event.

Members from Columbus Air Force Base 14th SFS will cover a 146 mile portion from Alexandria, La. to Brookhaven, Miss. starting on July 24th and ending July 28th. Each member of the 20 person team will march roughly 7.3 miles carrying a 45lb rucksack and the guidon. 14th SFS Defenders will bivouac each evening in Darnell tents at a campground along the way, and begin the march anew at dawn. Prior to the start of the march, 14th SFS defenders will be wearing their rucksacks during unit PT to gain familiarity with the ruck and to acclimate to the additional weight.

To find out how you can support this endeavor, please contact Tech Sgt. Jimmy Pender at 434-2012, or Senior Airman Chris Jones at 434-1229.

Integrated DOD/VA Disability Evaluation System now in place for wounded warriors at CAFB

Department of Defense Veterans Assistance Integrated Disability Evaluation System program

A new Disability Evaluation System that integrates the processes of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs is now in place at Columbus Air Force Base for service members referred for medical evaluation boards. The Integrated Disability Evaluation System, or IDES, provides a more seamless transition to veteran disability benefits with fewer hurdles, faster results and more consistent ratings between the DOD and the VA than the previous system.

Service members diagnosed with medical conditions that may not be compatible with military service will now be referred to a Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officer, or PEBLO who will enroll them in the IDES. The PEBLO coordinates the entire IDES process for the service member, scheduling the required appointments, preparing packages for evaluation boards, and coordinating with the service member's commander. The PEBLO guides the

service member through the process from the point of referral until the service member is either returned to duty or discharged.

The PEBLO also refers them to a Military Service Coordinator from the VA as soon as they are enrolled in the IDES. The MSC opens a file for the service member with the VA as soon as the process begins and closely collaborates with the PEBLO. The MSC keeps the service member and the PEBLO informed of all the VA processes and results and will help the service member file a disability claim with the VA. Military legal counsel is also available to the service member at no cost throughout the process.

Under the new system, the service member will receive a single set of medical examinations conducted by VA certified physicians. The results of the exams are presented to both departments for their respective processes for the IDES. Previously, service members who received medical discharges still had to complete a separate set of examinations through the VA.

A preliminary rating board at the VA assigns disability ratings for service mem-

bers in the IDES for use by both the DOD and the VA to calculate disability compensation and benefits. Service members who are unable to continue to serve can receive their benefits letter from the VA approximately one month after separation. Under the previous system, service members could not even begin the disability claim process with the VA until they had a discharge date. Therefore, on average, it took more than eight months to begin receiving veteran disability compensation and benefits.

Before bringing the IDES to Columbus Air Force Base, the process was tested in a pilot program at 27 locations, including Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center. In thousands of surveys, service members and their families in the pilot program consistently reported higher than average satisfaction with fairness, customer service, and the overall experience than did participants in the legacy system.

For more information, please e-mail Shannon Ellis, Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officer, 14th Medical Group at Shannon.Ellis.Ctr@columbus.af.mil or call 434-2160.

IFF 11-IBC Graduates

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron graduated Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Class 11-IBC on July 13. Two members graduated 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 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!



Capt. Jordan Wilkie
F-16



2nd Lt. Jarred Epstein
F-16

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.

Trail BLAZE'r

Name: Senior Airman Chris Jones

Unit: 14th Security Forces Squadron

Job title: NCOIC of Supply and Alternate Unit Deployment Manager

Time at Columbus AFB: One year five months

Time in Service: Six years two months

Hometown: Chapel Hill, N.C.

Career goals: Finish Community College of the Air Force degree, make command chief master sergeant.

Family members: Wife, Lakina; daughters, Brooklyn and Ke'Shyra.

Favorite musician: Cee-Lo Green

Favorite movie: The Gladiator



Biggest pet peeve: Tardiness and disorganization

Favorite book: "48 Laws of Power" by Robert Greene and Joost Elffers.

Inspirations: Everybody I come in contact with.

Personal motto: "If you've got time to complain, you've got time to think of a solution."

Dollars & \$ense:

If I am paying child support, can I receive the dependent Basic Allowance for Housing rate?

If you reside in single type government quarters and you are paying child support, you will be authorized BAH-Differential. The amount of child support must be equal to or greater than the BAH-Differential Rate. The BAH-Differential rates are in a table along with BAH transit and BAH partial rates. Follow the BAH Non-Locality Rates link to the Defense Travel Management Office website (https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/pdcFiles.cfm?dir=/Allowances/Non-Locality_BAH/). In the Non-Locality BAH folder, select the file for the current year's non-locality BAH rates.

If you do not reside in single type government quarters, you will receive the dependent rate.

In both cases the allowance is on the behalf of a dependent solely on the basis of payment of child support. In no case, will you receive greater than the dependent rate allowance. For example, if you get remarried, your spouse becomes the primary dependent and your child support is no longer a factor in the rate.

References:

- AFMAN 65-116 Volume 1, Chapter 26.2.7.
- AFMAN 65-116 Volume 1, Chapter 26.2.4.
- JFTR Volume 1, Chapter 10, Part A, Paragraph U10008

General Order: Mexico Travel Restrictions



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

5 JUL 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MILITARY MEMBERS OF AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND (AETC), INCLUDING AIR FORCE RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL IN TITLE 10 STATUS, AETC CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEPENDENTS AND CONTRACTORS

FROM: AETC/CC
1 F Street, Suite 1
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4324

SUBJECT: GENERAL ORDER – Mexico Travel Restrictions

- PURPOSE:** To implement Department of Defense, United States Air Force, and AETC restrictions on travel within Mexico due to security concerns.
- AUTHORITY:** The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ); Title 10, United States Code, Sections 801 – 940; and HQ USNORTHCOM FORCE PROTECTION DIRECTIVE 11-118.
- APPLICABILITY:** Effective immediately, this General Order applies to all active duty, reserve component and Air National Guard personnel in Title 10 status assigned or attached within AETC. It also applies to AETC civilian employees, AETC dependants, and AETC contractors (as long as it does not violate any terms of the contract) when traveling in an official capacity. AETC civilian employees, AETC dependants, and AETC contractors traveling for non-official purposes are strongly urged to abide by all travel prohibitions and advisories for their own safety and security.
- PUNITIVE ORDER:** Paragraph 5 of this General Order is punitive. Failure to obey this General Order by persons subject to the UCMJ is a violation of Article 92, UCMJ. Violations may result in court-martial, Article 15, or other disciplinary/administrative action. Failure to obey this General Order by AETC civilian employees when traveling in an official capacity may result in adverse disciplinary action.
- PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:** The following activities are prohibited:
 - All non-official travel to, or through, any portion of Mexico located within 50 statute miles of the U.S.-Mexico border.
 - All non-official travel to the states of Coahuila, Chihuahua, Durango, Jalisco, Michoacan, Nuevo Leon, San Luis Potosi, Sinaloa, Tamaulipas, and Zacatecas.
 - All non-official travel to all other areas of Mexico not specifically listed in paragraphs 5.a and 5.b without approval from the first O-6 in the chain of command prior to travel. For those units who do not have an O-6 assigned, the highest ranking USAF commander on-site is authorized to sign as the approving official.

6. EMERGENCY TRAVEL EXCEPTION: Only wing commanders or equivalents may approve emergency non-official and official travel to the prohibited areas listed in paragraphs 5.a and 5.b. Official DoD travel to these areas is limited to mission-essential travel only. Personnel granted exceptions must comply with requirements set forth in the Foreign Clearance Guide. All approved exceptions will be forwarded no less than 48 hours prior to departure to AETC/A7S (aetc.afs.workflow@randolph.af.mil). Include the following information at a minimum: name of approval official, name of traveler, dates of travel, location, reason for travel and responsible unit. Upon traveler's return, notify AETC/A7S within 48 hours.

7. TRAVEL ADVISORY: A federal travel advisory recommends that all non-official travel to the state of Guerrero, including Acapulco, should be deferred until the risks in that area returns to a safer level.

8. UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY: Commanders, and military and civilian supervisors will ensure that all personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this General Order. Commanders may identify additional restricted locations based on specific threat information. If identified, up-channel threat information to AETC/A7S for evaluation of applicability across the command. Questions should be directed to Ms. Latina Isaacks at latina.isaacks.2@us.af.mil, or DSN 487-2476.

9. EFFECTIVE/EXPIRATION DATES: This General Order is effective immediately and will expire on 1 November 2011.

EDWARD A. RICE, JR.
General, USAF
Commander



- Across
- The Civil Air Patrol often supports search and efforts as part of their emergency services mission.
 - The Civil Air Patrol has primary missions.
 - The Civil Air Patrol is the official civilian to the Air Force.
 - The Civil Air Patrol - United States Air Force is commanded by Col. George .
 - The Civil Air Patrol supported coastal defense in War II.
- Down
- The Civil Air Patrol has been active since 1, 1941.
 - The Civil Air Patrol motto: Semper
 - The Civil Air Patrol is headquartered at AFB.

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.



Company grade officer PME undergoes transformation

Phil Berube
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Air Force senior leaders recently approved a plan to transform professional military education for company grade officers.

The two existing developmental education venues for lieutenants and captains will soon merge into a single in-residence opportunity for CGOs.

The air and space basic course at Air University here will transfer portions of its content to the squadron officer school in-residence program, and the final group of lieutenants will graduate ASBC this summer.

The revamped SOS course will expand from its current five-week duration to an eight-week program and will retain the "combined operations" with the U.S. Air Force Senior NCO Academy.

ASBC and SOS are aligned under Air University's Squadron Officer College, one of the colleges included in the Carl A. Spaatz Center for Officer Education.

"ASBC has been a success," said Col. Terrance McCaffrey, the SOC commandant. "It accomplished the mission for which it was created back in the 1990s. As a direct result of ASBC, today's officer corps now collectively embraces the warrior ethos, reflects an expeditionary mindset, better comprehends 'the family business' and is more adept at articulating what our Air Force brings to the fight."

Incorporating lessons from 20 years of expeditionary operations, the remaining training and educational offerings, from accessions programs to career-specific training to deployment and readiness training, will continue to meet basic developmental needs that ASBC was originally designed to address, McCaffrey said.

The ASBC commandant, Col. Louis Dupuis, said that although the Air Force valued the learning outcomes produced by ASBC, senior leaders had to weigh these outcomes against the potential cost savings and the fact that some of those outcomes could be achieved through other means.

"The savings are considerable," Dupuis said. "The savings will be about \$12 million in fiscal year 2012."

Upon discontinuation of the ASBC program, those instructors and staff members currently assigned to the school will transition from teaching duties to developing curriculum for the transformed SOS.

"Although the goal for the new eight-week SOS is 100 percent in-residence attendance for line-of-the-Air Force officers, experience indicates it will be difficult to achieve this goal because of operations tempo," Dupuis said. "ASBC had an identical attendance goal, but because of operational concerns, it was unable to maintain that level of throughput."

Consequently, there will be a distance-learning alternative for those officers and civilians who are unable to attend the resident program, he said. The existing squadron officer school distance-learning course will continue to take new students until the revised course is completed and made available by June 2012.

The current five-week SOS courses will continue through September, when SOS will stand down temporarily while the curriculum is retooled. The new eight-week SOS course is scheduled to debut in early 2012.

CONR supports final space shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla. (AFNS) — Spectators looked on as Space Shuttle Atlantis roared to life for the final time, as the orbiter and crew launched into space from here July 8.

Members of the Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, or Continental NORAD Region, and Air Forces Northern provided airspace control and shuttle support to the final launch of Atlantis.

"AFNORTH and CONR have two separate missions supporting the launch," said Maj. Gen. Garry C. Dean, the CONR-AFNORTH commander. "For the air defense piece, or CONR piece, we patrol the (sky above) the shuttle, and for the AFNORTH piece we provide the manning for potential search and rescue operations should the astronauts need to bail out of the orbiter."

CONR pilots ensured airspace sovereignty by enforcing the Federal Aviation Administration's temporary flight restriction area established around Kennedy Space Center. Using F-15E Strike Eagles, the pilots performed CONR's Operation Noble Eagle mission.

The 114th ROS mission is to provide support to the 45th Space Wing during Eastern Range launches and to operate and maintain the Ballistic Missile Range Safety Technology program.

"As NASA's manned space shuttle program comes to an end, I must say it has been a true honor to have been a part of a program that has shaped our history," Dean said. "Joint Task Force-Space Transportation System, the men and women of CONR, AFNORTH, and all the other supporting agencies have done an outstanding job supporting the shuttle program, and as a commander I couldn't be more proud."

TRICARE Standard gives families more options

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Active duty service members, including activated National Guard and Reserve members, are not eligible for TRICARE Standard and must enroll in either TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Prime Remote. Beneficiaries who are eligible for TRICARE Standard and Prime cannot use both plans at the same time.

TRICARE Standard particularly helps beneficiaries who live in areas where TRICARE Prime is not avail-

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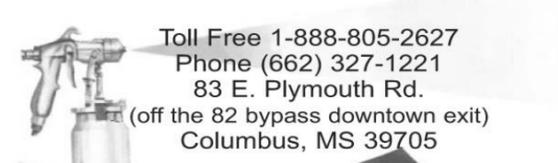
For more information on DEERS, visit www.tricare.mil/deers. Although beneficiaries do not need referrals to receive care under TRICARE Standard, some services may require prior authorization. Beneficiaries can receive care at a military treatment facility on a space-available basis only.

Families living abroad can qualify for the TRICARE Overseas Program Standard option. It works just like the TRICARE Standard program in the United States, except beneficiaries receive care from host nation providers. When seeing a host nation provider, beneficiaries may have to pay up front for services provided and file a claim with TRICARE for reimbursement afterwards.

To learn more about TRICARE Standard, go to www.tricare.mil/standard. To find a TRICARE network or non-network provider, visit www.tricare.mil/providerdirectory. For more information about the TOP Standard plan, visit www.tricare-overseas.com.

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Base News

Attention Bowhunters

Come to the archery range on base from 5 to 7 p.m. on July 19 to meet and shoot with fellow archery enthusiasts and bowhunters. Call 242-0160 for more information.

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.

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.

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.

Pre-Separation Counseling (DD Form-2648)

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

Pre and Post Deployment Tour Brief

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are held daily at the AFRC; Pre-deployment at 9:30 a.m. and post-deployment at 1:30 p.m.

Sponsorship Training,

July 18, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. for all Unit Intro Monitors and Sponsors. Information on the importance of a good, effective sponsorship program and resources available for both sponsor and newcomer. To register call 434-2790. In addition, a public version of eSponsorship Application and Training can be found on the MilitaryINSTALLATIONS homepage. <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mils>, in the sponsorship article for each installation.

Newcomers Orientation

July 19, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., for newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the AFRC, to register call 434-2790.

Creating a Healthy Marriage

July 21, 11 a.m. to noon, Workshop to learn the myths and stages of marriage. The keys to creating and maintaining a healthy marriage. Conducted by the MFLC, to register call 434-2790.

Resume and Cover Letters

Aug. 3, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Workshop on writing Resumes and Cover Letters for employment. A Resume without a Cover Letter is trash. To register call 434-2790.

Chapel Schedule

Airman Summer Splash

For E-1 to E-4 and their families. July 15 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the base swimming pool. Come and relax during an afternoon in the sun with free entrance to the base pool and free dinner.

Young Single Adults Hang-Out

For young single adults (18 to 30 years old) July 16, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Begins at the Chapel Annex for a Protestant bible lesson before moving to the bowling alley for two free games of bowling and combo dinner. Call the base chapel at 434-2500 to RSVP to this event.

RefreshHer Princess Mystery Dinner

For princesses of all ages (Moms, feel free to bring your daughters.) Come in an evening gown, royal dress, casual dress, and of course a crown or tiara from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Chapel Annex. The cost for this is \$5, please RSVP to the base chapel at 434-2500.

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.

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

Crossword

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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.

Sounds of Summer Concert Series

Come enjoy the Sounds of Summer Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in July at the Columbus Riverwalk. Each week features a different band live. Next week's band is Deacon Jones and the Late Night. Call 328-6305 for more information.

Learning to Grow at the Farmer's Market

Come check out the kid's day at the Farmer's Market, July 16 from 7 to 10 a.m. Kids Saturday at the Hitching Lot! Crafts by Sarah Oswald, and a watermelon seed spitting contest. The Warehouse

Dance Company from West Point will make an appearance as well!

Daily Historic Home Tours

Visit the newly restored Tennessee Williams Welcome Center and Museum beautifully placed in historic downtown Columbus at 300 Main Street. This site is the first home of legendary playwright Tennessee Williams. Take a complimentary tour through this National Literary Landmark and pick up information on local antebellum homes which are open year-round for tours. Tours are \$10 per person, per tour. Contact the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center at 328-0222 for more information.

Columbus Main Street

Looking for something to do in the local area? Check out the Columbus Main Street website, www.columbusmainstreet.com to see what's going on!

14th Force Support Squadron receives new leader



Colonel-select Scott Frickenstein, 14th Mission Support Group Commander, shakes the hand of Rodney Bonton Sr., the new head of the 14th Force Support Squadron during the change of leadership ceremony on July 11 at the Columbus Club. Bonton replaces outgoing commander Maj. Wilshelia Ezzel.

U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncan

BARGAIN LINE

Homes

For rent: \$850 per month. Beautiful three bedroom, two bath house. Perfect for a family or a few pilots! The entire house has been remodeled. New carpet in every bedroom. Patio area perfect for barbeques. Large fenced back yard great for pets. Washer, dryer, fridge and all other major appliances included. 408 24th Ave N, Columbus. Please call Emma at (715) 570-3484 for more information or to schedule a showing.

For sale: 2.1 acres on Wood Road in Caledonia. Ready to build. Call 356-6844 and please leave a message.

Transportation

For sale: Boston Whaler, 16 foot, outboard 115 Evinrude Motor, with new trailer tires. Excellent condition.

\$12,000 or best offer. Please call (808) 221-2005.

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

For sale: 2007 Harley-Davidson, Softail FXST, 8900 miles, black/chrome, many upgrades, 96" engine, six speed, \$11,900, call for more information, 497-2175.

For sale: 2003 Ford WindstarSE V6, seven passenger, good condition, 140,000 miles. AM/FM, CD, video system, power mirrors and seat, Front and rear air and keyless entry. \$4,500 or best offer. Call 251-0627 and please leave a message.

For sale: Old Towne 14 foot Osprey Canoe, with oars, trolling motor, and new battery. \$900 or best offer. Black entertainment stand \$50 or best offer. (808) 221-2005.

For sale: 2008 CBR1000RR, 6,000

miles, Taylor Made exhaust, lots of extras, excellent condition. \$8,650 or best offer. Please call (808) 221-2005.

For sale: 2006 Dodge Dakota Extended cab with V-6 Eng and Auto Trans. Excellent shape. \$8,995. Call 328-4374.

For sale: 1995 Honda Helix 250cc Scooter, little over 6,000 miles. \$1,400 or best offer. Also have a 1970 and 1972 Honda CT70 trailbikes, one runs and drives with 1,100 miles and the other is 95 percent complete with many new parts. Call for more details, \$1,500. Call 549-6646.

Miscellaneous

For sale: 2006 Frigidaire Gallery Washer and electric Dryer. Heavy-duty super capacity. \$150 each. Call (406) 579-1356.

For sale: XM Onyx radio for sale.

Comes with radio, vehicle dock, dash mount, and installation parts. All parts still in original plastic packaging. \$40. 813-3292.

For sale: Collectors baseball, basketball, football cards. Several moving boxes full of cards from the 60's to 90's, all in outstanding condition. Call (208) 559-6953 to make an offer.

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 \$195 or best offer. Call 386-6981.

Garage sale

Garage Sale: 5095 Columbus Circle, Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. PCS sale featuring tools, electronics, sporting goods, clothing and other items.

Base families offered a variety of activities

Join a Bowling League Today

Sign up is ongoing and league play begins Sept. 1 at Strike Zone Lanes. The leagues include Monday night Ladies' League; Tuesday night Mixed League; Wednesday night Couples; Thursday night Intramurals; and Saturday morning Youth. For more information or to sign up, please call the Bowling Center at 434-3577.

Everyone Loves a Gift Card

The 14th Force Support Squadron is making the joy of giving a little easier with new gift cards. They are simple to purchase and easy to use, giving special purchasing power in nearly all FSS activities. The cards are available for purchase in \$5 dollar increments (perhaps for the daily snack bar patron at the Bowling Center) and are limited to \$1,500 (in case a cruise purchase from ITT is in the works). FSS gift cards can be purchased at the Youth Center, Outdoor Recreation/ITT, the Bowling Center, Whispering Pines Golf Course and Arts & Crafts beginning this week. They may be used at all of these facilities plus the Child Development Center and Auto Skills.

Outdoor Summer Fun

Outdoor Recreation's summer hours, effective April 1 through Sept. 30, are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The facility is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. Independence Pool is open daily from noon to 7 p.m. and will remain open through Labor Day, Sept. 5. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505 or 2507.

"Bump & Run" to the Golf Course for Daily Specials

In addition to offering a great lunch menu with daily specials Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Whispering Pines Golf Course is starting some great daily golfing and drink specials in July. There's "Moonlight Mondays" – nine holes and a cart for just \$15 or 18 holes with a cart for only \$20 from 3 p.m. to close. "Two-Fer Tuesdays" offers two golfers the chance to play 18 holes with a cart for just \$35. Kids under age 14 golf free with a paid adult at each Wednesday's Family Day. The Thursday "Twilight Special" is continuing due to its success. Every Thursday after 6 p.m., play nine holes with a cart for just \$15. Then "Thirsty Thursdays" offers drink specials in the Pro Shop or on the patio from 4-7 p.m. The Saturday morning "Dog Fights" are open to all

Deep Disney Discounts Extended



DISNEY'S MILITARY SALUTE
Continued through Sept. 2012. Call Information, Tickets and Travel at 434-2505/2507 for more information.

advantage of the expanded offers.

Ticket prices and packages include a four-day Hopper pass for \$138 each; four-day Base with Water Park pass for \$138 each; and a four-day Hopper with Water Park pass for only \$165 per person. There are some blackout dates.

Those eligible for these great deals include active duty, retired military, active guard and reservists, and active or retired Coast Guard. Permanently disabled veterans with DAVPRM status also qualify.

Tickets may be purchased by an eligible patron or their spouse, but not by both. Tickets may be used by friends and family, however, the eligible party or spouse will be required to activate all tickets at the gate.

For more information about this and other fun, affordable vacation ideas, contact Outdoor Recreation/ITT at 434-2505/2507.

levels of golfers and begin at 8 a.m. each week. Every Sunday play 18 holes with a cart for only \$20. Direct questions to the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

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.

Passport to Food, Family & Fun

Pick up your Passport to food, family and fun 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 passports at any of the participating activities by Aug. 31 for a chance to win prizes. The participating activities are the Bowling Center, Whispering Pines Golf Course, Columbus Club and Indy's, Arts and Crafts, 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.

Hey Single Airmen! Get Your PLAYpass Now!

Single airmen returning from deployment and families of deployed members can receive special discounts and rewards valued at more than \$500 each. 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 now. 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 information, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

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.

The Gift

Senior Master Sgt. Terrence Stanich
14th OSS Chief Controller, Air Traffic Control Tower

Having spent most of my life affiliated with the Air Force as both a dependant and active duty member, I've witnessed many changes. Today, we flourish under a "do more, with less" motto. Supervisors are younger than ever. Airmen are stepping forward to assume leadership roles at a faster rate than I could fathom two decades ago. This places our young men and women in a mentorship role much earlier than in the past. It wasn't until I had seven years in that I had the pleasure of supervising someone. Many mistakes later I received a pep talk from a great mentor that I wish I had received much earlier. This single conversation had a lasting impact on who I am today.

This conversation revolved around a concept called "The

Gift". I wish I could say thunder roared and lightning split the sky as I received this wisdom but it didn't. It was simple and went something like this:

"The Gift' is that first opportunity that comes your way and can take many forms. It may be the first time a subordinate comes to you with a problem and needs your help. It can be the first time that your peer comes to you asking for advice. It could be that first occasion where your supervisor tasks you with an assignment that exceeds your comfort level. How you act will have profound consequences for better or worse because people are watching. How you act at that point forward tells everyone exactly who you are and where you stand. It lets them know the type of leader you are. Overreaction can ruin your credibility. If you don't react enough, it shows that you don't hold their needs as important. Recognizing the 'Gift' when it comes can help you demonstrate that you are a leader that cares regardless of the circumstances. Good supervisors can be a rarity but when one is present it is easy to see because it reflects in the attitude of those around them. The opposite is easy to spot as well. Positivity breeds positivity and negativity breeds' negativity."

Standards of courage

Lt. Col. Aaron Burgstein
1st Combat Camera Squadron

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. — The other day at lunch I saw something that really stuck with me. A colonel excused himself from his dining companions for a moment and went over to an Airman at another table. Discretely, he corrected her on improper wear of the uniform.

Is this something to be concerned about? Is this what leaders should take their time to do?

The answer is yes. He corrected something the moment he saw it was wrong. It doesn't matter that it was something as seemingly trivial as the improper wear of the uniform. It's our duty as Airmen, and especially as leaders, to correct things that are wrong, from simple uniform items to multi-million-dollar budgets, and everything in between. It's a combination of excellence and integrity. To put it more concretely, as I sit writing this in an airport gate area, awaiting my maintenance delayed flight, I sure hope someone is watching and correcting the mechanics fixing my jet.

In addition to integrity, it also took courage to correct that Airman. Sure, some might argue that as a senior officer, one should feel secure in correcting a lower-ranking person. In this case, rank

doesn't matter. It takes moral courage to walk up to someone you don't know and tell them they're doing something wrong. Odds are, you're not making an instant friend and you're going to cause some hurt feelings.

It's a responsibility all supervisors share. I knew of a supervisor who would not give feedback, or at least honest feedback, because once when he did so, the person he was trying to help started crying. I've known of others who just didn't take the time to correct seemingly minor infractions such as hair or uniforms. The problem is those seemingly minor issues become larger issues. These leaders set their Airmen up for failure. In a couple of cases I've seen, the lack of an early course correction resulted in being passed over for promotion a few years down the road.

It's not fun correcting people. Adversarial encounters rarely are a good time. However, it's our duty, as Airmen and as leaders, to uphold the standards. That requires not only knowing the standards, but having the moral courage to tell someone they're wrong. You do it professionally, with as little fuss as needed, but nonetheless, you do it.

But it's not just supervisors.

A personal example and one that definitely shows courage is the Airman who recently corrected me on a uniform issue. We were at a squadron event and

he asked if he could speak to me. When we were out of earshot of everyone else, he very quietly told me that I was doing something the Air Force Instructions did not allow. I quickly corrected the issue and thanked him for helping me out.

That took courage. Moreover, he handled it fantastically. He pulled me aside, kept it very professional and helped me out instead of playing "gotcha!" I appreciated that correction which helped me look better, and even more so, I appreciated his courage in approaching me.

This is where excellence comes in. We hold ourselves responsible, as Airmen of all ranks, to uphold standards and display excellence in what we do.

It's also about more than just correcting mistakes or issues you see. It's about setting your Airmen up for success. One of the hardest things I've had to do in my career was to defer a promotion until the Airman could meet standards — not my standards, but Air Force standards. However, as a leader, it was about more than just telling someone they were wrong. It doesn't just stop with the correction. After that, a good leader ensures the Airman has the support needed to get back on track. That's what we do as leaders. We help our Airmen.

Have that moral courage to do what's right, no matter how unpleasant it may be. You'll be happy you did, and just importantly, those people you correct will most likely thank you in the long run.

Choosing to act with grace and compassion when dealing with others regardless of the circumstances is what makes a true leader. I wish I had known this long ago, but one thing I realized is it's never too late to change.

Leaders don't ask for responsibility. It is thrust upon them because of who they are and how they act. History is filled with examples: William Wallace, Spartacus, and Leonidas. In each case, their actions inspired multitudes of people to follow them even if death was the outcome. Today's Air Force leaders are younger than ever. With each rank gained, supervisory influence branches to more people. By reacting with grace and respect toward others, work center leaders can enhance credibility and promote an atmosphere of positivity. You may not lead hoards into battle against overwhelming odds, but you can inspire others in a way that brings out the best in what they have to offer.

Leaders must be aware that how they handle situations will be noticed by all and it's your name that will be tied to the actions you take. Bottom line; once you've acted, there is no going back.

Summer not a time for complacency

Masao Doi
Air Force Safety Center

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — Summer is hot. That's the theme for this year's Critical Days of Summer campaign, which kicked off May 27.

By now, you've read the summer safety messages in the base paper, or heard them from your supervisor, commander and safety professionals at all levels. These messages include knowing the risks, having a plan and being a good wingman.

You've been enjoying the summer weeks so far and probably think everything is going well. Did you know that we'll be into the seventh week of CDS July 8, and for the past two years, the Air Force has lost two or more times more Airmen between now and Labor Day than in all of May and June combined? In fact, we lost 14 out of 21 and 14 out of 16 Airmen in 2009 and 2010 respectively, to both on- and off-duty preventable fatalities.

Those are alarming statistics because our goal is zero mishaps and fatalities. Now, it's as important as ever to set the safety example every day. Summer is not the time for complacency. As the weeks go by, don't let your guard down. Stay alert and reinforce safety at every opportunity you get with your family, co-workers or Airmen and civilians who work for you.

And, if you need other reasons, think of who's waiting for you at the dinner table. Take a peek at your little ones in the back seat of your car. Consider your co-workers, friends and others who count on you every day.

Summer is hot, but complacency can be dangerous. All of you are important to our Air Force and you mean a lot to those around you. So, stay safe this summer. We look forward



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks
(Left) Second Lt. Joshua Stoll, specialized-undergraduate pilot training student in SUPT Class 12-07, and his father, (Right) Maj. Philip Stoll, a T-6 Texan instructor pilot, debrief their first and maybe only flight together July 8 at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

Realizing a dream

Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Following in the steps of one's parent is the goal of many children.

For 2nd Lt. Joshua Stoll, specialized-undergraduate pilot training student in SUPT Class 12-07, he took one step closer to realizing that dream July 8 with his father Maj. Philip Stoll, T-6 instructor pilot, at his side or rather wing.

Joshua Stoll was on his final formation solo flight in the T-6 Texan II and there to fly formation with him was his father. With over five years of T-6 pilot experience under his belt, Philip Stoll was able to provide what Joshua Stoll described as the wingman he always wanted on his T-6 final solo flight. The elder Stoll was part of Columbus AFB's initial cadre for the T-37 to T06 transition.

"It's a nice feeling to be able to call your dad your wingman," said the Mississippi State University graduate said.

I have never flown together with him, even in a commercial capacity, so this opportunity was a once in a lifetime deal," said Philip Stoll, who was part of Columbus AFB's initial cadre for the T-37 to T-6 transition. "We will probably never have an opportunity like this again."

As a young boy Joshua Stoll always had aspirations of becoming a pilot just like his father. After spending most of his childhood and teenage years watching his father fly T-37s and then T-6s at Columbus he knew that's where he wanted to be.

"I remember playing at Freedom Park where we could see the aircraft flying around above us and I thought to myself...that's what I want to do," Joshua Stoll said.

Getting a coveted pilot training slot to become an aviator in the greatest Air Force in the world is one of many steps Joshua Stoll had to take to get to this point.

"I knew that he had wanted to fly for the Air Force in some capacity since he was just a little tot," said Philip Stoll, who like his son, was a student pilot in Sabre Flight when he was going through undergraduate pilot training in Class 86-01 here. "I did try to prepare him in the event he was unable, but he continued to pursue his goal."

He began his journey early being homeschooled all the way through high school in which much of the focus centered around aerodynamics and military histo-

ry. Upon graduating in May of 2006 from high school he celebrated by enrolling in to MSU while still being enrolled at East Mississippi Community College.

"I did not go to school to have a good time...I had a goal, and I worked hard to meet it," said Joshua Stoll.

To serve his country, Joshua joined the Alabama Air National Guard and on November 17, 2006 his father swore him in as an enlisted Jet Engine Mechanic.

While he spent weekends turning wrenches in the AL ANG he spent his weekdays attending at MSU and working full time at the local airport to put himself through school.

While at the airport he also earned his private pilot license preparing himself for the chance to fly just like his father.

Joshua Stoll finished his degree in Industrial Technology in June of 2009 effectively completing a five year degree in three years, with basic training and a deployment to Turkey in the middle.

When he finally got word that he was hired by the Mississippi ANG C-17 Globemaster Squadron in Jackson, Miss. and that he was selected to attend pilot training at Columbus AFB he knew exactly how to break the news to his father.

"I was very honored to be able to fly against him...that is something both of us will always remember."
— Philip Stoll.

"I received notification that I had been selected for SUPT late one evening via an e-mail," Joshua Stoll said. "Dad had an early flight the following morning, so after reading it a couple of times, I placed it in his bible, which we read every morning."

"When he was selected, I was overjoyed for him, but also knew the amount of sweat that would go into training," Philip Stoll continued. "I am thrilled with his effort at pilot training and his success."

Nearly halfway through with his training, Joshua Stoll said that being an instructor pilot's child is something that he appreciates.

"All of the instructor pilots are great," he said. "They really are here for us—if we had question they would be there to answer them even if took all evening for us to understand."

"I don't think they held me to a higher standard, but they all inspired me to do my best," he continued.

As for as finishing specialized-undergraduate pilot training the young Stoll says that he hasn't even thought about not finishing... "not yet anyways."

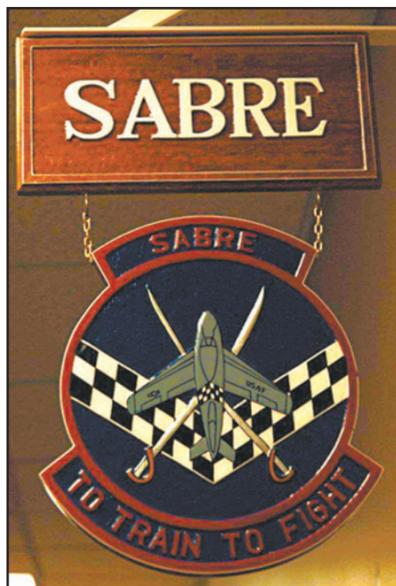
"He has done well," said Philip Stoll. "I was very honored to be able to fly against him...that is something both of us will always remember."



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(Left) Maj. Philip Stoll, a T-6 Texan instructor pilot and his son (Right) 2nd Lt. Joshua Stoll, specialized-undergraduate pilot training student in SUPT Class 12-07, both he were assigned to Sabre Flight during pilot training with only 25 years separating classes.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks
Second Lt. Joshua Stoll, specialized-undergraduate pilot training student in SUPT Class 12-07, first began his road to earning a pilot training by joining the Alabama Air National Guard as an enlisted Jet Engine Mechanic to serve his country and to help pay his way at Mississippi State University, graduating in only three years. RIGHT: Second Lt. Joshua Stoll, specialized-undergraduate pilot training student in SUPT Class 12-07, signs his post flight log after returning from his first and probably only flight with his father Maj. Philip Stoll, a T-6 Texan instructor pilot, July 8 in Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.



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(Left) Maj. Philip Stoll, a T-6 Texan instructor pilot and his son (Right) 2nd Lt. Joshua Stoll, specialized-undergraduate pilot training student in SUPT Class 12-07, both he were assigned to Sabre flight during pilot training with only 25 years separating classes. "I was very honored to be able to fly against him...that is something both of us will always remember," said Philip Stoll.



Courtesy photo
Even at a young age, 2nd Lt. Joshua Stoll, specialized-undergraduate pilot training student in SUPT Class 12-07, had aspiration of becoming an AF aviator like his father. Both he and his father, Maj. Philip Stoll, a T-6 Texan instructor pilot at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., were assigned to Sabre flight during pilot training... 25 years apart.



