

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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## Weather



### Today

High: 99, Low: 70  
Mostly Sunny



### Saturday

High: 95, Low: 65  
Sunny



### Sunday

High: 92, Low: 63  
Sunny



### Monday

High: 93, Low: 64  
Sunny

## News Briefs

### Newcomers Orientation

Newcomers Orientation will be held Aug. 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for newly arrived AD and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the Columbus Club, to register call 434-2790.

### Freedom Park Preservation Day

Join Team BLAZE and kind townfolk Aug. 27 from 7 a.m. to noon as they repaint and re-stain the playground equipment in freedom park. Lunch will be provided by the base chapel following the work day. To volunteer contact Master Sgt. Rob McCray at 434-7020.

### Enlisted Promotions

The next enlisted promotions ceremony will be held Aug. 31, 4 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

## Inside



### Feature 8

The 14th CS is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens  
Maj. Todd Pearson, 49th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot and his father Maj. Gen. (retired) Doug Pearson, the first and only Air Force pilot to shoot down a satellite using an F-15A stand next to a T-38C with both their names on Aug. 18. Father and son flew separate planes in a T-38C formation.

## Father, son fly together in T-38C formation

### Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs NCOIC

A father and son, who flew the same F-15A 22 years apart, were brought together in T-38C formation Thursday, Aug. 18 at Columbus AFB.

Major Gen. (retired) Doug Pearson, the first and only Air Force pilot to shoot

down a satellite using an F-15A and his son Maj. Todd Pearson, 49th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, flew together in a T-38C for the first time as father and son, continuing a legacy of pilots.

As a man who grew up in a family of pilots Major Pearson set his sights early on to fly like his father and grandfather, who flew B-24s during World War II.

“There was no pressure on him to become a pilot or join the military,” said General Pearson. “I expected him to do whatever he felt he chose to do. In the fighter business you want your pilots in here for the right reasons.”

Major Pearson, who spends his days instructing introduction to fighter fundamentals to recent graduates of Specialized

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

### PHASE II

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select
37th (12-07)	7.40 days	1.77 days	Sep. 6
41st (09-15)	1.08 days	0.82 days	Sep. 28

### PHASE III

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
48th (11-14)	3.99 days	2.36 days	Sep. 9
50th (11-14)	0.95 days	-1.43 days	Sep. 9

### IFF

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
49th (11-KB)	1.67 days	1.76 days	Sep. 13

### WING SORTIE BOARD

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-6	2,655	2,541	29,494
T-1	787	887	9,817
T-38	962	955	10,572
IFF	168	206	2,210

The next graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Balan Ayyar, commander, AF recruiting service, Randolph AFB, Texas.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 76 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## FLIGHT

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Undergraduate Pilot Training, he said flying with his father was a great opportunity.

General Pearson echoed that sentiment and said both of them were excited about the time they spent in the air.

“Dad has always been a good instructor,” said Major Pearson. “I would like to think that I get my some of my instructor traits from him.”

General Pearson added that when he was instructing his son to first drive that he was always a quick learner.

“He was very observant and picked up on the nuisances very well,” he continued. “And he was a little too comfortable driving at higher speeds.”

While General Pearson said he enjoyed his flight with his son he was happy to get the opportunity to visit Columbus AFB.

“When I was at Edwards AFB I got to see the future hardware that the Air Force would employ and when I come to Columbus AFB I get to see the Airmen that will use those tools,” General Pearson said. “When I revisit the Air Force it gives me great faith in the future of our organization.”

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
29 Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m., @ Club	30 Honorary Commanders Reception	31 Enlisted Promotions, 4 p.m., @ Club	1	2	3/4
5 Labor Day	6 Class 12-07 Track Select, 5 p.m. @ Club	7	8 Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Annex  Daedalians, 6 p.m. @ Club	9 Class 11-14 Graduation, 10 a.m. @Kaye	10/11

### Long Range Events

**Sept. 13:** IFF Graduation  
**Sept. 13:** POW/MIA Retreat  
**Sept. 14:** ALS Graduation  
**Sept. 15:** Class 11-15 Assignment Night  
**Sept. 16:** AF Ball  
**Sept. 16:** National POW/MIA Day  
**Sept. 20:** Newcomers Orientation  
**Sept. 20:** Hearts Apart  
**Sept. 20:** CSC Social  
**Sept. 24:** Retiree Appreciation Day  
**Sept. 28:** Class 12-08 Track Select  
**Sept. 30:** Enlisted Promotions  
**Sept. 30:** Class 11-15 Graduation

# Retired Gen., satellite shooter addresses graduates

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

"I am an American Airman as my father was before me," said Maj. Gen. (ret.) Doug Pearson, the first and only pilot to shoot down a satellite with an F-15A, as he began his graduation address to Specialize Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-13 Friday, Aug. 20 at Kaye Auditorium.

Pearson, who entered the Air Force in 1970 and ended his career with more than 4,000 flying hours, addressed not only the graduates but the future classes, parents of the graduates and base Airmen.

"For the officers who just arrived to training you probably have figured everything out already," he said. "And for those who are graduating today you realize that after 54 weeks you didn't have much right when you got here."

He encouraged the new SUPT students to seek out the non-commissioned officers around the wing for mentoring and informed the Airmen who produce pilots that they are responsible for shaping these future leaders.

"If you wait to be spoon fed, you will always be behind," said Pearson.

Pearson shared to the graduates of 11-13, that his fellow classmates from the Oct. 1971 class are still some of his closest

friends.

Pearson continued to encourage the class to "go forth and conquer."

"Setting goals is good," he said. "However I can promise you if you set your mind to it, it will probably change. I never had the goal of shooting down a satellite but the opportunity presented itself and I took it."

He finished his remarks with sacrifice.

"You are well trained, you will be led by leaders from all walks of life," Pearson said. "You will be asked to make sacrifices both great and small, but you will gain experiences that will enrich your life and your family's life."

## Trail BLAZE'r

**Name:** Tech. Sgt. Daphne McMahon

**Unit:** 14th Flying Training Wing Command Post

**Job title:** NCOIC C2OPS

**Time at Columbus AFB:** One year, one month.

**Time in Service:** 15 years, 10 months.

**Home town:** Oberlin, La.

**Career goals:** Finish CDCs, make master sergeant.

**Family members:** Son, Nigel; Daughter, Briani; Daughter, Deanne.

**Favorite musician:** Kem

**Favorite movie:** The Help

**Biggest pet peeve:** Questions first thing in the morning.

**Favorite book:** "Twilight" by Stephenie Meyer

**Inspirations:** Mother

**Personal motto:** Live every minute.



## Columbus ALS class leads reveille



The latest Airmen Leadership Class at Columbus Air Force Base salute during reveille on Aug. 23 at Smith Plaza as members of Team BLAZE join them. The sounding of reveille typically calls the beginning of the duty day.

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

## Enlisted dorm manager position available

The BLAZE leadership team is looking to hire an Enlisted Dormitory Manager before Sept. 15, 2011, with a start date in early to middle of Oct. 2011. All staff sergeants are eligible to apply. (Note: Technical sergeants selects are also eligible to apply as long as their sew-on date is not before Dec. 2011)

The wing is looking for an enthusiastic NCO who can think outside the box, requires little supervision and is not afraid to give sound mentorship and leadership to our Team BLAZE enlisted dormitory residents.

**Q:** Do I have to have special qualifications for the position?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Do I keep my AFSC or am I awarded a new AFSC?

**A:** Once you are released from your career field, you are awarded the 8H000, Dormitory Manager AFSC.

**Q:** How do I apply?

**A:** Complete the attached application and route through your squadron chain of command to your respective group. Your Group Superintendent must coordinate on this package. The 14th Mission Support Group will forward the package to 14th Civil Engineering Squadron for the 14th CES commander's coordination. The installation hiring authority is the wing command chief and the final approval authority is AFPC, Special Duty Assignments Branch.

**Q:** Is this a controlled tour?

**A:** Yes, this is a minimum two year controlled tour, with a one year extension option.

If you would like to see a job description or have any further questions or concerns contact your group superintendent or Chief Master Sgt. Leonard Thibodeaux at 364-0942.

## Family, friends of 14th SFS get unique perspective

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

Family and friends of the 14th Security Force Squadron were given a red carpet tour of the unit Saturday, Aug. 21 to welcome them and educate defenders loved ones about what happens while they're at work or deployed.

The 14th SFS's guests received a tour of the 14th SFS headquarter building, military working dog demonstration and brief, a chance to test their mettle with the Fire Arms Training System and watch members receive tastings.

"I think it's neat that we get to see what they do," Rachel Bailey, 14th SFS spouse said. "It helps us see the bigger picture of how everything works."

Beyond understanding the process and equipment the 14th SFS mission guests also were able to see the professionalism of the security forces members.

"I was impressed at how well the military working dog listened and how well they worked together as a team," said Kandi Price, 14th SFS spouse.

Keeping with the 14th Flying Training Wing's guidance of "Develop and Care for Airmen and their Families, Be a Wingman, Build Team BLAZE," Maj. Joseph Ringer, 14th Security Force Squadron commander, told the guests they are a integral part of the unit and that the doors of the squadron are always open to them.

"You are every bit a part of the organization and we are here if you need us," said Ringer, who was one of the individuals tased.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks  
**Tech. Sgt. Damon Salter, 14th Security Force Squadron member, educates friends and family of the 14th SFS about the Fire Arms Training System during a unit event to promote camaraderie, understanding and thanks to defenders' loved ones Saturday, Aug. 21 here.**

"We can focus on the mission better when we know our families are taken care of."

Senior Master Sgt. Brian Martin, 14th SFS superintendent echoed those words and

thanked the guests.

"We couldn't do our job if it wasn't for you," he said. "We appreciate what you do to support your defender."

## Dollars and \$ense:

### Do I get my hotels reimbursed if I drive my Privately Owned Vehicle (POV)?

If your order approving official authorizes travel by POV as more advantageous to the government, you will be reimbursed for lodging costs incurred during your authorized travel time. If you drive your POV for your own personal convenience, your reimbursement is limited to the constructed travel cost. The constructed travel cost is the amount the government would have incurred for you to travel by common carrier (airplane), CTO fees, applicable taxi fares, and per diem based on locality. In summary, if the hotel cost is within the constructed cost, then it will be reimbursed.

#### References:

JFTR Volume 1 Chapter 3 Part D Paragraph U3310

JFTR Volume 1 Chapter 4 Part B  
JTR Volume 2 Chapter 2 Part D Sec 1 Paragraph C2150

#### 14th CPTS Finance Customer Service:

Bldg 730, First Floor Lobby.

Hours Of Operation: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

14th CPTS Financial Customer Service  
(14cpts.fcs@Columbus.Af.Mil)

Due to mission requirements, if you are unable to make the customer service hours, please email us or call 434-2705/2095 to schedule an appointment.

## Feds Feed Families Campaign Columbus Competition:

**“The need is great – step up to the plate and donate.”**

Here at Columbus AFB the goal for the Feds Feed Families Campaign is to collect 1,400 pounds of donations. So far (as of Aug. 25) a total of 1246.4 pounds of donations have been split and delivered to Helping Hands of Columbus Inc. and the Salvation Army. To make the remainder of the Feds Feed Families campaign here at Columbus AFB a little more interesting, let's have a friendly group versus group competition to see which group donates the most to this cause.

The boxes are currently located as listed (with six new locations):

- MSG Building 730
- Medical Building 1100
- CDC Building 940
- OG Main Building 268
- DynCorp Building 640
- Youth Center Building 348
- RAPCON Building 1805
- Commissary, two boxes
- CE Building 385
- Physiology Building 636
- Magnolia Inn Building 956

From now until Aug. 31 if you would like your donations to count toward a specific group put your donations in the coordinating boxes:

- MSG Building – 1th Mission Support Group/Wing Staff Agencies
- Medical Building – 14th Medical Group
- DynCorp Building 640 – DynCorp
- OG Main Building – 14th Operations Group
- All other buildings – Everybody!

The weight of the boxes from the different buildings will be recorded.

So for example if you are in the 14th MSG and would like for your donations to count towards the 14th MSG then please place your donations in the collection box located in the MSG building.

Prizes? The prize is knowing you have contributed to helping those in need within our local community, so everybody will be a winner.

Note this is not an obligation, but an opportunity to help others.

For questions please contact me, 2nd Lt. Helen Wildner, at 434-3317.



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Thomas Wood  
**Justin and Ryan Orton next to their donation to the Feds Feed Families Campaign on Aug. 25 at the Commissary. Justin wanted to help people for his birthday and chose to donate 268 pounds of food to the Feds Feed Families campaign.**

## Airmen give blood



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
**Staff Sgt. James Nelson, 14th Operations Group gives the gift of life during a blood drive Aug. 24 at the Medical Group building. Members of Team BLAZE gave blood, plasma and platelets during the blood drive.**

## 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.



**Last week's answer**

TALON

## Base News

### Compulsory School Attendance: Home School

As the new school year begins, the School Liaison Office would like to remind parents of the State of Mississippi law governing school attendance particularly as it pertains to families who Home School.

Under the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law, parents and guardians are required to enroll their children in a public, private or home school. This law applies to children who have reached the age of six and have not exceeded the age of seventeen by Sep. 1.

Children who have attained or will attain the age of five years on or before Sep. 1 and have enrolled in a full-day public kindergarten will also be under the Compulsory School Attendance Law. Any parent or guardian who fails to comply with the Mississippi compulsory school attendance law may be punished in a court of law.

Parents who are teaching their children at home (home school) are required to complete a certificate of enrollment card each school year. You can complete this card at the Columbus AFB School Liaison Office, located in Building 730, Suite 174A. Mississippi law requires this card to be completed prior to 15 September 2011. Please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at: slo@columbus.af.mil for an appointment to complete your registration.

### Columbus Mothers of Preschoolers

All area moms of preschoolers are invited to join in the fun! We are a club for mom's of children age 5 and under. They meet twice a month and enjoy speakers, activities and encouraging one another. Fall Program starts Sep. 6! Mothers of Preschoolers is a national organization designed to strengthen and encourage moms to be all we can be!! We meet at First United Methodist Church (Upstairs in the Artz Building) every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (childcare provided). Please contact Casey by email at caseye@cableone.net for more information.

### Airman's Attic

The Columbus Air Force Base Airman's Attic can 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.

### 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/HHub.asp>.

### Manpower openings

There are currently openings for qualified NCOs in the Manpower career field. If you have excellent mathematics and communicative skills, you may qualify for a career opportunity in this exciting career field. Interested? Call Linda Kessler extension 434-2341 at the Installation Manpower and Organization Office.

### 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](mailto:Memphis.center@erau.edu)

### Saint Leo University

SLU offers on-base classes in psychology, criminal justice, and business administration. Online and CD-ROM classes are also available. Call Saint Leo at 434-8844 (dial 99 on-base) or stop by Room 120 in Bldg. 926 (Old Personnel Bldg.)

### 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

### 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.

## Chapel Schedule

### Pioneer Clubs

The CAFB Chapel has begun registration for the Pioneer Clubs children religious education program. The program is held each Wednesday evening 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. This program is open to children ages 3-12. This is an ecumenical religious program aimed at teaching children about Christ in every aspect of life. A potluck dinner is served each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Parents must accompany their children at the dinner.

### Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study

The CAFB Chapel is conducting a variety of adult Bible studies from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A potluck dinner is served at 5:30. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please contact the Base Chapel at 434-2500 for a list of studies.

### 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

## 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 [hitchinglotfarmers-market.com](http://hitchinglotfarmers-market.com) 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](http://www.columbusmainstreet.com) to see what's going on!

### 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.

## BARGAIN LINE

### Transportation

**For sale:** 1987 Honda Sportrax 250 4x2 Fourwheeler, great condition, \$500. Call 328-6571

**For sale:** 2007 Suzuki Boulevard S-40 (650cc). 1,200 miles. Blue, windshield, saddlebags, gel seat, never dropped, one owner, clear title, always garaged. \$3,200 No tire kickers-cash in hand for test ride. Pictures available; please call and ask. Call 243-2245.

**For sale:** 2007 Toyota 4Runner. Still under extended warranty, charcoal gray, excellent condition, 32,000 miles, V8, 4WD, \$24,500 or best offer. Call 729-1705.

**For sale:** 2008 Honda Odyssey EX-L, 35,000 miles, loaded, leather, DVD system, backup camera, heated seats, power doors, \$26,500, call 497-2175 for more information.

**For sale:** 2007 Harley Davidson FXST Softail, 96" engine, six speed trans, 9,200 miles, over \$5,000 in upgrades, black and chrome, \$10,900 or best offer, Call 497-2175 for more information.

**For sale:** 1966 Sprint 200 Mustang. Candy apple red with black interior. Engine recently rebuilt, new radiator, new brakes. Needs minor interior work. Runs and looks great. \$6,500. Call 352-1796.

### Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Couch, love seat, ottoman chair, twin mattress with bed and headboard, dresser, chest of drawers, frame and headboard for queen sized

mattress. All must go, make an offer. Call 434-0080.

**For sale:** Evenflow Ultra Saucer, \$20. Fisher Price Deluxe Nursery monitor, \$10. Vibrating jeep bouncy seat, \$15. Graco Travel System (Green), \$60. Evenflo Car seat for 20-50 lbs, \$10. Cosco car seat for 22-40 lbs, \$10.328-6571

**For sale:** Pine Wood five drawer chest and full size bed with mattress and box spring. \$600 or best offer. Call 352-3526 for details.

**For sale:** Eight foot pool with accessories, \$50. Lowes Playground set, \$500. Call 497-2175.

**For sale:** Cherry Blossom Graco Lovin' hug Infant Swing (pink/brown), \$40. Evenflo Exersaucer Triple Fun with Play Mat and Activity Table, \$60. Both in great condition. Exersaucer like new. Call (678) 315-5648.

**For sale:** IBM R52 Laptop, 1.8ghz, Pent-4, 1g RAM, 60g HD, CRW-DVD, WiFi, USB Ports, WinXP Pro, MsWord Pro Suite, Adobe, very good condition, asking \$165 or best offer. Call (662) 386-6981.

**For sale:** Entertainment center: Pioneer amp/receiver, two large pioneer speakers, CD player, tape player, Four head VCR, cabinet with glass doors all for \$225. 27 inch floor model TV, \$75. Ten drawer chest \$145. Call 328-4374.

**For sale:** Country style china buffet/hutch, 48x60, medium oak finish. Buffet has three doors and three drawers. Hutch has three glass doors and interior light. Open space between hutch and buffet has plate slot to display your favorite platter and is approximately 15 inches high. Unit is in good condition. Will deliv-

er if within thirty miles of Columbus. Plenty of good storage and display space. \$150. Call cell (850) 797-8141. **For sale:** Gold's Gym exercise bike in excellent condition, \$150. ASPCA large dog crate, \$25. Black GE Mini fridge and freezer combination, \$100. Gently used 10' x 6' outdoor kennel with rain/heat cover included, \$200. Skillcraft pool table, \$55. Prices as listed or best offer. Call for more information (757) 806-0274.

**For sale:** Largo Lafayette day bed, oak, with trundle and mattress, \$275. Herculiner truck bed liner, gray, \$50. Extang tonneau cover, fits '99-'06 Chevy short bed, \$50. Kincaid cherry entertainment center with two bookshelves, \$350. Call 889-3974.

### Pets

**For sale:** CKC Reg. cocker spaniel puppies, variety of colors. \$150 each. Call 356-6957.

**For sale:** Chinchilla for sale with huge cage, food, treats, and all the items in the cage \$250. His name is Hercules, he is almost a year old, he is very friendly. For more info on him or how to care for Chinchillas, please call 425-7882 or email [kjohnwick@yahoo.com](mailto:kjohnwick@yahoo.com) for pictures.

### Garage Sale

**Garage Sale:** 4102 Mississippi Ave. Aug. 27 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Baby gear/items (exersaucer, graco swing), various electronics, home decor, clothes (adult, kids), toys, 2007 Toyota 4Runner, and much more. Call (678) 315-5648.

# Base families offered a variety of activities

## Breakfast at the Club?

We need your opinion. We need to know if you are interested in the Columbus Club serving breakfast on weekdays, and, if so, how many times per week would you participate. Post your answers and comments on our Facebook page at CAFB FSS Rocks or email your thoughts on the subject to [rebecca.smith@columbus.af.mil](mailto:rebecca.smith@columbus.af.mil). Thank you for your help.

Use a Quick Response (QR) code reader on the above image and go directly to the 14th FSS Facebook page to cast your vote on breakfast at the Columbus Club.



## Independence Pool Open Fall Soccer for Youth

The pool will be open Mon.-Fri., 4-7 p.m., and Sat.-Sun., 12-7 p.m., through Labor Day Weekend. The pool will be open 12-7 p.m. Labor Day, Sept. 5. For more information, call 434-2505.

## Hit the Links on Labor Day Weekend

The Whispering Pines Club Championship is set for Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 3-5. Cost is \$50 per person for members and \$75 for non-members. Price includes three days of golf, lunch on Saturday and Sunday, prize fund and door prizes. Carts are extra. The tournament is open to all levels of golfers, both men and women, and will be flighted after the first day of play. Sign up by Aug. 29. Call the Pro Shop at 434-7932 to sign up or for more information.

## DogaPOOLooza!

The pool is going to the DOGS on Tues., Sept. 6. It's dog swim day with prizes, games, food and a vaccine and license clinic. The cost is \$2. Small dogs under 30 pounds are welcome from 10 a.m.-noon. Larger breeds swim from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Contact 434-2507 for more details.

## Let's Get Moving!

The Fitness Center offers several great cardio classes throughout the week. These include daily spin classes on Mon., Wed. and Fri. at 7 a.m., Tues. and Thurs. at 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays are packed full with the spin classes, plus circuit class at 5:30 a.m. and kickboxing and Zumba at 11:30 a.m. There also is a yoga class at 12:30 p.m. each Friday. For more information, go to the Fitness page at [www.cafbss-rocks.com](http://www.cafbss-rocks.com) or call 434-2772.

## Independence Pool Open

Registration is underway at the Youth Center through Sept. 23 for fall soccer for youth ages 3-18. The cost is \$35 for ages 3-4 and \$40 for ages 5-18. All games will be played on base and play is set to begin in October. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call 434-2504 for more information.

## Lunch and Bowl Returns

The Lunch and Bowl special returns to Strike Zone Lanes on Sept. 1. Buy a lunch combo, Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and get two FREE games with \$1.50 shoe rental, with the exception of Thursdays IF there is league play.

## CCME Scholarships

The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) has five \$1000 scholarships for military members and five more for spouses. The deadline for application is Sept. 1. For more information, eligibility requirements and links to applications go to [www.ccmeonline.org/scholarships.aspx](http://www.ccmeonline.org/scholarships.aspx).

## WHO DAT?

Saints home game tickets are now available here at Columbus AFB. Drop by the Information Tickets & Travel Office or call 434-2505 for more information and pricing.

## Share Your Knowledge

Volunteer tutors are needed for all subjects and all grades. Tutoring will take place at the Youth Center between the hours of 2:30 and 6:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. For more information, contact Ms. Terri Graves at 434-2504.

## Professional Auto Detailing Now Available on Base

The 14th Force Support Squadron's Auto Hobby now offers the services of Splash In a Flash right here on base every Thursday and

Friday to keep your vehicle looking its best. Make your appointment today to have your vehicle's interior, exterior or engine cleaned by well-known, licensed and insured professionals who can now give you the same great service on base as they have been providing downtown. Pick-up service at your office is available. For more information or to make an appointment, call 434-7842.

## 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 & 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](http://www.MyAirForceLife.com) or call the A&FRC at 434-2790.

## "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 9 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 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.

## Deep Disney Discounts Extended

There's still time to get the kids to the Disney parks in Florida for a great price! Disney Military Salute has extended the deeply discounted ticket specials to Sept. 30, 2012, along with an increase in the number of tickets avail-

able at the special prices at Columbus AFB's ITT office. For more information about this and other fun, affordable vacation ideas, contact Outdoor Recreation/ITT at 434-2505/2507.

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

## Space A Lodging

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

## 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.

# The relevance of OPSEC

**Maj. Robert Sweeney**  
65th Operations Support Squadron

LAJES FIELD, Azores — During the Vietnam War, a special team was established to address the alarming number of pilot casualties and aircraft lost from enemy attacks.

The team, known as "Purple Dragon," was established to take a critical look at operational tactics and mission planning. What the team eventually discovered was a host of "open source" information that linked aircraft call signs to mission related activities or indicators.

Since the call signs were easily intercepted via radio transmissions and behaviors were neither random nor cleverly concealed, enemy insurgents were able to accurately predict what, where, when and how missions would unfold.

Operations security, or OPSEC, became the moniker and the program established processes to protect key assets and critical information. The goal is to prevent competitors or adversaries from accurately deducing or predicting critical or sensitive information. The process includes not only identifying critical information, but analyzing threats and vulnerabilities

# Please, hang up and drive

**Don Branum**  
Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — If you've been in the Air Force for a while, you might know the name Gary Kunich. He worked for European Stars and Stripes around the time I first entered the Air Force in 1999. He retired in 2006 as a master sergeant, but he has never put down the pen: today he writes for local publications in his adopted hometown of Kenosha, Wis.

Today, he has a new message, one that he's asking everyone to help spread: "Don't drive distracted. Put away your electronic devices before you start your engine."

It's a message he can't spread by himself, but it's one that might have saved his son.

Kunich shared tragic news with a group of military public affairs professionals via Facebook Aug. 14: Devin Kunich, 21, had died a few days earlier when a car hit his bicycle along County Highway H in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., in the early hours of Aug. 7.

According to Pleasant Prairie Police Department reports, visibility was poor: the stretch of County Highway H where the accident occurred has no street lights, and a fog blanketed the area. Devin was riding north on his way home from the Bristol, Wis., Renaissance Faire.

At the same time, 18-year-old Quashae

to determine associated risks, and develop effective countermeasures to negate viable risks. It focuses on information or activities that require protection and assists in understanding how someone might attempt to acquire that information.

OPSEC is an important part of any successful organization. Blending OPSEC into everyday activities is important to satisfying mission requirements and accomplishing organizational goals.

Service members and civilians alike must be mindful of any information that might violate OPSEC. What happens when OPSEC is violated? Omission of any OPSEC element results in a security program liable to provide inadequate protection or require unnecessary or expensive protection measures.

At the basic level, a combined definition of critical information can be summed up as "a collection of absolutely necessary facts and data about a specific subject." An indicator can be defined as "something observed or calculated that is used to show the presence of a condition or trend."

The old World War II advertising campaign is simple, but true ... "Loose lips sink ships." OPSEC is everyone's responsibility; we must all do our part to manage our unit's critical infor-

That answer came a couple of days later, on the evening of Aug. 17. I was talking to my wife as we walked through Garden of the Gods Park, and as I posed the same question to her, I recalled a similar event about a year ago.

I was driving north along Chelton Road, just north of Fountain Boulevard in Colorado Springs, about an hour after dark. A bicyclist, dressed in dark clothing and with no lights on his bicycle, seemingly appeared out of nowhere. I had maybe half a second to swerve just enough to avoid him -- and I probably missed him by less than a foot.

What if I had been trying to answer my phone instead of paying attention to the road? Quashae Taylor has no prior record, no

mation and adhere to the countermeasures in place to protect information or capabilities. Each unit has a developed listing of critical information (also known as a Critical Information List) along with associated countermeasures to manage their indicators. CILs present unclassified categories of information and should be easily accessible in each unit.

Whether in times of war or peace, we must all be careful to recognize what a unique role we all play for this wing and the U.S. Air Force. Each member is an important brick in the foundation of our mission. As such, when one of those bricks has compromised its mass or integrity, the foundation is no longer secure. When we operate under the old premise of "loose lips sink ships," we protect those men and women executing the tactical requirements at all levels, so they are free to operate in an uncompromised environment.

The next time you are sitting at your terminal, engaging in friendly conversation locally or over the telephone, or posting something on Facebook, think critically about the information you convey. If someone was listening or watching, are you perhaps compromising or inadvertently divulging critical information?

Disclosure by multiple areas or people can easily tear down the countless number of hours spent on managing information. Be careful, and most importantly, be aware.

criminal history, not even a traffic ticket. Prosecutors have charged her with negligent homicide: she faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine. The blink of an eye changed her life.

Gary and Ruth Kunich must live the rest of their lives without their son. Gary told me he doesn't want her to face extensive jail time but does want "some jail time and accountability."

"The hard part is struggling with the forgiveness (balanced with) the accountability," he said.

But more importantly, Gary and Ruth want people to put the phone away before turning the ignition.

So please, hang up and drive.

## 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.

# Spotlight: 14th CS

## 1. Unit Mission?

### Squadron Level

Mission: Provide the highest quality communications and information tools to produce pilots, advance Airmen, and feed the fight.

Vision: "Connecting to the world," ensuring all communications and information needs are met within compliance while focusing on providing customer service.

## 2. Key Leaders?

Commander: Maj. Veronica Smith  
First Sergeant: Master Sgt. Kyle Scafiti

## 3. Personnel numbers?

Military: 42 (2 deployed)  
Contracted: 16  
Civil Service: 15  
Buildings: 5

## 4. What does the unit manage?

Airfield System Maintenance, Information Assurance, Voice and Data networks, Postal, Publications, Forms, and Records Management, FOIA, Privacy Act, IT Asset Management, Personal Wireless Communication Systems, Land Mobile Radios, Spectrum Management,

Management of all Comm requirements, plans, and projects.

## 5. Slogan/unit name?

Comm check...LOUD and CLEAR!

## 6. Upcoming challenges?

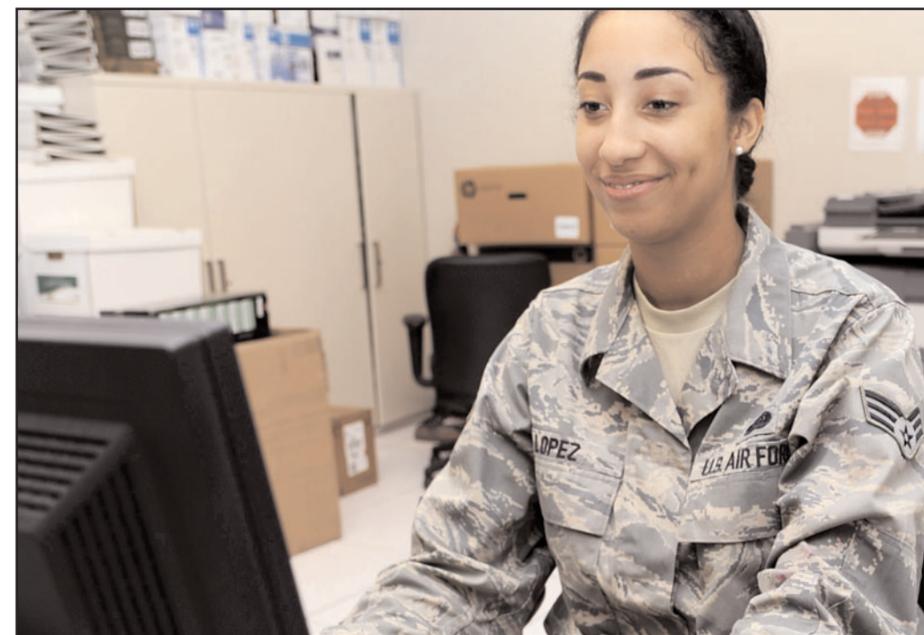
Challenges are opportunities for the 14th CS to excel. Presently and in the future we have several opportunities and with the outstanding support from our wing leadership and Team Blaze we will make it happen.

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

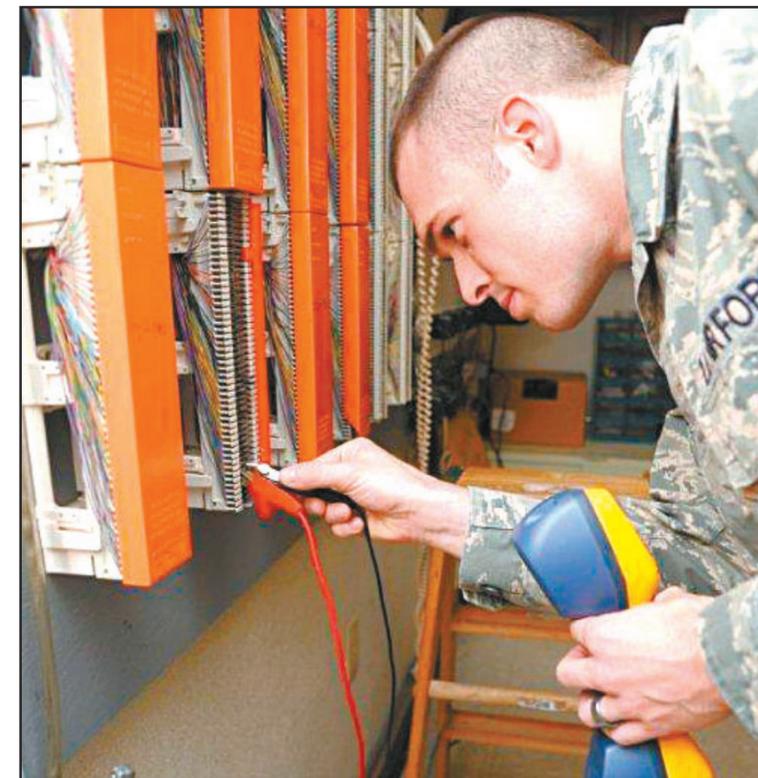
Provide weather systems and air traffic systems for flying as well as the computer systems and network connectivity for training.

## 8. Unique aspects of the unit?

Diversity. The 14th CS supports a very diverse customer base with over 3,200 users on Columbus AFB and at geographically separated locations. Our responsibilities span from data and telephone, air traffic systems, weather systems support to validation of publications, forms, and records.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
Senior Airman JaQuari Lopez, 14th Communication Squadron Client Service Technician loads software onto a computer as part of a repair project on Aug. 24.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
Staff Sgt. Kassel O Alexander, 14th Communication Squadron Telephone Systems NCOIC tests a phone line on Aug. 24.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
Altheria Shaw, project manager of the 14th Communication Squadron mail office, sorts incoming mail into boxes for their destinations prior to delivery on Aug. 24.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
Airman 1st Class Joseph Zorumski, 14th Communication Squadron Airfield Systems Technician, tests the power supply of a Very High Frequency transmitter on Aug. 24. VHF's are used for air traffic control communications and have a higher frequency than AM radio.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick  
Senior Airman Willie Lopez and Senior Airman Steve Sherrill, 14th Communication Squadron Communication Focal Point Technicians, diagnose an official Personal Digital Assistant in need of repair. The Communication Focal Point is the central location for 14th CS customer support.