

"Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight"

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Weather



Today

High: 83, Low: 54
Sunny



Saturday

High: 86, Low: 56
Sunny



Sunday

High: 87, Low: 57
Sunny



Monday

High: 89, Low: 59
Few showers

News Briefs

Dorm Dinner Rescheduled

The enlisted dormitories dinner has been rescheduled for Sept. 22 at 5 p.m.

ALS Graduation

Columbus Air Force Base's latest Airman Leadership School class will graduate Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. in the Club.

Hispanic Potluck Dinner

Hispanic Heritage month kicks off with a Hispanic food potluck at the Chapel Annex Sept. 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.



Inside

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SUPT Class 11-14 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Chase Hedrick
Crew Chief Clay contracted as part of the 14th Flying Training Wing annual aircraft maintenance contract runs through a checklist as a T-6 Texan is refueled on Sept. 7. The Aircraft Maintenance, Fuels Contract Officer Representative, Material Management and Transportation and Readiness teams will be assessed during the upcoming Logistics Compliance Assessment Program on Sept. 10 in their ability to perform key logistics processes in a safe, standardized, repeatable and technically compliant manner in accordance with Air Force, AETC and local policies and directives.

Team BLAZE ready for around the clock inspection

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

Several facets of Team BLAZE are about to test their knowledge and precision against a bi-annual inspection that

will assess their 24 hour operations.

The Logistics Readiness Division, Aircraft Maintenance Directorate and Maintenance Authority teams here at Columbus Air Force Base will welcome the Air Education and Training Command Headquarters Logistics

Compliance Assessment Program on Sept. 10.

The 45 man inspection team, headed by colonel-select Lt. Col James Humes will assess the units' ability to perform key logistics processes in a safe, standardized,

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (12-09)	2.02 days	4.49 days	Sep. 21	48th (11-15)	2.55 days	3.59 days	Sep. 30	49th (11-KB)	1.02 days	3.18 days	Sep. 13	T-6	2,655	2,541	29,258
41st (09-15)	3.86 days	3.33 days	Sep. 28	50th (11-15)	-0.27 days	1.84 days	Sep. 30					T-1	183	175	10,239
												T-38	210	205	11,083
												IFF	36	44	2,318

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Balan Ayyar, commander, AF Recruiting Service, Randolph AFB, Texas.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 91 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



INSPECTION

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repeatable and technically compliant manner in accordance with Air Force, AETC and local policies and directives said Lt. Col. Douglas Jantzen, 14th Flying Training Wing Maintenance Authority Commander.

“This is a graded event with a final score for all logistics related areas on Columbus AFB,” said Jantzen. “AETC Headquarters will publish the score and related findings at the completion of this, and we look forward to seeing how we stack up.”

LCAP inspectors will be watching closely, holding numerous over-the-shoulder and after-the-fact evaluations of personnel and processes to ensure strict compliance to regulated policies and procedures.

Seemingly undeterred by the expectation of constant watch, Team BLAZE members are eager to show what they can do.

“The LCAP assessment is another opportunity for us to demonstrate our Air Force core value of excellence in all we do,” said Larry Caldwell, 14th Logistics Readiness Division Director.

Jantzen agreed, saying he expects Team BLAZE to use basic maintenance skills, thorough evaluation techniques, sound material management practices, follow published guidance, remain professional at all times, and prove to the team the 14th FTW is the best in the command.

Specific areas under inspection are Aircraft Maintenance, the Fuels Contract Officer Representative, Material Management and Transportation and Readiness. The 14th FTW Maintenance Authority is responsible for oversight of the \$46.3 million annual aircraft maintenance contract, and will be inspected on their ability to ensure the service provider’s strict contract compliance throughout the maintenance complex.

While this inspection may sound similar to members of Team BLAZE after the recent Unit Compliance Inspection, Jantzen assures that this is not the case. Rather than the UCI which focused on perpetual compliance of all areas within the wing the LCAP focuses more on logistics and aircraft maintenance procedures by testing their ability to follow checklists and technical orders in all logistics related areas.

The inspection’s results will be revealed at a formal outbrief on Sept. 16 at 7:30 a.m.

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<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
12	13 IFF Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th	14 ALS Graduation, 6 p.m. @ Club	15 Class 11-15 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	16 AF Ball, 6 p.m. @ Trotter National POW/MIA Day	17/18
19 Hispanic Food Potluck, 5:30 p.m. @ Chapel Annex	20 Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m.	21	22 Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Annex	23	24/25 Sept 24: Retiree Appreciation Day, 9 a.m. @ Club

Long Range Events

Sept. 28:
Class 12-08 Track
Select
Sept. 29:
Wing photo
Sept. 30:
Enlisted
Promotions
Sept. 30:
Class 11-15
Graduation
Oct. 1:
Energy Awareness
Month begins
Oct. 3:
Night Flying Week

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Trail BLAZE'r

Name: Sherri McCrary

Unit: 14th Logistics Readiness Division

Job title: Supervisor, Compliance and Analysis

Time at Columbus AFB: Fourteen years

Time in Service: Fourteen years

Hometown: West Point, Miss.

Career goals: To start my own Wedding and Event Planning Business

Family members: Julian; husband. Julian Jr.; son. Taylor and Tia; daughters.

Favorite movie: Taken

Biggest pet peeve: Lack of table manners and discourteous behavior.



Sherri McCrary, Sept. 7 Trail BLAZE'r

Favorite book: "My Spiritual Inheritance" by Juanita Bynum.

Inspirations: My husband, kids, and the late Lula Bell (my mother)

Personal motto: "I Can Do All Things through Christ Who Strengthens Me."

During the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks members of Team BLAZE are reminded to remain vigilant and increase their overall awareness.

The Eagle Eyes program is an Air Force anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens in the war on terror. Eagle eyes teaches people about the typical activities



terrorists engage in to plan their attacks. Armed with this information, anyone can recognize elements of potential terror planning when they see it. Team BLAZE members and their families are encouraged to learn the categories of suspicious behavior and stay attuned to their surroundings. If you observe something suspicious call OSI at 434-2852 or Security Forces at 434-7128.

TRICARE portability reduces moving stress

Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With a single phone call, TRICARE's "Moving Made Easy" option will take some of the stress out of moving, a top TRICARE official said Aug. 26.

Using this option, service member and family beneficiaries under TRICARE Prime can ensure that when they arrive at a new duty station, their medical records and prescriptions were transferred and new doctors were lined up for them in advance, said Navy Rear Adm. (Dr.) Christine Hunter, the TRICARE Management Activity deputy director.

And beneficiaries don't have to worry about a gap in

their coverage, Hunter said.

Service members and their families can make the transfer call prior to moving, during the move or after they've arrived, she said.

Telephone numbers to transfer TRICARE information and find new health care providers are listed by region and overseas locations at www.tricare.mil.

"This was an initiative of (Defense Secretary Robert M.) Gates who, like (first lady Michelle) Obama and our leadership chain, were very worried about the stresses of moving on our military families," Hunter said. "They have a lot to do and a short time frame in which to do it."

Based on moves made this summer by active-duty service members and their families,

TRICARE has racked up 6,000 calls per week to transfer enrollments, Hunter said. Limited to active duty service members and their families for now, the program's popularity could allow for expansion.

Feedback from users of the program say it's much more efficient than the former, more complicated system, Hunter said.

"It takes more people on the phones to do it this way, but our contractors feel it's more efficient because there are no missed signals," she said. "Families leave with a completed enrollment, they know where they're going and they're happy."

"All of these things make the interaction more personal and more satisfying for the troops," Hunter said.

Air Force pilot missing from Vietnam War identified

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office officials announced Sept. 6 that the remains of an Airman, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Maj. Thomas E. Reitmann, of Red Wing, Minn., will be buried Sept. 8 in Arlington National Cemetery, Va.

In 1965, Reitmann was assigned to the 334th Tactical Fighter Squadron deployed from Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., to Takhli Air Base, Thailand. On Dec 1, 1965, he was flying a strike mission as the number three aircraft in a flight of four F-105D Thunderchiefs as part of Operation Rolling Thunder. His target was a railroad bridge located about 45 nautical miles northeast of Hanoi. As the aircrew approached the target area, they encountered extremely heavy and accurate anti-aircraft artillery. While attempting to acquire his target and release his ordnance, Reitmann received a direct AAA hit and crashed in Lang Son Province, North Vietnam.

Other pilots in the flight observed no parachute, and no signals or emergency beepers

were heard. Due to the intense enemy fire in the area, a search-and-rescue team was not able to survey the site, and a two-day electronic search found no sign of the aircraft or Reitmann.

Between 1991 and 2009, joint U.S.-S.R.V. teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, analyzed numerous leads, interviewed villagers and attempted to locate the aircraft, officials said. Although no evidence of the crash site was found, in 2009 and 2011 a local farmer turned over remains and a metal button he claimed to have found in his corn field.

Among other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA, which matched that of his brother, in the identification of Reitmann's remains.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call 571-422-9059.

(Courtesy of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Public Affairs)

Many backgrounds, many stories... one American spirit

1st Lt Ryan Kyzar

Hispanic Heritage Month
PoC

With fall just around the corner, Columbus Air Force Base is ready to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month, the time of year when we recognize the culture and contributions of our Hispanic-American service members. The annual observance began in 1968 by President Johnson as National Hispanic Heritage Week, and was extended by President Reagan in 1988 to become Hispanic Heritage Month, spanning September 15 through October 15. The observance starts on September 15 because that is independence day for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico celebrates its independence the following day on the 16th.

Hispanic Americans comprise about 16 percent of the U. S. population, over 50 million people. In fact, the U. S. has a larger Hispanic population than any nation in the world except for Mexico. As of 2010, Hispanics made up 11.9 percent of enlisted Armed Forces members and 5.7 percent of the officer corps. The Air Force, how-

ever, has the smallest percentage of Hispanics of any of the branches, with only 5.1 percent of enlisted and 3.5 percent of officers who are Hispanic.

Even with these relatively small numbers, Hispanic American service members have made great contributions to our Armed Forces. In the Korean War, Colonel Manuel "Pete" Fernandez, Jr. flew 125 combat missions and became the first Hispanic flying ace. Many Hispanic service members have climbed the ranks to become General officers. As of 2010, there were 16 Hispanic Generals in the Armed Forces. Also, over the years, forty-three Hispanic Americans have received the Medal of Honor.

The theme for this year's observance of Hispanic Heritage Month is Many Backgrounds, Many Stories... One American Spirit. Hispanic Americans may trace their roots to many places, including all the nations of Latin America or the Iberian peninsula in Europe. Racially, they may trace their ancestry to Europe, Africa, or even to the original inhabitants of the American continent. However, the one thing that ties them together is the common ethnicity, culture, and heritage that makes them Hispanic.

Over the next month, we have planned several exciting and unique opportunities to learn about Hispanic heritage. Stay tuned for details on the upcoming events. In the meantime, take this opportunity to seek out someone you know or work with who is Hispanic and ask them about their heritage and what it means to them. It is through a better understanding of our backgrounds and stories that we can truly become one American spirit.

We want your stories!

What is your favorite aspect of Hispanic culture? What is your favorite memory about your Hispanic heritage?

Please send your submissions (a few lines are fine) to: ryan.kyzar@columbus.af.mil

Local becomes interpreter during medical training exercise

Senior Airman Meredith Thomas

916th Air Refueling Wing
Public Affairs

SÉBACO, NICARAGUA — A 12-year-old girl from a small Nicaraguan community acted as an interpreter for the English-speaking medical team here during their medical readiness training exercise.

Antonella Espinoza visited the Sébaco MEDRETE site with her mother to find relief from her allergies Aug. 8. During her treatment, she found her ability to speak both languages fluently provided her with a unique opportunity to help.

"While we were waiting, we saw a woman who didn't understand English," Espinoza said. "My mother said, 'Go help her, Antonella,' and that's when I started."

Espinoza spent the next three days assisting Lt. Col. (Dr.) Iris Eisenberg, a physician with the MEDRETE pediatric clinic here, and others in their interactions with local citizens seeking medical aid. The young girl translated the patients' complaints, simple directions from the doctor and instructions for taking any prescribed medications.

"She's tripled my efficiency over the past couple of days," Eisenberg said. "And she's scary smart."

The girl's hard work was so appreciated that the MEDRETE mission commander, Lt. Col. Dawn Moore, organized a ceremony to recognize Espinoza's achievements and award her with a special medical coin.

"In the Air Force we have a tradition of giving a coin to someone who has done an outstanding job," Moore said during the ceremony. "You truly have done an outstanding job helping us here. This is our way of saying, 'Gracias.'"

Espinoza learned to speak English during the four years she spent living in Miami with her family. She said she gained a lot from her experience with the Air



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Meredith A. H. Thomas
Antonella Espinoza, 12, shows off the coin she received Aug. 10, 2011, for volunteering as a translator during the medical readiness training exercise in Sebaco, Nicaragua. Espinoza came to the MEDRETE site to be seen for her allergies and ended up staying to help the staff communicate with their patients more effectively.

Force Reserve medical team and is even aspiring to become a pediatrician when she gets older.

"I like helping," Espinoza said. "So, any way I can help, I do it."

Airman magazine moves to digital home

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — Airman magazine entered a new era Sept. 1 with the release of its final hardcopy edition and the unveiling of its new digital home.

Airman is being re-launched as a new website and, while the Web address remains www.airmanonline.af.mil, the site has a fresh format and improved functions, officials said.

In addition to the stories and

photos in the print magazine, visitors to the site will notice additional content. Publishing digitally, the Airman staff will be able to provide more and different kinds of stories, officials said.

Airman, the official magazine of the United States Air Force, has been in circulation since 1957. It has changed publication size and frequency many times over the years, having been a quarterly,

monthly and, most recently, bi-monthly print publication.

As the staff moves forward into digital publishing, their goal is to continue providing Air Force readers with Airman's trademark feature-length stories and high-quality images while embracing new technologies and new ways of telling the Air Force story, officials said.

(Courtesy of Defense Media Activity.)

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.

Individual Equipment Element closed

The 14th Logistics Division, Individual Equipment Element will be closed Sept. 14 for inventory and will re-open Sept. 15 at 7:30. For more information, please call 434-7212 or 434-7215.

On-Base Schools Open House

East Mississippi Community College, Saint Leo University, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University will be conducting an Open House in the Education Center (Bldg. 916) on Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives will provide information about on-base/online degree programs, application procedures, course registration, etc. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited!! Call the Ed Office at 434-2562 or 434-2563 if you have any questions.

ACT Testing

The ACT college admissions examina-

tion will be given on Sept. 14 at 8 a.m. in the Education Center. Note: The Ed Center can only give the ACT to military personnel. Please call 434-2562 to schedule.

Precious Metals Recovery Program

The Department of Defense needs your assistance in helping reduce operating costs. One way is to carefully check all expendable items for Precious Metals before throwing them away. Check with your unit Precious Metals Recovery Program monitor for more information or call 434-7170 or 434-7167.

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.

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.

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)

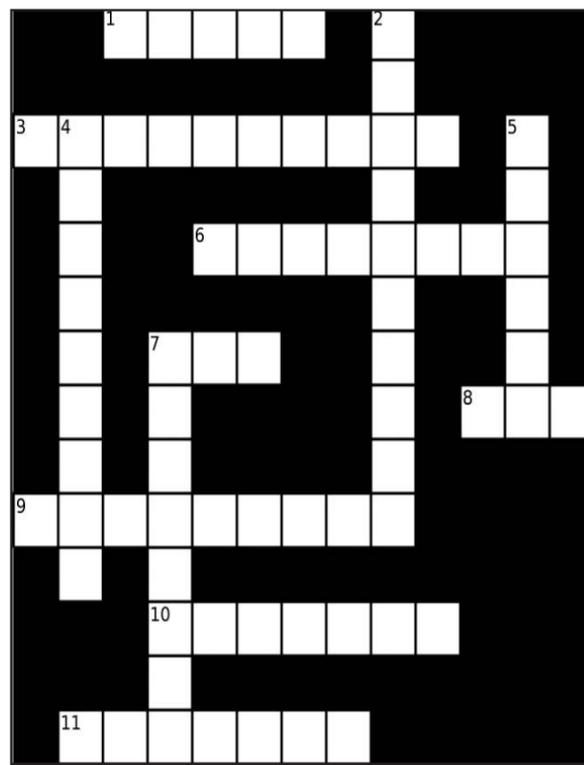
All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month.

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

Crossword: Columbus, MS



- 1. Across
Otherwise known as the T-37, this airplane welcomes visitors coming off of the highway in Columbus.
- 3. This neighbor-city to Columbus and home of Miss. State University.
- 6. Columbus is thought to be the home of the federal holiday _____ Day.
- 7. Local college which originally catered to females-only.
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Bio: Gen. Philip M. Breedlove

Gen. Philip M. Breedlove is Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. As Vice Chief, he presides over the Air Staff and serves as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Requirements Oversight Council and Deputy Advisory Working Group. He assists the Chief of Staff with organizing, training, and equipping of 680,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the United States and overseas.

General Breedlove was raised in Forest Park, Ga., and was commissioned in 1977 as a distinguished graduate of Georgia Tech's ROTC program. He has been assigned to numerous operational, command and staff positions, and has completed nine overseas tours, including two remote tours. He has commanded a fighter squadron, an operations group, three fighter wings, and a numbered air force. Additionally, he has served as operations officer in the Pacific Command Division on the Joint Staff; executive officer to the Commander of Headquarters Air Combat Command; the senior military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force; and Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff.

Prior to assuming his current position, General Breedlove served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He was responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff for formulating policy supporting air, space, irregular warfare, counterproliferation, homeland security, weather and cyber operations. General Breedlove has flown combat missions in Operation Joint Forge/Joint Guardian. He is a command pilot with 3,500 flying hours, primarily in the F-16.

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. March 1978 - March 1979, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
- 2. March 1979 - August 1979, pilot instructor training, Randolph AFB, Texas
- 3. August 1979 - January 1983, T-37 instructor pilot, evaluation flight examiner and runway supervisory unit controller, Williams AFB, Ariz.
- 4. January 1983 - September 1983, F-16 student pilot, MacDill AFB, Fla.
- 5. September 1983 - January 1985, F-16 aircraft commander and instructor



Gen. Philip M. Breedlove

pilot, 614th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Torrejon AB, Spain

6. January 1985 - March 1987, air liaison officer, 602nd Air Support Operations Group, Kitzingen AB, West Germany

7. March 1987 - January 1988, F-16 pilot, 526th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Ramstein AB, West Germany

8. January 1988 - August 1988, Chief of Flight Safety, 316th Air Division, Ramstein AB, West Germany

9. August 1988 - August 1990, F-16 flight commander, then assistant operations officer, 512th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany

10. August 1990 - July 1991, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

11. July 1991 - May 1993, Chief of Air Operations, United Nations Command and Republic of Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command, Yongsan Army Garrison, South Korea

12. May 1993 - July 1994, Commander, 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, South Korea

13. July 1994 - June 1995, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

14. June 1995 - July 1997, operations officer, U.S. Pacific Command Division, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

15. July 1997 - June 1999, Commander, 27th Operations Group, Cannon AFB, N.M.

16. June 1999 - May 2000, executive officer to the Commander, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.

17. May 2000 - May 2001, Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, South Korea

18. June 2001 - June 2002, senior military assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

19. June 2002 - June 2004, Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.

20. June 2004 - June 2005, Commander, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano AB, Italy

21. June 2005 - October 2006, Vice Commander, 16th Air Force, Ramstein AB, Germany

22. October 2006 - July 2008, Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

23. July 2008 - August 2009, Commander, 3rd Air Force, Ramstein AB, Germany

24. August 2009 - January 2011, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

25. January 2011 - present, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1991 - May 1993, Chief of Air Operations, United Nations Command and Republic of Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command, Yongsan Army Garrison, South Korea, as a major

2. June 1995 - July 1997, operations officer, U.S. Pacific Command Division, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel

3. October 2006 - July 2008, Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot
Flight hours: More than 3,500
Aircraft flown: F-16, T-37 and C-21

12-07

2nd Lt. Ahmed H. Alharthi	T-38	Intl
2nd Lt. Christopher M. Bean	T-38	
2nd Lt. Jonathan W. Bucey	T-38	
2nd Lt. Allen B. Dunn	T-38	
2nd Lt. Jason E. Epperly	T-1	
1st Lt. Hamad Esmaeel	T-38	Intl
2nd Lt. Christopher T. Gaines	T-38	
2nd Lt. Matthew R. Harmon	T-1	
2nd Lt. Daniel J. Hill	T-1	
2nd Lt. Geoffrey A. Howard	T-1	
2nd Lt. Danielle M. Kangas	T-38	
2nd Lt. Roland J. Kern	T-1	
2nd Lt. Daniel S. Ohara	T-1	Res
2nd Lt. Brogan M. O'Toole,	T-1	
Capt. Ryan C. Ott	T-1	ANG
2nd Lt. Peter G. Pfau	T-1	
2nd Lt. Jordan B. Pierson	T-1	
2nd Lt. Carl A. Scott	T-1	
2nd Lt. Justin D. Shadrix	T-1	
2nd Lt. Joshua L. Stoll	T-1	ANG
2nd Lt. Jacob C. Swatek	T-1	Res
2nd Lt. Austin S. Westbrook	T-1	

Top Guns

Contact: Capt. Ryan C. Ott
Instrument: 2nd Lt. Matthew R. Harmon
Formation: 2nd Lt. Jordan B. Pierson

Leverette Award

2nd Lt. Daniel S. Ohara

Track Select

Columbus Air Force Base Postures for Workforce Changes

Christopher Chesser

14th Force Support Squadron Chief, Manpower and Personnel Flight

Columbus Air Force Base leaders are working with Higher Headquarters to implement strategies that will meet budgetary goals while mitigating adverse impacts of Department of Defense efficiency planning.

Under Resource Management Directive 703, the Air Force has projected that bases will see some reductions in civilian manpower strength in areas of global base support. However, Air Education and Training Command reports that their changes will not be finalized until November. In the meantime, the Air Force Personnel Center has implemented a Hiring Freeze and Voluntary Separation Incentive Program that aim to shape the workforce while reducing the need for a reduction-in-force.

Hiring controls, initiated in May, were designed with two goals in mind. First, senior leaders aimed to meet FY11/12 budgetary goals and reduce end strength to FY10 levels. Second, AFPC intended to create vacancies that will make it easier to retain employees currently on the rolls and care for Airmen and families. Currently the Air Force is in a 90-day hiring freeze through November. However, hiring controls are projected to continue next year and the following year.

The objective of VSIP is to minimize the adverse impact to employees as a result of manpower changes. For an employee to receive an offer, VSIP would have to prevent an involuntary separation action or create a new vacancy thereby preventing another employee's involuntary separation. The separation incentive under VSIP is the lesser of \$25,000 or the payment entitlement one would receive under severance pay. To gauge interest, the Civilian Personnel Section surveyed the workforce to determine who would be interested in retirement or resignation. VSIP application does not guarantee approval, and selected employees will be notified the week of Oct. 24, separating by Dec. 31.

Employees are reminded of resources available to assist them personally and professionally. Civilians are encouraged to review and validate their electronic official personnel files, or OPF, under AFPC Secure Applications on the Air Force Portal. The Employee Benefits Information System, or EBIS, provides tools such as a severance calculator, retirement estimator, and e-seminars. The AFPC BEST team is available to answer benefits and retirements questions at 1-800-525-0102. The Airman and Family Readiness Center offers resume writing, transition assistance, and employment workshops and counseling. Finally, civilian personnel advisors stand ready to answer questions and assist wherever able. For more information, please contact Benny Brock at 434-2635 or Christopher Chesser at 434-3601.

Bio: Brig. Gen. Balan R. Ayyar

Brig. Gen. Balan R. Ayyar is the Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The Air Force Recruiting Service comprises more than 2,600 Airmen and civilians in more than 1,200 recruiting offices across the United States and abroad. He is responsible for all enlisted accessions and a variety of officer accession programs. The AFRS also manages all strategic marketing for the Air Force.

General Ayyar was commissioned in 1987 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served in a variety of joint, command and staff positions at the major command, combatant command and Office of the Secretary of Defense levels. The general is a White House Fellow and served in the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. His command experience includes the 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash., and 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J. He has held joint assignments as executive assistant to the Commander of U.S. Pacific Command as well as the U.S. Transportation Command liaison to the Commander, U.S. Central Command, and Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, overseeing the strategic transportation and sustainment of forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Prior to his current assignment, he was military assistant to the Secretary of Defense. General Ayyar is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

General Ayyar is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, C-141B, Kiran Mk IA, KC-135R, C-17A and KC-10A.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1987 - September 1988, student, undergraduate pilot training, Columbus AFB, Miss.

2. September 1988 - August 1992, assistant flight commander, military training officer and T-37 instructor pilot, Columbus AFB,



Brig. Gen. Balan R. Ayyar

Miss.

3. August 1992 - December 1995, flight commander and C-141B instructor aircraft commander, 8th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.

4. December 1995 - August 1998, Kiran Mk IA instructor pilot with Indian air force, Pacific Air Forces Personnel Exchange Program, Hyderabad, India

5. August 1998 - August 1999, student, Air Command Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

6. August 1999 - July 2001, operations officer and C-141B evaluator pilot, 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.

7. July 2001 - August 2002, Commander, 4th Airlift Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.

8. September 2002 - September 2003, White House Fellow, the White House, Washington, D.C.

9. September 2003 - June 2004, student, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

10. June 2004 - July 2006, U.S.

Transportation Command senior liaison to the Commander, U.S. Central Command, and Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.

11. July 2006 - October 2007, Vice Commander, 319th Air Refueling Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

12. October 2007 - March 2009, Commander, 305th Air Mobility Wing, and installation commander, McGuire AFB, N.J.

13. March 2009 - August 2009, executive assistant to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii

14. August 2009 - September 2010, military assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.

15. September 2010 - present, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, Randolph AFB, Texas

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2004 - July 2006, U.S. Transportation Command senior liaison to the Commander, U.S. Central Command, and Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., and forward headquarters, as a lieutenant colonel and colonel

2. March 2009 - August 2009, executive assistant to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii, as a colonel

3. August 2009 - September 2010, military assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C., as a colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot
Flight hours: More than 3,500
Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, C-141B, Kiran Mk IA, KC-135R, C-17A and KC-10A

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!

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.

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 hitch-

inglotfarmersmarket.com for more information.

Pandora Event

The Purple Elephant, 422 Main St., is having their Pandora Event, Sept. 7, 8, 9 and 10. Buy \$100 in Pandora and receive a Pandora bracelet free!

BARGAIN LINE

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

Homes

For rent: Two bedroom two bathroom apartment on Hospital Drive in Columbus. No deposit, \$650 per month. Call 425-1868.

For rent: Convenient and furnished 15,000 sq. ft. ranch-styled home. Three bed two bath. Ideal for lightly traveled professionals who don't have a ton of stuff. furniture and appliances must stay. Non-smoking pet-less candidates preferred. \$750 per month plus utilities with \$250 deposit. Contact (202) 368-0898 for showing, application and credit check.

Transportation

For sale: 2010 Nissan Frontier SE, 2WD, King Cab, six speed Automatic, AM/FM/CD Stereo, Tow Hitch, Bed Liner, anti-lock brakes. One owner with 7,622 actual miles, 23 miles per gallon on highways. Must sell; \$19,500. Call 327-1205.

Miscellaneous

For sale: Full Children's Kitchen \$50, two 4-foot dollhouse book shelves \$10 each. Call 242-0158 for more information.

AROUND TOWN

Supplies increased at military clothing stores

Brad Jessmer
Air Force Uniform Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Current inventory of the green fleece has caught up with demand, officials announced Sept. 2.

The sources for purchase of the fleece are Army Air Force Exchange Service military clothing stores in person and online.

Airmen have raised issues field concerning availability, where to buy the green fleece authorized for wear as an outer garment by Air Force members and how to avoid buying unauthorized versions.

"With ample stock in 15 sizes and production continuing, there should be no reason for Airmen to purchase a knock-off," said Capt. Micah Porter, the project manager for the Air Force Uniform Office.

Porter said most knock-offs are drastically different in appearance and highly noticeable. Even if AAFES doesn't have a certain size in stock, Airmen who order it now will ensure they have a fleece by the time temperatures begin to fall.

According to a message issued by the Office of Manpower, Personnel and Services at Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C.; "The sage green fleece jacket, commonly known as Generation III or Gen III, was the original version authorized for wear. Due to limited availability at AAFES military clothing stores and through the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, some units purchased and issued other versions."

Previously issued green fleece jackets and those that are currently available for purchase, if worn as an outer garment, must meet the

following configuration requirements:

- A fabric fastener ABU print name tape with dark blue block lettering, centered between the zipper and sleeve seam on the wearer's right chest

- A fabric fastener ABU print U.S. Air Force tape with dark blue block lettering, centered between the zipper and sleeve seam on the wearers left chest

- A fabric fastener subdued cloth rank with a solid sage-green background, flushed with and centered above the last name tape on the wearer's right chest.

- Fleece must remain zipped no lower than halfway between the name tape and the collar

- The collar must be folded over and resting on the shoulder, chest and back when the zipper is not completely zipped

- The bottom length of the fleece must be as close to the length of an ABU top as possible

- Sleeves must be worn down at all times

- Fleece must be kept in a neat, serviceable condition and present a professional appearance at all times

- When worn as an outer garment, the sage green fleece may only be worn over the ABU top and is not authorized to be worn solely over a T-shirt, thermal underwear and similar undergarment

Commanders also have the authority to allow wear of the fleece indoors if mission needs require it.

Airmen who have policy questions regarding this article should address them through their chain of command or by calling the Air Force Personnel Center at 800-525-0102, or DSN 665-5000.

434-RIDE Needs volunteers.

If you would like to participate in the

434-RIDE designated driver program

please email 2nd Lt. Jacob Breth at

Jacob.Breth@columbus.af.mil.

434-RIDE

662-434-7433

Base families offered a variety of activities

Fall READ Fest

The base library will have a Fall READ Fest, a story time free and open to all ages, on Tues., Sept. 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Contact 434-2934 for more information.

Day for Kids

The Columbus AFB Youth Center will have its annual Boys and Girls Club of America Day for Kids Celebration on Sept. 15, 3:30-5:30 p.m., in the Youth Center parking lot. This "Worldwide Day of Play" is an event designed to encourage kids and parents to turn off the television and get active. Events will include track and field, shot put and log jump activities. This event also features Fit Factor registration and kicks off the Youth Center's membership drive. Also, check out the lobby of the Child Development Center for display information on the value of "play" and its importance to kids. For more information, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504 or the CDC at 434-2479.

Get Your Grill On!

The 14th Force Support Squadron, Columbus AFB Commissary and the Base Exchange are joining forces to put on a Tailgating Cooking Contest and Party on Sat., Sept. 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Commissary/BX parking lot. Enter your best tailgating dish as an individual, family, office or squadron for a chance to win the first-place prize, a Sharp 40-inch LED LCD television. Second place takes home a Weber grill. The best tailgating decoration wins a 30-inch Char-Broil charcoal grill with second place taking home a grill/cooler combo. Bring the kids to meet Bully, the Mississippi State University mascot. Door prizes include Dan Mullen autographed footballs, a pair of New Orleans Saints tickets, children's bikes, gift certificates and more. For more information, to enter the contests and for rules of entry, go to www.cafbssrocks.com. Entries must be received by Sept. 12.

Annual BLAZE Race Returns

Columbus AFB's Fitness and Sports presents the BLAZE Race, a 5K or 10K flight line run on Oct. 1. Cost is \$20 if registered by Sept. 16 and guarantees a moisture-wicking shirt the day of the race. Late registration is \$25. Registration forms are available at www.cafbssrocks.com, www.active.com, or at the Fitness Center. Profits of this and similar events go toward the continued support of morale, welfare and recreation events on base. Contact 434-2772 for more information.

LeTourneau Still the Champion

Bob LeTourneau, 14th Operations Group, held onto his title as reigning club champion at the Whispering Pines Club Championship tournament played over the Labor Day weekend, but not before a tie-breaker with Matt Matthes, 14th Force Support Squadron.

Due to inclement weather, the tournament was cut from three days to just two. LeTourneau and Matthes both scored a 70 and 74 for the first two days. But LeTourneau won on Number 8 with a par, and Matthes hit a bogey.

The tournament was broken down into three flights and was based on handicaps.

In the Championship Flight, second place went to Andy Gilley and third went to Adam Irvin for low gross. Low net winners were Matthes first, Sam Shoemake second and Tom McElhinney third.

In the First Flight competition, first place went to Christine Zoerlein who also won the Ladies Championship title. Second place went to Jack Davis, and third went to Bill Connelly. Low net for this flight was Pam Wickham in first, Tony Cedano in second and Hal Larkin, Sr., in third.

In the Second Flight, Walt Guenther took first, Howard Ferguson was second and Rachel Kasic took third. For the low net in this flight, first went to Penny Gilley, second went to Andy Lehrkamp and third to Steve Shriner.

Upcoming events at the golf course include a steak night with live music on Sept. 23 with reservations encouraged, a four-person backwards scramble on Sept. 24, a parent/child tournament Sept. 26, the Princess Open and Ladies Night Out on Sept. 30 and a two-person scramble Oct. 1-2 with the West Point Country Club.

For more information about these events, call the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

Music on the Patio with a TWIST...

Whispering Pines Golf Course is making great use of the cooling weather and its spacious outdoor, covered patio on Sept. 23, 5-9 p.m., with a Cook-Your-Own-Steak Night and live music featuring Bobby Shannon and Ben Ferrell. Drink specials and a kids' menu will be available. Please RSVP by Sept. 16 for savings. Call the Pro Shop at 434-7932 for more information.

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.

Let's Get Moving!

The Fitness Center offers several great cardio classes throughout the week. These include daily spin classes on Wednesday and

Friday at 11 a.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays are also packed full with 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.cafbssrocks.com or call 434-2772.

Fall Soccer for Youth

Registration Sept. 6-23 at the Youth Center 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! 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.

WHO DAT?

Saints home game tickets are now available here at Columbus AFB. Drop by the Information Tickets and 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.

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 A&FRC at 434-2790.

Weekly Specials at Whispering Pines Golf Course

In addition to offering a great lunch menu with daily specials Tuesday through Friday, Whispering Pines Golf Course is starting some great daily golfing and drink specials during the week. 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. The Wednesday Golf Special is 18 holes with a cart for \$30 which includes sandwich, chips and a drink. "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. 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 available 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.

Air Force leaders issue Sept. 11 message

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy issued the following message to the Airmen of the U.S. Air Force:

September 11, 2011, marks the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent people -- at the World Trade Center; at Shanksville, Pa.; and at the Pentagon -- and affected the lives of countless others across our great country and beyond. In all, 90 countries lost citizens, and people the world over would condemn these acts of terrorism.

Leaving the kids at home

Lt. Col. Aaron Burgstein
1st Combat Camera
Squadron
commander

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. — When my wife and I had our first child, it was difficult to convince her to get a babysitter and take an evening off. On those rare occasions when she did take a break, my wife would leave a list of dozens of instructions for the sitter, which amused me to no end. As our girls have grown older and become more independent, I've noticed the list becoming shorter and shorter.

When I took command and had to leave my squadron for the first time, I ensured I gave detailed instructions on what to do and whom to contact. My wife just shook her head and laughed. I was nervous about "leaving home." Not my actual home mind you, my wife had and still has the handle on that. No, I was nervous about leaving the squadron. What if something happened?

How, as a leader, can you tell if you've properly trained your Airmen? There are lots of "measurable" ways, such as operational readiness inspections and other exercises.

However, a boss of mine once said to me: "You need to train your replacement." This is good, sound advice. He also said to teach your Airmen to think two levels up so they can fill those jobs when needed and,

just as importantly, can provide the answers and problem solving you need when you ask for it.

So, is there a way to tell if your Airmen are ready? You can send them on exercises of course, and deployments always test people. But one way I've learned to determine if my Airmen are ready is to go on temporary duty myself.

In my current assignment, I don't travel much; however, when I do, things tend to happen. When I first took command, I didn't want to leave the squadron, afraid that I'd miss something or that something would happen and I wouldn't be there to handle it. That wasn't new to this job, just magnified by my new scope of responsibility.

I failed to take a few things into account though. First, the squadron had been there before me and, if all goes well, will continue long after I'm gone. Second, we have incredible Airmen in today's Air Force who make things happen, even in situations they have never faced. Third -- and this may have been the most difficult to accept -- they can and will survive without me.

That's actually the key. If you've trained, mentored and nurtured your Airmen correctly, they'll survive, if not thrive, without you there to oversee things. Not that I'm saying they're going to do better without you, although that too may happen. No, what I'm saying is they'll be ok.

This tragic event altered our view of the world and sparked a global effort to combat terrorism and the conditions that give rise to extremism. We are proud of the international efforts that have led to the capture or killing of many of the terrorist leaders, but our success has not come without significant cost. As we reflect on the horrific day that marked the beginning of our struggle to better secure the world from these threats, we honor the tremendous selfless service that today still distinguishes American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, comprising the most dedicated, professional and powerful military force in the world. We also recognize that the

As I said earlier, things tend to happen back home when I go TDY or am out of the office. In our squadron, with its crisis response mission, those things tend to be, well, crises. Did and do I want to be there running things when we have to respond or there's an emergency? Sure I do. But I know that I have strong, competent Airmen who will accomplish the mission no matter what. I know that I can leave them alone and they'll perform. They keep me informed but perform the mission.

To me, that's the true mark of how one is succeeding as a leader and mentor. If you still have to be the action officer as a leader, you haven't trained your Airmen well. If they aren't empowered to accomplish the mission and have to run to you for every minor decision, you've done them, and yourself, a disservice.

If, however, you can and do leave them and they perform well, you've done the right thing. You've trained them to be leaders, to get the mission done. You've trained your replacements and done them and the Air Force a service. You've helped ensure the future.

My own kids are getting older and more independent. In a few years, they'll be old enough to stay home on their own. I'm no longer dreading that day, or dreading it as much anyway, because we've given them the tools to succeed.

Can you leave home?

need for sacrifice is not over.

We sincerely thank you and your families for what you have done for your country to date, and thank you in advance for bravely facing our future challenges. Please take a moment this day to reflect on the tragic losses of September 11, 2001, as well as the losses and wounds that we have suffered in our campaign to maintain security for our Nation since that fateful day. Today, we also remember the families and friends of the lost and wounded, who bear the heaviest burden, whose loneliness we seek to ease, and whose sacrifice we hold in the highest regard.

Commander's Action Line

434-7058



Col. Barre "Heat" Seguin

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.

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.

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T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

SUPT Class 11-14 earns silver wings



Capt. Joshua Arens
Sioux Falls, S.D.
RPA, Creech AFB, Nev.



Capt. Derek Rankin
Hagerstown, Md.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 11-14 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

Brig. Gen. Balan Ayyar is the Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The Air Force Recruiting Service comprises more than 2,600 Airmen and civilians in more than 1,200 recruiting offices across the United States and abroad. He is responsible for all enlisted accessions and a variety of officer accession programs. The AFRS also manages all strategic marketing for the Air Force.

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

2nd Lt. Matthew Anger, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Halden Grossman, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Ryan Neely, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Matt Savage, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenant Grossman, Lieutenant Savage and Lieutenant Anger, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 11-14.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week pre-flight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss.

Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

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

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with several business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 11-14's pilot partner is the Eat With Us Group, owners of Harvey's, Pepper's and The Grill.



1st Lt. Kazuhiro Ota
Saitama, Japan
F-2, Matsushima AB, Japan



1st Lt. Adam Spring
Parker, Colo.
F-15C, Klamath Falls, Ore.



1st Lt. Keisuke Ueda
Hiroshima, Japan
F-2, Matsushima AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Matthew Anger
Camarillo, Calif.
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Matthew Duerst
Boyceville, Wis.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Halden Grossman
Hudson, N.Y.
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Maria Juliano
Neshanic Station, N.J.
C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Anthony Kenna
Oakmont, Pa.
KC-135, Pease ANGB, N.H.



2nd Lt. Justin Lebon
Irving, Tex.
C-130J, Quonset, R.I.



2nd Lt. Christian Litscher
Lebanon, Ind.
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Willard Martin
Poolesville, Md.
RPA, Creech AFB, Nev.



2nd Lt. Ryan Mendenhall
Yorktown, Va.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Ryan Neely
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F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Nicholas Roth
Las Vegas, Nev.
PC-12, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Matt Savage
Lake Worth, Fla.
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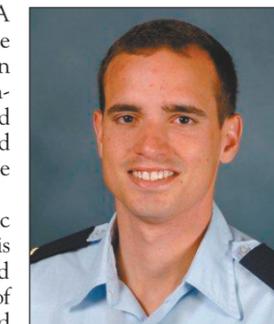
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Castroville, Tex.
E-8, Robins AFB, Ga.



Capt. Gabriel Taylor
Atlanta, Ga.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



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Baton Rouge, La.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



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