

"Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight"

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## Weather



**Today**

High: 54, Low: 34  
Showers



**Saturday**

High: 58, Low: 29  
Partly cloudy



**Sunday**

High: 61, Low: 35  
Mostly sunny



**Monday**

High: 64, Low: 44  
Mostly cloudy

## News Briefs

### Holidays and Family Days

Most offices on Columbus Air Force Base will be closed Dec. 23, 26, 30 and Jan. 2 in observance of Holidays or Air and Education Training Command Family Days. For the hours of FSS Services, see page 12.

### IFF Graduation

Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Class 12-CBC will graduate at 4:49 p.m. at the 49th Fighter Training Squadron.

### No Fly Days

Dec. 27 and 29 are scheduled as No Fly Days for Columbus Air Force Base, Dec. 28 is reserved for Continuation Training and Jan. 3 will be a half Fly Day, half Safety Day.



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson  
**Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and his wife Nancy Seguin wish all of Team BLAZE a safe and happy holiday season. Reflect on mission accomplishments, take time to focus on what's important personally and remember those who are currently deployed as well as their families during this holiday season.**

## Happy Holidays to Team BLAZE

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

Team BLAZE, as we quickly approach the end of the 2011, I thank you for your significant contributions to our mission to Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, and Feed the Fight. You contributions ensured the tremendous success of our team. Over the course of the year, we produced over 360 pilots for the United States Air Force and our allies and advanced numerous enlisted and officer Airmen through professional military education. Our civilian and contractor Airmen also advanced professionally and personally by taking advantage of educational self-improvement opportunities. Additionally, we fed the fight by deploying over 130 expeditionary Airmen around the globe to support contingency operations as part of our broader joint and coalition team. Thank you again for your many and great contributions to our mission.

Our impressive mission accomplishment in 2011 would not have been possible without each and every one of our Team BLAZE members. From our Civil Engineer "Fire Dawgs" who respond without regard to personal safety; to our Med Group medics who ensure our health and well-being; to contract Airmen maintainers who keep our aircraft in the air; to our instructor pilots who show at 4 a.m. to ensure our student pilots receive the best training possible; all of you are the cogs who bring millions of moving parts and piece together into seamless mission performance. As we proceed into this holiday season, I ask you to reflect on our phenomenal mission accomplishment and take time to focus on what's important to you personally.

The holidays provide the perfect opportunity to reconstitute and put our lives into perspective. Spend time this holiday season with family and friends and offer thanks for our many gifts and good fortune. In this time of thanks and celebration, remember our deployed BLAZE Team members in your thoughts, reflections, and actions.

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SUPT Class 12-03 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

## 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 (12-13)	1.92 days	2.07 days	Feb. 13	48th (12-04)	7.35 days	4.11 days	Jan. 27	49th (12-CB)	-0.08 days	-0.42 days	Dec. 21	T-6	1,332	1,340	6,191
41st (12-12)	3.84 days	1.32 days	Jan. 18	50th (12-04)	0.17 days	-1.18 days	Jan. 27					T-1	454	411	2,030
												T-38	501	488	2,284
												IFF	164	134	579

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Noel T. "Tom" Jones is Director, Operational Capability Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

## Feeding the Fight



Courtesy photo

**Capt. Chris Ianni, 14th Medical Support Squadron TRICARE Operations and Patient Administration Flight and Readiness Flight commander throws a grenade during deployment training. Capt. Ianni is currently deployed and serving as a Senior Medical Combat Advisor.**



### 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 72 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

### HOLIDAY

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Their sacrifices in service to our Air Force and our Nation offers us the chance to enjoy this season in peace and freedom, surrounded by family and friends, in the country we're sworn to protect. Include their families in your thoughts and actions, as they miss their loved ones and anxiously look forward to their safe return.

Nancy and I wish all of Team BLAZE a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you for our many team successes and the part you played in those successes. We go into the holiday season with a deep sense of pride in our accomplishments in Building Leaders, Advancing Integrity, putting Service before self and executing with Excellence in all we do. This past year we faced challenges and opportunities as one Team BLAZE, and we will approach 2012 in the same manner. Happy holidays and I look forward to working alongside each of you as we BLAZE Forward into the new year.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
19	20	21	22	23	24/25
		IFF Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th FTS		AETC Family Day, most CAFB offices closed	
26	27	28	29	30	31/1
Holiday observed, most CAFB offices closed	No Fly Day	CT Fly Day	No Fly Day	AETC Family Day, most CAFB offices closed	

### Long Range Events

- Jan. 2:**  
New Years  
Observed
- Jan. 3:**  
Half Safety Day,  
Half Fly Day
- Jan. 6:**  
Golf Course Snack  
Bar Grand Opening
- Jan. 9:**  
Night Flying Week
- Jan. 11:**  
AETC Symposium
- Jan. 13:**  
Class 12-04  
Assignment Night

# Trail BLAZE'r

**Name:** Airman 1st Class Dennisse Mallari.

**Unit:** 14th Comptroller Squadron.

**Job title:** Customer Service Technician.

**Time at Columbus AFB:** Four and a half months.

**Time in Service:** Ten and a half months.

**Hometown:** Tarlac City, the Philippines.

**Career goals:** To become an Air Force flight attendant. After the Air Force I would like to pursue a career in chemistry.

**Family members:** Mom, Dad, two sisters and three brothers.

**Favorite musician:** Joshua Radin and Schuyler Fisk.

**Favorite movie:** Bourne Trilogy.



**A1C Dennisse Mallari**

**Biggest pet peeve:** People that have to question every little thing.

**Favorite book:** "Candide" by Voltaire

**Inspirations:** Lorna Harris, the faculty of wonder.

**Personal motto:** "Whatever you do in life will be insignificant, but it's very important that you do it."

## Annual holiday parade spreads cheer through base



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens  
**Santa Claus waves to onlookers during the holiday parade through base housing on Dec. 13, 2011. The Columbus Air Force Base fire department towed Santa's sleigh through Magnolia, State and Capitol Village housing.**

# Holiday Hours

## Bowling Center Holiday Hours

Dec. 22	6 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dec. 23-26	Closed
Dec. 27-Dec 29	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dec. 30-Jan 2	Closed
Jan. 3	7 a.m.-9 p.m.

## Library Holiday Hours

Dec 19-22 Dec	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec 23-26	Closed
Dec 27-29	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Dec 30-Jan 2	Closed
Jan 3	Resume Regular Hours

## Fitness Holiday Hours

November 28-Dec. 23	Regular Operating Hours
Dec. 24	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dec. 25	Closed
Dec. 26	Closed
Dec. 27-Dec 30	Regular Operating Hours
Dec. 31-Jan 2	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Jan. 3	Resume Regular Operating Hours

## ODR Holiday Hours

Dec. 24-26	Closed
Dec. 27	8 a.m.-Noon
Dec. 28	Closed
Dec. 29-31	8 a.m.-Noon
Jan. 1-4	Closed
Jan. 5	Resume Regular Operating Hours

## Youth Center Holiday Hours

Dec. 23-26	Closed
Dec. 27-29	Regular Operating Hours
Dec. 30-Jan. 2	Closed

## Golf Course Holiday Hours

November 25-Dec. 24	9 a.m.-Dusk/Regular Operating Hours
Dec. 25	Closed
Dec. 26-Dec. 31	9 a.m. -Dusk/Regular Operating Hours
Jan. 1	Closed
Jan. 2	9 a.m.-Dusk

All Open Dates Contingent On Weather Conditions!

## CDC Holiday Hours

Dec. 23-26	Closed
Dec. 27-29	Regular Operating Hours
Dec. 30-Jan. 2	Closed

## A&C Holiday Hours

Dec. 20-Jan. 2	Closed
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## Club Holiday Hours

Dec. 16-Jan. 3	Closed
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## Auto Hobby Holiday Hours

Dec 22-Jan 1	Closed
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\*Note: Dec. 19-21, Auto Hobby Will Be Available For Small Jobs Only Due To Limited Staffing During The Holidays. Splash In A Flash Will Also Be Available On Those Days.

# Base Volunteering Opportunities

**Shirley Pinckney**

Airman and Family Readiness Center

If you are looking for an interesting and rewarding experience, then be a volunteer.

Volunteerism goes by many names. Sometimes it's called "helping out," "lending a hand," "being neighborly" or "pitching in." Regardless of what name it goes by, to volunteer is to help another person in any number of ways without asking for or expecting repayment or reward.

Volunteers are needed everywhere and they come from every age group, income level, ethnic background or occupation. The Points of Light Institute reports that annually over 30 million hours of volunteer service are performed per year and are valued at about \$600 million.

Volunteering provides countless opportunities to excel. Learning new skills, keeping old skills fresh, building and maintaining a professional network, and personal satisfaction are just a few. It can give you a purpose and focus in life, as well as new friendships and new interests.

Additionally, if you are unable to find paid employment in your field of expertise or interest, volunteer work can count as non-paid experience and can strengthen a resume or an application. The Volunteer Resource Program at the Airman and Family Readiness Center functions as a military community's resource for base-wide volunteer activity. They can help you find volunteer opportunities and help translate your experiences onto paper.

There are volunteer opportunities all across Columbus AFB. The Youth Center constantly needs volunteer support with everything from one-time events to coaching youth sports. Volunteers are needed in other base activities too. The Child Development Center always needs volunteers to read to the children. The Medical Clinic needs volunteers at the pharmacy amongst other areas. The Chapel, the Airman's Attic and the Thrift Store all need volunteer support for their programs to succeed.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities on Columbus AFB, call the AFRC at 434-2790 for more information.

# CAF raises awareness of available resources

**Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Organizations from around the base banded together to raise awareness of the Comprehensive Airman Fitness program over a continental breakfast Dec. 14 in the 14th Mission Support Group building.

The CAF is a program that helps to improve the physical, social, mental and spiritual aspects of Airman's lives and communities.

Organizations and programs tied to the CAF program include the chapel, Airman and Family Readiness Center, Family Advocacy Program, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Drug Demand Reduction and Prevention, Health and Wellness Center, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, Military Equal Opportunity, Health Care Integrator and the School Liaison Office.

Many of these organizations were active in the breakfast and gave information about each group and what it provides to Airmen.

The DDRP was adamant in saying that the organization is not just for Airmen with drug issues, but also for stress relief and youth drug education camps and seminars.

"If you're having a problem with anger or anything pretty much we can sit down and we can talk to you and hopefully help you get through it," said Tech. Sgt. Renee Oliviel, 14th Medical Operations Squadron.

The HWC focused on maintaining a proper diet, participating in physical activity and letting Airmen know that multiple options to quit smoking are available.

All of the organizations involved provided an abundance of information to help Airmen become aware of the Comprehensive Airman Fitness program and embrace it.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Charles Dickens  
**2nd Lt. Justin Colby and 2nd Lt. Christian Ocasio examine a jar of jam as Tech. Sgt. Ryan Caviness from the Health and Wellness Center explains that the contents are equivalent to half of a year of smoking on Dec. 14 in the 14th Mission Support Group building. The HWC was one of many organizations present at the Comprehensive Airman Fitness breakfast.**

## Gordo mayor thanks two Airmen for Veterans Day support



**Col. Barre Seguin, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, joins Gordo, Ala. Mayor Craig Patterson (2nd from the right) and retired Senior Master Sgt. James Brown (2nd from the left) in thanking Lt. Col Doug Jantzen, 14th FTW/MA (far right) and 2nd Lt. Andrew Miller, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 13-02 for their participation in the Gordo, Ala. Veterans Day event on Nov. 11. Mayor Patterson presented each member with a copy of their local paper that featured the Veterans Day event and Brown presented each officer with a video of the entire ceremony. A keynote speaker for the event, Lt. Col. Jantzen, his spouse Shery and 2nd Lt. Miller and his spouse Carla made the 40 minute trip to Gordo, Ala. on Veterans Day to participate in the joint Gordo Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce program.**

Air Force photo/ Sonic Johnson

## Base families offered a variety of activities

### Christmas Turkey Shoot

Strike Zone Lanes' Christmas Turkey Shoot is on Sat., Dec. 17, 7-9 p.m. Please sign-up by 6:45 p.m. on the day of the event as play begins at 7 p.m. sharp. The cost is \$15 per person and includes three games as shoe rental as well as a chance at cash prizes and TURKEYS! Call the Bowling Center at 434-3426 for more information.

### Youth Programs Holiday Hours Change

Due to lack of participation, Youth Programs will not have School Age Holiday Camps. The School Age program will be closed Dec. 19-Jan. 2. Full-day care will be available on Jan. 3. Open Recreation for youth ages 9-18 will be open Dec. 19-21, 1-6 p.m. depending on participation. Open Rec will be closed Dec. 22-Jan.2. For more information, please call 434-2504.

### CASTING CALL FOR CAFB MODELS

The Columbus Club is looking for a diverse group of models from across the base to participate in the BLAZE the Runway Fashion Show and After Party on Feb. 24. If you are 18 years or older and have poise, style and just enough attitude, call Rita at 434-2489. All models will be assigned no later than Feb. 3, so sign up NOW!

### Ready for the Redeaux in the Bayou?

Watch the BCS National Championship Game between University of Alabama and Louisiana State University at Indy's in the Columbus Club on Mon., Jan. 9. Doors open at 5 p.m. and pregame coverage begins at 6 p.m. Enjoy pizza, wings and draft specials while you watch the big game. For more information, contact the Club at 434-2489.

### Youth of the Year Packages Available

Youth of the Year application packages for youth ages 13-18 are available at Youth Programs or online at BGCA.org. Completed packages must be submitted at the Youth Center by Jan. 12. The local Youth of the Year will be announced at a celebration at the Youth Center on Jan. 19, 4 p.m.

### Racquetball Registration

Play begins in Fitness and Sports' annual double-elimination intramural racquetball tournament on Jan. 5. Sign up at the front desk of the Fitness Center on or before Jan. 2. For more

information, contact Brandi at 434-2772. Special thanks to the FY 2012 Fitness Program Sponsors: Premier Ford, Bud Light, Cable One, ESPN Radio 103.1, WCBI, The Dispatch, Ashley Furniture, Triangle Federal Credit Union, Annunciation Catholic School, Splash In A Flash, Rob Naugher of State Farm Insurance, Patti Johnson of Century 21-Doris Hardy & Assoc., and North Mississippi Medical Center. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

### Youth Fine Arts Competition

The Boys and Girls Club of America Base Level Fine Arts Competition is Jan. 10, 3:30-5:30, at the Youth Center. All entries must be submitted on or before Jan. 6. Age groups are 9 and under, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18. Artwork categories are monochromatic drawing, multi-colored drawing, pastels, watercolors, oil or acrylic, print making, mixed media, collage, sculpture or group project. First place winners in each category will be submitted to the regional BGCA competition. For more information, contact Youth Programs at 434-2504.

### FSS Gift Cards – A Perfect Gift Idea!

Need a gift for a coworker or Squadron Holiday Party? These gift cards are available in increments of \$5 to fit any budget. They can be used at most FSS facilities (golf, bowling center snack bars, clubs) at Air Force installations WORLDWIDE...and they never go out of style. FSS gift cards can be purchased at Whispering Pines Golf Course, Strike Zone Lanes or at the Youth Center.

### Pardon Our Progress

The snack bar at Whispering Pines Golf Course is currently closed for renovations. However, the golf course will remain open for play with special winter discounts. Play 18 holes of golf with a cart Tues.-Thurs. for just \$15 and Fri.-Sun. for only \$20. The golf course will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but will be open the Mondays following. Weekend rates apply. For more information, drop by or call the Whispering Pines Pro Shop at 434-7932.

### Need New Year's Plans

Sign up now to bring in the New Year at the casino! Outdoor Recreation is planning a New Year's Eve Casino Trip on Sat., Dec. 31. The bus leaves the Exchange parking lot at 5 p.m. Cost is only \$25, and the casino will put \$25 on a

player's card. First-timers get an additional \$10 in bonus bets. ODR must have 20 registered to offer the trip, but there is limited space. To register or for more information, call 434-2505.

### Get Connected to Columbus AFB

If you're wondering what's going on here at Columbus AFB, go online to www.cafbssrocks.com. Opt in to receive emails about only those events and programs of interest to you. Also, find us on Facebook at CAFB FSS Rocks or on Twitter at CAFBFSS.

### Instructional Classes at Youth Center

Youth Programs is offering piano lessons, guitar lessons, tumbling classes, dance classes and martial arts instruction. Time and ages vary for all classes. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

### Let's Get Fit!

Fitness and Sports offers several great cardio classes throughout the week. These include spin classes on Mon. and Wed., 11 a.m., and Tues. and Thurs., 5 p.m. Moms can participate with their little ones each Tuesday, 9 a.m., in a Stroller Fitness Class which meets at Freedom Park. Tuesdays and Thursdays are also packed full with circuit classes at 5:30 a.m., and Zumba, 11:30 a.m. There also is a yoga class Fri., 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-2772.

### It Pays to Club!

The annual Air Force Club Membership Drive is on! Join the Club before Dec. 31 and try out your benefits for three full months at no charge. You will also win \$5-100 in FSS gift cards instantly upon application. Applications are available at the Columbus Club, Strike Zone Lanes Bowling Center and the Fitness Center. Club members receive discounts on every meal purchased at the Club, including special functions, and have a chance at \$25,000 in annual scholarships available to members and their families. Locally and on bases around the world, Air Force Club members receive discounts at other FSS facilities including bowling centers, golf courses and more.

### Get Off the Couch and Play!

Columbus AFB has an 18-hole disc golf course across the street from the Fitness Center. The course's layout includes par threes, fours and fives plus lots of trees making it great for beginners or pros alike. So grab your friends or family and a disc and have some fun! Disc sets are

available for check out at the Fitness Center. Call 434-2772 for more information.

### It's Like FREE Money!

Single airmen returning from deployment and families of deployed members can receive up to \$500 in special discounts and rewards through participating FSS facilities and programs. Get discounted trips at Information Tickets and Travel, rent equipment from Outdoor Recreation, play a round of golf, participate in a golf clinic, or go bowling with a friend. These are just some of the offerings through the PLAYpass program. To find out if you are eligible for a PLAYpass card, visit www.MyAirForceLife.com or call the A&FRC at 434-2790.

### Lunch and Bowl is Back

The Lunch and Bowl special has returned 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 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.

## "A patrol leader of great dash"

Rufus Ward



Courtesy photo

**Capt. Wilfred Beaver of the famous No. 20 Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps was awarded the British Military Cross at Buckingham Palace by King George V in June 1918. Beaver moved to the United States, served as a colonel in The U.S. Army Air Force and lived in Columbus.**

Growing up in Columbus I knew Wilfred Beaver simply as Colonel Beaver a family friend and former World War I pilot. Little did I realize he was another of those Columbus residents who, though not well known locally, had left a huge footprint on the world.

Wilfred Beaver was born in England in 1897 and after graduation from high school he went to Canada to study dentistry in 1914. Before he could begin his studies World War I erupted and he joined the Canadian army and he soon wound up in a field artillery battery. After two years on the Western front he was allowed to join the British Royal Flying Corps. It was there he first left his mark.

After completing flight training he was assigned to the famous No. 20 Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps. Second Lieutenant Beaver joined the squadron on October 22, 1917 at St Marie Chappel, France. He made five practice flights and on October 27th flew his first combat mission. On November 13th he shot down his first German plane.

Beaver saw extensive action flying as many as 3 combat patrols in a day. Between October 27, 1917, and June 12, 1918, He was credited with 19 victories over German aircraft.

Beaver's grandson, Mickey Brislin, recalls a story of an occasion when his grandfather's plane was shot up by Freiherr von Richthofen, the "Red Baron". Beaver's plane had been badly damaged and Richthofen signaled him to fly toward his home base and then flew with him. When Beaver arrived back over his base Richthofen circled behind him and opened fire again forcing Beaver to crash land.

That may have happened on, March 25, 1918, as Beaver crashed that day and his squadron had been in combat against Richthofen around that time. On the 27th Captains Kirkman and Hedley of Beaver's squadron were shot down by Richthofen. Richthofen was shot down and killed three weeks later and Beaver told of attending his funeral.

Beaver's last patrol was on June 12th. He was then a captain and flight leader that day he led 12 British Bristol aircraft on a bombing mission when they were jumped by German fighters. Beaver was wounded and his observer was killed. In spite of his wounds and the damage to his plane, Beaver managed to make it back to his home base. However he was hospitalized because of his wounds and did not return to combat.

On June 22, 1918, The London Gazette reported that Captain Wilfred Beaver had been awarded the British Military Cross. Beaver had received a telegram that said: "Your attendance is required at Oxford Buckingham Palace on Saturday next the nineteenth instant at ten o ck am. Service dress please." It was signed Lord Chamberlain. At Buckingham Palace King George V presented Beaver with the Military Cross.

## Congratulations



Courtesy photo

**Congratulations to Nancy Kondon, wife of Command Chief Master Sgt. Vance Kondon on completing her naturalization.**

# 12-11 Track Select

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|----------------------------|------|
| 2nd Lt. Simone Agostinelli | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Dwayne Booker      | T-38 |
| 1st Lt. Randall Chlebek    | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Salvatore Colombo  | T-38 |
| Capt. Curtis Culver        | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Jordan Grove       | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Troy Nienberg      | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Daniel Walker      | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Kristoffer Wiese   | T-38 |
| 2nd Lt. Shawn Corrigan     | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. William Damare     | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Tiffany Dixon      | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Jessica Foster     | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Glenis Gibbs       | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Aaron Grimme       | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Mathew Jobs        | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Michael McFadden   | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Craig Pedersen     | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Matthew Quitquit   | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Riesterer  | T-1  |
| Capt. Michael Rineson      | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Curtis Sinewe      | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Noel Somers        | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Kevin Terry        | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Hans Trapp         | T-1  |
| 2nd Lt. Peter Wolber       | T-1  |

### Top Guns

Contact: 2nd Lt.

Michael McFadden

Instrument:

Capt. Curtis Culver

Formation: 2nd

Lt. Kristoffer Wiese

### Leverette Award

Capt. Curtis Culver



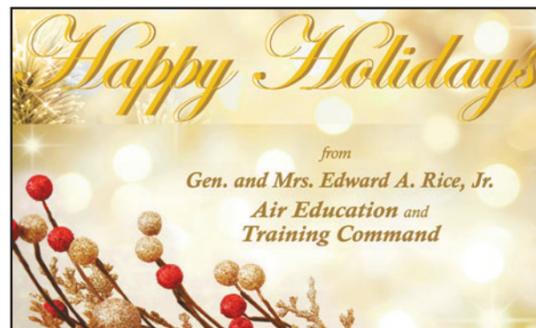
# General sends wishes of holiday cheer to AETC Airmen, families

**Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr.**  
commander, Air Education and Training Command

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The winter holidays bring an array of celebrations that highlight the diverse cultures that make our nation great. What unites so many of those festivities is a spirit of thankfulness for the many blessings we share. Teresa and I want to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season and say thank you to all the men and women of Air Education and Training Command for making 2011 such a success.

Closest to our hearts are all the deployed members of the command and their families. Having gone through this experience ourselves, we know how deployments over the holidays can be particularly tough, not just on the Airmen, but particularly the families back home. This year, more than 6,000 AETC Airmen have deployed around the globe. Thanks to your exceptional diligence and readiness, AETC answered the call to send our people to multiple worldwide operations while also maintaining our total commitment to training and educating the world's finest Air Force!

For those of us not deployed, I ask that as you make your holiday plans for quality time with family and friends, please know that I take personal interest in your safety and well-being. Be smart and make good decisions. If you're traveling, use caution and allow yourself time for delays.



U.S. Air Force graphic/Dianne Moffett

Make arrangements ahead of time so you're never in a position to consider drinking and driving. The world's greatest Air Force is nothing without its number one asset - you.

As we celebrate together, I also ask you to remember the families of our deployed Airmen as well as our single Airmen. In the spirit of camaraderie that makes our Air Force such a special family, I hope you'll welcome them into your holiday gatherings here at home.

The bonds we build today serve to strengthen the command for tomorrow...and continue to make our United States Air Force the most respected airpower in the world. Happy holidays, AETC. Thank you for all that you do to keep our nation secure.

# Air Force to lift hiring freeze Dec. 15

**Debbie Gildea**  
Air Force Personnel, Services and Manpower Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The hiring freeze implemented in August will be fully lifted Dec. 15, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced.

The freeze, preceded by hiring controls, was one of several measures implemented in 2011 to bring manning down to mandated 2010 levels. In addition, voluntary separation incentives were recently offered, with employees expected to separate by Dec. 31.

"We have made significant progress in reducing manning levels through various programs," said Michelle LoweSolis, the AFPC civilian force integration director. "But in some areas we are still short of the goal, so the freeze was extended in those targeted areas to help us work toward that end.

"Even with the hiring freeze being lifted Dec. 15, budget and funding issues are still fluid, so major command and wing leaders must be alert to changing conditions as they'll have the responsibility to control hiring to stay below targeted levels," LoweSolis explained.

Since the spring, nearly 9,000 positions have been trimmed from Air Force manning levels, but an additional 4,500 are necessary to reach required levels. Many of the positions identified for elimination are already vacant, and the hiring freeze resulted in more vacant positions, which will help the Air Force reach its goals, the director said.

## Base News

### Clinic Expanding Service Hours

The 14th Medical Group will be open Thursday afternoons starting in January. The 14th MDG currently provides limited services every Thursday afternoon, however starting in January the clinic will be completely closed at noon only on the third Thursday of each month. The clinic will be fully operational all remaining duty days of the month.

### Large Thrift Shop Sale

All white tickets above 25 cents are half price. 434-2954. The Base Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments until noon. The Thrift Shop is non-profit and all proceeds benefit CAFB Community. It is located in building 530. Phone: 434-2954.

### Mississippi Governor's School

The Mississippi Governor's School is accepting applications for the 2012 session from current 10th and 11th grade students enrolled in accredited Mississippi high schools. MGS will be held on the campus of Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Miss. June 3-22, 2012. The theme for the session is Leading with Vision. Application materials are available on the MGS website: www.muw.edu/govschool. Applications should be postmarked by Jan. 20, 2012. For more information, please call 241-6096 or e-mail gov-school@muw.edu.

### Department of Defense Memorandum of Understanding

Starting Jan. 1, 2012, all schools providing post secondary education programs through the DoD Tuition Assistance (TA) Program must agree to the new DoD MOU (http://www.dodmou.com/). For military members using TA, this means that if your school does not sign the DoD MOU, your school will no longer be approved to receive TA funds. The current list of schools that have signed the DoD MOU can be found at http://www.dodmou.com/InstitutionList.aspx. If your school is not on the list, you are encouraged to contact your school to ask if they plan to sign the DoD MOU (some schools may sign the DoD MOU after Jan. 1, 2012). If your school is not on the list by Jan. 1, 2012, please call the Education Center at 434-2562 or 434-2563 or come by Bldg. 916 for counseling regarding options for reaching your educational goals, which could include transferring to a DoD approved school. You can also email your questions to edward.hodge@columbus.af.mil.

### CLEP Testing Discontinued

Dec. 31, 2011 is the last day that the Columbus Education Office will be allowed to offer CLEP exams. Computerized CLEP testing will be available at the Mississippi State Univ. Assessment and Testing Center (http://www.ats.msstate.edu/testing/). Military members will only be charged a \$23 service fee for the first-time administration of any CLEP exam at MSU. DANTES paper-based exams will continue to be administered in the CAFB Ed Office. Please call 434-2562 or 434-2563 for more information or to schedule an exam.

### Base Education Planning and Advisory Committee Meeting

Are you interested in helping the Education Office improve the services it provides to CAFB personnel? If the answer is "yes," why not volunteer to attend the next BEPAC meeting on Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. in the 14th MSG Conference Room? The Education Office is looking for three military members to attend the BEPAC meeting and provide suggestions for improving on-base educational programs. Please call Edward Hodge at 434-2562 or 434-2563 or send an email to edward.hodge@columbus.af.mil to volunteer.

### Holiday Testing Hours

The last day for Education Center testing (CDC, PME, CLEP/DANTES, etc.) will be Tuesday, Dec. 20, please plan accordingly. Normal testing hours will resume on Jan. 3. Testing hours are Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 434-2562 or 434-2563 to schedule your exam.

### Motorcycle PPE at Exchange

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

### vMPF Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Benefits

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

### 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.

## 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 afr@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.

### Survivor-Benefit Plan

One of the best feelings about retiring from the military Service is to know you are guaranteed a lifetime income as the result of a successful career. What about your spouse or dependent children? If you die, what guarantees do they have? Enrolling in the SBP prior to retiring will ensure they will have guaranteed income after your death. Additional details are available by calling your SBP Counselor Jamey Coleman at 434-2720.

### 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.

### Tap Workshop

Jan. 3 to 5 starting at 7:30 a.m. Seminars on Jan. 3: 7:45 a.m. Health Benefits; 8:45 a.m. Miss. Dept of Employment Security; 9:30 a.m. Dept of Veterans Affairs; 12:30 p.m. Disabled TAP; 2 p.m. Dept of Labor TAP portion. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. POC AFRC, 434-2790.

## Chapel Schedule

### Pioneer Clubs Program

Pioneer Clubs' children religious education program resumed for the fall. For more information and volunteer opportunities, contact Ms. Ida Hall at 434-2500.

### Candlelight Service

The Protestant Parish invites you to join us for a Candlelight Service Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Base Chapel. If you have any questions, please contact the Base Chapel at 434-2500.

### Chapel Schedule

**Protestant Worship Service**  
Sunday:  
9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church)

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

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

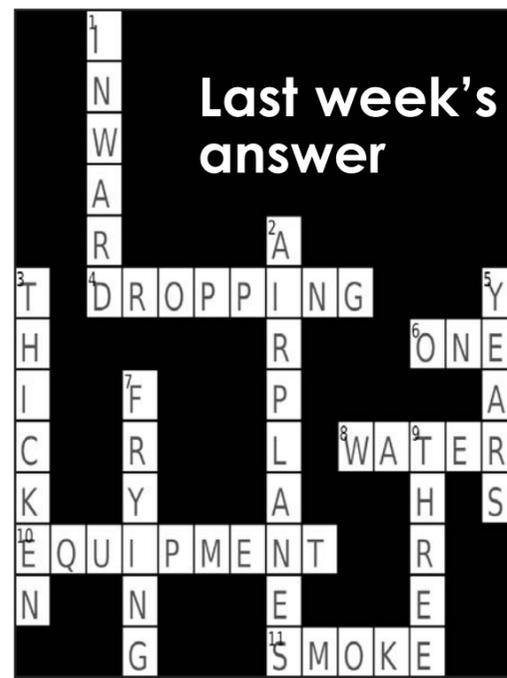
### Catholic Services

Thursday  
6 p.m. — Choir Practice  
Sunday:  
3:30 p.m. — Religious Education, grades K-9  
3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice  
4 p.m. — Confession  
5 p.m. — Mass  
6 p.m. — RCIA



- 1 Across  
A peppermint \_\_\_\_\_ is similar to a candy cane, but without a hook.
- 4 Type of tree that keeps it's leaves through all four seasons.
- 5 Hanukkah lasts for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ might go in a stocking for those with bad behavior.
- 7 One common holiday poem is the 1923 "A visit from Saint \_\_\_\_\_."

- 1 Down  
On May 3, 1952 two members of the Air Force and a civilian scientist landed a modified C-47 \_\_\_\_\_ on the North Pole, becoming the first confirmed men to step foot there.
- 2 New Years Day is the first day in the \_\_\_\_\_ calendar
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Bethel, Maine holds the the world record for the tallest \_\_\_\_\_ at 122 feet.



# Thunderbirds release 2012 show schedule

**Tech. Sgt. Jake Richmond**  
U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds announced their 2012 show schedule Dec. 7. The team is set to perform more than 60

demonstrations in 33 locations, including two shows in Canada.

The team, officially known as the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, will again kick-off their season by performing a flyover for the 54th running of NASCAR's Daytona 500 on Feb. 26. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

- March 17: Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz.
- March 31 and April 1: Lakeland, Fla.
- April 14-15: Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.
- April 21-22: Barksdale AFB, La.
- April 28-29: Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- May 5-6: Shaw AFB, S.C.
- May 12-13: Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
- May 19-20: March Air Reserve Base, Calif.
- May 23: Colorado Springs, Colo. (U.S. Air Force Academy graduation flyover)
- May 26-27: Hill AFB, Utah
- June 2-3: Rockford, Ill.
- June 9-10: Ocean City, Md.
- June 16-17: North Kingstown, R.I.
- June 23-24: Indianapolis, Ind.
- June 30 & July 1: Battle Creek, Mich.
- July 7-8: Gary, Ind.
- July 21-22: Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
- July 25: Cheyenne, Wyo.
- July 28-29: Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
- Aug. 4-5: Hillsboro, Ore.
- Aug. 11-12: Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada
- Aug. 17: Atlantic City, N.J.
- Aug. 25-26: Brunswick, Maine
- Sept. 1-2: Davenport, Iowa

- Sept. 8-9: Sacramento, Calif.
- Sept. 15-16: Scott AFB, Ill.
- Sept. 22-23: Salinas, Calif.
- Sept. 29-30: McConnell AFB, Kan.
- Oct. 6-7: Fort Worth, Texas
- Oct. 13-14: Daytona Beach, Fla.
- Oct. 20-21: El Paso, Texas
- Oct. 27-28: Moody AFB, Ga.
- Nov. 3-4: Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla.
- Nov. 10-11: Nellis AFB, Nev.

"We are excited about the upcoming season and representing our fellow American Airmen," said Lt. Col. Greg Moseley, who will command and lead the team in the 2012 show season. "We feel honored to tell the story of U.S. Air Force Airmen serving on the front lines of freedom around the world. We will proudly represent each Airmen with the same pride, precision and professionalism in which they perform their duties each and every day."

As of 2012, the Thunderbirds will have been in existence for 59 years, dating back to 1953 when the team flew the straight-winged F-84G Thunderjets. This season will mark the 30th season the squadron has performed in the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the Air Force's premier multi-role fighter aircraft.

A Thunderbirds aerial demonstration is a mix of formation flying and solo routines. The pilots perform approximately 40 maneuvers in a demonstration. The entire show, including the beginning ground ceremony, lasts about one hour. The air show season lasts roughly from March to November, with the winter months primarily used to train new team members.

To learn more about the Thunderbirds, visit the U.S. Air Force Demonstration Team Facebook, Twitter or YouTube pages.

## Weather Survey

The Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University is conducting a survey to determine how the public reacts to severe weather warnings. The results of this survey will be shared with the National Weather Service to help improve weather services across the region. The survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WeatherWarningStudy>.



## BARGAIN LINE

### Houses & Land

**Land for sale:** 2.1 acres on Wood Road in Caledonia. Ready for your dream home! Call 356-6844 and please leave a message.

### Transportation

**For sale:** Used White Honda CRV. Fully Loaded: navigation with voice control, backup camera, leather seats, heated seats, six CD player, MP3 player, sunroof, FWD, air conditioning, satellite radio

### Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Three dressers. \$40 each. Some need new handles. Marble computer desk \$50. Call (812) 989-4184.

107,000 miles (all highway miles). New tires put on two months ago. \$16,000, call (812) 989-4184  
**For sale:** 2005 Toyota Corolla S. Automatic, remote entry, Sunroof, automatic transmission, 127,000 miles. \$7,000 firm. Great Car, PCSing and can't bring. Call (812) 989-4184.

### East End Baptist Church

#### SUNDAY

Bible Study (All Ages)..... 9:15AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00PM

#### WEDNESDAY

6:30PM  
Adult Prayer Service and Bible Study,  
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**SUNDAY**  
Worship Service - 8:17 AM  
Bible Study (all ages) - 9:30 AM  
Worship Service - 10:30 AM  
AWANA - 4:00 PM  
Adult and Youth Bible Studies - 5:00 PM  
Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
6:30  
Adult Bible Study  
Youth Worship and Bible Study  
Mission groups for Children  
Nursery available for all services.

### Woodland Baptist Church

#### Sunday

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

at 6:30  
Adult Bible Study  
Youth Worship  
AWANA returns

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# What is your H-E-A-R-T rate?

**Col. Scott Frickenstein**  
14th Mission Support Group commander

The holiday season is in full swing within Team BLAZE, as evidenced by colorful decorations, unit celebrations and long-awaited plans for a week or two of leave. The downtime offered by the holiday season affords Airmen and their families the opportunity for reflection; a much-needed "pit stop" near the end of another lap. To maximize your "look back" at 2011 and concurrently pave the way to our growth as servant leaders in 2012 try checking your H-E-A-R-T rate!

H-E-A-R-T captures what each member of the 14th Mission Support Group aims to provide each of our customers: a Helpful attitude, Eye contact and an Audible welcome when you come into our facilities, Respect, and Thanks for being our guest.

These hallmarks of excellent customer service are also great habits to cultivate along our journey of becoming genuine servant leaders in our homes, workplace and other settings. Let's look at each of these habits for a moment.

Helpful attitude: Servant leaders have internalized that

their role is to serve their people and not to be served by them. In their mind servant leaders see their organizational chart upside down with themselves at the bottom, not at the top, to signify that they exist to meet the legitimate needs of their people.

Eye contact: We all know how it feels when we enter a business or office and the staff does not even acknowledge our presence. You may have even walked out of places that wouldn't give you the time of day! In contrast servant leaders look their people in the eye. By making eye contact we're saying "I value you." Eye contact is the first step to becoming an effective listener: another essential component in the servant leader's tool bag.

Audible welcome: Today's Air Force leaders carry a great deal of responsibility and can easily become burdened by increasingly demanding days and the rapid pace of change. Regardless of the context servant leaders realize that their organization will mirror their demeanor. The old adage "Mama not happy, nobody happy" rings true. A simple considerate "Good morning!" can breathe life into someone's day.

Respect: Servant leaders master this key aspect of human relations. They treat their followers with respect, just the way they want to be treated. Is it any wonder that nearly identical forms of the "Golden Rule" are found in every major culture and religion?

Thanks: Each member of your unit is talented in many ways. Most of them would have little difficulty finding employment in the private sector due to the vast array of skills they possess. However for a variety of reasons our people have chosen to dedicate a significant portion of their lifespan to serving our great nation. Servant leaders do not take this fact lightly, so thank your people every chance you get!

The greatest leaders I've been privileged to know during my twenty-five years in uniform have been true servant leaders. Each of them led with mass amounts of heart and each also had "H-E-A-R-T." Take a moment to check your H-E-A-R-T rate:

H: Do your actions as a leader convey that your role is to serve your people?

E: Do you make eye contact with those you lead?

A: Do you greet those you meet?

R: Are you leading in a way that you'd want to be led?

T: Do you routinely thank your followers for their service?

Enjoy the holidays and on behalf of the entire 14th MSG, thank you for the privilege of serving you and your families.

# The Art of Followership

**Lt. Col. Jarrett Purdue**  
86th Civil Engineering Squadron

RAMSTEIN AB, Germany -- Numerous essays have been written on leadership, including many featured in this corner of the KA over the years. Much less, however, is written about followership. I firmly believe good followership to be just as important as good leadership. We are all leaders at one level or another, and we are all followers as well. When we accept and perform our roles as both leaders and followers, our team achieves far more than the sum of its parts.

To briefly cover the leadership piece: I believe a leader's job is really just to set the conditions necessary for his or her subordinates to excel. That means providing broad direction, setting goals and organizing a unit to best meet those goals. It means establishing standards of performance and discipline, and enforcing those standards. It means providing subordinates with the tools they need to do

their missions, whether it's funding, equipment, training, vehicles, or proper work space. It means providing feedback to grow on and being a mentor. These principles apply to leaders at all levels - from commanders down to first-line supervisors, military and civilian.

But we all must be good followers as well. One of the more prolific writers on Air Force issues is retired Col. Phillip Meilinger. He wrote an article published in Military Review in 1994 that presents a great summation of what followership is all about. It's called "The Ten Rules of Good Followership." For brevity's sake I'll present just three of the "rules" for followers that have hit home the most in my career: show initiative, do your homework, and fix problems as they occur.

Initiative is critical in our line of work, and sets us apart from many other professional militaries in the world in that we empower our junior NCOs and officers with tremendous decision-making authority. As Airmen we believe in decentralized execution, and this

isn't something you should just read about in school. This means those leaders and followers right in the line of fire must be afforded the latitude to best determine how to accomplish the mission. A leader's job is to provide his subordinates the tools they need to do their job, then let them go do it. Followers, though, can't "go do it" unless they take the initiative. There are limits to what any of us can do unilaterally, of course. The leader's job is to set and enforce those limits, but the follower's job is to get creative and do what's required - within those limits - to get the job done. We need our NCOs and junior officers to make decisions and act on issues within their functions. Without that initiative, we'll just be sitting around waiting for someone to start micro-managing, which no one wants.

The second rule of followership I like to stress is doing your homework. If you have a solution to a problem or a better way of doing things, communicate that to your leaders. This means you really need to work your proposal through first to make sure it's solid, because your boss may have to convince his boss, and maybe his boss too, that your idea is a good

one. The quality of decisions made by the chain of command is only as good as the quality of information available.

The final rule, and this is related to initiative, is to fix problems wherever and whenever they occur. You have heard the adage, "bad news does not improve with age." Leaders should never get upset with someone bringing them a problem. But that is predicated on their followers doing everything in their power to fix the problem first. Bumping problems on up the line or leaving work for someone else to take care of weakens our units and gets us into jams like failing an inspection or a mission. No leader wants to hear someone say, "that's not my problem." Anything that lessens mission performance or weakens your unit is your problem. As a follower, take on those problems and fix them.

Again, I firmly believe good followership to be just as important as good leadership. Our established culture of empowered followership is what makes our military and NATO alliance partners, the most effective, influential and powerful organizations in the world today.

## 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.

# SUPT Class 12-03 earns silver wings



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon



**2nd Lt. Franklin Baker**  
Fairmont, W. Va.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Scott Ball**  
Destrehan, La.  
MC-12/C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-03 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Maj. Gen. Noel T. "Tom" Jones. He is the Director, Operational Capability Requirements, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. In this position, he establishes policy for operational capabilities-based requirements. The directorate supports major commands in developing and evaluating requirements for Air Force-wide modernization programs including fighters, bombers, mobility aircraft, space systems, command and control, munitions, missile defense and Air Force irregular warfare requirements. He chairs the Air Force Requirements Oversight Council and is responsible for shaping and finalizing capabilities-based requirements documents for approval by the Joint Requirements Oversight Council.

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

2nd Lt. Peter French, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Matthew Fair, 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. Kyle Schemenaur, T-1 and to 2nd Lt. Joseph Walz, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenant Fair and Lieutenant French were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 12-03.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight

phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

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

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

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

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours

of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers

on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with businesses 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 12-03's pilot partner is the Military Affairs Committee.



**2nd Lt. Taylor Coffey**  
Fishers, Ind.  
C-17, Dover AFB, Del.



**2nd Lt. Matthew Fair**  
Covington, La.  
F-15E, Seymour Johnson, N.C.



**2nd Lt. Giovanni Feliz**  
Miramar, Fla.  
C-17, Dover AFB, Del.



**2nd Lt. Peter French**  
Austin, Texas  
C-17, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Mark Hammond**  
Warren, Ohio  
KC-135, March AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Bryan Holtz**  
Lancaster, Calif.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Caleb Becker**  
Kingsport, Tenn.  
MC-12, Beale AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Karl Bohn**  
Fort Worth, Texas  
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



**2nd Lt. Althea Johnston**  
Cotton, Minn.  
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Philip Maher**  
Dunlo, Pa.  
KC-135, Pittsburgh, Pa.



**2nd Lt. Kevin McCarthy**  
Mesa, Ariz.  
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



**2nd Lt. Christopher Molstad**  
Peachtree City, Ga.  
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



**2nd Lt. Joel Nolan**  
Ypsilanti, Mich.  
KC-135, Fairchild, Wash.



**2nd Lt. John Rebolledo**  
Dublin, N.H.  
C-130E/H, Yokota AB, Japan



**2nd Lt. Kyle Schemenaur**  
Woodridge, Ill.  
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Benjamin Schmidt**  
Elburn, Ill.  
KC-135, MacDill AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Cristofer Shumaker**  
Loveland, Ohio  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Joseph Walz**  
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