

“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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Weather



Today

High: 106, Low: 74
Sunny



Saturday

High: 106, Low: 75
Sunny



Sunday

High: 104, Low: 70
Partly Cloudy



Monday

High: 102, Low: 74
Partly Cloudy

News Briefs

Independence Day/AETC Family Day

Most base offices will be closed Wednesday July 4 and Thursday July 5 for Independence Day and AETC Family Day. The Columbus AFB Commissary will be closed July 4.

19th AF Inactivation

The 19th Air Force will be deactivated during a ceremony at Randolph Air Force Base on July 12. The 14th Flying Training Wing will fall under 2nd Air Force.

Class 12-12 Assignment Night

SUPT Class 12-12 will hold their assignment night at 5 p.m. in the Columbus Club on July 13.



U.S. Air Force photo

Maj. Gen. Mark Solo, 19th Air Force Commander passes the 14th Flying Training Wing guidon to Col. Jim Sears, 14th FTW Commander during a change of command ceremony on June 28 at the aircraft fuel maintenance hangar. The passing of the guidon symbolizes the transfer of command from one individual to another.

Sears takes reins of 14th FTW

Senior Airman Chase Hedrick
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

in a formal ceremony June 27.

Col. Jim Sears was given command of the men and women of the BLAZE Team by 19th Air Force Commander Maj. Gen.

Mark Solo, only moments after the outgoing commander, Col. Barre Seguin, relinquished command in the military tradition.

“I am very proud and humbled to be

The new leader of the 14th Flying Training Wing took command of the unit

Mark Solo, only moments after the outgo-

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SUPT Class 12-11 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 (13-06)	1.55 days	2.55 days	Aug 10	48th (12-12)	1.34 days	1.23 days	Jul 13	49th (12-JB)	1.71 days	1.05 days	Jul 25	T-6	2,845	2,707	24,031
41st (13-05)	2.57 days	2.60 days	Jul 20	50th (12-12)	-2.42 days	-1.84 days	Jul 13					T-1	943	973	7,769
												T-38	1,031	1,144	8,331
												IFF	284	290	2,504

The graduation speaker is Col. Steve Stater, 14th Operations Group Commander.

FSS hours of operation for July 4-8

Golf Course – No change to regular hours: 7 a.m. to dusk daily.
Club – Closed July 4-6.
Outdoor Recreation – Closed July 4.
Arts and Crafts – Closed July 4-6.
Child Development Center – Closed July 4-5.
Youth Center – Closed July 4-5.
Airman and Family Readiness Center – Closed July 4-5.
Fitness Center – July 4-8. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Library - Closed July 4-5.
Bowling Center - Closed the entire week.
Military and Civilian Personnel – Closed July 4-5.
Base Pool - No change to regular hours: Noon to 7 p.m. daily.

SEARS

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here and be a member of what I can already tell in my first two days here is an extremely fine and excellent team that's doing great work for our nation," said Colonel Sears.

The men and women of the BLAZE Team were in full-force at the event.

Colonel Sears was previously the Commander, 20th Operations Group Commander, 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw AFB, S.C.

"Thank you for the warm welcome we've received here at Columbus, we can't thank everyone more. We're just looking forward to getting in and learning what we do here at Columbus."

Sears said he looks forward to carrying on

the base's tradition of producing the most pilots in the Air Force with the largest fleet of aircraft in the Air Force as well as continuing the base's relationship with the local community.

"I want to continue a lot of the work in finding ways to be more efficient in how it is we produce pilots, advance Airmen and feed the fight," said Colonel Sears. "I like to talk about innovation a lot when I speak with Airmen and other people because anyone who tells me that this is the way we've always done it is probably someone who needs to figure out a new way in this fiscal age that we live in today because we've got to be more responsible."

Colonel Sears was commissioned in 1991 as a graduate from the United States Air Force Academy.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED



As of press time, 52 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
2	3	4 Independence Day, most CAFB offices closed	5 AETC Family Day, most CAFB offices closed	6	7/8 CAP USAF SUPT Familiarization Course (7-14)
9	10 Clergy Appreciation Day, 8:30 a.m. @ Chapel Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m. @ Airman and Family Readiness Center	11	12 19th AF inactivation	13 Class 12-12 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	14/15 SCCA Autocross

Long Range Events

July 16: Wing Retreat Ceremony
July 16: Night Flying Week
July 17: Newcomers Orientation
July 19: Dorm Dinner
July 19: Medical Group Closed
July 20: 14th MDOS CoC
July 20: Hearts Apart
July 20: Class 13-05 Track Select
July 24: Quarterly Awards Ceremony
July 25: IFF Class 12-JBC Graduation
July 27: Class 12-12 Graduation
Aug. 11: Tops in Blue

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Woosley takes helm of 14th MDSS



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin
Col. Billye Hutchison, 14th Medical Group Commander passes the 14th Medical Support Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Amy Woosley, 14th MDSS Commander during a change of command ceremony on June 21 at the Columbus Club.

Meissen assumes command of 14th CES



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin
Col. Scott Frickenstein, 14th Mission Support Group Commander passes the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. David Meissen, 14th CES Commander during an assumption of command ceremony on June 22.

CAFB Airmen receive "Family Day" off

Columbus AFB Public Affairs

As Team BLAZE members start making plans for one of the busiest holidays periods of the year, the 4th of July, the Air Education and Training Command has granted an additional day off for the holiday. Per AFI 36-3003, Military Leave Program, the guidelines must be followed regarding passes and chargeable leave.

For military members required to perform duty during these holidays commanders are encouraged to grant compensatory time-off during the first week following the holiday, mission requirements permitting.

A regular pass starts and ends in the local area and there is no mileage restrictions when a member is in pass status; the local area is defined as the place where the member lives and from which he/she commutes to the duty station. Leave must also start and end in the local area. A member out of the local area during a regular pass period must return to the local area before commencing leave on the duty day

following the regular pass period. If the member does not return to the local area before starting leave, the entire regular pass period is charged as leave. Similarly, leave started before the 4-day regular pass period will continue to be charged until the member returns to the local area.

Under the current rules for DoD civilians, commanders can encourage liberal leave, use previously earned compensatory time or use already approved time-off awards. Group time off awards, specifically for the purpose of giving the day off, is prohibited by AFI 36-1004, Managing the Civilian Recognition Program.

During your family days and holiday activities, please think safety first. Use your Wingman, apply common sense, always drive safely and continually wear your seat belts. I ask commanders and supervisors to provide required safety briefings to their personnel and ensure they understand risk management procedures.

CAFB Armed Forces Voting Week

1st Lt. Eric Rieboldt
Columbus AFB Voting
Assistance Office

As the voting season kicks in gear we all need to realize that if you are stationed outside of your area of legal residence, you'll need to register to vote. It is important to ensure your local election officials have your current address so they can mail you absentee ballots during upcoming local, state and federal elections.

You can fill out a Federal Post Card Application online using the FPCA Wizard at www.fvap.gov. Just fill in the necessary data, print, sign, date, and return the form to your local election officials by any of the means allowed by your state (see the instructions that will print out with your particular state's options). Don't forget to include as much information as possi-

ble such as an e-mail address, a phone, and a fax number to make it easier for the local election official to contact you during the application process. Hard copies of the forms are also available at the Installation Voting Assistance Office, located at building 926 (the old personnel building) on the second floor, room 245.

If you or your voting age dependents need any assistance in completing the FPCA, or if you have any questions regarding voting, don't hesitate to stop by the Installation Voting Assistance Office or contact us at 434-3680 or via e-mail: vote@columbus.af.mil

There will also be an FVAP voting assistance table located in the food court during the first week of July to assist you with any of your voting needs. Get out there and vote!



Capt. Alan Goncalves
A-10



1st Lt. Kentaro Nishi
F-2



1st Lt. Jessica Wyble
A-10



2nd Lt. Janelle Baron
F-16

IFF 12-IBC Graduates

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron graduated Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Class 12-IBC June 25. These four members completed this phase of their training on their way to becoming fighter pilots in the U.S. and Japanese Combat Air Forces.

The 49th FTS is responsible for Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and International flying training in the T-38C IFF aircraft. The 49th FTS provides training to fighter pilots and weapon system officers entering Air Force major fighter weapons systems, which include the F-16, F-15C, F-15E, F-22, and A-10C.

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

Congratulations to the newest fighter wingmen!

Columbus AFB Top 3 Spotlight



Category: NCO

Nominee Name: Staff Sgt. Darnell Gillie

Unit: 14th Operation Support Squadron

Information:

- Home Town:** Shreveport, La.
- Time in the Air Force:** 11 years
- Time at Columbus AFB:** Five Years
- Career Short Term Goals:** Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year
- Career Long Term Goals:** Reach a position within my career which provides me the best opportunity to inspire the minds of Airmen; and create as much of a positive impact as my mentors have had on me.
- Nominated by:** Master Sgt. Alexius Reid
- Nomination reason:** Staff Sgt. Darnell Gillie a weather forecaster, the NCOIC of Airfield Services and an exceptional NCO. As the NCOIC of Airfield Services, Gillie acts a conduit for commanders, student pilots, local Air Force Weather stations and local emergency response teams. Gillie is responsible for disseminating warning, watches and weather advisories that affect the number of sorties flown, as well as aircraft worth \$1.2 billion, not to mention the more than 3,000 assigned personnel and the civilian populace of the surrounding area. Often seen as a major force behind the scenes, Gillie humbly serves the wing and local community in several capacities. Gillie was an integral member of this year's Annual Awards Banquet



Committee, a volunteer for the Mayor's Unity Picnic, an AFSA JROTC Award presenter, and a recurring FTAC briefer. He is also a member of the American Meteorology Society and a recent graduate of American Military University with a Bachelor's degree in Military Science. To no surprise, Gillie is a proud member of the AMU honor Society. Gillie's participation in base and community events, his natural leadership and mentorship abilities, and his pursuit of excellence all showcase why Gillie is this month's Top 3 NCO to "Spotlight".

Category: Airman

Nominee Name: Senior Airman Amanda Smith

Unit: 14th Security Forces Squadron

Information:

- Home Town:** West Palm Beach, Fla.
- Time in the Air Force:** Two years, seven months
- Time at Columbus AFB:** Two years
- Career Short Term Goals:** Receive Masters Degree in Criminology next year
- Career Long Term Goals:** Become a Criminologist for the FBI
- Nominated by:** Chief Master Sgt. Brian Martin
- Nomination reason:** Senior Airman Amanda Smith is the epitome of Air Force Core Values and performs her duties at the highest standards. As the Security Forces Management Information System Program Manger, she is responsible for the processing of over 300 traffic citations and 500 criminal reports annually. Furthermore, she conducts over 3,300 criminal background checks and has authored 75 barment and 42 driving suspension packages for the Wing commander's approval. During a recent HQ AETC Staff Assistance Visit, she received zero deficiencies for her program. In addition, she recently completed 12 courses/36 semester hours, in one



year while maintaining a 3.8 GPA and was awarded a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Social and Criminal Justice. Because of her efforts, Smith was selected as the AETC nominee for Security Forces Staff Airman of the Year, 14th Mission Support Group Airman of the Year for 2011 and this month's Top 3 Airman to Spotlight!

Commander calls for command-wide investigation of inappropriate relationships

Staff. Sgt. Clinton Atkins
Air Education and Training Command
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Concerned by allegations of misconduct by instructors at Basic Military Training, the commander of Air Education and Training Command has directed an investigation, led by a general officer from outside the command, that goes beyond BMT and includes all AETC initial and technical training units.

Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., AETC commander, appointed Maj. Gen. Margaret H. Woodward, to lead the command directed investigation. Woodward is currently assigned as acting director of Operational Planning, Policy and Strategy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.

“The vast majority of our military training team abides by the standards of conduct set forth for the men and women charged with the responsibility of training our force,” Rice said. “There is an ongoing comprehensive criminal investigation and we have taken a series of steps to ensure our trainees at Basic Military Training have a safe and professional training environment. It’s important to look even deeper and wider to identify any systemic issues that may place our youngest Airmen at risk in any basic or technical training environment. If there are, we need to address them.”

The issue of instructor sexual misconduct came to light when Staff Sgt. Luis Walker, a basic military training instructor at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, was accused of sexually assaulting a trainee in June 2011. His chain of command immediately relieved Walker of duty and began an investigation into the allegations. Walker now faces a general court-martial on 28 charges, including rape, adultery, obstruction of justice, attempted aggravated sexual contact, multiple counts of aggravated sexual assault, violating a training group instruction, and violating a lawful order regarding unprofessional relationships with trainees. Walker is set to appear in court July 16.

Since then, several members of the Military Training Instructor corps have come forward with allegations of inappropriate behavior by other instructors at JBASA-Lackland. As soon as the chain of command became aware of additional possible misconduct, they launched a comprehensive investigation. That investigation has so far led commanders to initiate proceedings against three other instructors and there are ongoing investigations into potential misconduct by several other instructors.



Major General Margaret Woodward

Commanders consider the full range of appropriate disciplinary and administrative measures to include courts-martial while protecting the Constitutional rights of the accused.

“The fact that MTIs stepped forward to identify those suspected of misconduct cannot be overlooked,” said Col. Polly Kenny, 2nd Air Force Staff Judge Advocate. “It demonstrates that these NCOs care about the integrity of the BMT Corps, and are not willing to tolerate behavior that will tarnish a hallowed Air Force institution.”

One of the accused MTIs, Staff Sgt. Peter Vega-Maldonado, pleaded guilty to one charge of having an improper relationship with a trainee and violation of a no-contact order. He was sentenced to 90 days confinement, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for four months, 30 days hard labor and reduction in rank to Airman. Since then, he was granted testimonial immunity in exchange for aiding prosecutors in other cases.

Vega-Maldonado testified for the government during a June 1 Article 32 hearing regarding Staff Sgts. Craig LeBlanc and Kwinton Estacio. Estacio is charged with sexual misconduct with a trainee, violating a no-contact order and obstruction of justice. LeBlanc is charged with sexual misconduct with two trainees, violating a no-contact order, adultery and obstruction of justice.

During his immunized testimony, Vega-

Maldonado admitted he had engaged in improper sexual conduct with several other women in addition to the woman identified in his previous guilty plea.

Once the training unit’s leaders learned there were further incidents of sexual misconduct, they took immediate action to investigate and offer services to affected Airmen.

The 37th Training Wing surveyed all of the 5,900 trainees in Basic Military Training March 17 to identify sexual misconduct. Trainees were briefed by chapel, legal, sexual assault response coordinator, and office of special investigations staff. They also heard from the 737th Training Group commander. Discussions covered everything from reporting procedures to services available for anyone affected by sexual misconduct.

“I tell (the trainees), ‘You are my neighborhood watch — each and every one of you,’” said Col. Glenn Palmer, 737th Training Group commander. “If there is any MTI misconduct going on, report it. If it’s happening to you, report it. If you observe it happening, be a good wingman and report it.”

Additionally, training leadership met with instructors to discuss the severity of the incidents currently being investigated. Commanders and first sergeants stressed the importance of proper conduct. Each instructor was ordered to re-read Air Force Instruction 36-2909, Professional and Unprofessional Relationships, along with the AETC-specific version of the same instruction, and to sign an agreement of understanding.

Rice said Woodward’s investigation is not designed to halt any ongoing or planned training unit reviews, corrective actions or criminal investigations being conducted by subordinate AETC units. Woodward’s investigation will evaluate all aspects of sexual and other abuse-of-power misconduct between faculty or staff and trainees or students in BMT and technical training throughout the command.

The AETC commander said correcting this misconduct is a top priority.

“Misconduct, particularly when committed by faculty or staff with trainees or students, undermines an entire team, damages good order and discipline, and threatens the trust the American people have in us as professionals and as an institution. It will not be tolerated,” Rice said. “Our mission requires an educational environment where students and trainees are prepared for duty with dignity and respect.”

A report from Woodward is due to Rice within 60 calendar days of her appointment unless granted an extension.

MDOT to begin road repairs

Special to the Silver Wings

Crews will began paving work on Miss. Highway 373 between the Columbus Air Force Base back gate (South Gate) and U.S. Highway 45 this Friday, June 29 and should complete the work on same day.

Resurfacing Both Miss. Highway 373 and Happy Irby Boulevard from the Main Gate to U.S. Highway 45 will begin on Thursday July 5 and should be completed on July 6.

Work will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. on those days. Expect one-lane traffic during the construction times.

We recommend entering the base prior to 8 a.m. and departing after 4 p.m. or using the other gate to avoid the construction zones. Work schedules are weather dependent, thank you in advance for your patience.

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CAFB is Focused on Fitness

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

Columbus Air Force Base recently won the third annual “Focus on Fitness” contest sponsored by Unilever and Advantage Sales, LLC. receiving a \$10,000 prize for use in improving fitness initiatives and programs.

During the month of February, any Unilever product purchased at the Columbus AFB Commissary brought the base that much closer to winning and improving facilities and programs dedicated to improving health and quality of life.

“We’re excited that the grand prize is dedicated to some type of fitness or youth center project,” said James Glynn, Regional Sales Manager for Unilever Military Sales.

Glynn said even though Columbus AFB has a small commissary, it produced the best sales numbers world-wide. During this year’s promotion period the commissary’s

sales of Unilever items was increased by 86 percent of last year’s sales.

“It makes us feel really good when a small store wins,” said Glynn.

To make the healthy and beneficial choice that much easier the Columbus AFB Commissary team put up a display composed of Unilever products.

“The display was a team effort and I think it represents Columbus very well,” said Greg Runyon, Columbus Commissary Assistant Commissary Officer.

The 14th Force Support Squadron has designed a list of fitness equipment such as treadmills, abdominal machines and pectoral presses, as well as several programs including fun runs, which the donation is planned for.

Unilever is a worldwide company that provides many foods and household items to help improve the quality of life.

“Our mission is simply to make life better on base,” said JR Werth, Advantage Sales LLC., Unilever, Client Team Leader.



Columbus Air Force Base senior military leaders, Commissary workers and Unilever and Advantage Sales LLC. representatives display the \$10,000 check presented to Columbus AFB. The base received the check as prize money for winning Unilever’s “Focus on Fitness” contest and is using it to improve base fitness in a variety of ways.

Trail BLAZE’r

Name: Capt. Joe Stallings
Unit: 14th Student Squadron
Job title: Transition Flight Commander

Time at Columbus AFB: Two and a half years

Time in Service: Nine years

Hometown: Yorktown, Va.
Career goals: Work as an Air or Defense Attaché in Europe

Family members: Wife Laura and two sons, Luke and George.

Favorite musician: Red Hot Chili Peppers

Favorite movie: Happy Gilmore

Biggest pet peeve: People who complain when they are asked to do their primary job.



Favorite book: I don’t really read...

Inspirations: My father

Personal motto: Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will take care of itself.

CAFB loses a legend

Capt. Jesper Stubbendorff
14th Flying Training Wing

While the 14th Flying Training Wing has recently changed commanders, the individual who has kept the base in order for the past 19 years has also changed.

Terry Hulen, the personal executive assistant for the past 10 Columbus AFB Wing Commanders retired June 29. Hulen has been central to the Columbus AFB front office since USAF (Ret.) Gen. Robert Foglesong was the Wing Commander here in 1995.

“In my 23 and a half years of service, through four commands, I have never been on a team with a more competent, capable or dedicated secretary in the United States Air Force,” said Col. Barre Seguin, prior 14th FTW Commander. “Her retirement will be a great loss to the Air Force, but a great gain for her.”

“I am proud to have served

“I am proud to have served alongside Terry Hulen. She is the best of seven secretaries that I have personally worked with in my career,” said Brig. Gen. Roger Watkins, prior 14th FTW Commander.

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Hulen plans to shift her focus from managing the Wing Commander’s schedule to spending time with her two greatest passions in life; her family and gardening. Many from Columbus AFB are grateful for her humble and dedicated service to Team BLAZE and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Courage in Leadership

Col. Matt Isler
14th Flying Training Wing
Vice-Commander

For any leader, there comes a time that demands courage, that tests our character, that demands that we step out from behind the desk to do what is right. The challenge could be dealing with a boss or superior who is doing something illegal or directly counter to AFIs, or stepping up and keep a good Airman in the Air Force, or removing someone from a job for the good of the organization. Whatever the specific challenge, it involves identifying what is required, maintaining the courage to do what is needed and following through.

Courage is the power to face danger, fear, or difficulty with confidence. In leadership, courage is the willingness to take the “hard right” over the “easy out;” courage is an obligation, a duty. On the beaches of Normandy during the D-Day invasion, courage was the difference between the “go to war” speeches in the boats, and the NCOs and officers who led the assaults from the landing craft.

How do you know what the “right thing” is? We can refer to our Air Force core values, as defined in AFPAM 36-2241. We can also get guidance on standards of conduct from DoD 5500.7, Standards of Conduct, and DoD 5500.7-R, the Joint Ethics Regulation. For responsibilities in maintaining professional relationships, we refer to AFI 36-2909, Professional and Unprofessional Relationships. In general, if the behavior witnessed goes against Air Force core values, or undermines good order and discipline in the unit, then it is probably accountable under one of these regulations.

Once you identify what is the “right” thing to do, next comes the difficult part: doing something about it. It is far easier to “do nothing,” to let the challenge pass our watch, and to hand it off to the next commander or leader. But we are accountable for our actions — and our inactions — and when duty demands, we need the courage to act. Courage is a “do it” sport; it means we’ve got to stop making speeches, to get out of the boat and onto the beach despite the gunfire. It means that once we identify the right thing to do, we are willing to take the required level of risk — personal risk — to see that the mission is accomplished. This does not mean that leaders should not analyze and mitigate the risks, or be at the point of delivery. All hard and worthwhile tasks involve some measure of risk. AFPAM 36-2241 advises that “All commanders and supervisors have the authority and responsibility to maintain good order, discipline, and morale within their units;” and “They may be held accountable for failing to act in appropriate cases.”

What a leader should do about the issue

depends on the circumstances. For an event involving Sexual Assault, the immediate response needs to ensure the physical safety of the victim, then get the victim support through the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. For reporting most other issues, the initial response needs to include reporting via the chain of command. If the issue includes members of the chain of command, such as a commander who has developed an unprofessional relationship with a subordinate in the unit, notify the offending commander’s boss, or file an IG complaint via AFI 90-301. Lastly, if the offender is under the leader’s supervision, it is that leader’s duty to correct the behavior. “Servant Leadership” author Jim Hunter advises that “Leaders who do not hold their people accountable to a set standard are, in effect, thieves and liars.”

What if we cower as leaders? What if we are afraid of taking the risks required to do what is right? If we fail to try, if we fail to act, the costs will be to both ourselves and the Air Force. The most immediate cost is to the leader, who is fully aware of his or her duty, obligation and failure to take action. Most creative people can develop a story to justify almost anything: the timing wasn’t right, I wasn’t fully aware, the case wasn’t perfect, etc. But these shallow excuses only garnish the true scars on our integrity and these cracks undermine the self-confidence needed to lead Airmen. When these leaders continue in leadership positions, they become more scared, not only scared for themselves to act, but they also undermine the decision-space and initiative of their subordinates and can stifle the entire organization.

More importantly, failing to take action undermines the trust in the leader and in the organization. Our Airmen value action more than words, and when they see us fail to do what we preach, they lose faith in our leadership and in our organization. This dichotomy of words versus actions undermines the trust that holds our Air Force together and soon takes root in cynicism that undermines morale and discipline.

In summary, leaders at all levels have a responsibility to uphold standards, and holding each other accountable for adherence to standards involves courage. These standards apply to all Airmen, those junior and senior to us. When Col. Sears presented his expectations to his commanders, he was clear that “Our Core Values and standards are non-negotiable.” Similarly, Air Force Secretary Michael Donley advised that “Everyone is accountable for their actions, and we expect the highest standards of conduct from everyone in the Air Force—regardless of rank—and senior leaders have a special responsibility to those who follow them.” These standards bind our Air Force together and through this bond we Fly, Fight and Win.

A Leader Knows...

Lt. Col. Christopher Huisman
315th Training Squadron
Commander

GOODFELLOW AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — A friend of mine and fellow squadron commander recently recommended that I watch a presentation that our incoming Chief of Staff, Gen. Mark Welsh, gave to Squadron Officers School several years ago. My friend had warned me that it was not a short video, almost 90 minutes, but that it would be well worth the time. I’ll be honest, when I sat down to watch I was skeptical and thought that I would watch five, maybe ten minutes at most. Boy was I wrong. I watched all 82 minutes in one sitting. It is a truly moving presentation, filled with lessons that any leader could apply. Below are some of the lessons that stuck with me.

Trust your gut.

There aren’t any easy answers in some situations. Sometimes there is no book to reference. If something feels like it is the right thing to do, then it probably is. You were put in a position of leadership because your bosses trusted you. If something doesn’t feel right, no matter how many people tell you you should be doing something; if it doesn’t feel right...trust your gut.

Your people are better than you.

Many leaders make the mistake that they need to be the best at any given task and many think they are. The truth is different. All the people you lead are better than you at something, some are better than you at many things, and a few might be better than you at everything. Don’t be surprised or intimidated. A leader’s job is to take advantage of their people’s skills and apply them to accomplishing the mission. The challenge is figuring out how to lead these people.

Everyone is trying hard...never forget that.

Frustration is the enemy. Leaders delegate tasks to their subordinates and provide them guidance on how to accomplish them. The biggest issue you have as a leader is when your people come back to you with a solution to a problem you gave them and you don’t like it. You might get frustrated at them and you let them know it. Before you lose your cool, remember that 99.9 percent of the people you’ll work with are trying to do the right thing. If they didn’t give you the right answer, it’s probably because you didn’t give them the right guidance, priorities, or resources, or training.

The only “fingerprints” that last are

the ones you leave on your people.

When put in charge of an organization, many leaders want to leave their mark or “fingerprints” on an organization. They do this because they care. They might look at strategic vision, mission statements, facilities or reorganization. However, in many cases these “fingerprints” only last until the next leader arrives. The only fingerprints that last are the ones you leave on your people. Leaders need to spend their time and energy on the latter rather than the former. Make sure the fingerprints you leave are good.

For every person willing to lead, there are hundreds more willing to critique them. When you step out as the lead on an issue in an organization, you are making yourself a target. Others might take the opportunity to take shots and critique. Deal with it. Most that take shots will want to be doing what you are, they just don’t have the nerve to.

You won’t always be right.

No matter how talented, motivated, or intelligent you are, a leader is never always right and will make mistakes. When you’re wrong, tell everyone that you’re wrong, learn from it and move on. Your bosses aren’t keeping score and don’t keep score on your people. Let your people make mistakes and learn from them.

Some days your best isn’t good enough.

This shouldn’t be a surprise. When it isn’t, your people are going to carry you. And the next day when their best isn’t good enough for them, you are going to carry them. This is the way that a team works.

Being an Air Force Officer, NCO, or Airman means something...act like it.

Everyone who wears the uniform should know it and shouldn’t whine about it when they get punished for doing something stupid. Make sure you say this to the people you lead and then hold them to it. The profession of arms is important. You are important and what you bring to your profession is important, but it brings responsibilities with it: legal, moral, and ethical. All of these responsibilities matter and you will not recover from a mistake that falls into one of these categories, because they are not mistakes, they are bigger than that.

Leaders of every grade and position could pull something from General Welsh’s presentation, not just squadron commanders. I would highly recommend his presentation to anyone that wants to be inspired to be a better leader. Sit down and give it a view, just don’t be surprised if you wind up watching all 82 minutes.

Service members, families remember Khobar Towers

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Eglin Air Force Base Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Amid gusting winds and threatening rain clouds of Tropical Storm Debby, Airmen, Marines, Sailors and family members gathered to remember 19 warriors and 12 33rd Fighter Wing Nomads on the 16th anniversary of the Khobar Towers bombing June 25.

“I’m humbled to be a part of this ceremony,” said Col. Andrew Toth, 33rd FW commander. “It reminds us, as a nation, t h a t America is in a time of war and has a l w a y s known conflict. The 33rd will continue the same patriotism. After 16 years, the eternal flame of remembrance still burns brightly. Those who paid the ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten.”

“Many of you in the audience may have known one or more of these proud warriors,” Col. Andrew Toth, 33rd FW commander, said. “Their sacrifice and your own has not been in vain. The reason we as Americans, are free and continue to be free is because of what they have done.”

A terrorist attack at Khobar Towers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, June 25, 1996, resulted in 400 casualties among civilian and military personnel. Members of the 33rd FW’s enlisted force were caught in harm’s way that day.

At the ceremony, guest speakers and family members of the fallen Nomads described the common values held by the service members as a bond that brings everyone together.

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Guest speaker, Troy Lowe was the wing’s command chief when the tragedy occurred. He spoke about the chaos that surrounded the wing in the aftermath with returning aircraft, grieving friends and family and a looming presidential visit.



Larry Hendrickson, a member of Tech. Sgt. Thanh Nguyen’s extended family, salutes the flag as the flaming sword of remembrance burns during the Khobar Towers Memorial ceremony June 25 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Nguyen was killed in the bombing attack 16 years ago, June 25, 1996. The tragedy took 19 military members and 12 33rd Fighter Wing Nomads.

“The wing was running on adrenaline,” he remembered. “We knew we couldn’t change what happened to these Airmen on that June day, but the least we could do is pay our respects and remember them... and never let their sacrifice be forgotten.”

Then, the retired chief held up a small piece of stone from the Khobar Towers building and placed it on the podium. He said he keeps it on his desk as a constant reminder.

After the chief spoke, the crowd observed a moment of silence by the eternal flame, as the base honor guard rendered a 21-gun salute and Taps.

The 12 Nomads were members of the 58th Fighter Squadron, 60th Fighter Squadron, 33d

Logistics Group, 33d Maintenance Squadron and 33d Operations Support Squadron. They represented a cross-section of the wing as crew chiefs, expeditors, weapons loaders, mechanics, production superintendents, program managers, and technicians. The unit was deployed in support of Operation Southern Watch when a truck bomb exploded near the dormitory housing 33rd FW members. The memorial here honoring the Nomads’ memory was dedicated a year after the tragedy.

“Let us now praise theses quiet American heroes, who gave their lives in service to America. May they rest in peace and may their names live on forever,” said former President William J. Clinton, days after the

attack. “Our Nomads have ceased their wandering. They have come home.”

The Nomads who gave their lives June 25, 1996:

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Cafourek
Sgt. Millard Dee Campbell
Senior Airman Earl Cartrette, Jr.
Tech. Sgt. Patrick Fennig
Master Sgt. Kendall Kitson, Jr.
Airman 1st Class Brent Marthaler
Airman 1st Class Brian McVeigh
Airman 1st Class Peter Morgera
Tech. Sgt. Thanh Gus Nguyen
Airman 1st Class Joseph Rimkus
Senior Airman Jeremy Taylor
Airman 1st Class Joshua Woody

U.S. Air Force photo/Samuel King Jr.

A wide variety of activities are offered to base families

All Night DJ

The Columbus Club is having an all-night dance party July 20, 9 p.m. - 4 a.m. permitting participants to showcase their best moves in a free-style dance contest for a chance to win \$150. The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Free refreshments and drink specials will be available. The “drunk bus” will be running, 1 – 4 a.m., to make sure you get home safe. For more information, call the Club at 434-2471.

Sunday Brunch

The Columbus Club will host a Sunday Brunch July 22, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., with seating times every 30 minutes. Reservations are required no later than July 19. The cost for adults is \$16.95 for members and \$18.95 for nonmembers. The cost for children ages 5-11 is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. Kids under 5 eat free. For reservations or more information, call the Club at 434-2471 or 434-2489.

Let's Get Moving!

Your Columbus AFB Fitness Center has two exciting programs to get in super shape this summer. The 444-Mile Summer Cardio Challenge is June 20 – Sept. 19 on the new LifeFitness Cardio Equipment. Imagine running the Natchez trace, where Native Americans, Kaintuck boatmen, post riders, government officials and soldiers moved along the trail tying the Mississippi Territory to the fledgling United States...all from the equipment at your fitness center. Log cards are available at the front desk at the Fitness Center, and participants who complete the challenge receive a commemorative T-shirt. Also, start training and run if you dare in the Friday the 13th 13K Warrior Run on July 13, 6 a.m. The first 13 participants to complete the 8.1-miles receive a t-shirt. A 5K route is available, and families are welcome to participate. Commander's trophy points will be awarded. For more information, call 434-2772.

Don't Let Your Kids Get Bored

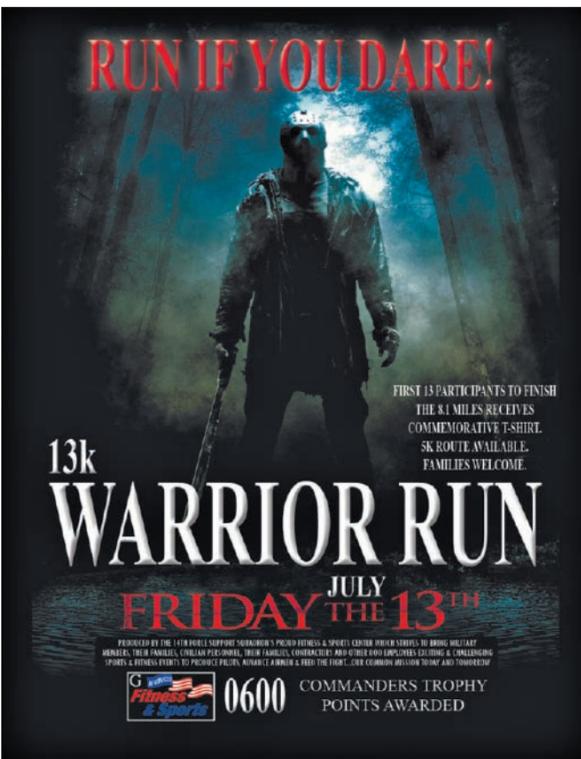
The Youth Center has a variety of fun and exciting camps and trips (something for all ages, including adults). For a complete list of programs and for more information contact the Youth Center at 434-2504.

Pool Passes at Outdoor Rec

Independence Pool is now open daily; get your pool passes at Outdoor Recreation. These passes will NOT be sold at the pool or the Columbus Club, but only at ODR. Swim lessons are scheduled in two-week increments throughout the summer for all ages and all skill levels. Stop by or call ODR at 434-2505 for more information.

Summer Bowling Specials

Bowling punch cards are back on sale with 10 games for \$10, 25 games for \$20 and 50 games for \$40. Finally, Bingo at the Bowling Center is back for just \$1 per card. Dads, visit the Bowling facility on Wed., June 20, for the Father's Day Special; enjoy two free games of bowling and free shoe rental. Also, check out the Summer Sizzling Specials to win great prizes for your patronage. Call the Bowling Center at 434-3426 or 3577 for more information.



Summer Reading at the Library with New Books!

Stop by your Base Library today and ask about the Summer Reading Program, choose from a variety of new books including adult bestsellers and children's new favorites! Also, soon to arrive are new teen books and updates to the non-fiction collection.

Affordable Tickets at ITT

The Information, Ticket and Travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, and Six Flags over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, Dixie Stampede, Geysers Falls and more. Call 434-2505/7861 for more information.

Need a Break from the Kids?

Parents, contact the Child Development Center for information on the Parents Night Out/Give Parents A Break program, 434-2479.

Club Scholarships Up for Grabs!

Application packages for the \$1,000 scholarships are due at the Columbus Club or in the Force Support Squadron front office (Bldg. 730, Rm. 231) by Mon., July 2, 2012. Air Force Club members in good standing and their family members who have been accepted by or are enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry for the Fall 2012 term as part-time or full-time students in either undergraduate or graduate programs are eligible. Entry forms with rules and full eligibility require-

ments are available at the Club, Library, Education Center and in the foyer of the MSG Building. Or go to www.afclubs.net for more information.

Batting Cages Now Open

The new batting cages are now open for business. Get 12 balls for just \$1. Machines accept quarters only. The new machines and elevators have been installed behind the adult ball fields.

Massage Therapy is Back!

Massage therapy is available by appointment only at the Fitness Center. Swedish massage is just \$35 for 30 minutes, \$60 for 60 minutes and \$90 for 90 minutes. Therapeutic/deep tissue massage is \$45 for 30 minutes, \$70 for 60 minutes and \$100 for 90 minutes. Reflexology is \$35 for 30 minutes, and a chair massage is \$1 per minute. Call Terrance Bonner at 662-251-9255 for an appointment.

Living Fit for Families

USAF FitFamily has created a tool to help your family get into the best shape of your lives with a simple, easy-to-use weight loss program designed just for you. We know you're busy, and this program is sure to fit your lifestyle and needs. Just create a plan. Follow it. Lose weight. It's that simple. The program includes menu plans and other weight loss tools. Sign up today at www.usaffitamil.com.

Daily Fitness Classes Available

Columbus AFB Fitness & Sports offers a variety of heart-pumping, sweat-inducing classes throughout the week including weekday spin classes, Mon., 11 a.m., Wed., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., 5 p.m. There's a Stroller Fitness Class, Tues., 9 a.m., beginning at Freedom Park. Come check out Zumba every Tues. and Thurs., 11:30 a.m., and circuit training classes on Tues. and Thurs., 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 434-2772 or go online to www.cafbssrocks.com and click on the link to the Fitness page.

Car Maintenance on Base

Don't forget you can get your general automotive maintenance and repairs at the Auto Hobby Shop right here on base and even while you work. If you are a do-it-yourselfer or shade-tree mechanic, Auto Hobby offers a wide array of tools and equipment. For more information and pricing, drop by Auto Hobby or call 434-7842.

Hot and Easy to Use - FSS Gift Cards

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 WORLD-WIDE...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.

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.

Base News

The Base Thrift Shop

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.

Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-noon. The Attic serves junior enlisted members (E-1 through E-5) with uniforms and basic household items at no cost. Donations of uniforms, household goods, family clothing, maternity, infant care items and furniture are welcomed. Please coordinate furniture or other large donations with the staff during business hours. The Attic is located in building 530, across from the Thrift Shop.

Contraceptive Counseling Class

There are currently many safe and effective options for preventing or delaying pregnancy. The staff of the 14th Medical Group, wants to make sure you have the information you need to make your best choice. The Family Health Clinic is now offering a Birth Control Counseling Class covering topics ranging from natural family planning to tubal ligation. The class is offered once a month and taught by a Women's Health Provider and a Registered Nurse. Classes will be held at the Koritz Clinic, the last Friday of each month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Please call the clinic appointment line at 434-2273 to reserve your spot in the next Birth Control Counseling Class.

Sleep Enhancement Class

There is a new Sleep Enhancement Class at the Koritz Clinic held every other Friday. You are a good candidate for the Sleep Enhancement Class if you have trouble falling asleep or staying asleep. Call 434-CARE (2273) to schedule.

Education Testing Center Closures

The Education Office will NOT conduct testing (PME, CDC, CLEP/DANTES) on Thursday, July 5 and Tuesday, Sept. 4. Please plan accordingly. Testing is held each Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 434-2562 434-2563 to schedule an exam.

FREE Computerized CLEP Exams

Computerized CLEP testing is available at the Mississippi State University Assessment and Testing Center

(<http://www.ats.msstate.edu/testing/>). Military members will NOT be charged a fee for the first-time administration of any CLEP exam. However, retakes of CLEP exams must be paid for by the military member. DANTES (DSST) paper-based exams will continue to be administered in the CAFB Ed Office. Please call 434-2562 or 434-2563 for more information.

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>.

LGR Mobility Individual Protective Equipment Element closed for Training

The 14th Logistics Division, Mobility and Individual Protective Equipment Element located in the Walker Center, building 1030 will close for training Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. beginning Thursday, May 10, 2012. All appointments must be scheduled around these days/times to avoid delays and inconveniences. Walk-ins are no longer accepted. All appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling 434-7305, 7306, 3363 or 3364. For more information, please call 434-7212 or 434-7306.

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.)

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

MFLC consultants provide a non-medical counseling to help Airmen, (both single and married) their spouses and other family members to cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges, such as martial issues, parenting, career stress

and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health providers. Consultants can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC call 251-8627.

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.

Sponsorship training

An electronic version of sponsorship training called eSponsorship Application and Training (eSAT) is now available. It can be found on the MilitaryINSTALLATIONS homepage <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil>, under "Are You a Sponsor?"

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 retir-

ing 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

A Transition Awareness Program will be held 10-12 July starting at 7:30 a.m. Seminars on July 10: 7:45 a.m. Health Benefits; 8:45 a.m. MS 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.

Wing Newcomers Orientation,

July 17, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for newly arrived Active Duty and Civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Held at the Columbus Club, for more information call 434-2839.

Hearts Apart Social

July 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Social gathering for families of deployed (over 30 days) or remote personnel, information, refreshments, and activities. Please RSVP when invitations are received. Headcount of attendance prior to event is critical for planning and preparation. Advance registration required, call 434-2790.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic Community

Sunday:
4 p.m. – Choir Practice, Sanctuary
Tuesday:
4 p.m. – Confession
5 p.m. – Mass
Thursday:
4:15 p.m. – Choir Practice

Protestant Community

Sunday:
9 a.m. – Sunday School for Adults, Chapel

Library
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service
Tuesday:
5 p.m. – Lieutenants Bible Study, Chapel
Library
Wednesday:
4:30 p.m. – Choir Practice, Sanctuary
Saturday:
7 a.m. – Men's Monthly Breakfast and Study—
Twelve Ordinary Men (2nd Sat)



T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 12-11 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



Capt. Curtis Culver II
Terre Haute, Ind.
F-15E, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



Capt. Michael Ritcheson
Salt Lake City, Utah
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



1st Lt. Randall Chlebek
Somerset, Massachusetts.
KC-12, Beale AFB, Calif.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-11 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Col. Steven Stater is Commander, 14th Operations Group, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The group conducts pilot training for U.S. Air Force and international officers, using a fleet of over 200 T-6, T-38 and T-1 aircraft and flight simulators. His command includes seven squadrons and over 1,000 officers, civilians, enlisted and contract personnel.

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

2nd Lt. Michael McFadden, T-1, and Capt. Curtis Culver, 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 Capt. Michael Ritcheson, T-1, and Capt. Curtis Culver, 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.

Captain Culver, Lieutenant McFadden and 2nd Lt. Curtis Sinewe, T-1 were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 12-11.

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 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 12-11's pilot partners are Trinity Place Retirement Community and BankFirst Financial Services.



1st Lt. Daniel Walker
Grand Prairie, Tex.
F-22, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Shawn Corrigan
Maynard, Mass.
C-130, Quonset ANGB, R.I.



2nd Lt. William Damaré
Southaven, Mississippi
C-130E/H, Little Rock AFB, Ark.



2nd Lt. Tiffany Dixon
Lyndon Station, Wis.
KC-135, Eielson AFB, Alaska



2nd Lt. Jessica Foster
Freeman Spur, Illinois
C-17, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Glenis Gibbs II
Saint Marys, Ga.
KC-135, Birmingham ANGB, Ala.



2nd Lt. Michael McFadden Jr.
Prior Lake, Minn.
C-130, Minneapolis, Minn.



2nd Lt. Troy Nienberg
Glandorf, Ohio
F-16, Atlantic City ANGB, N.J.



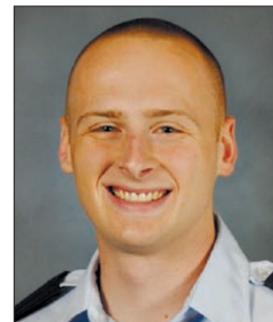
2nd Lt. Craig Pedersen
East Hamton, Conn.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Matthew Quitquit
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Jeffrey Riesterer
Manchester, Conn.
C-17, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Curtis Sinewe
Centerville, Ohio
C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Noel Somers
Mukwonago, Wis.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Kevin Terry
Coosada, Ala.
C-130E/H, Little Rock AFB, Ark.



2nd Lt. Hans Trapp
Valparaiso, Ind.
KC-135, Kadena AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Peter Wolber
Fort Worth, Tex.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.