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## CUI Countdown



# 170

Days until the CUI

Do you have a plan?

## News Briefs

### 14th OG CoC

The 14th Operations Group Change of Command Ceremony will take place Aug. 23 at 9 a.m. in the Aircraft Fuels Maintenance Hangar.

### Air Force Birthday Ball

The Air Force Birthday Ball will be Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. in the Trotter Convention Ball Center in Downtown Columbus. The price of a ticket is \$25 and can be purchased from each squadron's POC. The last day to purchase a ticket will be Sept. 7. The attire will be mess dress or semi-formal.

### Permanent Party Officer Call

There will be a mandatory officer call for permanent party officers only Friday, Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. in the Columbus Club.

## Inside



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SUPT Class 12-07 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

## Welsh ‘humbled’ to serve as Air Force chief of staff

**Tech. Sgt. Shawn J. Jones**  
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. — The Air Force chief of staff flag passed to the service's 20th chief in a ceremony here Aug. 10.

Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, a 36-year Airman, stepped into the position, taking over for Gen. Norton Schwartz, who also retired from the Air Force during the ceremony.

“Mark is respected throughout the Air Force for his exceptional leadership and ability to connect with Airmen,” Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley said.

Raised in an Air Force family, Welsh said he found a role model in his father, a decorated combat pilot.

“Today, I think he'd be proud of me,” Welsh said. “And any day a kid can make his dad proud is a great day.”

Welsh emphasized the need for Airmen to understand the importance of the other services in joint operations, but also said Airmen shouldn't underestimate the combat capabilities of their own service in winning today's fight.

“No one else can bring what we bring to the fight, and any real warfighter knows that,” he said. “Don't ever doubt yourself or this service.”

Welsh also addressed his stance on issues affecting the well-being of Airmen.

“When it comes to Airman resiliency, suicide prevention, and sexual assault prevention and response, I believe you're either part of the solution or you're part of the problem,” he said. “There is no middle ground.”

Welsh also said the Air Force must See WELSH, Page 2



Gen. Mark A. Welsh III

U.S. Air Force Photo

## 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 (13-08)	1.22 days	2.06 days	Sept. 26	48th (12-14)	0.97 days	1.61 days	Sept. 7	49th (12-KB)	-2.02 days	-0.54 days	Aug. 22	T-6	1,431	1,230	28,010
41st (13-07)	2.03 days	1.23 days	Sept. 4	50th (12-14)	-1.02 days	-5.46 days	Sept. 7					T-1	582	525	9,341
												T-38	576	557	9,994
												IFF	172	163	2,959

The graduation speaker is Lt. Gen. Paul Selva, Vice Commander, Pacific Air Forces.

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED



As of press time, 65 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

## 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.

## WELSH

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shape the future and that will require innovative thinking and different approaches to problems, along with modernization.

Welsh was nominated by the president May 10 and confirmed by the Senate on Aug. 2.

In his previous position as the commander of U. S. Air Forces in Europe, he was in charge of Air Force activities in an area of operations covering nearly one-fifth of the globe.

Welsh, a 1976 graduate of the Air Force Academy, has served in numerous operational, command and staff positions, such as commandant of cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy, vice commander of Air Education and Training Command and associate director for military affairs at the Central Intelligence Agency.

“When I became a squadron commander, I felt excited. When I became a wing commander, I felt proud. When I became a major command commander, I felt privileged and a little bit old,” he said. “Today when I was sworn in as chief of staff of the Air Force, I felt humbled to be given the honor of leading its incredible Airmen.”

His experience includes nearly 3,300 flying hours, most of which came in the A-10 Thunderbolt II and F-16 Fighting Falcon.

As the ceremony ushered in a new chapter

in Air Force history, it also served as the final chapter for Schwartz's four years as the service's senior uniformed leader and his more than 39 years of military service.

Schwartz's career began in 1973 after graduating from the Air Force Academy. He has logged more than 4,400 flying hours and participated in military operations in Vietnam, Iraq and Cambodia.

“Anyone looking for an example of Air Force core values need look no further than Gen. Norty Schwartz,” Donley said. “Thank you for your lasting contribution to our Air Force and the character and quality of your service.”

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta presented Schwartz with the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, which is awarded to service members who perform exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility.

The award citation highlighted his success in restoring excellence in the Air Force nuclear mission, his efforts to partner with joint and coalition teammates in support of operations worldwide, modernizing the Air Force's air and space inventories, and care for Airmen and families. Schwartz's wife Suzie was also recognized for her devotion to Airmen and family support programs.

“The Air Force has afforded us an honorable and rewarding journey for the entirety of our adult lives,” Schwartz said.

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20 Airman Leadership School begins OG/CC Fini Flight, 4 p.m. @ Base Ops	21 CSC Social, 6 p.m. @ Club	22 IFF Class 12-KBC Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th	23 OG CoC, 9 a.m. @ Fuel Hangar	24 1st Sgt. Steak Burn, 11 a.m. @ Chapel Annex Perm Party Officers Call, 4 p.m. @ Club Class 12-14 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club	25/26
27	28 Newcomers Orientation, 8:30 a.m. @ Club Class 13-13 PPW, 6:30 p.m.	29	30 Enlisted Promotions, 4 p.m. @ Club	31 Enlisted Call (Airman), 9 a.m. @ Club Enlisted Call (NCO/SNCO), 10:30 a.m. @ Kaye	1/2

### Long Range Events

Sept. 3: Labor Day  
Sept. 4: Class  
13-07 Track Select  
Sept. 6: Class  
73-03 Reunion  
Sept. 7: Class  
12-14 Graduation  
Sept. 11: Patriot Day  
Sept. 11: Hearts Apart  
Sept. 13: Dorm Dinner  
Sept. 14: Air Force Birthday Ball  
Sept. 14-15: Case Lot Sale  
Sept. 15-16: SCCA Autocross

# Civil Service Merit System principles

## 14 Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Merit System Principles are nine basic standards governing the management of the executive branch workforce. The principles are part of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, and can be found at 5 U.S.C. § 2301(b).

Congress included the basic standards for the management of the executive branch workforce in the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978. The Pendleton Act of 1883 replaced the political patronage system that had existed until that time with a merit-based system for filling most civil service positions. The drafters of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 believed that this merit-based system had broken down over the ensuing century. Thus, they codified the merit principles and created a new agency, the Merit Systems Protection Board, as the "vigorous protector of the merit system." Following are the nine principles:

1. Recruitment should be from qualified individuals from appropriate sources in an endeavor to achieve a work force from all segments of society, and selection and advancement should be determined solely on the basis of relative ability, knowledge and skills, after fair and open competition which assures that all receive equal opportunity.

2. All employees and applicants for employment should receive fair and equitable treatment in all aspects of personnel management without regard to political affiliation, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or handicapping condition, and with proper regard for their privacy and constitutional rights.

3. Equal pay should be provided for work of equal value, with appropriate consideration of both national and local rates paid by

employers in the private sector, and appropriate incentives and recognition should be provided for excellence in performance.

4. All employees should maintain high standards of integrity, conduct, and concern for the public interest.

5. The Federal work force should be used efficiently and effectively.

6. Employees should be retained on the basis of adequacy of their performance, inadequate performance should be corrected, and employees should be separated who cannot or will not improve their performance to meet required standards.

7. Employees should be provided effective education and training in cases in which such education and training would result in better organizational and individual performance.

8. Employees should be—  
A. protected against arbitrary action, personal favoritism, or coercion for partisan political purposes, and

B. prohibited from using their official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election or a nomination for election.

9. Employees should be protected against reprisal for the lawful disclosure of information which the employees reasonably believe evidences—

A. a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or

B. mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an absence of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact the 14th Force Support Squadron Civilian Personnel office, Rowdy Smith at 434-2637 or Kika Millner at 434-2641.

# Town Hall meeting covers variety of topics

## Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Columbus Air Force Base senior leaders, along with Hunt Housing hosted a town hall meeting at the Columbus Club Aug. 13 to discuss issues related to dental insurance, medical appointments and on-base housing rent, utility allowance and Military Munitions Response Program updates.

All active duty military dependents with dental insurance coverage were switched to MetLife dental May 1, 2012. Before making dental appointments families should check the MetLife providers list to ensure their provider accepts MetLife insurance. To check the MetLife provider list families can go online to <https://metlocator.metlife.com>, call (855) 638-8371 or go to the TRICARE office at the lobby of the 14th Medical Group's Koritz Clinic.

The 14th MDG is changing the way they make appointments for patients that will provide shorter wait times and higher quality of service. To do this, the medical clinic will tailor each medical appointment to fit the need of the patient and provide the medical care team enough time to work with each patient on their particular issue based on its complexity. For patients the process will be seamless.

Hunt Military Communities presented their new program to provide housing residence greater flexibility for their rent payments. Nearly everyone now is paying rent to Hunt at the beginning of the month. Now residents will have the opportunity to change their monthly rental payment to the end of the month.

This payment change to the end of the month will benefit new residents first moving in or for residents who will be affected by increases in their BAH at the beginning of each year. For current residents wishing to take advantage of payment in arrears, Hunt will be sending notification out notifying you of this new option and you can go in and sign a new lease with Hunt. Housing residents who wish to continue paying their rent in advance can choose to do so as well.

The Resident Energy Conservation program kicks off

as family housing utility billing is scheduled to go live beginning with the Sept. 4 to Oct. 4 usages, with the first live bills going out in late October. To streamline the billing process for housing residents, Hunt contracted Minol to act as a third party vendor to merge the two bills and facilitate both the mock billing and live billing process. One highlight of this topic centers around the ability to "opt in or out" of the rebate program through the Minol website allowing residents to save their rebates in case of spikes in usage during winter or summer months. By saving the rebates, anytime residents owe money, Minol would deduct it from the rebates residents accumulated rather than paying a bill.

All residents will have a \$50 trigger each month. The trigger would go both ways; if they saved more than \$50 in utilities they would receive a rebate check if they owed more than \$50 on top of their utility allowance they would have to pay.

The utility allowance is calculated annually using current and historic usages for occupied base homes with similar floor plans. Once that number is calculated an additional 10 percent is added to the allowance. The number of people living in a home is not factored because the floor plan of the home has a much larger impact than whether one person or four people reside in the home for example it takes the same amount of energy to heat or cool the home.

The discussion then moved on to housing where the Military Munitions Response Program update was presented. Currently in Magnolia Village nine homes had their soil removed and replace with five in progress and four more scheduled. In State Village two houses have been completed and two are still scheduled for top soil replacement. Affected housing residents have already been informed by base Environmental personnel if they are scheduled for top soil removal.

A copy of the slides from the Town Hall meeting is available on the CAFB Facebook site and at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil). DVDs of the live Town Hall presentation and added energy saving tips are available at the Hunt Military Communities office.

## Commander's Action Line 434-7058

The Commander's Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Commander's Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command.

The Commander's Action Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the Wing Headquarters building, BLDG. 724, suite 210. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.



# Election Season is here: What you need to know

2nd Lt. Kraig Reuter

With the presidential election around the corner, it is time to review the rights and limitations to free speech we have as military and civilian Airmen. Knowing your limits regarding a political convention, campaign or rally is imperative to the proper conduct we as Airmen are expected to maintain and exhibit. Being informed about where and when your freedom of speech may be restricted will keep you from potentially falling into hot water.

Participation in politics is certainly not forbidden for active duty or civil service personnel. In fact, federal employees are encouraged to participate in the political process. Military members are allowed to attend campaigns and election meetings; however, they are not to be in uniform as that could imply Air Force endorsement. As members of the Air Force, you are free to make monetary contributions to the political organization you support. Service members acting as a private citizen may express political opinions by signing their name to petitions, by joining political clubs, and even by publicly displaying political party and/or candidate stickers on their privately owned vehicles. As always, use one's best judgment in all situations. For example, ask yourself if people would see you as representing or misrepresenting what the Air Force stands for. And never misuse your military rank in order to influence others or their political opinion.

The limitations are clear. Rules are in place to avoid even the slightest appearance of official government action or endorsement of candidates or issues. Prohibited actions include speaking before a partisan political party, taking part in any radio, television program, or discussion advocating a partisan political party or cause, and fundraising activ-

## Exercise your civic duty!

The November general election is less than 90 days away. To register, request a ballot and vote absentee by mail takes a long time. Go to [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov) today, see the online registration and absentee ballot assistant and have your forms completed, printed out and ready to send back home in less than 10 minutes. It's simple and fast!

Most election officials are now emailing blank ballots!! Why wait 30 days, when you can get it emailed in 30 milliseconds. The law has changed! You may not get your ballot automatically. Go to [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov) and get started! Make sure you include your email address! Help spread the word! Pass this on to other military or overseas voters, including spouses and voting age dependents. For more information, visit FVAP at: [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or contact your Unit Voting Assistance Officer or the 14th Flying Training Wing Installation Voting Office at:

Installation Voting Assistance Officer:  
Office: Personnel Center Building 926, room 245  
24 Hour Hotline: 434-2927 or DSN: 742-2927  
E-Mail: [vote@columbus.af.mil](mailto:vote@columbus.af.mil)

ities for any political cause or candidate on any military installation and federal facilities. This also includes the prohibition of participating in any riding or marching political parade of any sort.

According to the Hatch Act, federal civilian employees' standards vary in comparison to non federal civilians. In past years, many situations have arisen regarding civilian employees E-mailing partisan political information. This includes any activity directed towards the success and/or failure of a particular party or candidate running for a political position. This activity is prohibited.

The Hatch Act states certain political freedoms and limitations which federal civilian employees possess. Some permitted acts include the right to:

- Be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections (i.e. employee may run for

school board)

- Join and be an active member of a political party or club

- Sign and circulate nominating petitions
- Express opinions about candidates and issues (i.e. writing the editor at the Washington Post expressing ones personal opinion about a candidate)

- Contribute money to political organizations

- Federal employees have the right to attend and give speeches at political fundraisers, rallies or meetings. Under the Hatch Act, civilian federal employees can even hold office in political clubs or parties (i.e. an employee may serve as a vice-president of a political action committee).

There continue to be important restrictions on employees' political activity. Whether on or off duty, federal employees may

not:

- Engage in political activity while on duty, in a government office, while wearing an official uniform or while using a government vehicle (i.e. an employee may not display a political poster, button or sticker in his/her office on duty),

- Become a candidate in a partisan election (i.e. no participation is allowed when candidates are running as democratic or republican),

- Solicit, accept or receive political contributions

- Use official authority to influence or interfere with an election

In Columbus, Miss., you may register to vote by mail or in person. For city residents, registration is available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in City Hall, located at 523 Main Street. If you would like to register by mail you may pick up a form at City Hall, the public library, or you may download one from the Secretary of State's Website at [www.sos.state.ms.us/elections/VoterRegistration/](http://www.sos.state.ms.us/elections/VoterRegistration/).

For military members, please visit [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or contact your Voting Assistance Office at [vote@columbus.af.mil](mailto:vote@columbus.af.mil) or by phone at 434-2927. If you live off base, go to the following website to find your specific area or ward, and where you will go to vote: <http://www.thecityofcolumbusms.org/primary.asp?t=6&p=40>.

Please remember the importance of voting and why we do it. Do not forget the core values while supporting your party and/or cause, and do so with respect and responsibility. We hope this information has been informative and will help you make responsible decisions while supporting your political party and candidates in the next few months. Safe voting!

## Immunization Awareness Month: Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccination

Senior Airman Justin Pribble  
14th Medical Operations Squadron  
Immunizations Clinic

What is Pertussis (whooping cough) and why does everyone need a booster dose for this? Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory infection which is caused by the bacteria *Bordetella Pertussis* and it can be severe for infants, children, and adults. Early symptoms of whooping cough can appear to be a common cold but can lead to violent coughing fits which can lead to depletion of oxygen in the lungs. The lack of oxygen causes the individual to forcibly inhale leading to the loud "whoop-

ing" sound. Pertussis spreads when people cough or sneeze while in close contact with one another.

Children younger than seven receive the Diphtheria toxoid, Tetanus toxoid and acellular Pertussis (DTaP) vaccine during the regular pediatric schedule. DTaP is the childhood vaccine and the Tdap is the booster vaccine for adolescents and adults. The childhood vaccine's protection decreases over time requiring preteens, teens and adults be revaccinated even if they were completely vaccinated as children. Adults who have received a recent Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) vaccination may receive the Tdap vaccine as there is no required time interval

between receiving the two vaccines. The vaccine provides immunity for ten years after which time you should receive a regular Td booster. If you have questions regarding the Tdap or DTaP vaccines please contact the 14th MDG Immunizations Clinic at 434-2187 or DSN 742-2187.

Attention parents: Did you know that Mississippi schools now require the Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoids and acellular Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine? As the school year begins it is vital for all those students entering 7th grade to receive the vaccine. Tdap is recommended at eleven years of age but anyone 10 years of age and older can receive the vaccine.

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

scorpion slip-on, K&N filter, never dropped, one owner. \$6,500 or best offer. Call (601) 850-0764.  
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**For sale:** 1998 Honda Valkyrie motorcycle. Beautifully maintained in classic black/chrome, 1,500 cc six-cylinder engine with straight-pipes. Includes Corbin ostrich-leather "Stinger" seat, chrome studded two-person leather seat with backrest, hard saddle bags, windshield, cruise control, cigarette lighter, cruising foot peg and tank bib with pouch. \$6,500 firm, call 434-8544.  
**For sale:** 1999 Chevrolet Silverado LS,

silver/charcoal with toolbox, side rails, Mossy Oak hood vent/side vents/seat covers, 175,000 miles, great condition. Asking \$3,950. Call 364-2109.  
**For sale:** 1984 GMC Sierra LWB, automatic transmission, cold air conditioning. Only 64,400 miles, \$3,750 or best offer. Call 549-6646.

## Homes

**For sale:** 2006 Clayton Mobile home, 14' X 56', 2 bedrooms, one bath, all electric, located on lot outside gate of CAFB. Good condition, one owner. \$14,000. Call 251-5990.

## Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Dining room suite with beveled glass rectangular table top and six hand-carved arm chairs, \$1,500 or best offer; queen sleeper sofa, \$75; Lazy Boy rocker recliner \$30. Call

662-327-1410.  
**For sale:** JVC 46-inch 120Hz LCD television, perfect condition with manual and all paperwork, remote, stand, bottom cover, TeleDock for iPod/Phone, full high-definition, Dolby Digital, 1920x1080 resolution, three HDMI inputs, 16,000:1 contrast ratio, built-in cable/cord holder, \$600 firm; king-size canopy, metal and wicker bed frame, headboard, footboard, canopy rails are very sturdy and not too heavy, asking \$125; brown wooden wardrobe closet, door on left side and shelving on right, \$25; matching brown furniture piece, storage in the bottom and bookshelves on top, \$25; sturdy metal off-white twin daybed frame, \$75; Samsung 7.3 cubic ft. electric, energy efficient dryer, large front-loading, digital display, one year old with one year manufacturer warranty, sensor dry, four temperature settings, seven preset drying settings,

door safety lock, \$450. Please call 549-0500.  
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**For sale:** Bell Star Roland Sands Speed Freak motorcycle helmet, carbon fiber, size medium with extra cheek pads, equivalent to size large in other brands, lightweight with clear tear-away and dark smoke shields, custom velvet-lined carrying bag and original box included, practically brand new, used for only three months. Asking \$500 or best offer. Call and leave message 320-3836.

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# Aloha - Family Fun at Luau

**2nd Lt. Sheila Butler**  
 14th Force Support Squadron

The Hawaiian luau tradition originated as a feast for royalty and powerful leaders. Today, a luau is a party for everyone, but the one the Columbus Force Support Squadron hosted was fit for a king.

I have been a part of Team BLAZE for almost two weeks now. When I got here, everyone was talking about the upcoming luau. I admit I was a bit skeptical at first. I just didn't know what to expect from a Pacific-themed party in Mississippi. I also knew it was going to be a bit challenging to hold this event at the Columbus Club. Yet, the whole base seemed be excited about it so I thought I would give it a try.

When I arrived at the Club, shortly before the 5 p.m. start time, the room was already buzzing with excited children and smiling Airmen of all ranks and ages, most donning a colorful lei or Hawaiian shirt. Music was playing and people were enjoying a delectable meal of roasted pig, sweet and sour chicken with rice, kabobs, and other side dishes. The bar was also open, serving island-specialty drinks such as Mai Tai cocktails. For dessert, the pineapple upside-down cake had us asking for seconds.

Several prize drawings throughout the evening sent some of the guests home with pre-season Saints tickets, FSS gift cards, or in the case of one lucky winner, \$250 in cash. A game of limbo and the hula-hoop contest gave kids a chance to win too. Even the Chief joined in on the hula-hooping and won the contest in the adult age group!

If guests came for the prizes, they stayed for the entertainment. An authentic Pacific island dance group made up of BLAZE team members and spouses performed traditional dances. The dances ranged from melo low hula dancing to a thrilling performance with flaming knives, and the men in the audience had the opportunity to learn and perform the Ha'a Koa, or, Hawaiian War Dance.

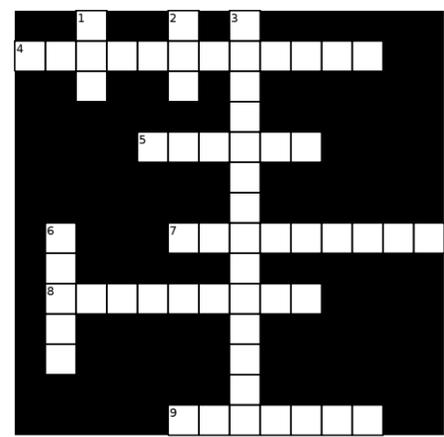
In the end I was glad I went to the luau, and my husband was happy I brought him along. As I've heard it said our job in FSS is "fun, food, fitness, and families". I'm proud to say my new squadron takes that role seriously, and last weekend's event is just one way we show it. For those who missed it, you missed a great time. The bottom line is that I think we should make a luau an annual event!

## Transportation

**For sale:** 2007 Yamaha YZFR6, 4,500 miles, blue/black, lowered two inches,

## History of the Air Force Uniform

Demonstrate your knowledge of the history of the Air Force uniform in this weeks crossword puzzle.



- Across**
- The first Air Force dress uniform, in 1947, was dubbed and patented this. (2 Words)
  - The service dress uniform currently worn is a modification of the original version envisioned by this former Chief of Staff of the Air Force.
  - Headgear worn with blues or flightsuit. (2 Words)
  - Is worn to formal or semi-formal occasions (2 Words)
  - Month that BDUs are no longer authorized.
- Down**
- Available specifically in womens sizes.
  - Available in unisex sizes. Required to be worn during times from sunset to sunrise in many deployed locations by Air Force and Army personnel. (2 Words)
  - Pilots, navigators/combat systems officers, air crews and missile crews will continue to wear olive green or desert tan one-piece flight suits made of this.

## Immunization Awareness Month

Last week's answers



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◆ **3-D PARANORMAN PG**  
 4:00 - 9:10

◆ **PARANORMAN (NON 3-D) PG**  
 7:00 - Sat Mat 1:00

◆ **THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN PG**  
 4:05 - 7:10 - 9:30 - Sat Mat 1:05

◆ **THE CAMPAIGN R**  
 4:35 - 7:30 - 9:40 - Sat Mat 1:35

◆ **THE BOURNE LEGACY P#13**  
 4:05 - 7:05 - 10:00 - Sat Mat 1:05

◆ **HOPE SPRINGS P#13**  
 4:30 - 7:15 - 9:35 - Sat Mat 1:25

◆ **DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS PG**  
 4:00 - Sat Mat 1:00

◆ **THE DARK KNIGHT RISES P#13**  
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## Feed the fight



Courtesy photo  
**Master Sgt. Mark Shelton (Right), 14th Communications Squadron's Computer Systems NCOIC** currently deployed to Camp Bastion in Afghanistan, is pictured receiving a "Right Start" award. The "Right Start" Award is given to those newly assigned individuals that not only perform their required functions at the 110 percent level, but extend the time and effort to mentor and lead those who help the member in meeting the overall mission. Shelton leads a team of dynamic individuals supporting a myriad of diverse networked systems supporting regional joint operations. If you have a photo of a currently deployed Team BLAZE Airman you would like featured in Feed the Fight, send it to [SilverWings@Columbus.af.mil](mailto:SilverWings@Columbus.af.mil)

## Trail BLAZE'r



**Name:** Tech Sgt. Richard Dutka  
**Unit:** 14th Communications Squadron  
**Job title:** NCOIC Computer Systems (Comm Focal Point and Client Systems)  
**Time at Columbus AFB:** Four years, one month  
**Time in Service:** Fourteen years, one month  
**Hometown:** Williston, Fla.  
**Career goals:** Develop a better "next generation" of Airmen on the way to master sergeant.  
**Family members:** Spouse Terri; Daughter Hailey.  
**Favorite musician:** B.B. King.  
**Favorite movie:** The Expendables.  
**Biggest pet peeve:** NCOs that fail to read the "Little Brown book" and commit to it.  
**Favorite book:** "The Andromeda Strain" by Michael Crichton.  
**Inspirations:** My wife. Each day she drives me to be a better man.  
**Personal motto:** It is what it is!

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# Lead from the front

**Col. James Sears, Jr.**  
Commander, 14th Flying Training Wing

As many of you know, shortly after your warm welcome for my family and me, I had to depart for pilot instructor training at Randolph AFB, Texas. While the training is integral to leading Team BLAZE as we produce pilots, advance Airmen, and feed the fight, it has been challenging to be away so early in this opportunity to lead what is obviously a great team.

On my first day in command I held a meeting with your squadron commanders, directors, and Chiefs where I introduced them to a leadership philosophy and expectation I call Lead from the Front. Examples like Gen. Colin Powell and Brig. Gen. Robin Olds are phenomenal examples of commanders who led from the front. I continually strive to meet their standard of excellence.

A commander must be visible, credible, and set the highest example. At no time can your integrity be in question. You must have the courage to make tough calls. While the commander is ultimately responsible and held accountable for mission accomplishment, he or she must remember that command is not about the commander. It is about those Airmen who do the work to accomplish the mission. Finally, I believe in quiet leadership. If you have to remind people who the commander is then you are not leading from the front.

So, if you are not a commander, director, or chief how do you lead from the front?

Commit yourself to mission accomplishment. Is what you are doing relevant to the squadron, group, and wing missions? Could it be done better? Could it be done more efficiently? As resources and personnel continue to decline we must ensure we are doing the right things right.

Make everything you touch better. Innovation and continual improvement are fundamental to why we serve in the best Air Force in the world. If they weren't, we would still be flying bi-planes as a part of the Army Signal Corps.

Set high standards for yourself. If those standards are easy to meet then you have not set the bar high enough. If you fall short of your standard, determine where you faltered and how you will do better tomorrow.

Finally, embody Air Force core values on and off duty. These are the bedrock of our Air Force and define our service to the nation. To paraphrase General Welsh, Integrity, Service, and Excellence must be more than buzz words that sound good in speeches.

It is a tremendous honor to be your wing commander and I look forward to getting back in the seat next week. As always, I thank you for your service to our nation and Team BLAZE. If we all commit to accom-



U.S. Air Force Photo  
**Col. Jim Sears, Jr.**

plishing the mission, innovation, high standards and core values then I am confident the 14th Flying Training Wing and Columbus AFB will lead AETC and our Air Force...from the front.

# Marilyn Monroe and the general

**Col. Michael J. Underkofler**  
514th Air Mobility Wing commander

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J. — Plastered across the pages of many magazines, blogs and newspapers last week were photos and stories about the untimely death of actress Marilyn Monroe 50 years ago. Some authors went beyond just simply discussing her beauty or sexual exploits and opined she was actually quite brilliant. Sources said Monroe worked incredibly long hours, almost singlehandedly, to strategically manage her image to keep the public fascinated. These recent stories and photos have exposed the starlet to a new generation of Americans, many of whom will become similarly captivated.

Besides her beauty, Monroe was famous for her quips and sexual innuendos. When asked what three men she'd like to be trapped on a deserted island with, she responded Joe DiMaggio, Albert Einstein and Hoyt Vandenberg - her husband, the scientist and the Air Force general respectively.

Like Monroe, Vandenberg was incredibly good looking and was featured, albeit not often, on the cover of popular magazines. A West Point graduate and pilot, Vandenberg quickly advanced through the ranks, serving in key positions like the 9th Air Force commander, where he helped to plan the Normandy invasion. He also served as the director of Central Intelligence, the forerunner of the CIA.

Well-known in Washington's social and political circles, Vandenberg was a gentleman and professional. Despite the daunting task, as the deputy commander of the air staff, along with the Army deputy, he helped carve the manpower, equip-

ment and bases to subdivide the United States Air Force from the Army.

It could be characterized as the most amicable divorce ever, the model of cooperation and agreement. He was an easy pick to later become the vice chief and later the Air Force's second chief of staff in 1948.

Vandenberg had style too.

He took a major role in designing a new uniform for the Air Force. President Harry Truman liked the idea but told Vandenberg he had to win over Congress.

To do so, Vandenberg and a colonel went to Capitol Hill in the suggested garb. Instead of Vandenberg making the pitch before the Senate Armed Forces Committee, the colonel did.

This was calculated as Vandenberg secretly dressed as a sergeant and kept quiet. When the colonel finished speaking he introduced the "sergeant." Once the congressmen realized the ruse, they roared with approval and gave Vandenberg the go ahead for the new uniform.

As chief of staff, Vandenberg labored on weightier issues too, such as doctrine, force strength and basing - every day a laundry list of tasks to be accomplished to make the Air Force a stronger service. This took a heavy toll on him, but he kept pushing forward.

Vandenberg also decided we needed an air-centric way to address Air Force enlisted personnel. No longer would the first five enlisted grades be referred to by the Army ranks of private, private first class, corporal, sergeant and sergeant first class.

On February, 20, 1950, Vandenberg directed that all Air Force enlisted personnel be called airmen with the first five grades shortly thereafter being addressed as basic airman, air-

man, airman third class, airman second class and airmen first class.

He wrote, "The habitual use of the term 'airman' should aid in distinguishing the enlisted personnel of the Air Force from those of the other services and in identifying them more closely with their chosen service in the structure for national defense."

Like most military members, Vandenberg spent much time away from his family. He sought ways to make his time with them precious and memorable. When his son graduated from West Point, the two of them went to Detroit and purchased a new car off the factory floor and drove it back to Washington. His son, who later became a general himself, said he cherished the time his father was able to carve out of his busy schedule to make that trip.

In 1952 President Truman nominated Vandenberg for a second term as chief of staff, but he only served until June 1953. The general with boyish good looks was ill and retired after serving 30 years in the military.

Sadly, he died of prostate cancer the following spring at age 55. The funeral procession from the National Cathedral to Arlington National Cemetery was one of the biggest in Washington with thousands lining the road to honor him.

Just like Marilyn Monroe, we lost a talent too early. Vandenberg's life and service to the nation are incredibly instructive: hardworking, dedicated, visionary, professional, courteous and a family man are some of the things I think best describe him. Fortunately for us our military has had many great leaders — officers, enlisted and civilian alike — to learn from and to emulate.

The challenge for us is to make sure we tell their stories often so future generations are as captivated by them as they are of former blonde bombshells.

# Air Force looks to put wings on enlisted retrainees

**Senior Airman Christina Brownlow**  
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — Enlisted Airmen have the opportunity to earn a pair of wings and go fly, fight and win America's wars.

Air Force officials are looking for retrainees to become career enlisted aviators as flight engineers, aircraft loadmasters, flight attendants, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operators.

The duties and responsibilities of these positions call for Airmen to serve as crew members aboard many of the Air Force's aircraft.

"If you really want to travel around the world and see different things, you can do that as a career enlisted aviator," said Master Sgt. Matt Ardis, the career enlisted aviator in-service recruiter at the Pentagon.

For Tech. Sgt. Francis Camejo, who retrained as a C-17 Globemaster III loadmaster in 2009, the best part of being a career enlisted aviator is directly contributing to so many Air Force missions.

"When you airlift over 5 million pounds of cargo and passengers per year without injuries or damage to equipment, you gain a sense of pride in your work," Camejo said.

In more than three years on the job, Camejo, who works with the 15th Airlift Squadron out of Joint Base Charleston, S.C., has participated in missions related to special operations, joint operations and humanitarian cargo deliveries to destinations all over the globe; however, he said he gets the most satisfaction from delivering equipment to troops in combat and when he helps transport Airmen back to the U.S. after a long deployment.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Master Sgt. Jeffrey Allen

**Staff Sgt. Peter Jensen collects straps that restrained air-dropped bundles in the back of a C-17 Globemaster III on Sept 30, 2011. Jensen and the crew of the C-17 air-dropped 40 bundles to a remote outpost in Afghanistan. Aerial delivery of critical supplies decreases the total number of resupply convoys conducted in high threat areas. Jensen is a loadmaster assigned to the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron.**

"You immediately see the fruits of your labor through the faces of family members when you bring their loved ones home," he said.

Despite the selling points of being an enlisted aviator, the career fields suffer from manning shortages year after year.

Ardis said there are a few reasons for the shortage. First, the Air Force does not force Airmen or new recruits into flying positions. Second, the standards for becoming a career enlisted

aviator are significantly higher than most career fields. Finally, successfully completing formal training can be challenging for some new retrainees.

Ardis said Airmen who are interested in one of these career fields should brush up on the retraining process. Once the process begins, they need to stay on top of it, especially the medical portion, which calls for a flight physical.

"The physical is the long pole in the tent, especially if a waiver is involved," he said.

Airmen can also increase their chances of selection by familiarizing themselves with the retraining advisory, a document that details career field vacancies. Then, they can apply for every position for which they qualify, Ardis said. The advisory can be found on the myPers website.

Airmen who are on their first enlistment can volunteer to retrain through the career Airman re-enlistment reservation system. New enlisted aviators are selected from the pool of qualified candidates based on enlisted performance reports, with the most recent report being the most important. Rank and projected rank are also considered, with higher ranking Airmen more likely to be selected, all else being equal.

Those Airmen who have already completed at least one enlistment term may try to volunteer through the NCO retraining program.

Selected Airmen will attend the 14-day enlisted aircrew fundamentals course at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Upon graduation, they move on to their career field-specific training, survival training and then flight training.

Airmen looking to retrain into this career field can contact Master Sgt. Matt Ardis at cea.recruiting@pentagon.af.mil, 703-697-1717 or DSN 227-1717.

(Tech. Sgt. Shawn J. Jones contributed to this article.)

# New instruction puts spotlight on standards, culture

**Tech. Sgt. Shawn J. Jones**  
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. — When referencing fundamental standards, Airmen now have a single source: Air Force Instruction 1-1, Air Force Standards.

As one of the capstone acts of his 39-year career, Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff, put his signature on the brand new instruction, which communicates in one document the required standards of conduct, performance and discipline expected of every uniformed Airman.

The instruction — the first and only to be signed and certified by the chief of staff — was preceded by Air Force Policy Directive 1, Air Force Culture, in which the secretary of the Air Force directed the chief of staff to develop and execute policy related to standards.

The new instruction is particularly noteworthy not because it offers many new standards, but because it consolidates many of the standards that had been spread among many

separate instructions, officials said. In a single document, the instruction conveniently summarizes the expected standards of conduct for uniformed Airmen.

The intention for the instruction is to serve as a compass, providing a convenient overview of standards while directing Airmen to other instructions where more detailed information may be found, officials said.

Having a one-stop shop for standards-related guidelines, while not unprecedented, has long been absent in the Air Force. In fact, the vast majority of the new instruction's initial content and structure were borrowed from the now outdated Air Force Regulation 30-1, Air Force Standards, which was not replaced in the early 1990s when Air Force instructions replaced Air Force regulations.

In December 2011, Schwartz directed the Air Staff to develop the new instruction. Much of the heavy lifting related to coordinating and drafting the instruction was performed by Scott Martin, a legal advisor on Schwartz's

senior air staff counsel.

"We needed to capture and consolidate the existing Air Force standards," said Martin, a 23-year veteran who retired as a colonel in 2010.

From cover to cover, the instruction counts 27 pages, broken into three chapters.

The first chapter, the Air Force environment, focuses on topics such as core values, customs and courtesies, force structure and diversity. According to the chapter overview, the Air Force environment "encompasses the actions, values and standards we live by each and every day."

The second chapter focuses on standards of conduct, including sections on professional relationships, ethics, drug and alcohol abuse, and government neutrality regarding religion.

The instruction's final chapter addresses standards related to dress and appearance, physical fitness and government housing.

Martin said that while he borrowed a lot from the old regulation, it was incomplete for

today's Air Force since so much had changed in the past two decades.

"We updated it and brought it up to the 21st century to address contemporary challenges that Airmen face," he said.

Some of those 21st century updates include standards related to relationships on social media, the wingman concept, resiliency, sexual assault prevention and response, tattoos and body piercing, and the Joint Ethics Regulation.

Martin said he expected the instruction to become a valuable resource for educating today's Airmen.

"If you have a young Airman who's not quite getting it, this will be a great tool for a mentoring session," he said. "Every Airman should periodically review these standards of conduct to assure he is living up to what the Air Force expects of him every day."

(Editor's note: AFI 1-1, Air Force Standards, and AFD 1, Air Force Culture, can be found on [www.e-publishing.af.mil](http://www.e-publishing.af.mil).)

## A wide variety of fun activities are offered to base families

### Pull Out Your Golf Clubs!

Bring your clubs to the Whispering Pines Golf Course for the Club Championship to be held 1-3 September. \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members includes green fees, ditty bag, prize fund, and lunch Saturday and Sunday! Special cart rate of \$20, 8 a.m. shotgun start on Saturday and Sunday and tee times on Monday. Register by 27 August at the Pro Shop, for more information call 434-7932.

### Where the Buffalo Roam...

The Youth Center will host a family trip to the Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo on Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Transportation is free but tickets to the Buffalo Park and Zoo must be purchased upon arrival. A trip to the shopping mall is also included. Registration deadline is Aug. 22, for more information call 434-2504.

### One Person Scramble only \$10

Whispering Pines Golf Course will host a One Person Scramble on Saturday, Aug. 25. Only \$10 plus green fees and cart. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. Register by Aug. 22, for more information contact 434-7932.

### Sunday Lunch N Bowl

Lunch N Bowl on Sundays in August, for each adult combo purchased at the Bowling Center receive two free games of bowling, must pay for shoe rental. For more information contact 434-3426.

### Full Moon Family Run

Celebrate the first annual Fitness Center Full Moon 5K Family Run at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 29. This 3.1 mile run is for all ages. A 1.5 mile course will be available, strollers are welcome. Commanders Trophy Points will be awarded, FMI 434-2772.

### Let's Schlitterbahn!

Your Information, Ticket and Travel office now has discounted tickets for Schlitterbahn – the number one water attraction in America with locations in Galveston Island, South Padre Island and New Braunfels, Tex., as well as in Kansas City, Kan. Contact ITT at 434-2505 today for more information.

### 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.

### Independence Still Open Daily

As summer draws to a close, enjoy time relaxing poolside at Independence Pool. The pool is still open daily and 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. 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.

### 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, Geyser Falls, Schlitterbahn Water Park, 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.

### 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-pump-

ing, 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. at 6 p.m. and Sat. at 10 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.cafbsrocks.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 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## Base News

### Retiree Affairs Coordinator Needed

Volunteer needed 2 to 3 days per week to assist with advising military retirees on benefits are provided The Retiree Affairs office is established to coordinate, establish and staff an office on an active-duty, reserve or guard base through command channels that will assist retirees with myriad actions. These actions include: serving as information center for space-available travel, Tricare, base services, etc.; offering referrals for financial-assistance and pay matters; counseling active duty Airmen nearing retirement; and providing literature on retirement issues. Another major activity involves working with base agencies to conduct Retiree Activity Day events. If interested, contact Linda Dodson at 434-2314 or linda.dodson@columbus.af.mil

### 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/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.

### Education Testing Center Closures

The Education Office will NOT conduct testing (PME, CDC, CLEP/DANTES) on 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.

### 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.

### Mixed Bowling League

The beginning of the 2012-2013 Tuesday night mixed bowling league is coming soon! A meeting will be held Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. in the base bowling center for all of those interested in joining the league. There will be space for up to 10 teams. If interested, please come to the meeting or call 328-7067.

## 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 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.

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic Community

**Sunday:**  
4 p.m. – Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
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)

### Wednesday Night Chef Job Opening

- Title of Contract Position: Wednesday Night Chef
- Basic specifications or qualifications:
  - The Chef will provide cooked meals for the Pioneer Club's weekly fellowship.
  - Coordinate and maintain the Pioneers Club's Wednesday night menu calendar in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Wing Chaplain.
  - In consultation with the Religious Education

### 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.

### Smooth Move

A class that provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. Learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and AFRC. Aug. 21, 10-11:30 a.m. For more information call 434-2790.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

Aug. 28 from 8 a.m. to 1 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.

### Heart Link

For spouses new to CAFB or military lifestyle. Fun-filled spouse orientation program filled with info protocol, finance, benefits, helping agencies, local conditions and prizes. Aug. 30, 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Great way to meet others new Columbus AFB, to register and more information call 434-2790.

Coordinator, develop and submit a monthly menu calendar.  
d) Prepare and pick-up all shopping supplies for the week based on a \$150 budget.  
e) Drop all unused money to the Credit Union on Base with the deposit slip provided.  
f) Provide the Account Manager with all receipts and deposit receipts no later than two duty days from the last event.  
g) Arrive no later than 3 p.m. to accomplish all appropriate pre-event preparation and coordination. Must make prior arrangements with Religious Education Coordinator for additional preparation time, and ensure that it is during duty hours. Under no circumstance should the contractor arrive less than 30 minutes prior to such events.  
3. A demonstration of skills will be required.  
4. Bid documents may be obtained from the Chapel front office personnel. Point of contact is Tech Sgt. Floyd Recto at 434-2500.  
5. Bids, resumes and other documents may be submitted to chapel front office personnel. Point of contact is TSgt Floyd Recto at 434-2500.  
6. Submission and demonstration due date is no later than close of business Aug. 22, 2012.  
7. Individual will be selected based on "best value" to the government.  
8. Background checks will be required as this position will require contractor to work with children below the age of 18, as directed by DoDI 1402, Criminal History Background Checks on Individuals in Child Care Services.



T-1A Jayhawk

# SUPT Class 12-13 earns silver wings



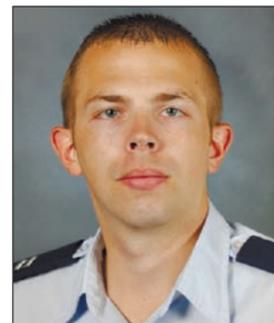
T-38C Talon



**Capt. Samuel Berryhill**  
Vicksburg, Miss.  
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



**Capt. Steven Hendricks**  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
F-15C, Kingsley Field, Ore.



**Capt. Lee Place**  
Spring Valley, Wis.  
C-130, Minneapolis-St. Paul Air Reserve Station, Minn.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-13 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Lt. Gen. Paul Selva is the Vice Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. PACAF is responsible for Air Force activities spread over half the globe in a command that supports 45,000 Air Force personnel serving principally in Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Korea and Japan. Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Capt. Lee Place, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Martin Smith, 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. Karl McGarvey, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Timothy Small, 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 Place and Lieutenant Smith and 2nd Lt. Curtis Anzur (T-1) were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 12-13.

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



landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

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

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

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

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

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

Each class is partnered with several business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 12-13's pilot partners are Stark Aerospace and Liberty Heart Center.



**Capt. Jason Pukalo**  
Raleigh, N.C.  
F-16, Kelly ANGB, Texas



**1st Lt. Raymond Gerard**  
Cleveland, Ohio  
PC-12, Cannon AFB, N.M.



**1st Lt. Daiki Ishihara**  
Komaki, Aichi, Japan  
F-16, Tucson ANGB, Ariz.



**1st Lt. Jackson Mason**  
Cleburne, Texas  
C-130E/H, Little Rock AFB, Ariz.



**1st Lt. Michael Pak**  
St. Louis, Missouri  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**1st Lt. Joshua Peterson**  
Binghamton, N.Y.  
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Matthew Bresnahan**  
Prior Lake, Minn.  
C-130, Minneapolis-St. Paul ANGB, Minn.



**2nd Lt. Daniel Brown**  
Rockledge, Fla.  
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Zachariah Gibson**  
Eldorado, Ohio  
Do-328, Cannon AFB, N.M.



**2nd Lt. Matthew Heath**  
Warner Robins, Ga.  
MC-12, Beale AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Steven Kline**  
Huntsville, Ala.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Andrew Krebs**  
Mead, Colo.  
C-130, Wyoming Air National Guard, Wyo.



**2nd Lt. Christopher Lee**  
Savannah, Ga.  
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Michael Lowe**  
Tampa, Fla.  
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Karl McGarvey**  
Greenwood, Indiana  
C-21, Bradley Air Guard Station, Conn.



**2nd Lt. Timothy Small**  
Newmarket, N.H.  
F-22, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Martin Smith**  
Montgomery, Ala.  
F-16, Dannelly Field ANGB, Ala.



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Senior Airman Joleen Dedmon, Tops in Blue 2012 vocalist, leads a team performance as the finale for the Tops in Blue "Listen!" 2012 World Tour Aug. 11 in Columbus, Miss. The Tops in Blue performances are obligated to master specific instrumental, vocal, choreography and staging requirements in addition to the technical skills required to become their own road crew.



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Senior Airman Charles Cooper, Tops in Blue 2012 vocalist, performs an act as a mime in the Tops in Blue "Listen!" 2012 World Tour Aug. 11 in Columbus, Miss. After the competitive selection process those chosen for the Tops in Blue team must attend 60 days of training to hone their skills and prepare them for the tour ahead.

## Tops in Blue Rocks Columbus

**Granderson Gwendolyn**  
14th Force Support Squadron

Tops in Blue rocked the Rent Auditorium on the campus of Mississippi University for Women. Children danced and adults grooved to the rhythms of The Doobie Brothers, Earth, Wind, and Fire, Maroon 5, and Whitney Houston. Additionally, they performed a medley of popular tunes including music from Darius Rucker, Carrie Underwood, Lady Antebellum, and The Zac Brown Band. The show titled "Listen!" invited the audience to listen to music through sounds you hear everyday.

Tops in Blue, is an all-active duty US Air Force special unit made up of talented amateur performers selected for their entertainment abilities. Known as the Air Forces' Expeditionary Entertainers; the group's main mission is to perform for military personnel, their families and the community. The enormous popularity of the group has also made them America's goodwill ambassadors around the globe. In addition to

local military and community support, some guest travelled from out of state to catch the Columbus, Miss. performance and the Tops in Blue cast of 35 members did not fail to deliver an amazing performance to the packed audience.

A tremendous thank you goes out to all 81 Columbus Air Force Base volunteers assisting with the show. CAFB POC Kayline Hamilton stated, "We had an outstanding group of volunteers from CAFB assisting the cast and crew. Set-up and tear down of the show was easily accomplished in record time."

This event would not have been possible without the help of local sponsors which include Mississippi University for Women, WCBI, Pop's BBQ, Chick-Fil-A, Brown's Farm and Garden Supply, and Studdard Law Firm. The national sponsor is Coca-Cola. Federal endorsement of sponsors is not intended.

The cast performs up to 130 shows annually, to find out where they will be performing next or for more information on Tops in Blue visit <http://www.topsinblue.com/>.



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Capt. Ashley Elmore, Tops in Blue 2012 vocalist and officer-in-charge, sings during a tribute to Michael Jackson and fellow service members during the Tops in Blue "Listen!" 2012 World Tour Aug. 11 in Columbus, Miss. Tops in Blue is an organization that has been delivering entertainment to service and community members since 1953.



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Staff Sgt. Tyron Jones, Tops in Blue 2012 vocalist, dresses as Michael Jackson to give a performance of his song "Bad" during the Tops in Blue "Listen!" 2012 World Tour Aug. 11 in Columbus, Miss. During the 59 years that Tops in Blue has been performing they have made appearances on national television, produced albums and made performances on film in addition to their world tours.



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Tech. Sgt. Tonie Marshall, Tops in Blue 2012 vocalist, sings to the spectators of the Tops in Blue "Listen" 2012 World Tour performance Aug. 11 in Columbus, Miss. The 35 members of the 2012 Tops in Blue team won multiple skill-oriented competitions to earn a position as a member of the group.