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Quarterly Awards

Columbus Air Force Base will hold its Quarterly Awards ceremony Oct. 30 at 3:30 p.m. in the Kaye Auditorium.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 4 will mark the ending of Daylight Savings Time. Please remember that clocks should be set back one hour.

Veterans Day

A parade and ceremony in honor of Veterans Day will be held Nov. 10 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Lowndes County Courthouse. The Veterans Day federal holiday will be observed Nov. 12, most base offices will be closed. Commissary will be open during normal business hours.

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SUPT Class 13-01 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

A vision for the future

Col. Jim Sears
Commander, 14th Flying
Training Wing

What comes to mind when you think of Columbus Air Force Base and the 14th Flying Training Wing?

After a short time as your wing commander I see nearly 3,000 Airmen, civilians and contractors who do amazing things every day to make sure we Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen and Feed the Fight. Together we lead from the front.

I see in Team BLAZE a tremendous amount of pride in knowing that they are doing their part better than they have before, with fewer resources and higher demands. They do this with a smile because they know they serve their nation and community in a very special way.

Columbus AFB is fortunate to have a tremendous local community that loves and cares for their Air Force base and Airmen. They are our “12th man” and we cannot accomplish our mission without them. Bar none, this is the strongest bond I have ever seen between a base and the local community.

With this foundation, I challenged our leadership team of squadron and group commanders, directors and group superintendents to develop a long-term vision for Team BLAZE. This is not a statement of who we are but rather of where we are going. We looked to develop a vision worthy of the Air Force’s greatest pilot producer, with programs that lead Air Education and Training Command and challenge the best in the Air Force with



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Col. Jim Sears, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander.

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 (13-10)	4.02 days	0.97 days	Nov. 14	48th (13-02)	0.88 days	1.04 days	Nov. 16	49th (13-BB)	-3.75 days	0.46 days	Nov. 16	T-6	1,958	1,760	1,760
41st (13-11)	2.91 days	3.13 days	Dec. 11	50th (13-02)	2.96 days	-0.30 days	Nov. 16					T-1	761	831	831
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												IFF	360	346	346

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Whitmore, USAF Retired.

Track Select

2nd Lt. Alexander Berry	T-1
2nd Lt. Jonathan Breese	T-38
2nd Lt. Matthew Carey	T-38
2nd Lt. Harold Cecil	T-1
2nd Lt. Daniel DiPietro	T-38
2nd Lt. Zachary Epperson	T-1
2nd Lt. Adam Fuhrmann	T-38
2nd Lt. Abby Gromowsky	T-1
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2nd Lt. Cody Jordan	T-1
2nd Lt. Ryan McCord	T-1
2nd Lt. Jeffrey Munden	T-1
2nd Lt. Jeffrey Nixon	Helo
2nd Lt. Jonathan Palka	Helo
2nd Lt. Taylor Raasch	T-38
2nd Lt. Brent Rist	T-38
2nd Lt. John Roling	T-1
2nd Lt. Matthew Rounds	T-1
2nd Lt. Timothy Sattler	T-38
2nd Lt. Steven Starley	T-1
2nd Lt. David Tavenner	T-1
2nd Lt. Caitlin Teresky	T-1



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
29	30 Quarterly Awards, 3:30 p.m. @ Kaye	31 Last Day of CFC Enlisted Promotions, 4 p.m. @ Kaye Halloween	1 Native American Heritage Month Begins SNCO Induction Ceremony, 6 p.m. @ Club	2 Class 13-02 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	3/4 4th - Daylight Savings Time Ends
5 Night Flying Week	6 Newcomer's Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club		8	9 BCC Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club	10/11 10th - Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremony, 10 a.m. @ Lowndes Courthouse 11th - Veteran's Day

Long Range Events
Nov. 12: Federal Holiday
Nov. 13: Hearts Apart
Nov. 14: Class 13-10 Track Select
Nov. 15: Dormsgiving
Nov. 15: Daedalians
Nov. 16: Class 13-02 Graduation
Nov. 16: IFF Class 13-BBC Graduation
Nov. 22: Thanksgiving
Nov. 23: AETC Family Day
Nov. 30: Enlisted Promotions
Nov. 30: Class 13-03 Assignment Night

VISION

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Airmen at the forefront.

Our new 14th FTW vision is to be "The premier pilot training wing and community developing the world's best Airmen."

It's a simple vision but demands greatness. It is designed to make you think of being the best, and if what you are doing doesn't take us there then you are empowered to make changes that will. We are not just a wing but also a vibrant community that includes all Airmen, families and the local community that does so much to help us succeed in our mission. These are the things that make Columbus AFB unique amongst other bases in AETC and the Air Force.

We have everything we need to be the best – your job is to figure out how. My job is to make sure you have what you need and establish the environment that will enable us to be the best. From this vision come my Guiding Principles:

1. Empower leaders at all levels
2. Challenge the status quo
3. Challenge assumptions
4. Make innovation happen
5. Let mission drive your focus

By embracing a vision focused by the word "premier," it's no longer good enough to be number one. When you get to the top it then becomes about building more distance between yourself and number two. This will take strong leaders, new ideas, innovation and a culture that embraces cost consciousness and excellence in all we do.

So join me, Team BLAZE, in leading AETC and the world's greatest Air Force from the front. Together we are the premier pilot training wing and community developing the world's best Airmen.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 66 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



Election Day leave for civilian, NAF employees

Columbus AFB Installation Voting Office

For those wondering about leave for civilians and NAF employees in order to get to the polls on Nov. 6, here's what you need to know:

General elections will be held Tuesday, Nov. 6 and all employees are encouraged to exercise this important right. Mississippi polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Upon request, civilian airmen may be granted a limited amount of excused absence to vote when the polls are not open at least three hours either before or after an employee's regular tour of duty. The amount of excused absence granted is the amount needed that will allow employees to report to work up to three hours after the polls open, or to leave work up to three hours prior to closing of the polls, whichever requires the least amount of time away from work.

Below are a few examples of how this works:

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. An employee with duty hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. may leave work at 4 p.m. The 90 minutes of excused absence in the afternoon would permit the voting employee to leave work three hours before the polls closed and is the least amount of time away from work.

An employee with duty hours of 7:30 to 4 p.m. would not be entitled to any excused absence since the tour of duty ends at 4 p.m. and polls close at 7 p.m.

An employee working a compressed work schedule with duty hours of 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. may report to work at 10



a.m. The 30 minutes of excused absence in the morning would permit the employee who voted to report to work three hours after the polls open and is the least amount of time away from work.

If an employee's voting place is beyond normal commuting distance and vote by absentee ballot is not permitted, the employee may be granted excused absence not to exceed one day to allow the employee to travel to the voting place to cast a ballot. If more than one day is needed, the employee may request annual leave, use previously earned compensatory time off or LWOP for the additional period of absence.

Employees are responsible for making arrangements with their leave approving official or supervisor in advance for time off to vote.

Questions regarding Election Day leave administration may be referred to your local Civilian Personnel Office at 434-2636.

Attention all flyers, ATC Airmen

Starting Monday, Nov. 5 all flyers and air traffic controllers that need to be examined for Return to Flying/Controlling Status, airsickness, and flying CAP will report to Phillips Auditorium for evaluation

by a flight surgeon. Check-in will be from 7-7:30 a.m. and 1:00-1:30 p.m. Please be aware that this is not a sick call. Only RTFS/RTCS, airsickness, and CAP evaluations will be performed at Phillips Auditorium. All

other patients including the acutely ill will need to call 434-CARE for an appointment. Acutely ill patients will have dedicated appointment slots at the 14th Medical Group from 8-9 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. daily.

Bed and breakfasts for veterans

2nd Lt. Katie Amerson
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

For the past three years, bed and breakfasts across North America have participated in the B&Bs for Vets program which offers veterans a free stay in an inn or B&B as a thank you for serving our great nation. In the past, over 900 inns and B&Bs have offered at least one free room to a veteran and their guest, and this year they are keeping up with the tradition.

The B&Bs for Vets program is coordinated by the Professional Association of Innkeepers International. In order to participate in the program, each inn or B&B must offer at least one free night on Sunday, Nov. 11.

This year in Columbus two bed and breakfasts will be participating: Cartney Hunt House and The Painted Lady of Columbus. Don't wait until the last minute to reserve a room! Last year B&Bs in Columbus had a waiting list for reservations!

To participate, go to www.BnBsforVets.org to view participating B&Bs and reserve a room.

Pumpkin patrol in base housing

Watch for ghouls, ghosts and more in base housing Oct. 31! Children will be trick-or-treating through the area from 6-8:30 p.m. The speed limit will be 10 Mph, enforced by the 14th Security Forces Squadron.

Pumpkin patrol volunteers are also needed to augment the 14th SFS in this effort to make this Oct. 31 a safe one. To volunteer your time and patrol housing areas on base, contact Capt. Laura Hansen at 434-7132 or laura.hansen@columbus.af.mil.



Black Knights gather at reunion



The 49th Fighter Training Squadron attended the 49th reunion in Washington D.C. Oct. 5 to Oct. 9. Pictured are 49th FTS Airmen who attended and P-38 pilots from the 49th Pursuit Squadron in World War II.

Courtesy photo

The nose knows



14th Security Forces Squadron Airmen Tech Sgt. Charleston Calhoun, Staff Sgt. David MacDonald, and military working dog Ali search an off-base building prior to Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy's visit on Oct. 17. The 14th SFS often supports the local community in responding to bomb threats.

U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson

Do's and Don'ts for Airmen during political season

Maj. Jennifer Clay

Air Force Global Strike Command Judge Advocate



BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. — With the 2012 general presidential election only weeks away, please in mind that special ethics rules apply to active-duty Airmen regarding their political activities.

The purpose of these rules is to ensure the Department of Defense does not influence our nation's electoral process. Violation of these rules can have serious consequences and could result in criminal or administrative penalties.

As an Airman, you should be familiar with what you can and cannot do regarding political activities. The following is a quick reminder of the basic rules:

As an Airman, you may:

- Register, vote and privately express your opinions on political candidates and issues (but not as a representative of the Armed Forces).

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- Make monetary contributions to a political organization.
- Encourage other military members to exercise their voting rights, however, you may not attempt to influence or interfere with the outcome of an election. Also, you may not encourage subordinates to vote for or against a particular issue or candidate.

- Sign a petition for specific legislative action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot. You may not identify yourself by rank or duty title.

- Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your

personal views on public issues or political candidates, if such action is not part of an organized letter-writing campaign. You may not identify yourself by rank or duty title. If the letter identifies you as being on active-duty status (or if you are otherwise reasonably identifiable as a member of the Armed Forces), the letter should clearly state that the views expressed are your individual views and not those of the Air Force or DOD.

- Display a small bumper sticker on your private vehicle.

The following activities are prohibited by the Joint Ethics Regulation, DoD Regulations, Air Force Instructions and federal law. Violation of these rules may result in criminal penalties or disciplinary action.

As an Airman, you may not:

- Use your official authority, influence or government resources including e-mail, to interfere with an election, affect the course or outcome of an election, encourage votes for a particular candidate or issue or ask for political contributions from others.

- Participate in any radio, television or other program or group discussion as an advocate of a partisan political party or candidate.

- Solicit or fundraise in federal offices, facilities or military reservations for a partisan political cause or candidate.

- Display a large political sign, banner or poster (as distinguished from a bumper sticker) on the top or side of a private vehicle.

- Participate in any organized effort to provide voters with transportation to the polls if the effort is organized by a partisan political party or candidate.

- Attend partisan political events as an official representative of the Armed Forces.

- Display a partisan political sign, poster, banner or similar device visible to the public at one's residence on a military installation, even if that residence is part of a privatized housing development.

- Under Article 88 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, military officers may not publicly disrespect or undermine certain elected officials, federal secretaries or congress.

Partisan political activities are actions that show support for a particular political party or candidate. For example, an Airman may not participate in a rally supporting a candidate, work for a candidate's election committee, run for elected office, appear in a political advertisement or otherwise officially support a candidate.

Earlier this year, an Army reservist was reprimanded for appearing in uniform on CNN to support a presidential candidate. This is just one example of what not to do.

Energy Mythbusters: Snake Oil at the Pump

Carl James, Ph.D., P.E.
14th Civil Engineer Squadron
Energy Manager

This week I thought I'd extend the fuel saving snake oil topic from last week to help you confidently answer that question every time you pull up to the pump: Regular, mid-grade, premium (all of which contain up to 10 percent ethanol, known as E-10), or keep driving to find a station that sells ethanol-free gas?"

Let's begin with those misleading labels: regular, mid-grade, and premium, which lead one to believe that the extra \$0.20 to \$0.30 per gallon between each grade is buying a better grade or better quality gasoline. This is not true. For a particular brand of gasoline, every grade contains the same detergents (the stuff that keeps your engine and fuel components clean) and the same energy con-

tent (the ability of the fuel to get better gas mileage). What you are paying for by stepping up to the mid-grade or premium price is better resistance to engine knock, as indicated by the fuel's octane rating: 87 (regular), 89 (mid-grade), and 91-93 (premium).

So then, which octane level do you need? Consult your vehicle owner's manual and use the lowest octane rating for which your engine was designed (most are designed to run on 87 octane). If you experience knocking use the next level up. This should be necessary only for occasional conditions such as extreme heat or pulling heavy loads uphill. If higher-than-recommended octane is necessary to prevent engine knock on a continuous basis, either you are buying your fuel from a questionable source or you need to have your engine checked by a

qualified service technician. With very few exceptions unless your car was designed for (or modified and retuned for) higher octane fuel you will achieve neither more power nor higher gas mileage nor lower emissions by using it, so don't waste your money buying it.

Well folks, last week I stole that "snake oil" line from the old westerns and it looks like I'm going to have to pull another stunt from the old westerns and leave you hanging until next week to find out if the hero is going to make it out alive (or in this case, to resolve the E-10 versus ethanol-free dilemma). Until then, I'll leave you with a simple rule of thumb. If the ethanol-free price exceeds the E-10 price by more than three percent and your car is a 2000 or later model, pull up to the E-10 pump and fill'r up.



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.

Transportation

For sale: 1998 Honda Valkyrie motor-

cycle. 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. \$6,000 firm, call 434-8544.

For sale: 2009 Toyota RAV4 SUV, Sandy Beach Metallic with Sand Beige Interior. I need to sell so make me an offer. One owner with only 33,000 miles and in excellent condition. Super nice RAV4 with a 2.5L 4-cylinder engine, four-speed automatic, 4x2, side and curtain airbags, stability control, traction control, plus AM/FM CD, power mirrors, keyless entry, security system plus many more options. Great gas mileage and factory warranty. \$17,900.00 or best

offer. Call 327-1205.

For sale: 2009 Honda Ridgeline SUV/pick-up with 31,000 miles. Dark cherry ivory with beige interior, anti-lock brakes, four-wheel drive, AF/FM six-disc CD changer, five-speed automatic transmission with overdrive, custom side step bars, aluminum wheels, Michelin tires, power side mirrors, 3.5 liter 24-valve VTECH V6 engine, Ridgeline custom floor mats, child safety locks, locking/limited slip differential, cruise-control, four-wheel disc ABS brake system, multi-zone air conditioning, rear head air bag, great gas mileage. \$23,900 or best offer. Call 327-1205.

For sale: 2005 Hyundai Elantra GT, 81,500 miles, 5-door hatchback with automatic-transmission, great gas mileage and incredibly reliable, red exterior with a dark grey interior,

Other than a few small scratches on the right rear door, this car is in great shape and tires have plenty of mileage left in them, maintained and detailed by a luxury car dealership employee, so it has been well taken care of over the years. Currently registered and inspected with Texas plates, title in hand. \$5,750. Call (214) 215-5282 or e-mail kristy.alpert@gmail.com.

Miscellaneous

For sale: IBM Thinkpad business or school laptop SL510, 15.6" display, 2.0 Dual Core Intel processor, 3gb ram, 250gb hard drive, usb ports, DVD-RW/DVD, wi-fi, integrated webcam, Windows 7 Pro, Microsoft Office Word, PowerPoint, Access, Excel, Publisher, Adobe, Roxio Suite, laptop sleeve, in great cosmetic and working condition, asking \$225 or best offer;

IBM Thinkpad R51 business or school laptop, 14" display, 1.7 Pentium processor, 768mb ram, 60gb hard drive, Windows XP, Microsoft suite and more, fantastic condition, asking \$135 or best offer; IBM Thinkpad R51 business or school laptop, 14" display, 1.5 Pentium processor, 512mb ram, 40gb hard drive, Windows XP, Microsoft suite and more, fantastic condition, asking \$135 or best offer, call 386-6981.

For sale: Accessories for 2004 Nissan Titan King Cab: Tinted in-channel (not stick-on) side window visors, \$35 each; 2" trailer hitch cargo carrier, \$125; front tow hooks, \$75 each; key Fob, \$40; Utili-track Channel System, five rails, hardware, tie-down cleats, sliding bed extender, sliding bed divider/rear window guard, \$750. All in excellent condition. Please call 240-0226.

Through Airmen's Eyes: Ultimate wingman helps save friend's life

Airman 1st Class Jake Eckhardt
375th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — (This feature is part of the "Through Airmen's Eyes" series on AF.mil. These stories focus on a single Airman, highlighting their Air Force story.)

An Airman here who noticed the suicidal signs of a friend reported the problem and helped save his friend's life.

Airman 1st Class Albert Chang, 375th Comptroller Squadron, not only got his friend and fellow service member the help he needed, but also served as a wingman to actively be involved with his friend's life when he started noticing his friend's unusual behavior.

"We first met in the courtyard back in the dorms," said Chang. "We became good friends within the first year of knowing one another."

When they met, that Airman was always known to be the comedian of the group.

"He was always making the most absurd, obnoxious jokes," Chang said. "It always caught you off-guard, and always made you laugh."

In May 2012, the Airman was notified that he would face an administrative discharge because of the Date of Service roll-back.

"When he first broke the news to me, he was pretty nonchalant about it," Chang said. "He seemed as though he was alright with it. He was talking about how he had jobs back home and how everything would be fine, but he had a lot on his plate."

Chang helped him prepare for his move out of the Air Force as much as possible, as well as being there for him as a friend.

"One night I was helping him clean, it was just the two of us, and he just broke down and started crying," Chang said. "I'd never seen him like that."

"He was always smiling and making jokes. I didn't know what else to do, I just hugged him," he continued. "That calmed him down a little bit."

Showing the distraught Airman that someone cared enabled him to open up and allowed Chang to see what was really on his mind.

"He told me that his parents actually kicked him out of their house; he joined the Air Force because of it," he said. "He kept reiterating how disappointed his parents were going to be.



U.S. Air Force graphic illustration/Corey Parrish, photo/
Staff Sgt. Ryan Crane

That's when I first noticed that this was actually a big deal to him."

After seeing what his friend was going through, Chang decided to dedicate more of his time for his well-being.

"The more time I spent with him, the more I noticed," he said. "He would crack a joke every once in a while, but I definitely noticed a change in his demeanor. He became quieter, and when he did talk it was very under-spoken."

"A couple of days had passed; we were hanging out in a friend's room," Chang continued. "I'm not sure if anyone else heard it, but he said 'God, I just want it to end. I just want it all to end.'"

"I've never encountered anything like this before, so realistically I didn't know the signs," he said.

Feeling that his friend's condition was getting worse, Chang decided to take his efforts even further.

"During his last week, he didn't have to go into work, so when I went on my break I would take him out to lunch and just talk with him. As small as that seems, I feel that it helped," he said. "The more time I spent with him, the more I tried to prepare myself, but I didn't know what to do. I could just talk to him, but I felt that that was inappropriate with his separation right around the corner."

The closer the separation date came, the more and more

signs followed. Chang realized he couldn't just stand by much longer.

Two days before his friend was supposed to leave, Chang went to the Airman's dorm and found all of his things outside his room. Throughout the day, the unstable Airman had been giving his stuff away.

"At this point it had become blatantly obvious that I had to do something," he said. "I have been through suicide awareness training and these were the signs that we needed to look out for. It was just crazy that it was happening in real life."

"He said he just didn't care anymore," Chang continued. "The trigger for me was when he said he couldn't sleep anymore, because he stayed up thinking about how he just wanted everything to end. We went out to the courtyard with two other friends; I asked them to keep an eye on him for a second."

Chang then left to call his first sergeant after he overcame the fear of what his actions could do.

"I was a bit worried to be honest, because of the negative stigma of calling the authorities on a friend," he said. "I'm sure that's a big barrier in a lot of people have, so I was a bit hesitant at first."

Approximately five minutes after the call, the Airman's first sergeant and security forces arrived to take care of him.

"That was the last I saw of him for two days," he said. "I don't know why, but I felt bad. I felt guilty that he had to be watched because of me."

"I was walking out of the Shoppette when I saw him walk in with his supervisor," he added. "The very second I saw his face, I thought he was going to be mad, but when he saw me he got this big smile on his face. Then he came up to me and gave me a really tight hug. I'll never forget what he said to me. He said, 'Thank you. I was in a really dark place in my life.' I didn't know what to say to that."

Chang and his friend still keep in contact even though he is no longer in the military.

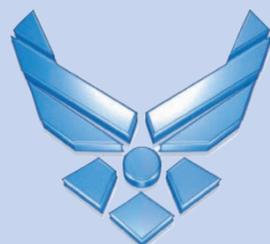
"I don't feel like I did anything special," he said. "I feel like if I was the guy exhibiting suicidal tendencies, someone would help me. I was just helping a friend."

"It doesn't take much to help someone out," Chang added. "Even the smallest action could save a life, but you will never know unless you try."



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Did You Know: Standards for CUI Prep

Master Sgt. Shawn Andrews
14th Operations Group First Sergeant

One of the items that the 14 Flying Training Wing will be graded on during the upcoming Consolidated Unit Inspection is the wing's overall compliance with standards. This is different than the many checklists that your duty section may be running. This is an area that each person reading this column can impact.

As part of the Team BLAZE build-up to the upcoming CUI, this will be a continuing piece highlighting different standards in each article. The standards discussed may be under-practiced, little known or perhaps forgotten.

While some topics may seem trivial to the reader, see how many violators you notice as you go about your business throughout the wing. Each of you are encouraged to educate your peers on the topics and correct those that are not compliant well before the 2013 CUI.

Did You Know?

- **Earrings:** Male Airmen are not authorized to wear earrings on a military installation, or while in uniform or civilian attire for official duty. Female Airmen may wear small (not exceeding 4mm in diameter) spherical, conservative, round white diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver earrings as a set in uniform. Only one set will be worn. (AFI 36-2903 AETC Sup 1, para 6.3.1.1.) Note that the AETC Supplement has a more stringent standard for size than the AFI of 4mm versus 6mm.

- **ABU Cap:** The cap will rest squarely on the head with the bottom of the cap parallel with the ground. The brim of the cap will face forward. Cap may not be pushed, rolled, folded or tucked in (AFI 36-2903, para 6.2.0.1). Those of you that wear the cap way up on the top of your head like Gomer Pyle...not authorized. Those "ranger roles"...nope.

- **Contact Lenses:** Will be natural looking in shape and design. They will be clear in color and not change the color of the Airman's natural eye color (AFI 36-2904, para 6.3.2.2). So if you notice someone with brown eyes one day, and ice-blue eyes the next...call them out!

If you have questions about, or would like more information on, any of the above standards, see your First Sergeant!

Airman puts crosshairs on life goal

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

A person who aspires to live a fulfilling life must first establish future goals and then fight to achieve them each day. Goals are what drive a person to better himself, acquire what they want in life or make a difference in someone else's life.

"You have to have the motivation to get out and actually go after your goal, it's as simple as that," said Airman 1st Class Tiffani Potter, 14th Security Forces Squadron. "If you have the drive to want it and the required ability, you can make it happen."

For Potter, her life goal was realized when she became a certified Air Force sniper Sept. 21, joining a select group in the Air Force, and opened the door to allow future Airmen at Columbus Air Force Base the opportunity to become sharpshooters as well.

"Being a sniper has always been a life goal of mine," said Potter. "It's just a job, but it's what I've always wanted to do."

Potter said she began competition shooting in high school through her Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit and developed a passion for it. She soon decided that she wanted to combine her passion for shooting with a goal she has had since she was a young girl of wanting to be like her father, a law enforcement agent.

"My dad wanted to be in the Air Force and I joined," said Potter. "My dad was a cop and so am I, and my dad always thought of how cool it would be to become a sniper..."

The process for Airmen at Columbus AFB to become a certified Air Force sniper begins with the Advanced Designated Marksman course, an 11-day training course that familiarizes the Airman with the M24 weapon system. Following ADM and through recommendation of instructors, an Airman can return to Fort Bliss, Texas to attend the 19-day Close Precision Engagement Course to learn field techniques and tactics to use in conjunction with the information learned during ADM.

"It's not something that you just say 'Oh yeah, I want to go,'" said Potter. "You have to actually show that you want to go because you're not going to get selected if you don't prove you want it."

CPEC pushes the students to their limits while driving them to excel under tremendous pressure during high intensity moments.

"You have to really want to be there," said Potter. "The training is enough to make you question why you're there."

CPEC training includes learning to make ghille suits, hiding in buildings and lying unseen in the field for hours at a



Courtesy Photos

Airman 1st Class Tiffani Potter, 14th Security Forces Squadron spots for Jesse Janda, 14th SFS during a field shooting exercise. Potter and Janda became sniper-certified Sept. 21, making it possible for other Airmen at Columbus Air Force Base to seek their own certification.

time, learning to be a spotter and a shooter and many other tactics used in a deployed environment.

"The sniper course is difficult, but she spoke with others who had mastered it, prepared accordingly and achieved her goal," said Maj. Joseph Ringer, 14th SFS Commander.

According to Potter, what makes the training so tough is the mix of physical exertion, sleep deprivation and the fact that there is no set schedule.

"You have to show that you truly want to be in the training," said Potter. "They'll drop you from the course if you show that you don't want it badly enough."

Potter not only proved how badly she wanted to become a sniper by completing CPEC, she also became the 10th female in the military to become sniper-certified.

"Potter is off to an excellent start as a defender," said Ringer. "She knew she wanted to be a sniper and let nothing stand in her way."

The path that she has walked, from picking up competition shooting to joining the Air Force to becoming a Security Forces member, has led her to accomplishing her overall goal. Having achieved a goal of this caliber is no easy task. It took devotion and determination to complete the steps required to obtain the end result.

"Goals provide focus to our efforts and purpose to our work, but you must also establish objectives to keep you on track toward your goal," said Ringer. "Objectives are like sign posts, they let us know whether we're headed in the right direction or not. I truly believe goals without objectives are just dreams."

It is apparent that Potter understands the importance of setting tangible objectives in order to work toward her larger end goal. She believes that achieving goals is an important quality to improve self-worth.

"It feels good to have accomplished this," said Potter, "except now I have to find a new goal."

Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.

Make readiness a personal experience

Maj. Tiffany A. Feet

86th Maintenance Squadron commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Recently the world watched in shock as U.S. embassies in multiple countries came under attack and we suffered the first death of a U.S. ambassador in office, in more than 20 years. These events serve as a reminder to Airmen everywhere on how quickly and unexpectedly the call for help can come and how often there is little time to prepare.

Airmen are no stranger to the term readiness, but how many of us have taken the time to understand what readiness requires from each of us individually? When you search for readiness on the internet, it comes up with these definitions; “The state of being fully prepared for something” or “A willingness to do something.” Both of these are good definitions, but alone, they are too broad for personal application.

Understanding readiness is not difficult. Air Force readiness is simply the sum of each member's individual readiness and the availability of its equipment. The key to achieving readiness at the Air Force level is for each member to understand and monitor their individual requirements. So how do we take this broad term called “readiness” and break it down into something that is personally applicable and actionable?

Most Airmen can divide their individual readiness in to three categories: personal, professional and organizational. Imagine you receive a phone call early one morning. You are being recalled. Upon reporting you find out that you are required to deploy and you will be leaving the following morning. Keeping this scenario in mind, consider the following questions:

Personal Readiness:

Will you be scrambling to find someone to feed and care for your pets? Will you be frantically trying to set up automatic payments for your bills? Will you be standing at the legal table on the processing line updating the power of attorney you let lapse or the will you never updated after your marriage or the birth of a child?

Professional Readiness:

Will you be pulled from your primary duties to sit at a com-

puter and complete an overdue training module? Are you rushing to immunizations to get that flu shot you have been receiving emails about for the last three weeks or to get that physical health assessment you are overdue for? As you prepare to leave your additional duties behind, are you quickly trying to bring your alternate up to speed to ensure nothing falls through the cracks during your absence? If you are the alternate and your primary is being deployed, are you digging through the AFIs to learn everything that needs to be done?

Organizational Readiness:

Is the unit scrambling to get waivers or replacements because members tasked in those packages have deployment availability codes against them? Is your section working around the clock to repair equipment so that you can deploy the correct amount and still maintain home station operations? Is your flight sending out runners to look for personnel because member's information was incorrect on the recall roster?

Did you answer yes to any of the questions above? If so, then you are not ready. If you did not answer yes to any of the questions, I would challenge you to come back in a month to ask them again. A lot can happen in one month; people take leave and get injured, recurring training and medical requirements come due, and additional duties can change ... in short, life happens.

Chances are that not all of the answers will be the same because readiness is not a box that can be checked and set aside. It is something that takes constant attention and updating.

These questions are not all encompassing and may not be applicable to all career fields. They are just a few examples that come from my personal and professional experience, but any Airmen can easily sit down and develop a list of questions that apply to their field or personal situation.

Readiness is not an option, it is essential to the mission. It is the linchpin that enables rapid, global mobility and ensures we can respond at a moment's notice when the call for help comes.

When that call does come, the question is simple. Are you ready?

Sweat the small stuff

Lt. Col. William Barrington Jr.

90th Missile Maintenance Squadron commander

F. E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. — I recently had an opportunity to learn about nuclear weapon design from some of the original engineers and physicists who designed the weapons that are in our custody. It struck me that weapons we have in the deterrent force today were designed and built 35 years ago, with vastly different technology and computing power. Furthermore, we recently passed the 20 year anniversary of our last nuclear test in the United States. Today, a new generation of engineers and physicists certifies the stockpile with cutting edge technology, supercomputers and science-based tests. They carry on the legacy of the designers of a generation ago through stockpile stewardship, allowing the continued certification of the safety, security and reliability of the stockpile without nuclear testing.

Other segments of the weapon system — the Minuteman boosters, launch facilities, missile alert facilities and support equipment continue to be tested, modified and upgraded. In fact, we recently completed another successful Simulated Electronic Launch Minuteman test. Everything we do to the weapon system — from maintenance and sustainment, to operations and security — requires a rigorous attention to detail. In our business it's important to maintain the highest level of precision in both personal proficiency and equipment. I ask that you think about the following:

- Sweat the small stuff: don't walk past a problem or accept substandard performance or equipment. Doing so erodes our standards. We must maintain the highest level of excellence in personnel and equipment.

- There are times when you may have to question the status quo. Have you ever been told, “We've always done it this way?” Ask why! In our business, shortcuts or “systems knowledge” are not acceptable. Do it by the book every time.

- You sign your work. Maybe you don't physically sign, but you are responsible for correctly accomplishing your assigned task. Whether you are a doctor, civil engineer, defender, maintainer or missileer, you have an impact on some part of the weapon system every day. When you certify your work, you are acknowledging that you have completed the job correctly and upheld the surety of whatever part of the weapon system you are responsible for.

Adherence to procedures ensures the weapon system performs the way it was designed and intended. Every time you interact with the weapon system and personnel you are creating your own legacy and leaving your impact on nuclear surety and deterrence.

Thomas Jefferson said, “The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.” Our vigilance day in and day out ensures freedom and liberty for our nation and our allies. Stay vigilant — sweat the small stuff. The actions we take today carry on the legacy started by the designers, operators and support personnel from the Manhattan Project and Trinity to today.

Declassified document shows ‘real’ flying saucer

Airman 1st Class R. Alex Durbin

633rd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. — The grainy film showed a round ship floating out of a hangar. Its silver, aluminum exterior glistened in the sun as it hovered a few feet off the ground. As it glided over a pool of water, it kicked debris into the air and the glass canopies of the two cockpits were showered with grass and gravel as the saucer flew forward.

It may seem like a scene out of a classic Hollywood blockbuster, but the footage is documentation of testing held by the U.S. government on an experimental aircraft. This prototype, and fascinating piece of American history, sits on display at the National U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and another resides at U.S. Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis, Va., where plans are underway for its restoration.

With its round design standing at nearly five feet tall and 18 feet wide, the Avro Canada VZ-9AV Avrocar looks like something out of a 1950s science-fiction film. While it may look like something a martian would fly, the Avrocar is anything but science fiction.

Newly declassified documents concerning the Avrocar project were released Oct. 8, when they were published by the U.S. National Archives. Information about the aircraft has been available for years, but the documents now include diagrams that clearly demonstrate the scope of the project.

“The Avrocar was a good start, and the first step on a long road to discovering technology we use today,” said Jeff Underwood, National Museum of the U.S. Air Force historian. “Although the project was never implemented, it serves a successful teaching tool.”

The Avrocar was the result of a Canadian effort to develop a supersonic fighter-bomber, capable of vertical takeoff and landing, in the early 1950s. The idea of what was to become the Avrocar was originally envisioned by British Aircraft designer, Jack Carver Meadows Frost.

A.V. Roe, a Canadian aircraft manufacturing company, along with Frost, based its design concept for the Avrocar on using the exhaust from turbojet engines to drive a circular rotor to produce thrust. By

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directing this thrust downward, it was believed the turbo-rotor could create a cushion of air under the aircraft, allowing it to float a few feet off the ground, as well as accelerate to high speeds at higher altitudes.

The Canadian government provided initial funding for the prototype, but dropped the project when it became too expensive. Avro offered the project to the U.S. government, and the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force took over testing in 1955. Although the project primarily remained in Canada, it was owned and controlled by the U.S. government.

While testing was a combined effort, both services were interested in the project for different reasons. The Army was interested in a durable and adaptable, all-terrain transport and reconnaissance aircraft. The Army Intended the Avrocar to replace their light observation craft and helicopters.

The Air Force was interested in the Avrocar's vertical take-off and landing capabilities, which could potentially hover below enemy radar and accelerate to supersonic speed.

Research data originally indicated that a circular design may have satisfied both service's requirements. A.V. Roe built two, small test models to prove the concept.

“Engineers predicted the Avrocar would be able to reach heights of nearly 10,000 feet,” said Marc Sammis, U.S. Army Transportation Museum curator. “Unfortunately, it was soon discovered that the aircraft wouldn't be able to perform as well as predicted.”

Tests with scale models at Wright-Patterson AFB indicated the cushion of air



U.S. Air Force graphic/Corey Parrish

under the Avrocar would become unstable when the aircraft passed roughly three feet off the ground. It was determined the aircraft was not incapable of reaching supersonic speeds, nor would the circular shape of the craft allow the Avrocar to have stealth capabilities. Although the aircraft did not meet the expectations of the Air Force, testing was continued to examine if a suitable model could be developed to fit the Army's needs.

The first prototype was sent to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, Calif. Wind-tunnel tests proved the aircraft had insufficient control for high speed flight and was aerodynamically unstable. Although engineers attempted to perfect the design, the project was marred with problems.

“Once engineers would fix a problem, another would arise because of the modification,” said Sammis.

The second Avrocar prototype underwent flight tests. Project engineers discovered once the craft rose beyond three feet above the ground, it displayed uncontrollable pitch and roll motions. The lack of computer technology and design flaws required pilots to control each engine separately, making it very difficult even for two pilots to properly control.

In December 1961, project leaders discovered the Avrocar could not reach a

maximum speed higher than 35 mph. This, along with the crafts other shortcomings, led them to cancel testing permanently.

“This project was far ahead of its time,” said Underwood. “It was a perfect concept, but the technology of the time wasn't advanced enough.”

Although the testing was deemed a failure by the engineers and pilots who spearheaded the experimentation, the implications of the Avrocar's technology had far-reaching results.

“Just because the tests weren't successful, doesn't mean it was a failure,” said Underwood. “This experiment started engineers down a path to more innovative concepts based on what was learned.”

Technology used by many aircraft, like the AV-8B Harrier II, V-22 Osprey and the F-22 Raptor, can trace its history back to the Avrocar.

Concepts gleaned from the Avrocar testing are still being implemented today with the development of the U.S. Marine's variant of the F-35 Lightning II. The F-35B will offer the capability to land vertically, making it the first aircraft in history to combine both stealth and vertical landing capabilities.

“Aircraft with capabilities to take-off and land vertically have their roots in this experiment,” said Sammis. “These capabilities come from a long line of experimentation which started with the Avrocar.”

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.

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.



Base families offered a wide variety of fun activities

Columbus Club New Hours

In order to provide improved service while maintaining a budget, the Columbus Club will be closed on Mondays beginning Nov. 5. Indy's at the club will feature a revamped menu, and will be featuring a daily buffet starting Nov. 6 so come on out for some lunch.

FREE Halloween Adult Costume Party

The Columbus Club presents an Adult Halloween Costume Party. This free event will be held at the Club on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Need child care? This event is held in conjunction with the Give Parents a Break Program, call 434-2479 for more information on child care and 434-2419 for more information of the costume party.

Bowling Spook-tacular!

Visit the Bowling Center on Halloween, Oct. 31 to enjoy a nine pin no tap tournament starting at 7 p.m. \$10 per person includes bowling, shoe rental, and a prize fund. Register by 6:30 p.m. the day of the tournament. For more information call 434-3426.

Pumpkin Carving Time!

The Library will host the Fall Pumpkin Carving contest on Oct. 26. Sharpen up your carving skills to enter this fun contest. Stay tuned for information on picking up a free pumpkin... For more information contact 434-2934.

Boo! The Monster March is back!

This event is fun for ALL ages. Get dressed in you favorite costume and take a bus ride (or walk) from Freedom Park to designated locations for fun, games, and prizes on Saturday, Oct. 27. Registration will be held at Freedom Park from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and the march will run from 9-11 a.m. For more information contact 434-2507.

Costume Contest

Immediately after the Monster March the Youth Center will host a Costume Contest at Freedom Park on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. 6 trophies for Best Overall Costume categories and goodie bags for 2nd and 3rd place in categories. Categories include: (1) Best Overall Costume for 0-2 Years, (2) Best Overall Costume for 3-5 Years, (3) Best Overall Costume for 6-8 Years, (4) Best Overall Costume for 9-12 Years, (5) Best Overall Costume for the Teen Category, and (6) Best Overall Costume in the Family Category. For more information on the contact the Youth Center at 434-2504.

Get Bowled Over!

Every Friday in October from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. you can bowl for \$1 per game with a \$1 shoe rental. For more information contact 434-3426.

Mothers Happy Time!

The Child Development Center presents Mothers Happy Time! Let the CDC provide care for your children while you enjoy some "Happy Time" with friends. Get three or four mothers together and plan an outing. Available Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information call 434-2479.

Sunday Lunch N Bowl

Lunch N Bowl on Sundays, 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.

Two for Tuesdays

Two for Tuesdays at Whispering Pines Golf Course, \$25 for two



players to play up to 18 holes of golf including cart. For more information contact 434-7932.

Are you feeling lucky?

Information Ticket and Travel offers monthly casino trips every first Friday of each month. With more than 5,000 slot machines, 115 table games and 14 poker tables including the wildly popular Texas Hold'em, you will not be bored at the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, MS. Join the fun for only \$25 which includes transportation and receive \$25 IN BONUS BETS! Contact 434-2505 for more information.

Are you ready for some Football?

Plan now for the New Orleans Saints vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers NFL game trip 15-16 December (game date Dec. 16 at noon). Trip includes game tickets, transportation, and lodging at the Best Western in Slidell. Call 434-2504 for pricing information.

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.

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.

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.

Batting Cages Open

Visit the batting cages which 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 251-9255 for an appointment.

Daily Fitness Classes Available

Columbus AFB Fitness and Sports offers a variety of heart-pumping, sweat-inducing classes throughout the week including Aerobics Class. 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. Wednesdays at 5 p.m. spin. 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 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.

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 AFRC at 434-2790.

Space A Lodging

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

Base News

SNCO Induction Ceremony

On Nov. 1 there will be a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Induction Ceremony. This ceremony will take place at the Columbus Club. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and the ceremony will commence at 7 p.m. The cost for this event will range from \$22 to \$30 depending on meal choice and club status. Meal choices will include Beef Tenderloin, Crab Stuffed Flounder and Vegetarian Lasagna. There is an electronic invite being circulated for personnel to fill out and attend or they can contact Master Sgt. Angela Coleman to have their name added to the pro rata. Her contact information is angela.coleman@columbus.af.mil or contact by phone at 434-2088.

Tax Volunteers

The Columbus AFB Tax Center will open in late January and we are looking for volunteer tax preparers and center assistants. All of our volunteers play a critical role in assisting service members, retirees and dependents complete and file their tax returns. This service helps our clients obtain the refunds they have earned! We welcome volunteers with special skills or training, and would appreciate your expertise. However, training will be provided on the latest tax preparation forms and software, so prior experience is not required. Great volunteers are individuals who have prepared their own tax returns; are comfortable with computers; are willing to learn; and enjoy working with people. If you want to become a trained tax preparer or volunteer in any other way, please contact Capt Wells in the legal office at 662-434-7030 to register.

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. For any questions, please call 434-1614.

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.

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.

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.

Computer Workshops

The cost is \$30 each if taken at the Golden Triangle campus. They are free and taught here on base at the AFRC. We need a minimum of six,

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)

Harvest Fest

The Protestant parish invites the entire BLAZE community to the annual Harvest Fest on Wed, Oct. 31st, from 5 to 7 p.m., outside on the lawn between the Base Chapel and Kaye Auditorium. The alternate location is the Chapel Annex in case of inclement weather. This fun event features carnival games, prizes, candy, cake walk, food, face painting, and live Christian music. All activities and food are free. There's something here for every age group. You simply don't want to miss this worthwhile festival. Please, no scary costumes.

Account Manager Advertisement

1. Title of Contract Position: Account Manager
2. Basic specifications or qualifications:
2.1 Approving official and account manager for all Chaplain Fund purchase requests.

maximum of 11. We currently have two in each. If we do not get enough students, EMCC cannot provide an instructor, and we may not be able to offer these workshops in the future.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center. We have volunteer opportunities located throughout the base for a one-time event, special events, or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Golf Course, Medical Clinic, the Chapel, Airman Attic, Thrift Store the Retiree Activities office and many others'.

Air Force Aid Society's Gen. H.H. Arnold Education Grant

Online applications for the 2013-2014 academic year will be available from the Society's website, www.afas.org, after Nov. 1. Please visit their website for details on eligibility and requirements.

2.2 Manage and maintain the fiscal requirements of all Chapel program funding requests in accordance with guidance provided by Chaplain Corps Accounting Center, Wing Chaplain and the Chapel NCOIC.

2.3 Work a minimum of 12 hours per week. Established days and times of office hours are subject to the needs of the chapel and must be agreed to by the Wing Chaplain.

2.4 Track, maintain and submit monthly work invoices to the NCOIC, Chapel Operations or designee no later than 5 working days in the following month.

2.5 Observe all safety and security requirements of facility and resources at all times.

2.6 Comply at all times with AFI 52-105V2, 14 FTW/HC OI 52-105V2, applicable policy letters and other applicable AFIs.

2.7 Possess an ability to maintain healthy, functional interpersonal relationships with chapel staff, volunteers and congregants. Maintain professional standards of conduct and public decorum, including but not limited to dress and grooming.

3. A demonstration of skills will not be required.

4. Bid documents may be obtained from the Chapel front office personnel. POC is Staff Sgt. Brian Hanna at 434-2500.

5. Bids, resumes and other documents may be submitted to chapel front office personnel. POC is Staff Sgt. Brian Hanna at 434-2500.

6. Submission due date is NLT COB Nov. 8 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 13-01 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



1st Lt. Emma Rush
San Antonio, Texas
AC-130H, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Matthew Berggren
Carson City, Nev.
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Matthew Brew
Suffield, Conn.
C-130E/H, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Twenty-five officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot. Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 13-01 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Air Force Maj. Gen. (Ret.) James A. Whitmore who last served Director of Intelligence, Operations and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He was responsible for developing policies and programming resources for Air Force technical and aircrew training programs including undergraduate flying and initial skills training for Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Reserve and Guard personnel; Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training; enlisted accessions; initial training and non-rated supplemental training.

2nd Lt. Roderick Mills, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Dominic Collins, 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. Alicia Robillard, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Anthony Ortiz, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenant Collins, Lieutenant Mills and 2nd Lt. Bradley Sapper, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 13-01.

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.

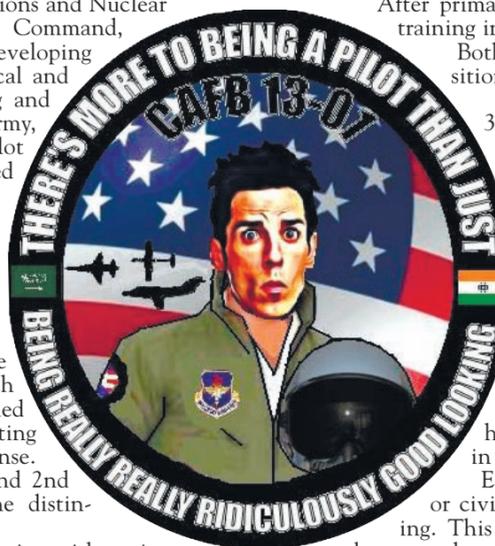
Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

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 13-01's pilot partners are CJ's Pizza and CPI Group.



2nd Lt. Gabriel DeJong
Naples, Fla.
E-3, Tinker, Okla.



2nd Lt. Matthew Faber
Lubbock, Texas
MQ-9, Creech, Nev.



2nd Lt. Ross Farling
Troy, Ohio
C-130H, Louisville IAP, Ky.



2nd Lt. Alexander Flowers
Atlanta, Ga.
C-130E/H, Little Rock AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Anthony Ortiz
Newnan, Ga.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Bradley Polender
Wauwatosa, Wis.
C-17, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska



2nd Lt. James Reed
Columbus, N.J.
KC-10, McGuire, N.J.



2nd Lt. Alicia Robillard
Bristol, Conn.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Marshal Russell
Melmont, Conn.
KC-135, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Jack Ryan
Chaska, Minn.
KC-135, Mildenhall AB, U.K.



2nd Lt. Bradley Sapper
Warsaw, Ind.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Tyler Small
Nashport, Ohio
EC-130H, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Christopher Venema
Centerville, Ohio
MQ-1, Springfield, Ohio



2nd Lt. Jason Williams
Woodbridge, Va.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Anna Campbell
Memphis, Tenn.
C-17, Memphis, Tenn.



2nd Lt. Domnic Collins
Valparaiso, Fla.
F-16, Tucson ANGB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Meaghan Cosand
O'Fallon, Ill.
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Katherine Maier
Ottawa, Kan.
MC-130J, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Morgan Mathis
Seattle, Wash.
DO-328, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Edward Miller
Brevard, N.C.
T-1A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Roderick Mills
Fairbanks, Alaska
C-17, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska