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## News Briefs

### Thanksgiving Holiday

Columbus Air Force Base will be celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, Nov. 22. and Friday, Nov. 23 will be an AETC family day. Most base offices will be closed Nov. 22-23. For a full listing of base services hours on these days see page 4.

### Enlisted Promotions

The next Columbus AFB Enlisted Promotions will take place Nov. 29 at 4 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

### Class 13-03 Assignment Night

The Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 13-03 Assignment Night will be held Nov. 30 at 5 p.m. in the Columbus Club.

## Inside



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SUPT Class 13-02 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

## Columbus AFB and community honor veterans

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

Columbus Air Force Base and the local community came together the morning of Nov. 10 to honor military veterans during the 2012 Lowndes County Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony.

The parade began at the Police Complex on Main Street in downtown Columbus and ended at the Lowndes County Courthouse, where the ceremony began. Col. Jim Sears, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander was the guest speaker for this ceremony.

“We gather here today to honor those men and women who have worn our nation’s uniform,” said Sears. “More importantly, we join to thank them for their service and devotion to duty.”

Sears said that since 1776 there have been approximately 48 million men and women who have worn an American uniform. All of those service members have had one thing in common during their time in service: “Whether they served during time of war or peace, our service members all share a common bond: their unwavering belief in the cause of freedom;

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U.S. Air Force Photo/Senior Airman Chase Hedrick  
Joel McAdams, WWII veteran, Col. Jim Sears, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander and Airman 1st Class Jason Laufer, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron lay a wreath upon an armed forces memorial at the Lowndes County Courthouse during a Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 10. Columbus Air Force Base and the local community held an annual parade and ceremony in downtown Columbus to honor past and present veterans.

## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (13-12)	2.71 days	2.21 days	Jan. 16	48th (13-03)	1.17 days	1.62 days	Dec. 14	49th (13-CB)	1.02 days	2.75 days	Dec. 19	T-6	1,152	1,007	3,419
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												IFF	328	142	578

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Samuel Cox, Director, Strategy, Policy, Programs, and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.



## 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.

### VETERANS

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a belief so strong that they were willing to give their lives, if needed, in its defense.”

Also in attendance was the Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 14th Field Artillery Regiment of the Mississippi Army National Guard who returned from a deployment in March of 2010. They too shared the belief in the cause of freedom with all other service members and acted on it during their deployment to Iraq by completing over 350 missions downrange and had zero casualties.

“Our veterans are living examples of what it means to be good,” said Sears. “They have given us a lifetime of service and our country has been enriched by their contributions both in and out of uniform.”

The Veterans Day ceremony was opened by the posting of the colors, executed by the Columbus AFB honor guard, followed by the Mississippi University for Women chorale group’s rendition of the National Anthem and an invocation led by Maj. Leslie Janovec, Chaplain.

R.H. Brown, narrator for the 2012 ceremony, then led the POW/MIA Prayer ceremony where a POW/MIA flag was placed on an empty chair to honor those that could not attend. A moment of silence followed the prayer.

A flyover was executed by the 37th Flying Training Squadron following the moment of silence. The two T-6A Texan II’s in the formation were honoring Armistice Day, the precursor to the current Veterans Day which was developed to honor veterans of World War I, by flying over the ceremony at the 11th minute of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Armistice Day commemorated the agreement between the World War I allies and Germany that took effect Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. in 1918.

Following the speech, Col. Sears, assisted the oldest service member, Joel McAdams, and the youngest service member, Airman 1st Class Jason Laufer, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, with the laying of a wreath at a memorial dedicated to U.S. armed forces outside of the Columbus courthouse.

After the wreath was laid, Staff Sgt. Chris Jones, 14th Security Forces Squadron played Taps with a bugle. At the last note of Taps, Larry Priest, assisted by a local Cub Scouts of America group, released doves into the air which marked the ending of the ceremony.

“To all veterans and their families we say thank you,” said Sears. “Thank you for your sacrifices and sense of duty and for your service. We are the greatest nation on Earth because of you.”

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19	20 Street Smart Program, 7, 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. @ Kaye	21	22 Thanksgiving	23 AETC Family Day	24/25
26	27	28	29 Nnative American History Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club  Enlisted Promotions, 4 p.m. @ Club	30 Class 13-03 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	1/2

Long Range Events
Dec. 3: Base Cookie Drive
Dec. 6: Base Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec. 3-8: Services Transformation Base Visit
Dec. 4: Hearts Apart
Dec. 9: Hanukkah
Dec. 10-14: Night Flying Week
Dec. 11: CSC Holiday Social
Dec. 11: Newcomer’s Orientation
Dec. 11: Class 13-11 Track Select
Dec. 14: Class 13-03 Graduation
Dec. 24: AETC Family Day
Dec. 25: Christmas Day
Dec. 31: AETC Family Day

# Track Select

1st Lt. Syung Kim	T-1
2nd Lt. James Arnold	T-1
2nd Lt. Thomas Duncan	T-1
2nd Lt. Daniel Emirbayer	T-1
2nd Lt. Adam Gazda	T-38
2nd Lt. Francesco Iapadre	T-38
2nd Lt. Brian Keck	T-1
2nd Lt. Max Mallory	T-1
2nd Lt. Samuel Morrissey	T-1
2nd Lt. Aaron Payomo	T-1
2nd Lt. William Peters	T-1
2nd Lt. Matthew Reoch	T-38
2nd Lt. Scott Richards	T-38
2nd Lt. Gregory Schoolcraft	T-1
2nd Lt. Nicholas Slattery	T-1
2nd Lt. Giovanni Viggiano	T-38



## Leverette/Overall Award

2nd Lt. William Peters

## Top Guns

**Academic:** 2nd Lt. William Peters  
**Contact:** 2nd Lt. William Peters  
**Instruments:** 2nd Lt. William Peters  
**Formation:** 2nd Lt. William Peters

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## Polish Air Force tour Columbus AFB



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Members of the Polish Air Force and 14th Operations Group leadership pause for a photo in front of the 14th OG building on Nov. 6. The visit was designed to give the Polish officials a better understanding of pilot production on Columbus Air Force Base and to meet with the Polish students in training here.

# IFF 13-BBC Graduates

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron will graduate Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Class 13-BBC on Nov. 16. Seven members will graduate this phase of their training on their way to becoming fighter pilots and weapons systems officers in the combat air forces.

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

The nine-week course begins with tactical formation flights and then introduces pilots to basic fighter maneuvers and air-to-air employment in offensive, defensive, and high aspect fight scenarios. Students bound for aircraft with an air-to-ground attack capability then move on to surface attack and low-altitude tactical navigation phases learning to employ ordnance



**Capt. Brian Anderson**  
F-15C



**Capt. Dakota Olsen**  
F-16



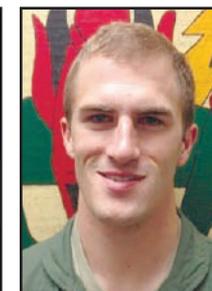
**1st Lt. Daiki Ishihara**  
F-2



**1st Lt. Andrew Morton**  
F-15E



**2nd Lt. Christopher Goodloe**  
F-15E



**2nd Lt. John Patten**  
F-16

against ground targets. The skills learned during IFF directly translate to the fighters these students will soon fly in their follow-on training and one day employ in combat.

Congratulations to our newest fighter wingmen!



**2nd Lt. Martin Smith**  
F-16

## Brighten an Airman's Christmas

### From the 14th Flying Training Wing First Sergeants

The Columbus Air Force Base Angel Tree is now up in the Base Exchange lobby. These Angels directly impact our Airmen and families. Each Angel is listed with the gender and age of a Columbus AFB child. Some Angels include clothing sizes and gift wishes.

Each Angel is individu-

ally numbered. Some include a number and letter (i.e. 1a, 1b, 1c, etc.). These denote families with multiple children.

Gifts do not have to be wrapped. If you have multiple items for the same child, please include them in the same bag or annotate your Angel number on the items.

It is extremely easy to support the Angel Tree program. Just take an Angel and shop at the store of your choosing. You

can return the gift (with Angel attached or included) to any BX cashier or customer service representative. Please return all gifts by Dec. 17.

If you choose to take an Angel, but later decide that you no longer wish to support the program, please return the Angel to the tree or give it to a First Sergeant so we can ensure no child goes without.

We thank all of you for your generosity and support.

# Three garner AETC awards

AETC 2012 General John Jumper Award for Excellence in Warfighting Integration (Officer): Maj. Ingemar Westphall, 14th Communication Squadron Commander.

AETC 2012 Information Dominance Annual Award, Outstanding Knowledge

Operations Management Airman: Senior Airman Perry Huffman, 14th CS.

2012 AETC Civil Engineer Annual Awards Air Force Outstanding Civil Engineer Unit, Small Unit Category: 14th Civil Engineer Squadron.

## Feed the Fight



Courtesy graphic

Maj. Andy Wistrucill from the 49th Fighter Training Squadron shakes hands with Royal Saudi Air Force Brig. Gen. Abdulrahman Saleh Haboudal, Saudi Arabian Air Operations Center Director. Wistrucill is currently deployed with the Air Force Central Command A5 Air Defense Liaison Team where he leads a multi-nation, multi-service team. 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)

## 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.



## Thanksgiving holiday hours

### 14th Force Support Squadron

Manpower: Closed Nov. 22-23  
Civilian Personnel: Closed Nov. 22-23  
Military Personnel: Closed Nov. 22-23  
NAF HR: Closed Nov. 22-23

Taco Bell: Closed  
Subway: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
GNC: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Barber Shop: Noon-4 p.m.  
Beauty Shop: Closed

### Arts/Auto:

Nov. 21-24: Closed

### BX:

Nov. 22

The Express: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
The Main Exchange: Closed  
Taco Bell: Closed  
Subway: Closed  
GNC: Closed  
Barber Shop: Closed  
Beauty Shop: Closed  
Optical: Closed

### Bowling Center:

Nov. 21: 6 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Nov. 22: Closed  
Nov. 23: Closed  
Nov. 24: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

### Commissary:

Nov. 19: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Nov. 22: Closed  
Nov. 23: Closed

### Club:

Nov. 22-23: Closed

### Fitness Center:

Nov. 22: Closed  
Nov. 23-25: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Golf Course

Nov. 19: Closed  
Nov. 20: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Nov. 21: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Nov. 22: Closed

### Library:

Nov. 22-25: Closed

### Lodging:

Open 24 hours every day

### Outdoor Recreation

Nov. 19: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Nov. 20: Closed  
Nov. 21: Closed  
Nov. 22: Closed  
Nov. 23: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Nov. 23  
Mall opens at Midnight  
The Express: 6 a.m.-10 a.m.  
The Main Exchange: 4 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Taco Bell: Closed  
Subway: 3 a.m.-6 p.m.  
GNC: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Beauty Shop: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Nov. 24  
Mall opens at 4 a.m.  
The Express: 8 a.m.-10 a.m.  
The Main Exchange: 6 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Taco Bell: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Subway: 4 a.m.-6 p.m.  
GNC: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Barber Shop: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Beauty Shop: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nov. 25  
The Express: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
The Main Exchange: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

## 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.

# AF establishes full-time presence in Poland

**Jim Garamone**  
American Forces  
Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials praised the long-standing relationship with Poland as they celebrated the first full-time U.S. military presence in that nation yesterday.

During a ceremony at Lask Air Base, located about 100 miles southwest of Warsaw, U.S. Air Force personnel flew the American flag, marking the establishment of a small unit dedicated to supporting multi-national aviation training and exercises. The ten personnel of the detachment will be joined by up to 200 visiting airmen conducting quarterly training rotations.

U.S. Ambassador to Poland Stephen D. Mull and Navy Adm. James G. Stavridis, the commander of U.S. European Command and NATO's supreme allied commander, were joined at the ceremony by Poland's Defense Minister Tomasz Siemoniak, Chief of Staff Army Gen. Mieczyslaw Cieniuch and Air Force Commander Gen. Lech Majewski.

The arrival of the 10-man team at the base represents "a new kind of U.S. 'boots on the ground' here in Poland," said Derek Chollet, the assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs. Chollet represented Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta at the ceremony.

"The alliance between the United States and Poland is rooted in shared history, shared values and deep ties among our people, cemented through NATO and the ironclad commitment to Article 5," Chollet said. "The Polish people have been our partners for over two centuries, and since joining the NATO alliance in 1999, your troops have been shoulder-to-shoulder with ours in the Balkans, in Iraq and in Afghanistan."

The personnel in Lask will provide continuity for U.S. personnel

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rotating in and out of Poland, defense officials said. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon and C-130 Hercules units will form the core of the U.S. presence. The personnel at the detachment will report to the 52nd Fighter Wing, based at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

President Barack Obama and Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk agreed to the U.S. presence in Lask during the president's visit to Poland last year. The detachment will make it easier for U.S. and Polish airmen to increase their interoperability and will enhance military-to-military ties at all levels, defense officials said.

The presence will also facilitate bilateral and, officials hope, multi-national joint training exercises. Poland has extensive ranges and its airspace is far more open than countries farther west. Officials also hope this will allow both militaries to deepen already strong partnerships.

"I am truly proud of the way our defense cooperation has focused on looking to the future to ensure we are prepared for the threats and challenges our countries will face," Chollet said. "As we move together into the future, we expect more U.S. boots to follow as we establish a NATO ballistic missile interceptor site at Redzikowo in 2018."

The U.S. aviation detachment "also sends a clear message to allies and partners that the U.S. remains committed to European defense and to the principle that we are indeed 'stronger together,'" Chollet said.

# New LED fixtures light the way

**Lea Johnson**  
21st Space Wing Public  
Affairs staff writer

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — For close to two years, almost half of the street lights and parking lot lights on Peterson AFB have been disabled in an effort to cut energy costs. This past summer, the lights started coming back on in anticipation of new light-emitting diode fixtures being purchased.

According to Jim Jacobsen, 21st Civil Engineer Squadron energy manager, in late 2007 Air Force Space Command put together a cross-functional team to conduct market research, identify requirements, and develop specifications and an implementation strategy. The team's goal was to reduce energy and reduce maintenance while matching or improving existing illumination and visibility.

In 2008, Peterson became one of two preliminary testing sites for a variety of LED and other high-efficiency lighting fixtures along roadways and in parking lots, to replace existing high-intensity discharge lights.

A variety of fixtures were installed at multiple locations for a little more than a year and according to Jacobsen, they performed well.

"They conducted tests and evaluations of many different models, to see what the pattern was like, to see what the white light quality was and how long they lasted," Jacobsen said.

They performed so well, in fact, that Air Force Space Command

approved a command-wide purchase and the installation of the LED lights.

The pilot project results proved that energy could be saved and maintenance reduced allowing all the lights on Peterson AFB to be turned back on. With the study complete and support from the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, AFSPC initiated a command-wide program to replace all the fixtures. Included in the procurement is the U.S. Air Force Academy and 14 other locations.

Fox Theriault, AFSPC energy analyst and LED project manager, said a bulk purchase of about 6,400 LED fixtures for 15 installations will be made using \$6.4 million of Energy Focus Funds from the AFCEC.

Across AFSPC, and including the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., savings from the lights will be \$388,000 annually with an additional \$618,000 annually in operations and maintenance costs, Theriault said.

"Testing, market research, and industry clearly indicate that this emerging technology is ready for full implementation with enormous payback," he said.

According to Theriault, LED fixtures typically have a 60,000 to 80,000 hour life expectancy, which is three to four times the life expectancy of the old high-intensity discharge style fixtures. The new fixtures will use approximately 60 percent less electricity than HID lights but one of the greatest savings will be in the reduced maintenance. The new LED fixtures are virtually maintenance

free and come with a 10-year warranty.

The 21st Space Wing is installing a total of 1,540 fixtures at six installations, costing approximately \$152,000. Across the wing, total energy cost savings is expected to be \$162,000 with additional savings in operation and maintenance of \$140,000 a year.

Upfront, the cost of the LED lights is more expensive, but within three or four years, the lights will have paid for themselves.

According to Jacobsen, once the lights are installed, they will all be illuminated to ensure proper function of the lights and replacements will be made where necessary.

"Once all of the lights have been (tested) and any required warranty replacements have been completed we will again look at delamping opportunities to garner additional savings," he said.

In mid-September, a contract was awarded to Utility Systems Solutions, Inc; an 8a small business set aside company, who partnered with Philips Hadco to provide all the fixtures. US2 and Hadco engineers are currently conducting site visits validating the requirements before shipping the fixtures to each installation. Bases are also finalizing the install contracts or some are planning to do in-house replacement. Hadco plans to start shipping fixtures in mid December and installation of the LED lights will start shortly after they arrive at the bases.

The process should take three to four months to complete.

# Columbus AFB Exchange to open at 4 a.m. on 'Black Friday'

**Army and Air Force Exchange  
Service Public Affairs**

Military shoppers can come early and gobble up the savings as the Columbus AFB Exchange will open its doors at 4 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23 for "Black Friday" sales.

"From our family to yours, Happy

Thanksgiving," said the Exchange's General Manager, Roberto Montalvo. "The day after is the unofficial holiday season for many Exchange shoppers. The deals we will be serving up will offer plenty of incentive to get up early."

Beginning 4 a.m. Nov. 23, the Columbus AFB Exchange will pass out take-a-tickets

for the most popular "doorbuster" items as well as bounce back coupons that can be used throughout the weekend that add value and excitement to this year's event.

Shoppers can call the Columbus AFB Exchange for additional information at 434-8484.



## Christmas cookie drive

Help provide our unaccompanied personnel with fresh home-baked treats this holiday season! Bake or buy cookies, brownies, fudge, etc. and deliver them to the Columbus Club between 6:30 and 9 a.m. on Monday, December 3rd. All baked goods must be packed in a formed, disposable container that does not need to be returned. Volunteers to help pack and deliver the cookies are welcome. Please contact Mai Lan Isler at 434-0288 or at mattisler@aol.com to volunteer or ask questions. Thank you for support!

# FROM ONE HERO TO ANOTHER



**MEET THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE SAVING LIVES AT HOME.**

Street Smart: Saves Lives. Presented by experienced firefighters/paramedics, Street Smart is a real-life program that dramatically demonstrates the consequences of poor choices such as drunk driving, drug abuse, eating, texting and talking on the telephone while driving, and not wearing seat belts. Come learn how you can become Street Smart, and be on the front line of safety.

**STREET SMART**

I hereby consent to my son/daughter participating in the Street Smart Presentation on 20 Nov 12 with the understanding that the presentation is graphic in nature:

Dependents Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: Nov. 20  
Time: 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1 p.m.  
Location: Kaye Auditorium

Dependents are welcome and encouraged to participate; those under 18 should bring the attached consent form.

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# Jogging is usually a safe sport

Staff Sgt. Bryan Franks  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

It's 4:20 a.m. on a cold, crisp Saturday morning and my alarm clock is going off. I roll out of bed, grab my phone and begin checking the applications I use before any hunting trip. It's 34 degrees with winds out of the north. According to apps, the wind is still not good for the hunting stand I've been dying to try, but I grab my gear anyway because a good day in the woods is better than almost anything else (I have to include this in my story because I'm married). What do I include in my gear? Hunters orange, flashlight, smartphone (because you have to have games to play when it's slow) cover spray, camouflage, toilet paper (for emergencies), weapon of choice, deer stand and safety harness (because no one is ever around to catch me if I fall).

I head over to the fire department to sign in and check the map to see where, if any, other hunters are. Then I circle my location (keeping my exact location classified) in Area A and by now it's 5:05 a.m. and I'm headed into the woods. By the time I'm finished climbing my stand and settled it's 5:15 a.m. and I have about 30 minutes before it's even legal to shoot. Yes, I'm dedicated and maybe a little obsessive when it comes to the sport I love, but it only comes around once a year and lasts for about four months.

Airman John Doe, a.k.a. Airman Snuffy, also wakes up this same Saturday. He had a hard week, commanders and first sergeants were blaming him for things around the base, but to his credit, he's a fitness guru and he's training to run the Christmas Marathon in West Point, Miss. He also checks the apps on his phone to see what the running weather will be like this morning.

Airman Snuffy puts on his running clothes, running shoes, throws his head phone on and is out the door by 6:35 a.m. for his Saturday morning jog. He plans on mak-

ing this a 10k run so he decides to take the scenic route down the gravel road by the fire department known as Shotgun Road. You would think the name of the road says enough, and this is when it all goes bad for Airman Snuffy.

It's 7:15 a.m., and I haven't seen a thing. I'm tired and feel defeated, but in the distance I hear the faint noise of a trot. I could tell where it was coming from and they usually never come from that direction, but there is

always a first for everything. Finally, I can see it in the distance. It's a big deer right in the middle of the road, and he stops off to the edge in the grass...I raise my weapon and fire.

Meanwhile Airman Snuffy is breaking in his new shoes for the race; however, there seems to be an issue with them staying tied. He stops and moves to the edge of the road and bends over to tie his shoe when he feels the sharp pain of what seems to be a branding iron across his butt.

I check to see if my quarry is down, but instead I see Airman Snuffy screaming and dancing around. I don't know why Airman Snuffy was on Shotgun Road. There's a sign that clearly states Shotgun Road is off limits during hunting season, which is from November until the end of January. However it was the reindeer jump suit (antlers included) that really blew my mind. Later on he told me he was training in the gear he would run in during the Christmas marathon.

The moral of the story: Don't run down Shotgun Road in a reindeer jump suit during hunting season.

Both hunters and runners are fortunate to share the great outdoor opportunities Columbus AFB has to offer. Let's all be safe during this and every hunting season. Shotgun Road is designated off limits during hunting season which will be in full swing through January.

(All characters appearing in this work are fictitious. Any resemblance to real persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental. No Airmen or animals were hurt during the writing of the story.)



# Freedom is free

Tech. Sgt. Mike Andriacco  
U.S. Air Forces Central  
Command Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Both of my grandfathers and my uncle were veterans. And until the day he died, my dad's father had a yellow ribbon magnet of the back of his car that read "Freedom isn't Free." After he passed away and I bought the car from my father and uncle, I kept the magnet there, firmly believing in the message.

I'm not so sure I do anymore. A few months ago I was participating in a professional forum with some peers when I came to a realization. For the vast majority of people who enjoy its benefits, freedom is free; it's supported by donations and, in return, the primary donors earn the title "Veteran."

The more I thought about this idea, the more I began to realize it just felt right and I became more excited about putting it into words.

Our nation's veterans have donated their time, many for 20 years or more, their sweat, their skills, some of their rights, and, for those who made the ultimate sacrifice, their futures.

But the donations aren't limited to those who wear the uniform. Their families make donations too. Children donate their first steps, their first home run or dance recital, high school graduation, even their births so their parents may serve the ideals of something greater than themselves.

Husbands and wives donate restful nights, a two-parent household, the ability to call their loved one just to say hello. Parents donate their ability to keep their child safe when he or she gets on a plane bound for a war zone. The list

of donations is endless and, just like other worthy causes, every little bit helps.

Veterans Day is a time to stop and reflect on the donations that allow us to enjoy our freedoms today. For the majority of Americans, freedom is free for one reason: someone else made the donation, freely and willingly. The veterans' cemeteries are full of donors who have earned my gratitude for their part in securing the freedom my family and I enjoy.

A donation is something freely given with nothing asked in return. That's what makes the donations of our nation's veterans so special. And there is something we can do in return to thank them, though they haven't asked. We can exercise that freedom. Without that, the sacrifices of our veterans are meaningless.

I am proud to see people using their freedoms — freedom of speech, their right to assemble, and their freedom to elect their leaders. It doesn't matter who they vote for, if they gather in support of a cause I believe in (or not), or say something I don't agree with. It's enough to know they value the donation of others enough to avoid letting it go to waste.

Today I'm going to reflect on the many donations my grandfathers and uncle made, and I'm going to be grateful. I'm going to think about the donation I first made 15 years ago to support my family's freedoms. And I'm going to seek out a young Airman at the start of his career and make sure I thank him for his donation, because he's going to make sure that some day, when my children face the decision to donate or not, they have the freedom to choose. Happy Veterans Day.

# Senior leaders attend wreath-laying ceremony at Tomb of Unknowns



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III and his wife, Betty, attend a wreath-laying ceremony by President Barack Obama at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery in observance of Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2012.

# Cody named next Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III has named Chief Master Sgt. James A. Cody to serve as the 17th chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

Cody will assume his new position on Feb. 1, following the Jan. 31 retirement of current Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy. Roy's retirement will culminate more than 30 years of service to the Air Force.

"Chief Roy and his wife, Paula, have been a blessing for our Air Force. They have worked tirelessly for the past three-plus years as phenomenal advocates for our Airmen and families. Betty and I wish them all the best as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives," Welsh said.

"The quality and professionalism of our enlisted force is unrivaled due in great part to the remarkable commitment and dedication of Chief Roy and Paula to take care of Airmen and their families," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley. "The Air Force must continue to develop the quality Airmen the service needs and we look forward to the experience that Chief Cody and his wife, Athena, herself a retired chief master

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sergeant, will bring to this effort."

Cody, who joined the Air Force in 1984, is currently the command chief master sergeant for Air Education and Training Command. His career includes various assignments in air traffic control and as the command chief master sergeant, 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, Travis Air Force Base,

Calif.; 6th Air Mobility Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., and 18th Air Force, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

"We are excited to welcome Chief Cody and Athena to the team as they take the baton from the Roods," Welsh said. "The next few years will be filled with many opportunities and challenges and our Air Force will greatly benefit from the leadership, experience and wisdom they bring."

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The office of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, provides direction for the enlisted corps and represents their interests to the American public and all levels of government. The CMSAF serves as a personal advisor to the Air Force Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, proper utilization, and progress of the enlisted force and their families.

# Base families offered a wide variety of fun activities

## Columbus Air Force Base FSS Rocks

Make sure to join our Facebook page at CAFB FSS Rocks, Twitter at CAFBFSS, or our website at [www.cafbssrocks.com](http://www.cafbssrocks.com) to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base!

## 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.

## Horseback Riding Lessons

Learn how to ride the mode of transportation of the past, horses! Lessons are available for ages 6 and up in the ways of English and Western Riding. Lessons are ongoing through the winter months! Sign up at Outdoor Recreation or for more information call (972)822-7585.

## Breakfast with Santa

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast with Santa and get your picture taken! Registration is from Nov. 1-28. The cost is \$5 per a person before Nov. 27 and \$10 after that date. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help with cooking, seating/serving, games, crafts and pictures! For more information call 434-2504.

## Cookie Baking Contest

Do you hold grandma's special recipe? If so, please share those awesome cookies (not the recipe of course) on Dec. 11 at the Library. Entries need to be entered by 1 p.m. with the judging at 2 p.m. For more information call 434-2934.

## Youth Basketball

Registration for the youth basketball season starts Nov. 7 and goes through Dec. 4. The costs are \$35 for ages 3-4, and \$40 for ages 5-18. Register between Nov. 7 and Nov. 14 to save \$5. All games are played on base. For more information call 434-2504.

## Wee Babies!

It's baby fun time! Bring your kid(s) ages 0-4 to the Library for rhythm, kinesthetic, body awareness, and song and dance activities! This event occurs on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. For more information call 434-2936.

## Christmas Holiday Camps

Get your kids involved with the youth program and come out to the Christmas Holiday Camps. Week 1 is from Dec. 19-21, and Week 2 is from Dec. 26-28 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily! Registration must be completed by Dec. 11. There is a \$10 non-refundable deposit with the cost of the program based on family income. For more information call 434-2504.

## Child Care for Holiday Shopping

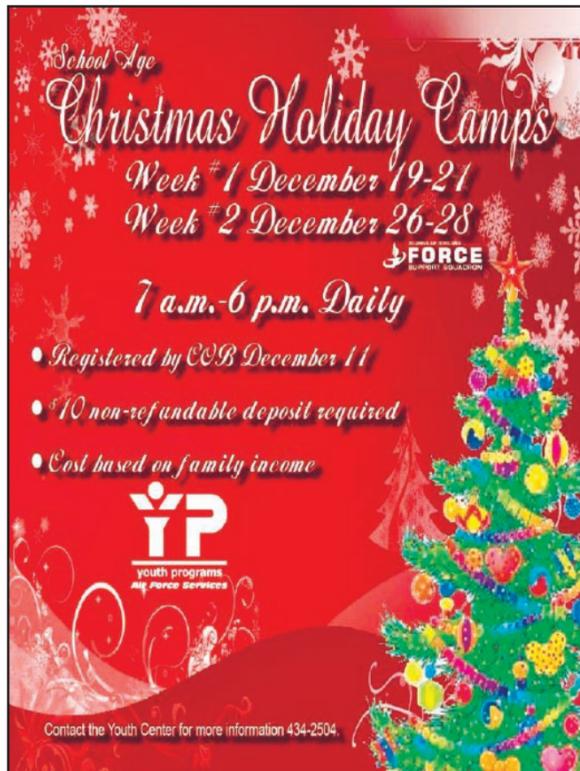
Let the CDC provide care for your children while you get your shopping done for the holidays! Get three or four others together to plan an outing then call the CDC at 434-2479 to keep your children happy and entertained while you shop!

## 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.

## Green Plate Special

The Pro shop at Whispering Pines offers a daily special for lunch. The price is \$6.95 which includes a side of chips and a drink.

## 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 or 434-7861 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. Spin Wednesdays at 5 p.m. For more information, call 434-2772 or go online to [www.cafbssrocks.com](http://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](http://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

### 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.

### 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.

## 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](mailto:afrc@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.

### Contraceptive Counseling Class

There are currently many safe and effective options for preventing or delaying pregnancy. The staff of the 14th Medical Group, wants to make sure you have the information you need to make your best choice. The Family Health Clinic is now offering a Birth Control Counseling Class covering topics ranging from natural family plan-

ning to tubal ligation. The class is offered once a month and taught by a Women's Health Provider and a Registered Nurse. Classes will be held at the Koritz Clinic, the last Friday of each month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Please call the clinic appointment line at 434-2273 to reserve your spot in the next Birth Control Counseling Class.

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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, 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](http://www.afas.org), after Nov. 1. Please visit their website for details on eligibility and requirements.

### Bundles of Joy

Nov. 29, 1-3:30 p.m. For active duty military and/or spouses assigned to Columbus Air Force Base who are pregnant or have a child up to four months of age. Information speakers on finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. This is an Air Force Aid Society program, to register call 434-2790.

### Resume Writing Workshop

Dec. 5, 10-11 a.m. Find the way to write an effective resume and prepare for the Golden Triangle Employment Expo. To register call 434-2790.

### Smooth Move

Dec. 6, 10-11:30 a.m. 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.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

Dec. 11, 8 a.m.-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

Dec. 12, 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. New to Columbus AFB or military lifestyle. Held at the Columbus Club, fun-filled spouse orientation program filled with information on protocol, finance, benefits, helping agencies, local conditions and prizes. Great way to meet other new Columbus AFB, to register and more information call 434-2790.

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic Community

**Sunday:**  
3:45 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9, Chapel Annex  
4 p.m. – Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
4 p.m. – Confession  
5 p.m. – Mass  
**Thursday:**  
4:15 p.m. – Choir Practice  
**Saturday:**  
Theology on Tap meets monthly. Please call 434-2500 For More Information.

### Protestant Community

**Sunday:**  
9 a.m. – Sunday School for Adults, Chapel Library  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Service  
**Tuesday:**  
5 p.m. – Officer Christian Fellowship Bible Study, Chapel Library  
**Wednesday:**  
4:30 p.m. – Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
5 p.m. – Potluck Dinner  
6 p.m. – Pioneer Clubs  
6 p.m. – Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary  
6 p.m. – Adult Bible Study, Chapel Library



T-1A Jayhawk

# SUPT Class 13-02 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



**1st Lt. Saj El-Amin**  
Clearwater, Fla.  
C-17, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Alexander Anderson**  
Bedford, Mass.  
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Marlena Carrillo**  
Louisville, Ky.  
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 13-02 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

The graduation speaker for the class is Air Force Maj. Gen. Samuel Cox, Director, Strategy, Policy, Programs, and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He is responsible for strategic planning, force programming and policy development to ensure war fighter readiness and the capability to meet current, projected, and emerging requirements.

2nd Lt. Trevor Lockhart, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Richard Tyner, T-1, 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. Trevor Lockhart, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Michael Cole, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenant Lockhart, Lieutenant Tyner and 2nd Lt. Brennan Gallagher, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 13-02.

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.

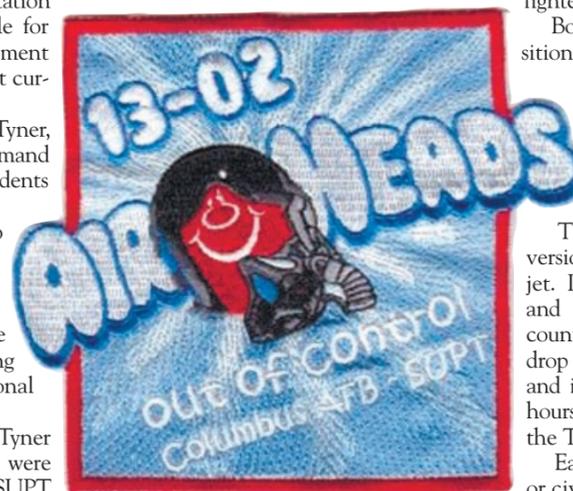
After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

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 air-drop 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 13-02's pilot partners are the Base Community Council and the Military Affairs Committee.



**2nd Lt. Nathan Frey**  
Westminster, Colo.  
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Brennan Gallagher**  
Stockbridge, Ga.  
HC-130J, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Sean Heatherman**  
Yorktown, Va.  
MC-12, Beale AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Anthony Hill**  
Centerville, Utah  
F-22, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Melissa McInelly**  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
KC-135, Eielson AFB, Alaska



**2nd Lt. Andrew Miller**  
Mechanicsville Md.  
AC-130, Cannon AFB, N.M.



**2nd Lt. Cole Merrick**  
Memphis, Tenn.  
C-17, Memphis IAP, Tenn.



**2nd Lt. Ben George-Nichols**  
Sedalia, Colo.  
C-130H, Peterson AFB, Colo.



**2nd Lt. Kevin Rowe**  
Novi, Mich.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Jay Ruhnke**  
Troy, Kan.  
C-130H3, Rosecrans AFB St. Joe, Mo.



**2nd Lt. Carson Slater**  
Muncie, Ind.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Wayne Sletten**  
Beavercreek, Ohio  
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Jeremy Smith**  
Santa Fe, N.M.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Joshua Stevens**  
Odenton, Md.  
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



**2nd Lt. David Truxal**  
Raleigh, N.C.  
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



**2nd Lt. Richard Tyner**  
Charleston, S.C.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Margret Carter**  
Shalimar, Fla.  
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Michael Cole**  
Macon, Ga.  
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Kevin Fogler**  
Fort Wayne, Ind.  
F-15E, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



**2nd Lt. Thomas Howard**  
Rocky Mount, Va.  
KC-135, Macdill AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Jonathan Lewis**  
Palm Harbor, Fla.  
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Trevor Lockhart**  
Napa, Calif.  
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Bryan Mazer**  
Helotes, Texas  
MC-12, Beale AFB, Calif.