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U.S Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie  
Graduates from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 22-01, break their first pair of wings, during their graduation ceremony, Oct. 22, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. During a long-standing aviation tradition, pilots will keep one half of the broken wings and give the second half to a loved one. The two halves are never to be brought back together while the pilot is still alive.

## SUPT class 22-01 graduates; new era begins

**Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Class 22-01, the first fiscal year 2022 Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class, graduated five aviators, four from allied forces, Oct. 22, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

One facet of training at Columbus AFB is the international training program. Class 22-01 graduated two pilots from Saudi Arabia, one from Japan, and one from Uzbekistan.

U.S. Air Force Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, shared his experience and advice to the newest aviators.

"You are here to do something noble," said Graham. "Remember that everyday your paycheck is a down payment on something in the future. You are not getting paid for what you do today. You are getting paid for what your country may ask you to do in the future."

These aviators have prevailed throughout 52 weeks of challenge.

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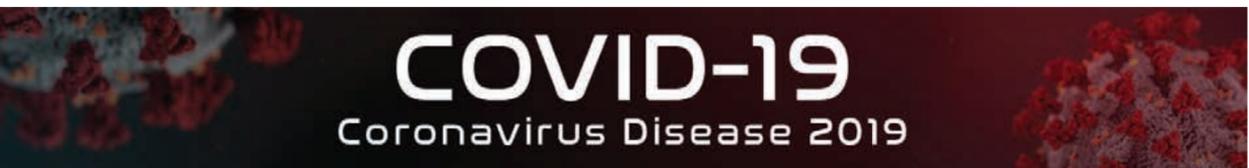
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# Department of the Air Force nears 97% AD vaccination rate

**Staff Sgt. Elora J. McCutcheon**  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Yesterday marked the Department of the Air Force's deadline for active duty component Airmen and Guardians to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. As of publication, nearly 97% of Airmen and Guardians on active duty have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

"Our Airmen need to be prepared to operate anytime, anywhere in the world," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr. "Getting vaccinated ensures we are a ready force to meet our commitments to the nation while protecting the health of our team and families."

Since the Secretary of Defense's mandate Aug. 24, the Department of the Air Force set the most aggressive timelines amongst the military services to ensure members are vaccinated.

"I am incredibly proud of our Airmen for coming together and getting vaccinated," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass. "This is about readiness and ensuring our Air Force can continue to defend the homeland. It's also about understanding that we are not in the clear yet. Continuing safe practices to protect ourselves and others should always be in our cross-check."

The majority of the active component was vaccinated prior to the Aug. 24 mandate. After the mandate, installation Military Treatment Facilities rapidly scaled up vaccination efforts in order to meet the Nov. 2 deadline for the remainder of the force. Many MTFs stood up mass vaccination procedures capable of administering thousands of shots a day.

"Thank you to our active-duty Guardians and Airmen for moving out quickly to meet the Department's vaccine timeline," said Chief of Space Operations Gen. John W. "Jay" Raymond. "Although we are encouraged by the falling number of cases, COVID-19 is still a very real threat. We need each and every one of you to be healthy and ready; we need you and your loved ones to be protected so our team can continue to protect and defend the nation."

Chief Master Sgt. of the Space Force Roger A. Towberman echoed DAF senior leadership appreciation for all those who got vaccinated, as well as those who made it possible – to include DAF medical personnel who worked tirelessly to vaccinate nearly 100,000 Airmen and Guardians in just over two months.

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"This took leadership and teamwork at all levels," Towberman said. "I'm proud of our Guardians for their commitment to our readiness and each other, and thankful for all our Airmen enablers who made this happen."

Over the next 30 days, DAF will review requests for medical exemptions and religious accommodations. DAF civilians have until Nov. 22 to be fully vaccinated, and Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members in a Reserve component status must be vaccinated by Dec. 2.

COVID-19 screening testing will be required at least weekly for all individuals entering a DoD facility who are not fully vaccinated, including those who have an exemption request under review, or who are exempted from COVID-19 vaccination.

Units will be responsible for running self-test programs and can reach out to either the Defense Logistics Agency Contact Center or their servicing MTF for assistance with ordering and purchasing the self-test kits. Additional guidance will be forthcoming through command channels.

For the most current DAF vaccination statistics, visit <https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2831845/daf-covid-19-statistics-nov-3-2021/>

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**Employment Workshop**

An employment workshop on local and base employment opportunities is held every Wednesday, 1-2 p.m. This program provides military families and DoD civilian members individual assessment and career counseling to assist with local employment, preparation for future endeavors via education, job search, or self-owned business objectives in the local area. For more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

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**Sponsorship Training**

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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie

**U.S. Air Force Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, speaks to Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 22-01 at their graduation ceremony on Oct. 22, 2021, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Five officers were awarded their silver wings at the ceremony and gained the title of "Air Force Pilot".**

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lenging training, earning the right to become Air Force pilots.

"The fact that you are here in this class is chance," said Graham. "So much of your career going forward is going to be luck and chance. I think the sooner you can accept that, the happier you will be with how things turn out."

The year-long 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



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie

**U.S Air Force and foreign allied forces Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training graduates, stand at attention during the playing of the allied forces and United States National Anthems, Oct.22, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. One facet of training at Columbus AFB is the international training program where officers from allied forces are trained to be world class pilots.**

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single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. 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.

"Thank you for what you have put into training," said Graham. "Without you, we would not be here."

After graduation the pilots will depart Columbus Air Force Base and begin their next journey to train in their respective aircraft.

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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 can be reached at 434-1414. Leave your name and phone number or email if you would like to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential.

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# 14th MDG presents at National Pharmacy Conference

**Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force Capt. Gregory Correale, 14th Medical Group Pharmacy element chief, and Staff Sgt. Joanna Sanchez, 14th MDG non-commissioned officer in charge of pharmacy services, presented posters comprised of analytics for pharmacy operations at the virtual National Pharmacy Conference, Oct. 24-26, 2021.

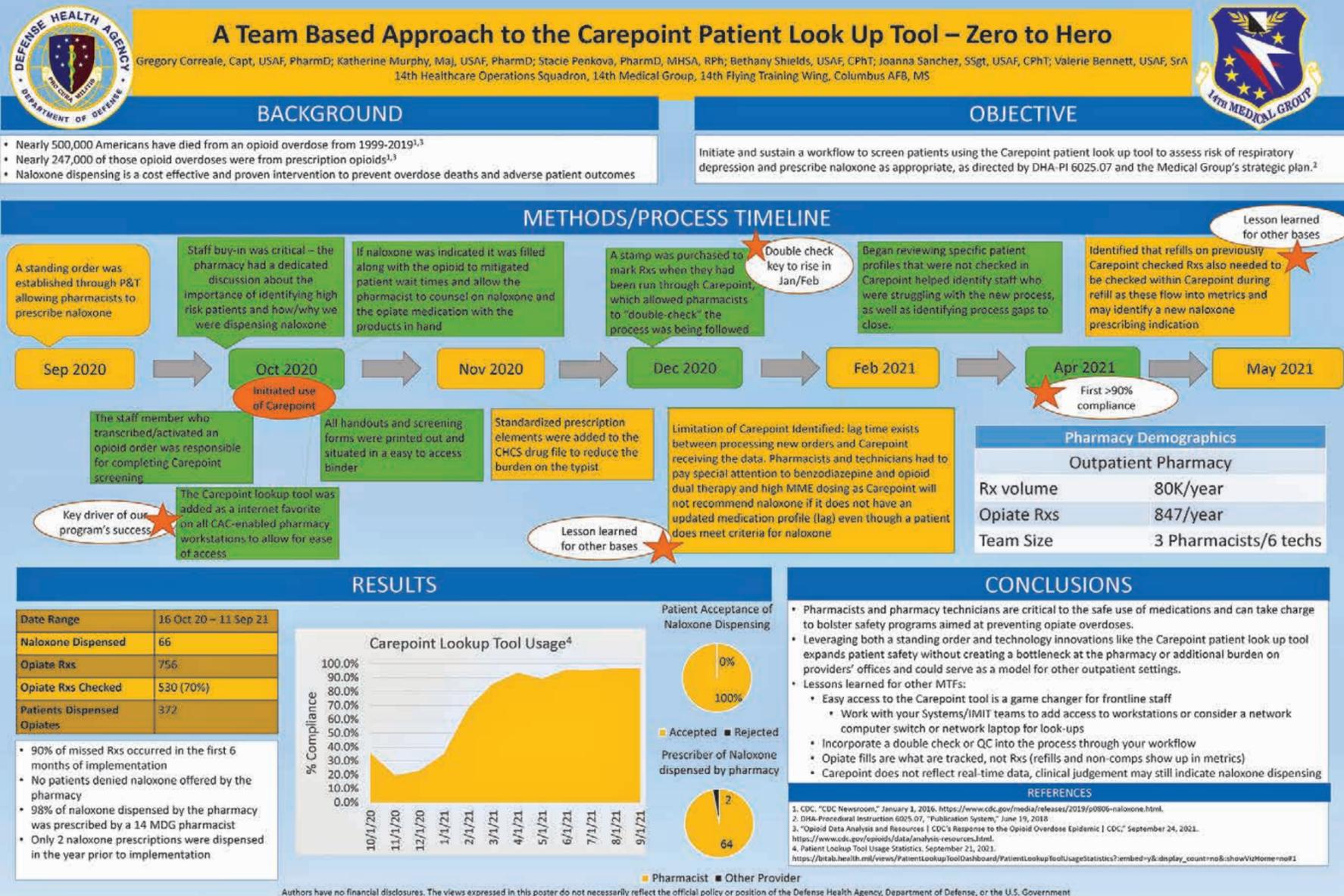
The presentations were given in light of the 14th MDG pharmacy operating at compliancy levels higher than Air Force and DoD averages.

“When we first started in September we were at zero percent compliancy, then during October we were at thirty percent,” said Correale. “Slowly we made our way into the 90’s and even hit 100 percent a few times. We maintained a ninety percent compliance or higher for a while now.”

The poster presented by Correale showcased the compliancy of the pharmacies use of the Carepoint Patient Look-Up Tool within the 14th MDG.

“About two years ago the Defense Health Agency pushed out a requirement that every pharmacy within the Department of Defense will start using this tool,” said Correale “The tool is a DoD website that lets you look up patient informa-

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U.S. Air Force Capt. Gregory Correale, 14th Medical Group Pharmacy element chief, presented an informative graphic at the virtual National Pharmacy Conference, Oct. 24-26, 2021. The Carepoint Patient Look Up poster was selected as Honorable Mention for the Pharmacy Operations category at the conference.

## Air Force Readiness Programs

(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.)

**“Please note events are subject to change due to COVID-19, so please contact A&FRC to confirm all events”**

### Department of Labor Transition Vocational Track Workshop

The next DoL Transition Vocational Track Workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov.15-16 and will be held in the A&FRC. This workshop helps members identify skills, increase awareness of training and credentialing programs, and develop an action plan to achieve career goals. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Federal USA Jobs Workshop

The next Federal USA Jobs workshop is from 9-10:30 a.m. Nov. 17. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search using the USAJobs website. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Smooth Move Relocation Workshop

The next Smooth Move is from 10-11 a.m. Nov. 18 in the A&FRC. This workshop is highly recommended for first-time and over-seas relocating members. Get the very latest moving information straight from base-wide relocation assistance agencies. Learn what to expect before you move with information from Tri-Care, Housing, Military Pay, TMO, Medical Records and A&FRC. Be sure to ask any relocating questions you may have during this event. Pre-registration is required, so call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790 to register or for more information.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wings Newcomers Orientation will be held on Nov 23 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Columbus Club. This event is mandatory for all newly arrived military and DoD civilian personnel. The event’s foundation is the base’s mobile App, so if you are registered, please locate and download the Columbus Air Force Base App from the App Store prior to attending. Pre-registration is required, so please contact your unit CSS to be registered. For more information, please call the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

## Here to Stay



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie  
**Members of the 14th Flying Training Wing, stand next to a newly planted Christmas tree at the Base Chapel, Nov. 2, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 14th Civil Engineering Squadron worked with local vendors to purchase and plant a tree which will remain planted to be reused every year instead of cutting and placing a new one annually.**

### Bundles for Babies

The next “Zoom” Bundles for Babies workshop is from 1-3:30 p.m. Dec. 2. This program is designed for active duty AF members and/or their spouses who are pregnant or have a child 4 months old or less. Attendees will learn about finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. A \$50 gift card sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society will be provided for each qualifying child. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Heart Link

The next “Zoom” Heart Link / Spouse Welcome is from 8:30 a.m.-noon Jan. 6. This half-day program is open to all spouses of active duty military members assigned to Columbus AFB. Attendees will receive information about life in the Air Force, in the local area and at Columbus AFB from local subject matter experts including spouse leaders. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Transition Assistance Program Workshop

The next Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 10-14 and includes seminars on: Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, Missis-

issippi Department of Employment Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP and Department of Labor. Preseparation counseling is required before attending, and recommended attendance is 12-24 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register or for more information, please call the TAP Manager at (662) 434-2631/2790.

### Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The next Entrepreneurship Track Transition workshop will be held Jan. 27-28 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. This workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### EFMP-FS

Exceptional Family Members Program-Family Support, EFMP-FS, establishes, implements and maintains the FS (community support) entity of the Air Force EFMP in coordination with the Medical & Assignments components by enhancing the quality of life of special needs family members. Feel free to contact (662) 434-3323/2790 for any questions related to EFMP or for one-on-one assistance. We can assess your needs and

make the proper community referral for you and your family!

### Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the A&FRC. We have volunteer opportunities located across the base for one-time events, special events or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Medical Clinic, Chapel, Airman’s Attic, Thrift Store, the Retiree Activities Office and many other locations. For more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Installation Voting Assistance Office

A&FRC houses the Voting Assistance Office (VAO) which is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and closed weekends/holidays. The VAO offers voting assistance including voter registration, absentee ballot requests and voting, change of address, and provides answers for other general voting questions to uniformed service members, their family members and civilians with access to A&FRC. Assistance includes but is not limited to aid in preparing and submitting Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) SF-76, Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) SF-186 and National Mail Voter Registration Form (NVRF). The VAO also leads and trains all installation unit voting assistance officers. For more information, please contact the Installation VAO at (662) 434-2701/2790 or e-mail: vote.columbus@us.af.mil.

### Discovery Resource Center

The Columbus A&FRC has computers with internet access available for job searches, assessments, resumes, cover letters, state and federal applications and companies’ employment information. A printer and fax machine is available. A lending library of books, DVDs and periodicals on transition and EFMP topics are available for check out. These resources are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

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## Chapel Schedule

Chapel services are now available.

**Catholic:** 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays

**Daily Mass:** 11 a.m. Tuesday- Friday

**Protestant:** 9:30 a.m. on Sundays

As we gather for services there is a 50 person limit inside the chapel. Thank you all for your help during this time and we are looking forward to seeing you all soon!

**Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events**

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Instagram at columbus\_afb\_living, or visit our website at ColumbusAFBLiving.com to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base. Check out the calendar on the website for important Airman and Family Readiness Center events. For more information, contact (662) 434-2337.

**Get Connected with Your Base App!**

As a way to connect people together, Columbus Air Force Base launched a new app to connect Airmen and families to the mission and community! The app is available on all app stores and can be found by searching 'Columbus Air Force Base'.

**The Print Shop Has Moved!**

The Print Shop has moved to The Commons, building 715, room 128. It is located in the back of the Commons and can be accessed either from the main entrance or from the parking lot directly behind the base Chapel. Services include large format printing, mounting, laminating, color and black/white copying, binding, and much more. For a quote call (662) 434-2337 or email 14FSSColumbus@gmail.com.

**Youth Program's After School Care**

The Youth Center is offers After School Care for ages 5-12. The center provides games, sports, arts & crafts, educational enrichment, social skills, leadership building and much more. Request care at MilitaryChildCare.com or call (662) 434-2504 for more information.

**Parenting Class**

The Youth Center will host a Parenting Class on Nov. 17 from 4-5 p.m. for parents with children ages 3-12. The class will give instructions on how to help children manage anger. It will take place in the AFRC training room or via Zoom. Call (662) 434-2479 for more information.

**Library**

The Library, located in The Blaze Commons, is open for in-house customers Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. For everyone's safety, masks are required for patrons ages 3 and up and parents must remain with their children at all times.

The Library is hosting Storytime at your library every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Meet in the Blaze Commons open area for a story read by your favorite Librarians!

**November Crafts**

Your Library will have craft time in November! All month long, stop by and write what you're thankful for on a leaf that will be added to the Library's Thankful Tree. Now until the 19th, get a "thankful wheel" grab-and-go craft that will help you reflect on what you are thankful for. On Nov. 18, use the shape of your hand to create a colorful turkey!

See all of the Library's activities visit their Facebook page: @ColumbusAirForceBaseLibrary.

**Fitness Center**

The Columbus AFB Fitness Center and the Alpha Warrior tent is open Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-9 p.m. and on Saturday 8

a.m.-6 p.m. It is open on Sunday for 24/7 Access members only (CAC must be registered at the front desk prior to use).

The Fitness Center is now serving all DoD cardholders and eligible contractors during normal hours of operation.

24/7 access is available to not only Active Duty patrons, but also any DoD cardholder such as dependents, retirees, and civilian employees. CAC must be registered at the front desk.

Also, the locker rooms and showers are once again available.

Please note there will 100% ID card check, limited rental equipment available, and other risk mitigation plans still apply. For more information, call the Fitness Center at (662) 434-2772.

Also, the basketball and racquetball courts are now available! Check-in at the front desk required.

**Turkey Trot 5K**

The Fitness Center will host the Turkey Trot 5k Fun Run on Nov. 19 beginning at 7 a.m. 1st and 2nd place winners will receive a frozen turkey! Open to all ages. Call the Fitness Center for more information at (662) 434-2772.

**Deadlift Competition**

Prove yourself at the Fitness Center's Deadlift Competition on Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. Call the Fitness Center for more information at (662) 434-2772.

**Arts & Craft Has Re-Opened!**

Arts & Crafts has reopened and ready to serve your framing, engraving, and wood working needs, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call (662) 434-7856 for assistance.

**Outdoor Recreation**

Outdoor Recreation's (ODR) hours are Monday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed Tuesday and Wednesday) and Saturday/Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. ODR offers all sorts of rental for the water, camping, and much more! Call ODR at (662) 434-2505 for all of your outdoor activities.

**Coffee House on 5th**

Coffee House on 5th, located in the Blaze Commons, is back open to 50% capacity inside. Drive through or come in to enjoy a cup of coffee or a tasty treat. Their hours are Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.- noon. Call for more information at (662) 434-2233.

**Columbus Club & The Overrun Bar**

The Columbus Club and the Overrun Bar are now open Wednesday 3:30 -7:00 p.m. and Friday (Drop Nights Only) from 4-8 p.m. (may be extended for special events) for dinner and drinks. Quick bites done just right featuring favorites such as Chicken Tenders, Mozzarella Sticks, and French Fries.

Also, don't forget the Club offers Catering services. Call (662) 434-2490 for more information.

Let's Connect! Boss & Buddy Night at the Club Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and enjoy a few brews with your boss and buddies.

**Back to Bowling!**

The bowling lanes opened once again beginning October 4th. Bowling will be available by appointment or walk-in, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. On Wednesdays it will close at 1 p.m. Friday, bowling will be open until 10 p.m.

**Family Cosmic Bowling Fridays**

The bowling center will offer family friendly unlimited bowling on Fridays from 5 a.m. until 7 p.m. (before Neon Bowling). The cost is \$20/lane including shoes (for up to 5 people).

**Neon Bowling Fridays**

Get a strike with a neon head pin and win a prize! Neon Bowling is every Friday from 7-10 p.m. The cost is \$10/person including shoes and the adult beverage bar will be open!

**Pins & Pints Bowling Every Thursday in November**

The bowling center offers \$1/game bowling (does not include shoe rental) every Thursday in November from 3-7 p.m. Draft beer is back too! So grab some friends and head over to the bowling center!

Walk-ins are welcome or call for reservations, call (662) 434-3426 or on Facebook @ColumbusAFBBowlingCenter.

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## Base Thrift Shop

**The Base Thrift Shop is open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

Consignments are welcome until noon. Donations are accepted and very much appreciated. Donations can now be dropped off on the loading dock and inside the front doors 24/7. If they are left anywhere else we do not receive them.

**It is located in building 530.**

**Call (662) 434-2954**

The shop is a non-profit and all proceeds benefit Columbus Air Force Base Community.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie

**U.S. Air Force Capt. Gregory Correale, 14th Medical Group Pharmacy element chief, and Staff Sgt. Joanna Sanchez, 14th MDG non-commissioned officer in charge of pharmacy services, pose for a photo in the pharmacy, Nov. 3, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Both members from the 14th Medical Group were selected to present posters comprised of analytics for pharmacy operations at the virtual National Pharmacy Conference, Oct. 24-26, 2021.**

**14TH MDG**

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tion and produces a recommendation on whether or not you should dispense Naloxone."

Naloxone is a prescription used to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. Naloxone can quickly restore normal breathing that has slowed or stopped due to an overdose.

According to Correale's poster, from 1999 to 2019, nearly 500,000 Americans have died from an opioid overdose. Approximately fifty percent of those overdoses were prescription medication.

The poster presented by Sanchez showcased a significant decline in return to stock numbers. The pharmacy purchased a new system that notifies patients once their medicine ready for pick-up, further enhancing communication between the agency and its customers.

"Last year with a big COVID hit here in Mississippi we were struggling to communicate with our patients as to when their prescriptions would be ready," said Sanchez. "We weren't allowed to let them wait in the lobby. Calls were encouraged but patients still didn't understand when to come. With this new technology, the system automatically sends a text or call to the patient and lets

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them know it is ready for pick-up." As a whole the system has increased communication, reduced incoming calls, decreased the amount of prescriptions returning to stock and provides more reliable patient contact information. Correale was the lead author for the Care-point Patient Look Up poster which was selected as Honorable Mention for the Pharmacy Operations category at the conference.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie

Nicholas Ward, 14th Operations Support Squadron Radar, Airfield and Weather Systems technician, teaches a grilling class to Airman in the Unaccompanied Enlisted Quarters, Nov. 5, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The First Four, an organization comprised of junior enlisted members on base, put together a series of cooking classes to teach single Airman how to cook healthy, cost-efficient meals.

## Junior enlisted grill up a plate-full

**Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Columbus Air Force Base's First Four organization, comprised of Airmen E4 and below, have recently been working with residences on the base to teach junior Airman in the dorms how to cook and grill various food.

The most recent instructor was Nicholas Ward, an Air Force Veteran, who is now working Civil Service as a Radar, Airfield and Weather Systems technician.

Ward served six and a half years before he was medically discharged due to a back injury, however, he has continued to serve the for the past 11 years on the civilian side.

"I went into the Air Force committed to staying in and retiring after 20 years," said Ward. "Once it was clear I could no longer be active duty and was discharged, I starting looking for Civil Service jobs. I really didn't look anywhere other than the Air Force. I love the culture and the comrade."

Ward said he lived in the single Airman dorms during his time as active duty and knows how challenging it can be when no one knows how to cook.

"I have always loved cooking so when it was brought up to me whether or not I would be willing to teach a class, I was all in," said Ward. "I love to share my passion with other people. If there is anyone willing to learn, I'll gladly teach them."

Ward has not only teamed up with other civilians to cook for the squadrons, but has also catered in a squadron event.

"I have been to both of Mr. Ward's grilling classes and appreciate the time and effort he took to teach us," said Airman 1st Class Alex Patterson, 14th Mission Support Group Financial Management technician. "In the first class we learned how to properly grill various cuts of beef and chicken. He was very informative and I took a lot away from the class, including good food."

Many Airman living in Unaccompanied Enlisted Quarters (UEQ's) are experiencing living on their own for the first time. Ward not only offers to teach classes, but also gives advice on how to save money while grocery shopping.

The veteran used his prior experience as an Airman on a budget and taught the importance of how to make use of a product in multiple ways, such as, buying bone-in, skin-on, chicken thighs. He further explained



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Evelyn Maryorquin, 48th Flying Training Squadron Aviation Resource Management apprentice, places a kabob on the grill, during a cooking class, Nov. 5, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The class was a part of a cooking series for Airmen to get the chance to learn how to cook varies foods.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Miles Painter, 14th Operations Support Squadron (OSS) Aerospace Physiology technician and Airman Diego Valadex, 14th OSS Aircrew Flight Equipment technician, cut food to be used on kabobs, during a cooking class, Nov. 5, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The base does not have a dining facility so it is important that Airmen learn how to safely and efficiently prepare their own meals.

how bones can be used to make chicken broth, the skin can be fried, and the meat can be used for various dishes.

"I enjoyed the class and it was a good

experience," said Airman 1st Class Miles Painter, 14th Operations Support Squadron Aerospace Physiology technician. "I would attend another class in the future."

## LAUGHLIN

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graduates as Medal of Honor recipient Joe Jackson, Vietnam war hero Richard Glenn Rutan, astronaut Sidney Gutierrez, and retired Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

"We have a legacy to live up to here at Laughlin," said Col. Craig Prather, 47th Flying Training Wing commander. "To live up to it, we're integrating proven methods with advanced capabilities, technology and quality instruction to prepare our newest pilots for whatever may get thrown their way in the future."

The training environment allows Airmen to outperform, out think, and out innovate competitors when they head to operational units. Through it all, dedicated instructors have demonstrated leadership by example to develop America's sons and daughters while ensuring that the Air Force's newest aviators are second to none.

Both AETC and Laughlin have contributed to the Air Force's story of air dominance throughout the years. Undoubtedly, both will continue penning chapters for many years to come.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class David Phaff

A six-ship dissimilar formation consisting of two T-1A Jayhawks, two T-38 Talons, and two T-6A Texan II aircrafts from Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, practice advanced maneuvering May, 2, 2021. Instructor pilots from the 434th, 87th and 85th Flying Training Squadrons demonstrated the flying proficiency all Air Force student pilots receive during their 52-week Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, before being assigned to their operational career airframe.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Joseph Carpenter

Ultra-violet lights decontaminate the air traffic control tower to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 after night operations February 20, 2021 at Laughlin Air Force Base. The 47th Operations Support Squadron supported a late-night delivery of relief supplies from the Texas Air National Guard in the wake of Winter Storm Uri.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class David Phaff

A standard training T-38 flight on Apr. 07, 2021 at Laughlin Air Force Base Texas. The T-38 is the standard aircraft for training pilots who are tracking in the fighter aircraft.



The main gate of Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, in 1957.

Courtesy photo



Pilot training graduates Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, in 1943.

Courtesy photo

# Laughlin and AETC: A legacy of air power

**Senior Airman David Phaff**  
47th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

*“Today, AETC continues to build on its incredible heritage as the First Command, marked by exceptional Airmen and dedicated professionals who are ready to perform the mission anywhere, anytime,” said Lt. Gen. Brad Webb, commander of AETC.*

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Every year, hundreds of U.S. Air Force pilots earn their wings and embark on a journey to stake their claim in the pages of history. For 80 years, each and every pilots’ story has started from within the Air Education Training Command.

Laughlin Air Force Base, one of 12 installations within the major command, has been training pilots for nearly 50 of the 80 years since the MAJCOM’s activation Jan. 23, 1942. Together, working hand in hand, AETC and Laughlin train the best pilots America and her allies have to offer.

“Today, AETC continues to build on its incredible heritage as the First Command, marked by exceptional Airmen and dedicated professionals who are ready to perform the mission anywhere, anytime,” said Lt. Gen. Brad Webb, commander of AETC.

The future of our Air Force begins with the foundation that was laid in 1942. Throughout everyone’s Air Force career, they will spend time in AETC learning not only their job, but also what it means to be a United States Airman.

“Multi-capable Airmen have an agile mindset, can understand commander intent and mission type orders and possess the

wherewithal to move out and be successful,” Webb said. “Therefore, aspects like empowerment, initiative, analytical and critical thinking and speed, all become very important for our Airmen.”

Airpower may have started in the First Command, but Laughlin has certainly perfected the process over the last 50 years, having become the command’s number one pilot producing machine. Over 300 newly-minted pilots leave Del Rio each year and try to follow the footsteps of such revered Laughlin

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U.S. Air Force Photo by Senior Airman Nicholas Larsen  
U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Christopher Ugale, a student pilot with the 47th Student Squadron, looks over his final pre flight checklist with before entering a T-6 Texan II for his Dollar Flight with, U.S. Air Force Capt. Sarah Fotsch at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas on August 4, 2021. The Dollar Flight is the first flight in a real aircraft for a student pilot and marks a major milestone in the career of a pilot.

U.S. Air Force Photo by Senior Airman Nicholas Larsen

# BLAZE Hangar Tails: HH-60G Pave Hawk

## Mission

The primary mission of the HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter is to conduct day or night personnel recovery operations into hostile environments to recover isolated personnel during war. The HH-60G is also tasked to perform military operations other than war, including civil search and rescue, medical evacuation, disaster response, humanitarian assistance, security cooperation/aviation advisory, NASA space flight support, and rescue command and control.

## Features

The Pave Hawk is a highly modified version of the Army Black Hawk helicopter which features an upgraded communications and navigation suite that includes integrated inertial navigation/global positioning/Doppler navigation systems, satellite communications, secure voice, and Have Quick communications.

All HH-60Gs have an automatic flight control system, night vision goggles with lighting and forward looking infrared system that greatly enhances night low-level operations. Additionally, Pave Hawks have color weather radar and an engine/rotor blade anti-ice system that gives the HH-60G an adverse weather capability.

Pave Hawk mission equipment includes a retractable in-flight refueling probe, internal auxiliary fuel tanks, two crew-served 7.62mm or .50 caliber machineguns, and an 8,000-pound (3,600 kilograms) capacity cargo hook. To improve air transportability and shipboard operations, all HH-60Gs have folding rotor blades.

Pave Hawk combat enhancements include a radar warning receiver, infrared jammer and a flare/chaff countermeasure dispensing system.

HH-60G rescue equipment includes a hoist capable of lifting a 600-pound load (270 kilograms) from a hover height of 200 feet (60.7 meters), and a personnel locating system that is compatible with the PRC-112 survival radio and provides range and bearing information to a survivor’s location.

Pave Hawks are equipped with an over-the-horizon tactical data receiver that is capable of receiving near real-time mission update information.

## Background

The Pave Hawk is a twin-engine medium-lift helicopter operated by Air Combat Command, Pacific Air Forces, Air Education and Training Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Air National Guard and Air Force

Reserve Command.

Pave Hawks have a long history of use in contingencies, starting in Operation Just Cause. During Operation Desert Storm they provided combat search and rescue coverage for coalition forces in western Iraq, coastal Kuwait, the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia. They also provided emergency evacuation coverage for U.S. Navy SEAL teams penetrating the Kuwaiti coast before the invasion.

During Operation Allied Force, Pave Hawks provided continuous combat search and rescue coverage for NATO air forces, and successfully recovered two Air Force pilots who were isolated behind enemy lines.

In the aircraft’s humanitarian relief missions, three Pave Hawks deployed in March 2000 to Mozambique, Africa, to support international flood relief operations. The HH-60s flew 240 missions in 17 days and delivered more than 160 tons of humanitarian relief supplies.

After Hurricane Katrina in September 2005, more than 20 active-duty, Reserve, and National Guard Pave Hawks were deployed to Jackson, Miss., in support of recovery operations in New Orleans and surrounding areas. Pave Hawk crews flew 24-hour operations for nearly a month, saving more than 4,300 Americans from the post-hurricane devastation.

Within 24 hours of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, HH-60Gs deployed to support Operation Tomodachi providing search and rescue capability to the disaster relieve

Today, Pave Hawks continue to deploy in support of operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya. HH-60 crews have aided hundreds of

American, coalition, and foreign-national personnel by conducting personnel recovery and medical evacuations or MEDEVAC missions under low visibility, low illumination conditions at all altitudes.

## General Characteristics

**Primary Function:** Personnel recovery in hostile conditions and military operations other than war in day, night or marginal weather

**Contractor:** United Technologies/Sikorsky Aircraft Company

**Power Plant:** Two General Electric T700-GE-700 or T700-GE-701C engines

**Thrust:** 1,560-1,940 shaft horsepower, each engine

**Rotor Diameter:** 53 feet, 7 inches (14.1 meters)

**Length:** 64 feet, 8 inches (17.1 meters)

**Height:** 16 feet, 8 inches (4.4 meters)

**Weight:** 22,000 pounds (9,900 kilograms)

**Maximum Takeoff Weight:** 22,000 pounds (9,900 kilograms)

**Fuel Capacity:** 4,500 pounds (2,041 kilograms)

**Payload:** depends upon mission

**Speed:** 184 mph (159 knots)

**Range:** 504 nautical miles

**Ceiling:** 14,000 feet (4,267 meters)

**Armament:** Two 7.62mm or .50 caliber machineguns

**Crew:** Two pilots, one flight engineer and one gunner

**Unit Cost:** \$40.1 million (FY11 Dollars)

**Initial operating capability:** 1982

**Inventory:** Active force, 67; ANG, 17; Reserve, 15



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Brian Ferguson

BASA AIR BASE, Philippines — An HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter from the 33rd Rescue Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan, lands here to evacuate “injured” personnel from a cargo aircraft “accident” during a joint US/Philippine mass casualty exercise during Balikatan 2001.

An HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter lands as an Army UH-60 Blackhawk prepares to pick up a medvac patient June 13. The 33rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron is the first squadron to have a combat-search-and-rescue mission and a medevac mission, and is based at Kandahar, Afghanistan.



T-1A Jayhawk

# SUPT Class 22-02 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



**Capt. Bryan Blanke**  
Anaheim, California  
C-17



**Capt. Daniel Bubb**  
St. Marys, Ohio  
C130-J

Thirteen officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to become Air Force pilots.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 22-02 graduates at 11 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

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

Capt. Daniel Bubb received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding student overall in his classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 1st Lt. Alexander Colón who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

cross country navigation flying.

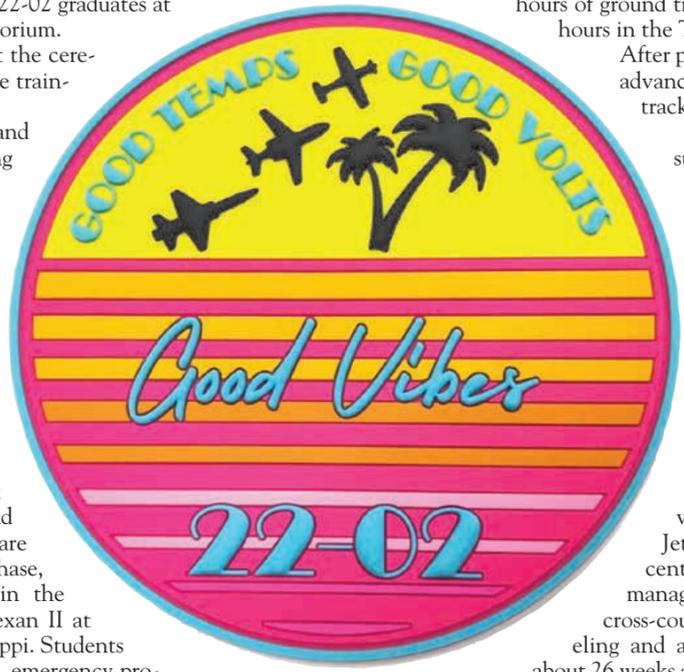
Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

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, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 76.4 hours in the T-1A.



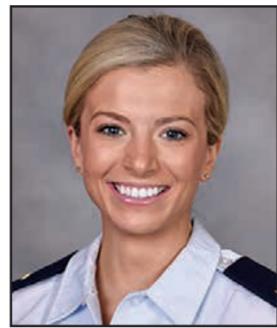
**1st Lt. Ashley Gauthier**  
Covina, California  
E-3



**1st Lt. Thomas Keith**  
Tampa, Florida  
T-6

The distinguished graduate of Class 22-02 recognized was Bupd for outstanding performance in academics, officer qualities and flying abilities.

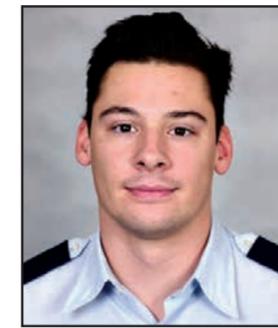
The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and



**2nd Lt. Carley Fetz**  
Collierville, Tennessee  
C-17



**2nd Lt. Daniel Fordis**  
Lafayette, Louisiana  
C-17



**2nd Lt. Trevor Galindo**  
Eagle River, Alaska  
KC-135



**2nd Lt. Hunter Maxwell**  
Boynton Beach, Florida  
KC-135



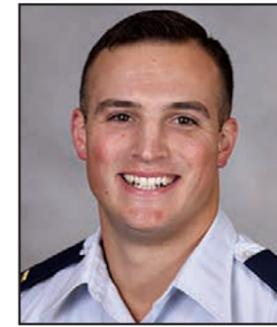
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Anchorage, Alaska  
C-17



**1st Lt. John Cannata**  
Middlebury, Connecticut  
U-28



**1st Lt. Alexander Colón**  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin  
MC- 130J



**1st Lt. Nikolas Mascia**  
Trophy Club, Texas  
AC- 130J



**1st Lt. Austin Newton**  
Greenville, South Carolina  
U-28

