

Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy High 51°F Low 32°F	Cloudy High 53°F Low 28°F	Thunderstorms High 57°F Low 40°F
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		
Morning Rain High 48°F Low 35°F	Partly Cloudy High 50°F Low 27°F	Partly Cloudy High 50°F Low 33°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Super Bowl Party

Anyone with access to Columbus AFB is welcome to the Columbus Club for a Super Bowl Party Feb. 1. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the game starts at 5:30 p.m.

Annual Awards Ceremony

The 2014 Annual Awards Ceremony is scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Columbus Club. The guest speaker for the event is Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U. S. Air Force, Washington D.C.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Feb. 10 at the AFRC for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

Inside



Feature 8

The 14th LRS is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Gen. Robin Rand, Commander of Air Education and Training Command, speaks to Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-04 during their graduation ceremony Jan. 23, 2015, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Rand and Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia, AETC Command Chief, visited Columbus AFB Jan. 22-23 to observe the mission and meet with Airmen.

AETC commander encourages SUPT Class 15-04 graduates

Airman Daniel Lile

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Gen. Robin Rand, Commander of Air Education and Training Command, spoke to the Air Force's newest pilots during Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-04's graduation Jan. 23.

The general and Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia, AETC Command Chief, visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Jan. 22-23.

The AETC commander began his speech by urging the new pilots to look back.

"Take time to reflect on your recent accomplishments; this is a big deal," Rand said. "You have earned it. There will be more successes in your future, but few things will exceed the pride and sense of accomplishment of getting your Air Force wings."

The general continued to express to the young aviators that earning wings is only the beginning of their challenges.

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (15-13)	2.94 days	-0.23 days	Feb. 11	48th (15-05)	-0.85 days	-1.02 days	Feb. 13	49th (15-DBC)	2.26 days	2.33 days	Jan. 30	T-6	2,119	2,038	9,015
41st (15-13)	6.92 days	2.59 days	Feb. 11	50st (15-05)	1.17 days	0.08 days	Jan. 23					T-1	789	715	3,211
												T-38	438	502	2,482
The graduation speaker for SUPT Class 15-05 is Gen. (Ret.) Robert "Doc" Foglesong, United States Air Force Retired.												IFF	246	239	1,196

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Unit Effectiveness Inspection Major Graded Area 1



Manage Resources. Commanders are entrusted with resources to accomplish a stated mission. Those resources include: manpower, funds, equipment, facilities and environment, guidance, and Airmen's time. Commanders must consider risk in their stewardship of scarce resources to ensure effective and efficient mission accomplishment. As part of managing their resources, higher echelon commanders must ensure adequate resources are provided to subordinate commanders. Likewise, subordinate commanders must inform higher echelon commanders of resource shortfalls.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
2 Groundhog Day Free Movie Night, 6 p.m. @ Club	3	4	5	6 Annual Awards Banquet/Ceremony, 6 p.m. @ Club	7/8 7th - Bulk shredding event, 9 a.m. @ Building 926 parking lot	Feb. 16: President's Day Holiday Feb. 27: Enlisted Promotions Mar. 8: Daylight Savings Time begins Mar. 9-13: Lowndes County Schools Spring Break Mar. 13: SUPT Class 15-06 Graduation Mar. 23-30: UEI Mar. 28-29: Keesler AFB Airshow
9	10 Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club Mongolian BBQ, 5 p.m. @ Club	11	12	13 5K Fitness Run, 7 a.m. @ Fitness Center SUPT Class 15-05 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	14/15	Mar. 31: Enlisted Promotions Apr. 3: SUPT Class 15-07 Graduation Apr. 5: Easter Sunday Apr. 6-18: 75th Annual Spring Pilgrimage Apr. 23: Heart Apart Apr. 28: First Quarterly Awards Ceremony Apr. 30: Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

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Feb. 7

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Feb. 10 and 12

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Baptist Golden Triangle will hold its third annual fundraiser for Lowndes County Relay for Life and for our Cancer Center Foundation to aid our cancer patients. Valentine Gift Baskets will be on display in front of the main cafeteria, 10a-2p, Thursday, Feb. 12. Tickets are \$1 each. Drawing at 2 p.m. For more information call 662-244-1132.

Baptist Cancer Center offers **free prostate PSA screenings** for men over 40 the last Friday of each month. February PSA screenings will be held in Columbus. Make an appointment by calling at 662-244-4673.

Baptist Golden Triangle is offering **discounted bone density screenings** each Saturday in February, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Outpatient Pavilion. 15 minute, non-invasive scan for women or men age 40 and over. \$50 cash or check only. To make an appointment call 662-244-2979.

Baptist Golden Triangle offers **childbirth classes** each month. Classes are held on each Tuesday night at 6 p.m. To pre-register call the Education Department at 662-244-2498.

Diabetes Self-Management Education Class meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Baptist Golden Triangle Outpatient Pavilion Conference Center. Physician referral is required. For information call 662-244-1596.

BMH-GT Diabetes Support Groups - day classes are the third Wednesday of each month, 10-11 am, and evening classes are the second Thursday of each month, 6-7 pm, rooms 4 & 5 PT. For information call 662-244-1596.

Baptist Memorial Hospice is seeking volunteers to assist in various ways in the office and with their families. Please call 662-243-1173.

For more information contact the numbers listed above or email info.goldentriangle@bmhcc.org.

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GEN. RAND

(Continued from page 1)

“Get ready, because you haven’t seen anything yet,” he said. “SUPT is just the beginning of a long list of successes and of challenges that are awaiting you. Very soon you will start training in aircraft with capabilities that wildly exceed that of those I started flying 36 years ago.”

Rand explained that the pilots are ready for the challenges ahead because they were trained by the best-of-the-best instructor pilots.

“Your new graduates have been trained by the best there is to offer,” Rand said. “They are highly skilled, and the vast majority of them have been combat tested. They are solely devoted to training the world’s greatest aviators.”

The AETC commander encouraged the new graduates to continue to be good leaders throughout their careers.

“I ask each of you to recommit yourselves to being effective role-models and leaders, in the air and on the ground,” Rand said. “Lead by learning what your non-rated counterparts are doing. Learn their names and their spouse’s names; thank the defender who is guarding the flightline. Lead by being gracious and humble when you utilize our mission support and medical facilities.”

The general concluded his speech by congratulating the class and continuing to urge them to strive for excellence.

“I now pass the baton to each of you in Class 15-04,” Rand



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman John Day

Gen. Robin Rand, Commander of Air Education Training Command, and Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia, AETC Command Chief, host a question-and-answer session with Columbus Air Force Base chiefs and first sergeants in the Base Chapel Annex Jan. 23, 2015. Rand and Tapia shared their positions and experiences to Columbus AFB senior enlisted leadership.

said. “To carry on the fight, the real fight against our nation’s enemies, stand tall and be proud today. You have become aviators in the world’s greatest Air Force. It is a noble and honorable calling, so continue to commit yourselves to excellence.”



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman Daniel Lile

Senior leaders from Columbus Air Force Base and the Imes family join Gen. Robin Rand, Commander of Air Education and Training Command, and Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia, AETC Command Chief, for dinner at a community reception Jan. 22, 2015, held at the Rosedale Antebellum Home. The Imes family owns the historic Italianate style house that was built in 1855.

During their visit, the general and chief also met with numerous Airmen from various organizations and ranks across Team BLAZE, and attended an off-base community reception.

AETC command chief visits Columbus AFB

Airman John Day
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

ports and discussed the importance of professional development.

“Education is a force multiplier for the Air Force,” Tapia said. “To me, it is either black or white with no gray area. You either think it’s really important or you don’t.”

He went on to speak about his experiences as a leader.

“I like to practice intrusive leadership,” Tapia said. “That means if you work for me, I want to know everything about you. Supervisors who practice this type of leadership will really like this new system because it allows them to accurately convey the status of their Airmen.”

After the all-call, Tapia toured the firehouse and Radar Approach Control to talk with those who could not attend the all-call.

“This should solidify the truth of the matter that your leadership cares about you, and as leaders we continue to make strides to improve the lives of our Airmen,” Tapia said.

The command chief then re-joined the general to co-host a question and answer session with all Columbus AFB chiefs and first sergeants.

After sharing lunch with members of Columbus’ Synergy Group, Tapia departed, but not before letting Team BLAZE know that they are valued and are always



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman John Day

Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia, Command Chief of Air Education Training Command, briefs Airmen at an enlisted all-call Jan. 23, 2015, at the McAllister Fire Station on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Among the topics Tapia spoke about were the new Enlisted Performance Reports, the importance of education to Airmen and promotion eligibility.

on leadership’s radar.

“Even though Columbus AFB is two states away from us at (Joint Base San Anto-

nio-Randolph, Texas) you are never off our minds on a day-to-day basis,” Tapia said. “I can guarantee you that.”

Who is Shumake?

Airman John Day
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

(Editor's note: This is the second article in a continuation of a 2014 series on the memorializations on Columbus Air Force Base.)

The streets of Columbus Air Force Base are not just streets; they also mean so much more than just a name.

They are named after honored Airmen who have important history with Columbus and have oftentimes paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In a 2007 Prisoner of War-Missing in Action ceremony, First Street, along with several other streets, was renamed Shumake Street to honor Col. Glynn Shumake, a former Columbus resident.

Shumake was born May 11, 1915. He graduated as a second lieutenant from Advanced Pilot School Dec 12, 1941. His first assignment was to the 358th Bomb Squadron at Gowen Field in Boise, Illinois, as an engineering officer. His second assignment was in Royal Air Force Molesworth, England.

He was perhaps best known for his time in the 303rd BS "Hell's Angels" where he co-piloted the B-17G Bouncing Betty III. It was around this time that he was shot down while on a mission. Those crewmembers that were able to bail out before the crash survived, including Shumake, but were captured and



Col. Glynn Shumake was a B-17 pilot during World War II who is credited with over 30 missions and multiple combat tours during his assignment to the 303rd Bomb Group. Shumake retired from the Air Force in 1975 and became a member of Mississippi State Legislature and the House of Representatives, living here in Columbus, Mississippi.

sent to Prisoner of War camps.

He retired from the Air Force in 1975 after reaching the rank of colonel.

He lived in Columbus where he was a member of Mississippi State Legislature and the House of Representatives from the early 70s to the late 80s.

He lived the rest of his life in Columbus and died April 26, 2004. His family was able to attend Columbus AFB's dedication of the street to his name.

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.

Dollars & \$ense: Expiration of 75-Day Leave Carryover for Military

Senior Airman Thomas Ramirez
14th Comptroller Squadron
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Effective Sept. 30, 2015, the 75-day leave carryover policy that has allowed members to carry more than 60 days of leave from the prior fiscal year will expire.

Any leave balance over 60 days at the end of fiscal 2015 will be automatically forfeited. Only members entitled to Special Leave Accrual will be allowed to carry a leave balance over 65 days.

SLA is for members faced with circumstances that prohibit them from taking leave, which force the member to accumulate a leave balance in excess of 60 days. Circumstances that prevent members from using their leave must have been caused by a catastrophe, national emergency and/or crisis, or operations in defense of national security such as a deployment.

In the coming months please pay special attention to your Leave and Earnings Statement, as it is the most reliable method to find your current leave balance. However, until further notice the use/lose balance on your LES will not be a true reflection of your actual use/lose balance. This issue is because the master military pay accounts for each member of the Air Force have not yet been updated accordingly. At this time there is no timetable for when LESs will show the correct use/lose balance. As a reminder for each remaining month in fiscal 2015, you will accrue 2.5 days; keep this in mind when calculating the number of days of leave you may need to take this year.

In the event the 75-day leave carryover policy is extended beyond fiscal 2015, the Financial Services Office will work hand in hand with the Military Personnel Section to distribute any and all information right away.

Please feel free to contact your 14th Comptroller Squadron anytime Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to verify or address any concerns pertaining to your leave balances or any other finance related matters. Finance can be reached via email at 14CPTS.FCS@us.af.mil, at DSN 742-2705, or at the Finance office located in the main lobby of the 14th Mission Support Group building.

Reference used: AFI 36-3003, Chapter 10

2015 Tax Center

The Columbus AFB Tax Center opens Feb. 4 and trained volunteers will prepare your tax returns through April 8 for free. The Tax Center is located on the first floor of the Personnel Center, building 926, room 105.

Military members (active or reserve), retirees, and dependents may qualify for tax preparation service if your rank is E-5 or below or your combined family income is less than \$58,000.

The hours of operation are:

- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday by appointment only
- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday by appointment only
- Walk-in hours are from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays for simple 1040 returns.

The scope of our tax preparation is limited. However, starting this year a self-service kiosk will also be available in the tax center for you to prepare and file your own taxes, for free.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call the Tax Center at 434-7613.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 25 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



435th AGOW improves airspace, builds partnerships

Senior Airman Damon Kasberg
86th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The 435th Air Ground Operations Wing led a U. S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa air traffic control advisory mission in Cerklje Air Base, Slovenia, Jan. 12 to 16.

The five-day mission supported USAFE - AFAFRICA's efforts to assist the Slovenian air force in developing control measures for takeoff and landing procedures during instrument flight rules conditions; giving the base the capability to conduct flights in inclement weather conditions.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to advise and assist an allied partner, especially when the impact is critical to the expansion of their capabilities," said Maj. John Sherinian, the 435th Contingency Response Group, Det-1 chief air adviser. "Our discussions and findings will help pave the way for much greater training and interoperability between the United States Air Force and the Slovenian air force."

Currently, Cerklje Air Base only supports takeoffs and landings under visual flight rules conditions. In other words, pilots are only able to operate an aircraft in weather conditions that are clear enough to allow them to see where the aircraft is going. Assisting the Slovenia air force in creating the Civilian Aviation Authority approved procedures for publication will greatly expand the operational availability of the base's runway.

"To say it honestly, I have been waiting for this support visit from the USAFE - AFAFRICA expert team, like children wait for Christmas Day," said Slovenian air force Capt. Gregory Virant, the 15th Wing chief

"This event was an outstanding opportunity to foster relationships with our Slovenian counterparts," said Chief Master Sgt. Luis A. Martinez, the USAFE - AFAFRICA operations superintendent for command and control. "We were able to assist them in improving their air base's capabilities to handle various fixed and rotary wing aircraft for host-nation, U.S. and NATO use."

of air operations. "Building the instrument procedures and the ability to use them by the end of this year will be a real milestone for our air base. We will finally be able to fly in and out of Cerklje Air Base in any weather and therefore, we will be able to support NATO aircraft whether being their divert airfield, fuel stop or deployment air base."

During the visit, the team of U.S. Air Force advisers received many informative briefings on current improvements being

made at the base, future projects, and airspace problems they were there to assist with.

Over the five days they undertook those problems by providing viable procedures for landings and takeoffs for aircraft under instrument flight rules. Additionally, the team offered the Slovenians their perspectives on avenues for improvement and NATO interoperability, such as force protection measures and airfield management.

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The culmination of the five-day mission was a combined briefing with the Cerklje AB commander on the team's findings and recommendation. Their findings can potentially pave the way for much greater U.S. and NATO interoperability at Cerklje AB and future use of the base for exercises and contingency response missions.

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Behind the iron mask: Airman builds heroic persona to help others

Senior Airman Christopher Reel
1st Combat Camera Squadron

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. — (This feature is part of the “Through Airmen’s Eyes” series on AF.mil. These stories focus on a single Airman, highlighting their Air Force story.)

Beneath every superhero’s mask is an individual who enters society with a mission to leave it better than he or she found it.

Iron Man is one of the many superheroes who not only lives in comic books, but also thrives on the big screen, and is seen as a hero to many.

Tech. Sgt. Brian Thornton, a 628th Air Base Wing Air Defense Council paralegal, didn’t know that his idea, much like Tony Stark’s, would put him behind a red and gold mask to help make the world a better place.

After an idea, countless sketches, many hardware store runs, hours of dedication mixed with times of frustration, and ten months of hard work — Thornton finally finished his very own Iron Man suit.

“Everybody thought I was kind of crazy,” Thornton said. “But I finally built the arm-piece, and it looked pretty good. I then started with the bicep, and I just went one piece at a time and then the next thing you know, I had the whole suit.”

“There were no blue prints and no directions to making this thing; and since it took so long, I would get frustrated,” Thornton said. “I used paper, car bondo, Plexiglas, nuts, bolts and anything I could find in the garage.”

Making the suit proved to be a challenge, but the Thorntons had a goal fueling their motivation to complete the suit.

“When I began to see the potential this suit had, I told my wife I wanted to go to (the) Medical University of South Carolina Children’s Hospital,” Thornton said. “I wanted to go see the children and try to brighten their day. That ended up being the driving force to finish this project. ...I did quit for a few weeks here and there over the ten months, but I kept thinking back to once it’s finished, I can go to M.U.S.C.”

Once the suit parts were completed, the next big challenge was figuring out how to put them on. Luckily for Thornton, his wife was there to help.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christopher Reel
Tech. Sgt. Brian Thornton engages with children while dressed up in his homemade Iron Man suit Dec. 8, 2014, at Marrington Elementary, Joint Base Charleston - Weapons Station, S.C. Thornton wears his Iron Man suit at local schools and hospitals hoping to help brighten children's days. Thornton is a 628th Air Base Wing Air Defense Council paralegal.

“I’m pretty much J.A.R.V.I.S. (Just A Rather Very Intelligent System: Tony Stark’s computerized assistant),” said Thornton’s wife, Joy. “I assemble him, I take him out of it and I lead him where he needs to go. At first, it would take more than 45 minutes to get the suit on him, but the more and more we make visits ... the easier it gets.”

Looking back to the beginning of Thornton’s Iron Man project, Joy had her doubts.

“When he first told me his idea, I told him he lost his mind,” Joy said. “I told him he wouldn’t get it done; I had a lot of doubt. I’m usually the ‘putter-together’ in the family. We get new furniture — I put it together and he walks out of the room. But, he obviously proved me wrong. I’m very proud of him.”

What started off as a one man project, turned into a family mission.

“My son would help me out in the garage with sanding and painting, and my wife was always encouraging me,” Thornton said. “My wife puts the Iron Man (suit) on me every time we make a visit somewhere. I couldn’t do this without her.”

Since completing the suit, they’ve gone to the children’s hospital, the Ronald McDonald House, their child’s school and a deployed spouses’ dinner on Joint Base Charleston.

“We hope by doing this we can affect somebody’s life in a positive way,” Joy said. “That there might be a kid that is sick and Iron Man might be what brightens his or her day or brings hope that things will get better. When we go into a classroom to see the little kids, knowing some might be having a bad day, struggling with classes or have problems at home, we hope to make a personal con-

nection between Iron Man and them to help make their lives better.”

When the sergeant isn’t working as Iron Man, he is in his other superhero suit — an Air Force uniform.

Thornton’s job in the Air Force is to help defend Airmen who have been accused of a crime.

“There are people out there that do bad things and there are people that don’t but are accused, and I like that he gives them a chance to try to save their life and career,” Joy said. “He’s just too humble to say it himself. He’s saved many Airmen’s careers whose lives would be ruined if it wasn’t for him and the team of attorneys.”

Regardless of which duty may call, the Thorntons are always ready to make the world a better place.

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Mission Audition seeks Airmen for Tops In Blue

14th Force Support Squadron Marketing

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Air Force Entertainment is still accepting applications to audition for Tops In Blue through the “Mission Audition” program. But the deadline is coming up soon — all applications are due by Feb. 3. In addition to performers of all types, Tops In Blue needs



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The Airman’s Creed

I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior.
I have answered my nation’s call.

I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight, and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage.
A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman.
Guardian of freedom and justice,
My nation’s sword and shield,
Its sentry and avenger.
I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman.
Wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave and Airman behind.
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.

Commander’s Action Line

434-1414

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 434-1414. 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.



AEF Deployment: Are you ready?

Timothy Shine
14th Flying Training Wing
Installation Deployment Officer

Something I often hear or you may have said yourself is, “Do you have a deployment tasking for me?” or “I want to deploy.”

On Oct. 1, 2014, the Air Expeditionary Force Teaming Construct Window (fiscal 2014-2019) schedule, with deploy-to-dwell ratios, went into effect for deploying the Air Force’s Agile Combat Support capabilities.

The AEF also provides Demand Force capabilities. These capabilities, or Unit Type Codes, support a broad range of missions, and when tasked/deployed, their timeframe may include more than one deployment eligibility period.

The installation deployment officers, logistics planners, commanders and deployment managers use a UTC Availability which includes the following elements: current fiscal year, unit identification code, and UTC; associate or deployable P-code, number of personnel supporting the UTC, AEF Window, number of short tons, and unit to determine how units are posture to support AEF requirements.

Unit Type Codes are a five-digit alpha numeric combination describing a force capability. UTC personnel and/or equipment capabilities are designed in its Mission Capability Statement. The Unit Line Number identifies the specific capability.

The supported commander for the position establishes force requirements and flow using a Time Phased Force Deployment Listing. Supporting commanders ensure their units are ready to deploy assigned force capabilities, as tasked.

Within 15 days of assignment to a station, military members should contact their Group/Unit Deployment Manager and receive an AEF Indicator code. This is a letter and number combination of P1 through P6 or X1 through X5. Although Institutional Forces organizations are not considered war fighting capabilities, the individuals assigned to these organizations are still inherently deployable.

Airmen without the correct AEFI are vulnerable to receive a direct tasking from AFPC they might not have received if they had the correct AEFI assigned. The consequences for not receiving or updating an AEFI could lead to disciplinary actions, at the discretion of the member’s supervisor, first sergeant or commander.

At deployment workcenters, the Installation Deployment Readiness Cell, Passenger Deployment Function and Cargo Deployment Functions are activated, as needed, to support deployment requirements. The IDRC permanent core staff consists of the IDO, the Logistics Readiness Squadron/

AEF Teaming Construct Window:																																				
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P=Period
X=Institutional Force
RCP=Reserve Component Posture

Right Person, Right Place, Right Time

As of 9 Apr 14

Plans and Integration section, and Force Support Squadron/Installation Personnel Readiness personnel who are responsible for identifying, validating and distributing deployment taskings and information. It is the day-to-day focal point for all deployment and execution operations.

Columbus Air Force Base deployment process and required actions include:

- The IDO, LRS/Plans and Integrations receive all the deployment taskings and provides G/UDMs deployment execution support.
- The 14th Force Support Squadron IPR section provides tasked commanders and their group or unit deployment manager with a deployment tasking notification letter, requesting a shortfall or fill decision.
- The 14th FSS Manpower office validates deployment taskings.
- Tasked commander notifies eligible or selected unit personnel of a requirement to deploy.
- G/UDM advises commander of available/eligible unit personnel/equipment to support the tasking.
- The 14th Medical Group ensures deploying personnel are medically cleared for the deployed location.
- Member completes required readiness AEF Individual training in course, classroom and Advanced Distributed Learning Service.
- The 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Customer Service section purchases authorized non-issued items for

deploying members.

- The 14th LRS Individual Protective and Individual Equipment element provides authorized equipment and deployment gear to deploying members.
- The 14th LRS Traffic Management section provides members travel information such as airline tickets, rental car, lodging details and more.
- The 14th Comptroller Squadron ensures member receives authorized pay and entitlements.
- Member deploys without receiving any discrepancies and safely returns to Columbus AFB.
- AEF UTC Reporting Tool monitors ensure accurate UTC status updates and reporting is performed.

In May 2012, the 14th Flying Training Wing commander chartered an Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century Event on the deployment process. This decision led to the establishment of centralized deployment out-processing, which brings BLAZE leadership, the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Chaplain, Legal, Anti-terrorism, Public Affairs and Airman and Family Readiness Center to the member in one location. The goal is to give deploying Airmen as much personal time as possible before deploying.

When it comes to deploying, be ready. Know your AEFI and its deployment eligibility window. Questions regarding the wing’s deployment process may be directed to the IDRC office at 434-2803, 434-3605, 434-7097, 434-7204 (IPR) or your Group/Unit Deployment Manager.

Airman pulls woman from burning vehicle

Staff Sgt. Siuta B. Ika
99th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — For Tech. Sgt. Justin Mahana, the 823rd Maintenance Squadron support section chief, life is about helping those in need.

When the 17-year veteran learned a coworker’s truck had broken down two-and-a-half hours away in Lake Havasu, Arizona, he volunteered his truck, trailer and time to help the Airman get it back to his Las Vegas-area residence on Jan. 6.

However, the ride back home would not go as smooth or uneventful as he originally planned.

“After loading the truck up on the trailer, we were on our way back and stopped at a gas station to get air in our tires and make sure everything was good to go,” Mahana said. “While we were at the gas station, which was literally around the corner from where we loaded up the truck, I heard a loud crack so I turned to see what happened and I saw a big cloud of dust. I stepped out to look a little closer and saw a black SUV across

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the intersection that looked like it had hit the median and was immobilized.”

After observing the vehicle for about 30 to 45 seconds, Mahana noticed nobody had exited the vehicle.

“That’s the first thing that kind of triggered me something wasn’t right,” he said. “Nobody else stopped or anything, and the car was by itself.”

Mahana told his passenger he was going to run across the street to see if anyone needed help. As he made his way across the intersection, Mahana could hear the vehicle’s engine revs reverberating off the cool desert floor, so he hollered back for the Airman to call 911.

“It sounded like the accelerator was stuck, so I kind of picked up my pace a little bit to see if whoever was inside was okay and I could see a lady in the driver seat kind of moving around,” Mahana said. “Her windows were up so I was motioning to her to cut off the vehicle, but she wasn’t responding to me. About the time I started around the back of the vehicle, the engine rpms were way high — it was just against the rev limiter and then finally the engine let go.”

An avid mechanic and car enthusiast, Mahana said he picked up on what was going on with the vehicle, so when



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Siuta B. Ika
Tech. Sgt. Justin Mahana poses in front of an HH-60G Pave Hawk Jan. 20, 2015, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. On Jan. 6, 2015, Mahana pulled a middle-aged woman from a burning vehicle after overhearing her crash her SUV in a single-car accident in Lake Havasu, Ariz. Mahana is the 823rd Maintenance Squadron support section chief.

the engine blew, he knew it would crack the engine block and released oil would drench the ground below.

“That’s when the fire started; like two big puffs of black smoke and then just flames came out from underneath the car,” Mahana said. “It didn’t engulf in flames or anything, but it was still smoldering underneath. I ran around the car, opened the driver’s door, asked her if she was okay, but she didn’t want to get out of the car -- she was holding on to the steering wheel with a death grip.”

As the flames grew more intense with each failed attempt to coax the shocked woman out of the car with words, Mahana knew they were running out of time, so he took a different course of action.

“I checked the passenger and back seats to see if there was anybody else in the car — there wasn’t — so I finally just hooked my arm around her and pretty much just yanked her out and got her away from the car,” Mahana said. “I don’t think she would’ve gotten out of the car on her own because she was in shock and just didn’t know what was going on.”

As the first responders arrived on scene, the fire grew worse, but Mahana was only focused on consoling the middle-aged woman he had just pulled from the burning vehicle.

“I was trying to keep her from going further into shock,”

he said. “There was tons of smoke and the smell of burning plastic was bad.”

After being thanked by the first responders, Mahana was back on the road.

“I’m not surprised at all that sergeant Mahana was able to carry out those necessary actions, because it’s part of his mantra to put others before himself in everything he does,” said Master Sgt. Heather Gray, the 823rd MXS maintenance flight chief. “And you can ask anybody around here and they’ll tell you the same thing.”

Seventeen years ago, Mahana entered the Air Force because he wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. While his everyday job ensures he gets to do that -- the 823rd MXS is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of HH-60G Pave Hawks that are utilized by pararescuemen when conducting combat search and rescue missions as well as humanitarian relief operations -- it’s his actions away from the job that shows exactly what kind of man Mahana is.

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Rafael Maura, 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Material Handler, scans incoming parts to send to the flight line Jan. 27 on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. All maintenance parts come through 14th LRS material management and are inventoried before being used.



Frank Deal, 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Technician, refuels a T-6 Texan Jan. 27 on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 14th LRS Fuels Flight refills 250-280 aircraft a day.

14th LRS continues to support CAFB mission

Airman Daniel Lile
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron encompasses four flights which include material management, fuels management, deployment and distribution and vehicle management.

All of them are critical to supporting the mission of Columbus Air Force Base.

Material management handles the equipment needed for Airmen who are deploying.

“Material management consists of supply, such as deployment and mobility gear like gas masks,” said Maj. Antonio Salazar, 14th LRS Commander. “They provide aircraft parts, mission capable support, mobility bag and weapons support, equipment accountability and customer service to support Columbus Air Force Base”.

The fuels management flight ensures 14th FTW aircraft always have the fuel they need to complete their mission of

producing pilots.

“The fuels management flight actually provides the jet fuel for the aircraft,” Salazar said. “We have fuel storage tanks to store fuel and get an average anywhere between seven to nine fuel trucks a day. That operation is pretty big here. They also provide cryogenics fluids to support aircraft operations.”

The deployment and distribution flight ensures transportation for all personnel is taken care of, from pilots on the flightline to the defenders’ vehicles on patrol.

“The deployment and distribution flight consists of vehicle operations which picks up the aircrew on the flightline or arranges transportation for anyone really who needs it,” Salazar said. “They also handle the Traffic Management Office that receives your personal property when you arrive here. Lastly, the Logistics Plans section is responsible for the centralized command and control, planning and execution of all wing deployments.”

The vehicle management flight en-

sures the wing’s vehicles continue running and maintain the required maintenance necessary to accomplish the mission.

“The vehicle management flight is responsible for repairing all of the government vehicles on base,” Salazar said. “They have to be able to have the technical knowledge to be able to repair many different types of vehicles and are in charge of taking care of up to 175 vehicles.”

All flights in the 14th LRS directly support the 14th FTW mission of Producing Pilots, Advancing Airmen and Feeding the Fight.

“LRS is important to the mission because if we did not have vehicle maintenance, supplies, fuel, logistics plans and vehicles to transport personnel, we could not train pilots and deploy Airman to the fight,” said Master Sgt. Rodel Sy, 14th LRS Superintendent. “We could not fix vehicles, deliver aircraft parts or even have the fuel to fly the aircraft that are critical to our mission.”



U.S. Air Force photos/Airman Daniel Lile

Patrick Fleming, 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic, checks the oil of a government vehicle Jan. 27 on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. 14th LRS Vehicle Management Flight is in charge of taking care of up to 175 vehicles on the installation.



Willie Crawford, 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Material Specialist, issues an upcoming student pilot flight equipment Jan. 27 on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. 14th LRS Material Management Flight also handles the equipment that is needed for Airmen who are deploying.



Second Lt. Michael Craig, 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Flightline Driver, drives pilots to their aircraft Jan. 27 on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 14th LRS Distribution Flight also handles the Traffic Management Office that receives personal property when Airmen arrive at Columbus AFB.



James Bowen, 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Packing and Crating Specialist, cuts wood to support a crate Jan. 27 on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The crates made by material management need to be able to withstand shipment in the air, on a boat or being transported on the ground.