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News Briefs

Command Cyber Readiness Inspection

The Defense Information Systems Agency will conduct a Command Cyber Readiness Inspection of Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Dec. 14-18. The CCRI evaluates the base's cybersecurity posture and is mandated by Department of Defense to ensure Air Force networks are effectively secured.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dec.15 in the Kaye Auditorium for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

Happy Christmas Fund Shop and Wrap

The Happy Christmas Fund Shop and Wrap is scheduled for Dec. 17. Shoppers will meet at Wal-Mart at 6 a.m. and wrappers will meet at the Youth Center Gymnasium at 8 a.m. A playgroup will be available at the Youth Center Gymnasium starting at 8 a.m. for volunteers who need childcare. It is \$5 per child. The Happy Fund provides clothing, school supplies and other necessities to approximately 350 underprivileged children in the Columbus area each year.

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The 81st Fighter Squadron is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class John Day

Dr. Story Musgrave, Retired NASA Astronaut, entrepreneur, Marine Corps Crew Chief and neurosurgeon, visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Dec. 4 to speak to Airmen about his life. Musgrave detailed what he attributed to his success and explained his work philosophy to the attendees.

A 'Story' of excellence

Airman 1st Class John Day

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Dr. Story Musgrave, Retired NASA Astronaut, entrepreneur, Marine Corps Crew Chief and neurosurgeon, visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Dec. 4 to speak to Team BLAZE on a broad spectrum of topics.

Musgrave's visit to Columbus AFB was made possible by the contributions of the 43rd Flying Training Squadron.

Throughout his presentation, he used photos from his collection as a photographer to help tell his story and drive home

his lessons for success.

Musgrave's uniting theme for his presentation is also an Air Force Core Value.

"Our topic today is excellence: being the best you can every second of the day," Musgrave said. "It's how you design a life for yourself. Let's look at our playing field; T-1, T-6, T-38. Wherever you are, that is your playing field, and being excellent will put you on a lifelong path to perfection."

He spoke about his life and the various trials, tribulations

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 22 TEAM B L A Z E members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



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Columbus AFB Tax Center looking for volunteers

The Columbus AFB Tax Center will open in late January and is in need of volunteer tax preparers and assistants. All of our volunteers play a critical role in assisting service members, retirees, and dependents to complete and file their tax returns. This service helps our clients maximize their tax refunds. Volunteers with special skills or training are welcome, however no prior experience is required. Training will be provided on the latest tax preparation forms and software. To be an effective volunteer you should be able to file your own tax return, work with computers, learn new things, and enjoy working with people. For more information, please contact Capt. Luke McPherson in the legal office at 434-7030.

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MUSGRAVE

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and successes he experienced. From every event in his life, he took a piece of that experience and turned it into a strength.

A product of child labor, Musgrave enlisted in the Marine Corps, became a master mechanic, tank operator, neurosurgeon, systems engineer, a pilot, an astronaut and everything in between.

"I learn by doing things and figuring it out," Musgrave said. "I am a radically pragmatic person. I find out what I've got to do to make this thing happen."

His particular brand of learning goes to show his passion for any subject he chose.

"When I joined NASA, I continued to work on airplanes," Musgrave said. "The way I understand airplanes is to take them apart and put them back together. Every time I see something I don't understand, I ask them to show me. I learned the T-38 inside and out on that hangar floor."

He learned about everything he could get ahold of and is passionate about being the best he can be.

"Give yourself to the system and that system is going to do what it does: educate," Musgrave said. "That's how you learn. Life is about the excitement of continuous learning. Never miss the opportunity for an aircraft, instructor or program to teach you something."

After working on his parent's farm and having many jobs through his young life, he joined the USMC. As a crew chief, he learned much about how to do things and to do them right.

"Doing things right is a concise process that involves procedures, checklists, standardizations, best practices, configuration control and continuous improvement," Musgrave said.

He encouraged the crowd to use their entire potential.

"It's all about perfection and getting things done the right way," Musgrave said. "There are a lot of reasons to be the best you can be. There is no stronger way to stay safe than to keep the phrase 'I've got to come home,' in your head."

Musgrave spoke about an instance where a commercial airliner crashed a flight before it even left the runway. He described the commercial pilot world as extremely professional, but attributed the accident to complacency and deviance.

"Complacency and deviance are my two big evils," Musgrave said. "There can be no complacency. We live in an unforgiving world. It does not matter if you've done things right 1,000 or 10,000 times in a row, you can't miss once."

He said ownership and remaining vigilant helps to avoid mistakes like the mentioned airline accident.

"Own it," Musgrave said. "Be part of that business. Be passionate. Get in the game. Vigilance and awareness is how you stay in the game."

Musgrave related the path through life to a game or sport, albeit a complex game with high costs of failure.

"The world is a very complex system," Musgrave said. "Everything you do in life is a massive number of variables. Life is not simple, ever. You have to control these complex variables to get to that finish line."

As a man with many degrees in all different fields, he recommends to never limit one-self to a single area of expertise.

"Everything you ever did in life you have to leverage," Musgrave said. "You leverage it to your current life and ask yourself, 'How am I going to use this?""

Musgrave's varied areas of knowledge drove him in different directions; directions he never saw coming.

"Folks, you are going to run into forks in the road," Musgrave said. "What you do is prepare for the unknown. People always ask me if I always wanted to be an astronaut. The answer is no. I did not want to be an astronaut at the time.

"Everything you do in life will prepare you for a life that you do not yet know. Just keep following down that path to perfection. You are developing that skillset to offer to a brand new world."

He spoke on leadership and teamwork and how those helped in all he did, particularly in piloting and neurosurgery.

"Comfort is a great word," Musgrave said.
"When you are doing anything in a team setting, ask your teammates, your coworkers or your subordinates if they are comfortable. It empowers them to achieve greater heights."

Though he avoids emphasizing the possibility of failure, he noted it was important to deal with it if it does appear.

"We do anticipate life happens," Musgrave said. "Things are going to happen. Stay resilient and be ready for anything. Have a recovery process and be able to tolerate it when things get off the beaten path."

Musgrave left the audience with a powerful line and gratitude for allowing him to impart his wisdom.

"It isn't over until it's over," Musgrave said.
"I wish you well on your journey, remember to pursue all opportunities and do it simply because the challenges lay there before you. Thank you so much for having me."

2015 Winter/Holiday Message from senior Air Force leaders

Deborah Lee James

Secretary of the Air Force

Gen. Mark Welsh

Air Force Chief of Staff,

and Chief Master Sgt. James Cody Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

The winter holidays provide an opportunity to relax and celebrate with our families and friends. It's also an opportunity to re-establish a proper work-life balance by enjoying the seasonal festivities and activities.

We work diligently all year to reduce mishaps, and we should not ignore those effo1is during the much-deserved break.

Sadly, last year we lost five Airmen in off-duty mishaps between 22 November and 2 January. Every Airman, uniformed and civilian, must take a few minutes to include sound risk management in his/her winter and holiday plans. The same risk management principles that keep us safe on duty are just as effective when traveling and enjoying recreational activities off duty.

Think through every plan and have a backup plan for contingencies. Pay close attention to weather conditions, remain vigilant, and maintain proper awareness of your surroundings.

Use your training and common sense to do the right thing. If you see someone in need, help them. If you're the one struggling, make the right choice and seek help from a friend, a supervisor, or a professional.

We are the best Air Force on the planet because of who we are, how we approach challenges, and what we do for our families and fellow Airmen. The Air Force and the Nation need every Airman to be ready and available to respond when and where called.

Your family, friends, and Nation depend on you to make safety a priority in your winter and holiday plans. While enjoying the season, take care of yourself and take care of each other.

Exchange shoppers can say 'hello Frisco' in latest sweepstakes

Army & Air Force Exchange Service
Public Affairs

This holiday season, Exchange shoppers have the chance to win a gift they'll never forget — an all-expense paid trip for two to San Francisco, California.

Through Dec. 24, shoppers can enter to win airline tickets, two nights in a local hotel, a meal allowance and spending money for their trip as part of the Ghirardelli Chocolate San Francisco Getaway Sweepstakes.

"For one lucky Exchange shopper, this will surely be a holiday to remember," said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, the Exchange's senior enlisted advisor. "Two nights and three days of first-class treatment in one of the world's famous cities -- talk about kicking off 2016 in style."

Authorized shoppers 18 and older are eligible enter the Ghirardelli Chocolate San Francisco Getaway Sweepstakes at www. shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes. The drawing will take place on or about Jan. 4. No purchase is necessary.

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Columbus Air Force Base Spouses Club members gather several cookies into plastic bags for 14th Flying Training Wing Airmen Dec. 7 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The cookies were later distributed to unaccompanied Airmen throughout the day. Thousands of cookies were donated by Columbus community members and local

Columbus Spouses' Club brings joy to sweet-toothed Airmen

14th Flying Training Wing **Public Affairs**

The Columbus Spouses Club held a cookie drive Dec. 7 for Airmen across all squadrons of Columbus Air Force Base. Volunteers from the CSC and other base spouses took drive-by donations from local

Altogether, over 6,000 cookies in nearly 500 one-dozen bags were donated to single

Airmen across all base offices. Leftover bags were given to members of the Columbus Fire and Police Departments.

This year's cookie drive was put together by Kenley Corredor, CSC President and wife of Maj. Oscar Corredor, Aerospace Medicine Flight Commander.

"The CSC would like to thank the Youth Center for allowing us to use the location, the commissary for donating the bags and to everyone who donated to make this event possible," Kenley said.

businesses, community members and spouses.

Buckle up! It's the law.

14th Medical Group Corner: The dangers of oral piercings

Master Sgt. Jeremy Davis 14th Medical Operations Squadron Dental Flight

It is common today to see kids walking around with an oral piercing, whether it s in the lip, the tongue, the cheek or that uniquely European 'between the teeth' ring.

The fashion merits of this kind of jewelry are subject to debate, yet there is an insidious health consequence that should be considered before subjecting your tongue to a through-and-through jab with a needle of questionable cleanliness. Namely, these piercings can have serious effects upon an individual's well-being.

The human mouth is teeming with bacteria. We're talking billions of them. Any piercing can be considered a direct portal into the body, whereby these bacteria can enter and cause a potentially life-threatening infection. A swollen and infected tongue could block an airway, suffocat-

ing the hapless pierced victim. Regardless of the experience of the person doing the piercing, any piercing can cause uncontrollable bleeding or permanent nerve damage.

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Healing from any piercing can take upwards of six weeks. In the meantime, the pierced lip can result in significant swelling and pain. Once a pierced site has healed, you're not in the clear yet, as dislodged jewelry can be swallowed or lodged in your lungs. Moreover, chipped or cracked teeth are not uncommon and quite often these conditions are not restorable and the tooth must be extracted

Jewelry worn in the mouth can hinder your ability to speak and can even make eating a challenge. Given the potential for unwanted trips to the emergency room or your friendly dentist, it becomes difficult to rationalize the "coolness" of a tongue ring. This is a decision that can have major consequences for your oral health.

Dorm Council holds bake sale to raise funds for 'lone' Airmen Christmas party



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class John Day

Master Sgt. Jean Phillippe Guindon, 14th Communications Squadron, makes his selection of pastries after donating at the Dorm Council bake sale Dec. 9 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The funds were raised to provide a Christmas party for the Airmen living in the dorms who are not able to visit family during the holiday.

DREAM

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Weyand valued and what helped the team win bronze, behind Germany and the UK, in the women's tourna-

"Lieutenant Borg is one of the most amazing players and Airmen I have had the pleasure to coach," Weyand said. "As a player, she is a world-class goalkeeper — not only does she have the physical skills to play at the highest level, but what separates her is her on-and-off-field leadership, which goes unmatched. She has the ability to make people better, and as a result of that, the team wins.

While the tournament brought her back to a game she loves, it was also a chance to build international relations with militaries from five other countries: Germany, the UK, Holland, Belgium, and Poland. One of the goals of the Air Force Sports Program is to provide such an avenue to build upon those partnerships in the international community.

"We would get out there and play intense completion — you really whoop on each other — and then at the end of the night, it was, 'Let's share a beer and get to know and understand each other," Borg said.

"We're all part of the NATO alliance, which is the whole part of the tournament — to foster that relationship," she continued. "Let's get to know each other, so when we end up on a battlefield together, we have a better understanding of how each other works."

Moving forward, Borg said she will be attending tryouts in May for the Air Force women's soccer team as they train for the World Military Championships. But she won't forget how meaningful this opportunity was, giving her back a piece of herself and her dream.

"It was incredible to bring together women who were excited and intense about the game, a great environment and good coaching at the same time," she explained. "It was not only great playing again, but it allowed me to grow my knowledge as a soccer player, athlete and leader ... It was awesome and a really incredible experience I will never

las V rocket to the International Space Station from Space Launch Complex 41, Dec. 6. This will be the first flight of an enhanced Cygnus spacecraft to the ISS. Orbital ATK's fourth contracted cargo resupply mission with NASA to the ISS will deliver more than 7,000 pounds of science and research, crew supplies and vehicle hardware to the orbital laboratory

"I am proud of the integrated team who made our 16th launch of the year successful," said Brig. Gen. Wayne Monteith, the 45th SW

cision authority. "Additionally, the launch of dozens of the approximately 250 science and this mission clearly demonstrates the successful collaboration our wing has with our partners at NASA Kennedy Space Center, the Space and Missile Systems Center and industry. Together we've shared a remarkable history of space exploration lasting more than half a century. In fact, since July 1950 this United Launch Alliance/Orbital ATK mission represents launch number 3,522 for this team. Our launch success today proves how decades of professional collaboration between the 45th SW, NASA, SMC, ULA and all of our other mission partners continues to shape the future of America's space operations. We are the world's premier gateway to space."

research investigations that will occur during Expeditions 45 and 46. Before any spacecraft can launch from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, a combined team of military, government civilians and contractors from across the 45th SW provide the mission assurance to ensure a safe and successful liftoff for their range customers. Eastern Range instrumentation provides ra-

commander, who also served as the launch de- will carry hardware and supplies to support

dar tracking, telemetry, communications, command/control sites, camera and optical sites. and other support capabilities such as meteorology. Instrumentation is necessary to safely and successfully conduct civil, commercials and national security spacelift operations and According to NASA, the Cygnus spacecraft ballistic missile tests and evaluation.



Courtesy photo /United Launch Alliance (For limited release)

The 45th Space Wing supports NASA's launch of Orbital ATK CRS-4, aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket to the International Space Station from Space Launch Complex 41 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, Dec. 6, 2015. This will be the first flight of an enhanced Cyanus spacecraft to the ISS. Orbital ATK's fourth contracted cargo resupply mission with NASA to the ISS will deliver more than 7,000 pounds of science and research, crew supplies and vehicle hardware to the orbital laboratory and its crew.

45th Space Wing supports NASA launch

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presented itself in the form of the AIRCOM

Indoor Football Championships hosted by

the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom.

"There has definitely been a hole in my

heart — a hole I am so thankful to say com-

peting for my country has helped me fill,"

Airman overcomes adversity to follow soccer dream

Tech. Sgt. Amanda Dick

Headauarters Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICK-AM, Hawaii — (This feature is part of the "Through Airmen's Eyes" series. These stories focus on individual Airmen, highlighting their Air

What happens when a dream you've been working toward since you were 6 gets ripped from you? How do you cope, move on and rekindle that dream?

First Lt. Charity Borg, a Headquarters Pacific Air Forces protocol officer, faced this dilemma a few years ago when she was in the middle of her freshman year at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Borg said she had spent 12 years getting ready to play Division I soccer in college and decided to attend the Academy, where she could not only play, but also commission in the Air Force.

"That's where I grew up, on the soccer field ... the amount of hard work, concentration, focus and growth you get from it, and staying calm in the insanity, is refreshing,' Borg recalled.

She earned a starting spot as the goalkeeper her freshman year at the Academy, beating out juniors for the spot.

"The golden dream was all working out for me," Borg said.

Then, her dream crashed down around her when she said she was sexually assaulted two weeks into the soccer conference.

"It shattered my life; I basically had to drop off the face of the earth for a little while. It stole the dream for me for soccer," she said. "That season was over for me. I had to step an additional nine months." away to take care of my mental sanity."

After a hiatus, Borg said she was ready to play again and talked with the coaches about returning. She said the coaches told her the goalie spot was hers and to be ready. As she headed into the preseason, another shoe dropped — her trial date was scheduled for the middle of the soccer conference.

"As a goalkeeper, 90 percent of our success in a game environment is dependent on our mental fortitude and focus," the protocol officer said. "You have to be on it; you can't afford to be distracted for a second. Otherwise, your mistakes can and will cost the game."

Borg said she then went to the coaches to explain the situation and let them know she thought it would be best to sit second string for the season as she worked through all that



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Amanda Dick

First Lt. Charity Borg, a Headquarters Pacific Air Forces protocol officer, poses with her soccer ball at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Hawaii, after returning from the Royal Air Force's AIRCOM Indoor Football Championship in the United Kingdom, Nov. 30, 2015. Borg, the goalie and captain for the U.S. Air Force women's team, was recruited to play after a long highest away from the sport and the team took bronze in the tour-

"I handed my starting spot away. It was my decision, but I couldn't stop crying — that immense feeling of (being) defeated from the realization of everything that horrible night in October stole from me. But, I'm glad I did, because it was best for the team," she said.

The goalkeeper went another season without playing, only to have the trial postponed

Amidst all of this, Borg also started struggling academically, finding it hard to balance the demanding academics with the athletic training schedule. She said she was also strained emotionally and mentally from dealing with the assault and court process. So, she decided to step away from the team.

Anyone who lives, eats and breathes sports knows how difficult it can be when they are no longer a part of one's life. For Borg, this

"I was literally dying inside, especially knowing it was all gone because of something horrible someone else did to me," she said.

When the trial was over and her mental fortitude grew stronger, she decided to talk to her coaches about returning to the team the spring of her junior year and they were happy

to have her back.

After her experience, Borg said she became heavily involved with the sexual assault response coordinator at the Academy and was often referred to as the "baby SARC" due to her impact on the program. During her junior year, she created a video with other victims to address the overwhelming negative and disrespectful attitudes toward sexual assault. Little did she know, this video, and her testimony, would make it into the hands of the Headquarters Air Force SARC.

After working the summer before her senior year to earn back her starting spot on the team, Borg remembered being called in by her SARC, who relayed HAF was inviting her to speak at the sexual assault prevention and response program training conference in Washington, D.C., that fall -- however, accepting this meant another season without

"I ended up saying yes at the cost of my starting spot, but it was my decision," she said. "I wouldn't go back and change it. I understand the impact is greater than myself by sharing my experience.'

Fast forward a couple years, Borg had yet to play soccer again when an opportunity

For this particular championship, the coach was able to recruit outside of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe theater. "I found her through her amazing reputation at the U.S. Air Force Academy and knew we had to have her represent her country, and she did not disappoint," said Lt. Col. Derrick Weyand, the 39th Mission Support Group deputy commander and women's soccer team coach.

Borg said she submitted the paperwork to play, was approved and started doing two-aay workouts for the month leading up to the

Once in the UK, the women's team started on three-a-day practices for the week before the first game. She said the team voted her captain, and she flourished in the position, finding a way to get a team who had been together a week in sync and dominating the competition mid-way through tournament.

Borg said her leadership was about "finding those moments to bring out the best in others, inspiring people to do more than they are capable of and building their confidence when it comes to what they do.

"You bring women together, most who have never played together before, and we have a week to be ready to compete internationally as a team — it can be hard to bring people together that close, that fast; it's a challenge to make that happen," she continued. "But, that's where I thrive — when you throw me into that environment."

It was that type of leadership and spirit

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BLAZE Hangar Tails: A-29 Super Tucano

The A-29, aka the Embraer EMB 314 Super Tucano, is a turboprop aircraft designed for light attack, counter insurgency, close air support and aerial reconnaissance missions in low threat environments, as well as providing pilot training.

The Super Tucano was designed to operate in high temperature and humidity conditions in extremely rugged terrain. The Super Tucano is highly maneuverable, has a low heat signature, and incorporates fourth generation avionics and weapons system to deliver precision guided munitions.

General characteristics

Crew: Pilot plus one navigator/student in tandem on Martin Baker Mk 10 mph) LCX zero-zero ejection seats

Payload: 1,500 kg (3,307 lb) **Length:** 11.38 m (37 ft 4 in) **Wingspan:** 11.14 m (36 ft 6.5 in) **Height:** 3.97 m (13 ft 0.25 in) Wing area: 19.4 m² (208.8 sq ft) **Empty weight:** 3,200 kg (7,055 lb) Max. takeoff weight: 5,400 kg

Maximum speed: 590 km/h (319 knots, 367 mph)

Stall speed: 148 km/h (80 knots, 92

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Range: 720 nmi (827 mi, 1,330 km) Combat radius: 550 km (300 nmi, 342 mi) (hi-lo-hi profile, 1,500 kg

Ferry range: 1,541 nmi (1,774 mi, 2,855 km) [175]

(3,300 lb) of external stores)[174]

Service ceiling: 10,668 m (35,000 ft) Rate of climb: 24 m/s (1600 fpm)

For more information on how this aircraft is utilized see our feature on the Cruise speed: 520 km/h (281 knots, 81st Fighter Squadron on page 8.

U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman

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Chris Carlson, a Sierra Nevada Corporation senior pilot, taxis an A-29 Super Tucano on the flightline during its first arrival. Sept. 26, 2014, at Moody Air Force Base. Georgia. The Afghan Air Force will implement the A-29 as their current air-to-ground aircraft, the Mi-35 attack helicopter, reaches its end of service life in January 2016.

Team BLAZE vice commander to speak at graduation

Fisher, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander, is scheduled to be the speaker at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-

The Wing conducts SUPT for U.S. Air Force

and allied officers. as well as tactical training for Afghan pilots operations. He then returned to Columbus and aircraft maintainers in the A-29 Super AFB as a T-1A Jayhawk SUPT instructor, Tucano at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. training more than 1,000 officers to be the Columbus AFB is composed of 234 aircraft that fly 54,000 sorties and over 75,000 hours per year to train over 400 pilots and combat and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala-

system operators annually. activated in January, 2015 and will grow to Affairs at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 20 A-29 Super Tucano aircraft that will be as a country director for the Kingdom of Sauused to train 30 Afghan pilots and 90 main- di Arabia. As the country director he mantainers through 2018. They will support air- aged a \$25 billion portfolio of foreign milito-ground fires and aerial reconnaissance in tary sales cases supporting the Royal Saudi support of Afghan National Security Force Air Force and was the political-military ex-

and medical care for the nearly 3,000 mili- cooperation issues. He then served as the optary, civilian and contract Airmen. He also erations officer and commander of the 99th manages an operations and maintenance Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, budget of \$106 million with capital assets Texas, training the cadre of T-1A instructor exceeding \$1.3 billion.

an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps the 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task graduate from Mississippi State University. Force-Afghanistan. In this capacity he di-

area. He was selected for pilot training and Afghan Air Force. earned his wings at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. His first operational assignment was in the KC-10A Extender with the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron at McGuire AFB, New Jersey., where he participated in world-wide mobility operations and multiple combat, combat support and humanitarian next generation of mobility aviators.

Following attendance at Air Command bama, he was assigned to the Deputy Under The 81st Fighter Squadron at Moody was Secretary of the Air Force for International pert supporting the Secretary and Chief of Fisher is also responsible for the support Staff of the Air Force on policy and security pilots for SUPT duty.

Fisher entered the Air Force in 1991 as Fisher served as the Chief of Staff for

He was then assigned as a personnel officer rected four geographically separated staffs at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland., and coordinating air issues among the joint and the Pentagon where he worked personnel coalition higher headquarters and directly issues supporting the National Capital Re- supporting the ISAF commander as subject gion and the 6,000-plus military members matter expert for the 6,500 Airmen supportassigned to the Washington, D.C., metro ing Operation Enduring Freedom and the Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.

> Prior to his current position, Fisher served Officer, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columas the Director of Safety, Air Education and bus AFB, Miss. Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. He lead flight, ground and explosive mishap prevention programs AFB, Miss. for nearly 63,000 command personnel charged to recruit, train and educate more than 320,000 people annually via Air Force Recruiting Service, Air University, 2nd Air Force, and 1,369 trainer, fighter and mobil-

ASSIGNMENTS

May 1992 - July 1992, personnel officer, technical training, Keesler AFB, Miss.

July 1992 - August 1993, Chief, Customer Service, Military Personnel Flight, Ft. Meade, Md.

August 1993 - December 1995, Chief Personnel Relocations and Employment, Military Personnel Flight, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

January 1996 - January 1997, student, specialized undergraduate pilot training, Columbus AFB, Miss.

February 1997 - June 2001, KC-10 instructor aircraft commander/flight com mander, 2nd Air Refueling Squadron, Mc-Guire AFB, N.J.

July 2001 - June 2003, T-1A instructor Miss.

aircraft commander and assistant flight commander, 48th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.

June 2003 - March 2004, Chief, Stan-

dardization and Evaluation, 48th Flying

March 2004 - January 2005, Executive

January 2005 - July 2005, Director of Staff, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus

July 2005 - June 2006, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. June 2006 - May 2008, Country Director,

Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, the Pentagon, Wash-

June 2008 - May 2010, Director of Operations, 99th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas

May 2010 - May 2012, Commander, 99th Flying Training Squadron, Randolph AFB,

May 2012 - July 2012, Deputy Commander, 12th Operations Group, Randolph

July 2012 - July 2013, Chief of Staff, 9th Air and Space Expeditionary Task Force-Afghanistan and Deputy Chief of Staff-Air, ISAF Joint Command, Kabul, Afghanistan

August 2013 - June 2015, Director of Safety, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas

June 2015-present, Vice Commander, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, VIEWPOINT

Are you learning hard-earned lessons?

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Allison

14th Operations Group Deputy Commander

Last summer, President Barack Obama presented the Congressional Medal of Honor to Staff Sgt. Ryan Pitts for his actions on July 13, 2008, in the Waygal Valley of Afghanistan.

On that day, Pitts, along with 47 other Americans and 24 Afghan soldiers, defended Combat Outpost Kahler against an attacking force estimated at 200 or more. In approximately two hours of fighting, nine Americans were killed and another 27 were wounded.

There are many lessons we could derive from the battle, ranging from command and control, to tactical decision making and leadership, to the very principles of counter-insurgenplication of airpower through Close Air Support, Intelligence and what we need to fix? Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Personnel Recovery, and of the fight at CoP Kahler. So much good, in fact, the U.S.

If you haven't yet become a student of military history, I think you should consider it. A few minutes of reading each day will make us all better warriors.

a comprehensive, publically available, report of its findings.

The real question though, is have we actually learned those lessons? Have we taken the time to read and internalize cy warfare. We could learn quite a bit, in fact, about the ap- the report so we know what went wrong, what went right,

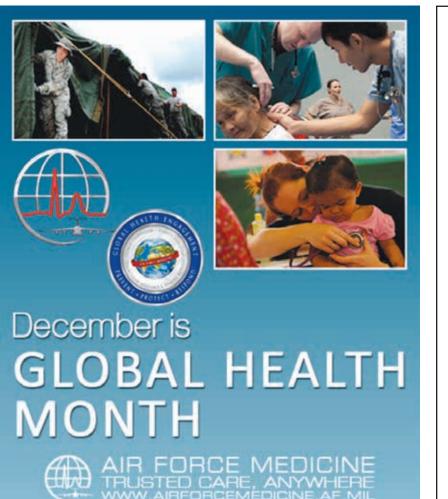
Though it is tremendously important, the battle at CoP more. Almost endless good could come from a thorough study Kahler is not unique. It is just one of a vast number of vignettes we can use to hone our skills. The Air Force operates Army conducted an exhaustive investigation and published in a joint and multi-national environment every day, and name.

the stakes are very, very high. Our partners rely on Air Force airpower to enhance their mission effectiveness and increase their survivability. They rely on airpower to come home alive.

As professional Airmen, we have a responsibility to seek out information and strive to understand as much about our operating environment and fellow warfighters as possible. We need to learn from the battles already fought so we can be more effective next time.

The U.S. Army Combat Studies Institute has a wealth of information and a vast number of historical scenarios to help us develop our breadth and depth of knowledge. Located online at usacac.army.mil/cac2/csi/csipubs.asp, it is one of many possible resources that we can utilize to continuously build upon our professional competence.

If you haven't yet become a student of military history, I think you should consider it. A few minutes of reading each day will make us all better warriors. A few minutes reading about the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who went before us will make us a more effective force. A few minutes of reading each day will help honor the sacrifices made in our



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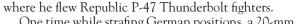






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U.S. Air Force photo/Sean Kimmons

One time while strafing German positions, a 20-mm round hit his canopy, causing shattered glass and shrapnel from the round to cut his face.

"I was lucky I had on my oxygen mask and goggles," he said of the March 1945 mission. "The doctor said I was lucky I didn't lose my left eye.

About a month later, Durham faced his biggest test when his aircraft was shot down behind enemy lines.

"I was dive-bombing a target and when I pulled off the target I got hit in the engine," the 91-year-old veteran recalled. "But I had a lot of air speed so I pulled up to about 6,000 feet" the costly war, which left more than 400,000 American ser-

Durham was later caught by German soldiers who threw him in a prison camp. But a few weeks later, he said, the soldiers abandoned the camp as U.S. tanks approached it, free-

who joined a dozen veterans on an honor flight from Texas for the ceremony, was sent to the tense Battle of Iwo Jima.

At first, Graham, 90, said he was part of a floating reserve The attacks on the island of Oahu eventually left more until the battle turned fiercer than expected and ultimately

"We weren't supposed to go in but they tore them up so "It dealt us a body blow that I think was a rude awakening bad the first day," he said of how the Japanese forces pinned down his fellow Marines. "It was pretty bad for the whole

Graham, assigned to the 3rd Marine Division, was lat-During the war, Durham, one of about 20 WWII veterans er sent to the island to help purify water for combat-weary

Edward Davis, right, a 94-year-old Army veteran who witnessed the Japanese sneak

attack on Hawaii, and Frank Levingston, a 110-year-old Army veteran believed to be the nation's oldest living World War II veteran, attend a Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony at the National World War II Memorial on Dec. 7, 2015, in Washington, D.C.

Remembering Pearl Harbor: A 'body blow' to America "All we had to worry about were mortars and snipers," he

Sean Kimmons

Two World War II veterans render a salute after laying a wreath during a Pearl Harbor

remembrance ceremony at the National WWII Memorial on Dec. 7, 2015, in Washing-

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — When the first bombs exploded on a nearby airfield, marking the start of the Japanese sneak attack on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Edward Davis and others scrambled from a chow hall.

The 94-year-old Army veteran said he and other Soldiers were having breakfast at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft dive-bombed the adjacent Wheeler Army Airfield

"We all ran outside and looked up at the sky to see what was going on," the retired first sergeant said before a Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony Dec. 7 at the World War II

At that point, a few Mitsubishi A6M Zero fighters roared over the Army base and fired at them, killing and injuring ing him and others. several Soldiers from his unit.

"I couldn't believe it," he said, recalling how the attacks stoked fears of a looming Japanese invasion. "It was an unbelievable tragedy."

than 2,400 dead and almost 1,200 wounded as it catapulted had about 26,000 American casualties including 6,800 dead. the U.S. into the war.

to Americans," said Herb Durham, a former Army Air Corps pilot. "The war had started and as a young man I was eager crew. to get in."

at the ceremony, said he had some scary moments in Europe troops in the 36-day battle.

But he and other troops received some motivation when U.S. troops raised the American flag on top of Mount Suriba-

chi, which later became an iconic image of the war. "I was on board the ship when they raised it and everybody clapped, yelled and screamed," he recalled. "It was quite a

The attack on Pearl Harbor and the subsequent "a date which will live in infamy" speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt inspired many young men to sign up and fight in vicemen dead and forever shaped the world.

Navy veteran Ted Waller said he rushed to the recruiter's office following the attack.

"I went down the next day and tried to sign up but there were so many people there that they told us to go home In the Pacific Theater, former Marine Cpl. Ed Graham, until after Christmas so we could spend time with family,' the 92-year-old veteran recalled. "I came back the day after (Christmas) and got sworn in."

> Waller went on to take part in the world's first all-aircraft carrier naval clash, the Battle of the Coral Sea, and roughly a dozen other battles. He then witnessed the Japanese surrender some of its South Pacific territories while on board the USS Portland at Truk, Caroline Islands, on Sept. 2, 1945 — an event often overshadowed by Japan's surrender on the USS Missouri in Toyko Bay, Japan, that same day.

"At the time it didn't mean anything, but now it does," he said of the formal surrender. "It was the beginning of changes Make Holiday

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Force Support Squadron gift cards are available in increments of \$5 to fit any budget. They can be used at most Force Support Squadron facilities at Air Force installations worldwide and they never go out of style. Purchase your gift card at one of the following locations: Bowling Center, Golf Course or Youth Center. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Santa Costume Rental

New Santa costumes just arrived at Outdoor Recreation. Cost of rental is \$10 per day, \$15 per 2-day rental or \$40 per week. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Wee Babies

Join the Base Library for Wee Babies 11 a.m. Dec. 15. This class is for ages 0-4 years and includes rhythm, kinesthetic, body awareness, and song and dance activities. For more information, contact 434-2936.

Thursday Night Football

The Bowling Center will offer NFL games on Thursday nights at 7:25 p.m. Catch all the action Dec. 17, Tampa Bay Buccaneers v. St. Louis Rams. Doors open at 6 p.m. This is a free event. No bowling will be available during football games. The Bowling Center closes at 2 p.m. on game day. You could win a \$50 FSS Gift Card at each game and enter to win tickets to a regular season NFL game of your choice. For more information, contact

Fresh Hot Pizza Now Available

The Bowling Center is now offering fresh hot pizza. Call your order today. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Santa Claus Shuffle Fitness Walk/Run

The Fitness Center is offering a free 5K fitness run 7 a.m. Dec. 18. Commander's trophy points will be awarded. For more information, contact 434-2772.

December FootGolf Special

Come kick with Whispering Pines Golf Course every Sunday in December. Special includes 9 holes of FootGolf for only \$5 per person. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Free Racquetball Double Elimination Tourna-

The Fitness Center is offering racquetball tournament play beginning Jan. 4. Sign-ups begin Dec. 14. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Trinity Home Visit and Shopping Trip

The Youth Center is offering a teen trip to Trinity Personal Care Home and holiday shopping to Barnes Crossing Mall from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dec. 19. For more information, contact the

New Military Personnel Hours of Operation

The Military Personnel Section now open from



Book your next paintball event at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is \$15 per person for a party of 10 or more; \$20 per person for party of 9 or less. You must purchase paint at Outdoor Recreation for \$45 per case of 2,000. For more information, contact

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Story Time

The Base Library is offering Story Time every Friday at 10:30 a.m. for all ages. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Class

Free classes are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 p.m. The benefits include huge gains in confidence, functional strength, flexibility, discipline, and overall physical conditioning. Mandatory equipment: BJJ Kimono (Gi); for ages 13 and up. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Wood Shop Self Help

Do you need to complete a wood project? The base wood shop is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for only \$4 per hour. For more information, contact 434-7836.

RV Storage Lot

Don't clutter your home space, park with us. Outdoor Recreation offers a great place to store your RV year around. You will The Fitness Center offers volleyball open play every Sunday have 24-hour access and can pay monthly or yearly. For more information, call 434-2505.

Green Plate Special

The Pro Shop at Whispering Pines Golf Course offers a special for lunch Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 434-7932 or check us out on Facebook at Columbus AFB Living or Twitter @CAFBLiving!

Instructional Classes at Youth Center

Youth Programs is offering piano lessons, guitar lessons, tumbling classes, dance classes, and martial arts instruction. Times and ages vary for all classes. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

Fitness on Request

CAFB Fitness and Sports offers a truly comprehensive group fitness platform that is available all day and completely customizable to meet your needs with over 30 different classes on the Fitness on Request system. For more information, call 434-2772.

Space A Lodging

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

Ride in Style

If you don't want to leave your car at the airport over a vaca-Capture the moment by renting a GoPro Hero 3 from Outdoor tion, we can help you out. Outdoor Recreation offers a shuttle 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Recreation. Cost is only \$10 for a 2-day rental. Single Airmen service to the airport of your choice. Transportation one way is and 7:30 a.m. – noon Thursdays. For more information, contact may receive a 2-day rental at no charge during Single Airman \$175 for Birmingham and \$50 for Columbus. Call 434-2505 for more information.

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.)

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief will be held 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. on Dec. 15 in the Kaye Auditorium. It is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 434-2839.

First Term Officer's PFR

The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assignment personnel to their first station. The event will be held 9-10 a.m. on Dec. 15. Call 434-2790 to sign up.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle, 1-2 p.m., Dec. 15, workshop allows the VA contractors to explain to service members; whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers and what they are able to provide throughout the member's military career and how to apply for benefits. To register and more information please call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program is held 5-7 p.m. Dec. 17. It is a monthly event to provide community bonding, fun and appreciation for the families of active duty personnel who are deployed, remote, or on an extended TDY. Food and activities are provided. Call 434-2790 to register. Held at A&FRC.

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., 4-8 Jan. The Transition Assistance Program Workshop has Seminars on Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, MS Dept of Employment Security, Dept of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP, Dept of Labor TAP portion. Preseparation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance 8 – 12 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register call 434-2839.

Career Technical Training

This transition event is held 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Jan. 11-12. The Workshop explores technical careers for post military personnel using VA Educational benefits. It is conducted by CALIBRE, a private company contracted by DVA. Prior registration is required, company requires 10 days notification and must have minimum of 8 participates to make, to register and more information call 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

Families gather for Christmas Tree lighting



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Lauren Woods

Airmen and their families from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, attend the Christmas Tree Lighting in front of the Base Chapel Dec. 3. The tree was lit by the family of an Airman currently deployed. Following the tree lighting, guests had the opportunity to sing carols and get their photos taken with Santa in the Chapel Annex.

for newly arrived active-duty and civilian permore information, call 434-2839.

Smooth Move

This class is held 10-11:30 a.m. Jan. 12. It is a class that provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. You learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and A&FRC. Please call 434-2790 to

Troops To Teachers

This workshop is 10:30 a.m. – noon Jan. 13. It is an informational workshop for members pursing or interested in a teaching career after the military. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop is held 9-10:30 a.m. Jan. 13. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search, using USAJobs. Call 434-2790 to register.

Pre-separation Counseling

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. The counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m. It takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for Volunteer Opportunities more information.

Jan. 12 in the Kaye Auditorium. It is mandatory Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief These briefings are mandatory briefings for

sonnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For active-duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. The briefings are held daily at the A&FRC. Pre-deployment is at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment is at 1:30 p.m. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

Survivor-Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan. As with all good decision-making, you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision, and be wary of anyone telling you they can offer you a better deal. Always get the true facts about the SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling (662) 434-2720.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

The MFLC counselors provide non-medical counseling to help Airmen (both single and married), their spouses and other family members to cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health providers. Counselors can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC, call 662-364-0504.

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. For more information please call A&FRC at 434-2790.

Air Force Recovery Coordination

The Recovery Coordination Program streamlines and improves the way care and support are delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmer and their families. The RCP provides the support of a Recovery Care Coordinator who guides the Airman and family along their road to recovery. Those eligible include wounded, ill and injured Airmen who: (1) have a serious illness or injury (2) are unlikely to return to duty within a specified amount of time (3) may be medically separated from the military. Additional details are available by contacting the Columbus AFE RCC at DSN: 493-3399, Office: 334-953-3399 or tim.griggs.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

Chapel Schedule

Whether you are new to Columbus Air Force Base or have been around for a while, our parish communities welcome you to join us as we worship, fellowship, and encourage one another. For more information, please call 434-2500.

Starting Sept. 23, the Chapel is offering the following weekly programs:

6 p.m. - AWANA, a religious education program for children ages three years old to 6th

6 p.m. – Adult Bible study on the Gospel of

6 p.m. – Youth Group

Catholic Community

3:15 p.m. – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (Chapel Annex) 3:45 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9

(Chapel Annex)

4 p.m. – Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary) p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)

5 p.m. – Mass w/Children's Church

Tuesday:

11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass Wednesday:

11:30-12:30 p.m. – Holy Hour

Protestant Community

9 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library) 10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service

5 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Li-

Wednesday:

If you are interested in volunteering please 4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Sandra Marrero/Released

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hogan (right), 81st Fighter Squadron commander, and Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, stand at attention during an assumption of command ceremony Jan. 15, at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Ryan Callaghan/Released

An A-29 Super Tucano assigned to the 81st Fighter Squadron sits on the flightline Jan. 8, at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. At the completion of Moody's Afghan pilot and maintenance training mission, the aircraft is set to provide an air-to-ground capability to the Afghan Air Force.

81st FS trains Afghan pilots, maintainers

Senior Airman Stephanie Englar

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Since the beginning of 2015, the 81st Fighter Squadron, the 14th Flying Training Wing's geographically separated unit, has been training Afghan pilots and maintainers at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia.

The mission of the squadron is to graduate ontime, combat-ready attack pilots and maintenance professionals for the Afghan air force. The squadron ers at Moody through 2018. will grow to 20 A-29 Super Tucano aircraft that will

"The mission is about the future of air power in Afghanistan," said Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander. "More than 12 years of blood, sweat and tears were spent getting us to this day."

"The mission is about the future of air power in be used to train 30 Afghan pilots and 90 maintain- Afghanistan," said Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying

Training Wing Commander. "More than 12 years of blood, sweat and tears were spent getting us to this day." The 81st Fighter Squadron conducts combat

training for Afghan Air Force pilots and maintainers in the A-29 Super Tucano. It is a unique organization comprised of Air Advisor Pilots, Air Advisor Maintainers and support personnel who conduct training for the Afghan Air Force. This training includes basic and advanced tactical employment of the A-29 to Afghan pilots, maintenance training and support mission training.

The first class of pilots and maintainers are scheduled to graduate Dec. 18. Following graduation, they will return to Afghanistan where they will use the skills they have acquired here to support their country's military against terrorist threats.



U.S Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Rose Gudex

Two pilots from the 81st Fighter Squadron out of Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, and an Afghan pilot walk to several A-29B Super Tucanos to prepare for high-altitude training Sept. 16, at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. Four Afghan pilots have been training with the 81st FS on the aircraft since January in Georgia and came to Peterson to experience high-altitude and mountainous terrain. After completing their training in the U.S., both the American and Afghan pilots will go to Afghanistan to help establish fighter squadrons.





U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Ryan Callaghan/Released

An 81st Fighter Squadron pilot prepares the cockpit of an A-29 Super Tucano for a flight Jan. 8, at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. Afghan student pilots and maintainers are scheduled to begin training on the gircraft in February as part of the light air support training mission.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Ryan Callaghan/Released

An 81st Fighter Squadron pilot starts the engine in an A-29 Super Tucano Jan. 8, at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. The A-29 is a turboprop aircraft designed for light air support (LAS) and will be used to support the Afghan LAS training mission at Moody.