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News Briefs

Wing Newcomers Orientation
A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel.

Senior NCO Induction Ceremony
The Senior NCO Induction Ceremony starts 6 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Columbus Club.

Enlisted Dorm Dinner
A Dorm Dinner for enlisted Airmen living in the dorms is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. Aug. 18 at Independence Pool.

BCC Luncheon
The Base Community Council Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. Aug. 25 at the Club.

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Feature 8

The 14th Medical Group Dental Flight is highlighted in this week's feature.



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

Brig. Gen. Andrew Croft, Director of Plans, Programs, Requirements and Assessments, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas speaks during the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-12 graduation July 29 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. During his speech Croft set the bar for the high expectations that would be demanded of the young pilots in their future careers.

Croft advises graduates on career path, choices

Airman 1st Class John Day
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Andrew Croft, Director of Plans, Programs, Requirements and Assessments, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, to speak at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-12's graduation July 29.

Croft began by thanking the class for the invitation to speak at graduation and stating how special the opportunity was. "It's a great day to be back here, 26 years and two months later."

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er, where I walked across this same stage,” Croft said. “I just want to say thank you to the folks who got me here and invited me. It’s an absolute honor to be with our graduates and families today.”

He spoke about how important pilots are to our Air Force and how they are in a very high demand career field.

“Today is a significant milestone in the life of the pilots of class 16-12,” Croft said. “The Air Force has just invested a significant number of resources in the last few years to teach you a skillset that will benefit you, this country and our global partners.”

Croft spoke of the high expectations set for the young graduating pilots.

“Some of you will be in combat operations in less than a year,” Croft said. “What is expected of you is that you become our frontline warfighters in aircraft such as the C-17, CV-22 and F-16 both here and for our partner nations. Some of you will be training the next generation of pilots. We expect you to become experts in your weapon system and develop the skills and professionalism as company grade officers.”

He charged them with leadership and detailed how they would be expected to do just that sooner than they may think.

“We need you to lead our Airmen, serve when and where you are needed and continue to improve and uphold our standards,” Croft said.

Croft offered his advice on how to progress through their careers and to put emphasis on the important things in their lives.

“Your family is important; take care of them,” Croft said. “Your closest friends will come from the time you are lieu-

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tenants and captains. Build those relationships. We fight as a team. Pay for experiences and not things. At the end of the day, memories matter more than material objects.”

He then spoke about his own career and experiences, noting the graduates should make sure they have something to look back on and be proud of.

“As you come to the end of your career, you’ll be proudest of the hardest things you’ve ever done, not the easiest things,” Croft said. “I can remember the hardest things I have ever done in training and in combat and only the skill and discipline I have developed over time have not only allowed [me] to survive, but to succeed.”

Croft ended with one final congratulations and a last bit of advice.

“Enjoy this day with your classmates and family,” Croft said. “Stay in touch with your classmates and instructors. Your paths will cross again, I guarantee it.”

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
8	9 Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	10	11	12 Senior NCO Induction Ceremony, 6 p.m. @ Club	13/14	Aug. 30: Wing Newcomers Orientation Aug. 31: Enlisted Promotion Ceremony Sept. 2: AETC Family Day Sept. 5: Labor Day Holiday Sept. 9: SUPT Class 16-14 Graduation Sept. 12-13: AETC/CC visit Sept. 15: 49th FS reunion Sept. 17: Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 30: SUPT Class 16-15 Graduation Oct. 4-6: CREATE “Imagine the possibilities” Oct. 10: Columbus Day Holiday Oct. 15: Civilian Fly-In Oct. 21: SUPT Class 17-01 Graduation Oct. 31: Third Quarterly Awards Oct. 31: Enlisted Promotions
15 Drone Symposium, @ GTR	16	17 Mercedes-Benz Leadership Visit	18 Enlisted Dorm Dinner, 7:45 p.m. @ Pool	19 SUPT Class 16-13 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye Senate Appropriations Committee Staffer visit	20/21 20-21: Autocross, @ SAC ramp	

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Sept. 2

Doors open at 7 p.m. for the Love and Laughter Tour with live performances Labor Day Weekend by Avant, Lenny Williams, Iyse Gibson, and comedian, Chestnut, in Trotter Convention Center, 402 2nd Ave. N.; show starts at 8 p.m. Hosted by WACR Radio's Greg McMichael. For more information, call 662.891.3648. Buy tickets here on Ticketmaster.com

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The 14th Flying Training Wing's best of the best were showcased during the second quarterly awards ceremony Aug. 28 at the Kaye Auditorium.

The Team BLAZE second quarter award winners are:

Airman of the Quarter: Airman 1st Class Nicholas Anthony, 14th Operations Group

NCO of the Quarter: Tech. Sgt. Aapri Gholston, 14th Medical Group

SNCO of the Quarter: Master Sgt. Carmina Beedle, 14th OG

CGO of the Quarter: Capt. Zachary Shuler, 14th OG

FGO of the Quarter: Maj. Nicholas Ervin, 14th OG

Honor Guard of the Quarter: Senior Airman Zachary Sellers, 14th OG

Flight Commander of the Quarter: Capt. Jennifer Arce, 14th MDG

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The 2016 second quarterly awards winners or their representatives pause for a photo on stage Aug. 28 at the Columbus Club. The ceremony honored the wing's outstanding professionals for the months of April through June 2016 whose drive, determination and dedication have earned them this recognition.

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The School Liaison Office would like to remind parents of the State of Mississippi law governing school attendance particularly as it pertains to families who home-school.

Under the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law, parents and guardians are required to enroll their children in a public, private or home school. This law applies to children who have reached the age of six and have not exceeded the age of 17 by Sept. 1.

Children who have attained or will attain the age of five years on or before Sept. 1 and have enrolled in a full-day public kindergarten will also be under the Compulsory School Attendance Law.

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Seven of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotions ceremony Aug. 28 at the Columbus Club.

Seven enlisted Airmen promoted at ceremony

**14th Flying Training Wing
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Seven of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotion ceremony Aug. 28 at the Columbus Club. Promoted during the month of August were:
Senior Master Sgt. Angel Alvarado, 14th Operations Support Squadron

Master Sgt. Eric Severs, 14th Medical Support Squadron
Tech. Sgt. Tyrone Lewis, 14th OSS
Senior Airman Calkeshia McClendon, 14th Force Support Squadron
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Senator Cochran's staffer visit Columbus AFB



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Columbus Air Force Base leadership stand with Ty Mabry and Anne Hall Brashier, military legislative aides for U.S. Senator Thad Cochran, and Maj. Jason Bast, Defense Fellow, Aug. 1 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. During their visit the delegation toured the Air Traffic Control complex, visited the Fitness Center and learned more about the base's mission and its history.

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FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Preventing illness or injury is the goal of the Air Force's Preventive Medicine program, a topic that is highlighted in August during Preventive Health Month.

Preventive health extends beyond health care at an individual level, concentrating rather on the health of individuals, communities and specific populations to help groups reduce their risk of disease, disability and death.

"We see patients one on one, but we also look at a global view," said Col. Patrick Monahan, the chief of Population Health Operations. "We determine how to care for the population in the best way possible."

Col. Thomas Moore, the chief of Health Promotion, said it's the community-level impact of preventive medicine that motivates him.

"It's better to prevent than cure. 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away.' There's a lot of wisdom in that," Moore said. "We can help a lot of people versus just the one on one. That's the interesting part for me."

Preventive health breaks down into three separate stages: primary, secondary, and tertiary. Primary prevention is meant to keep people from getting sick. There are many ways to do this, from immunizations to targeting exposures that might get people sick.

The Air Force's health promotion effort focuses on primary prevention too. In addition to advocating for new policies that make it easier to adopt healthy habits, such as improving dining facilities to offer healthier foods, Moore said they also create campaigns to promote the adoption of healthy behav-

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iors like eating right and not smoking. They also work to keep Airmen from unhealthy behaviors.

"We want to make sure people are as healthy as they can be and that we have the best fighting force ready to go," Moore said.

Preventive health's secondary stage is the one most Airmen have experienced in one way or another. It includes things like the annual Periodic Health Assessment, hearing tests, cancer screenings and blood tests.

While it mostly works behind the scenes, population health plays a big part in the secondary stage by using data from military treatment facilities around the Air Force.

"Once we identify areas we do well in and areas we have challenges in, we deep dive into more investigative work and see how we can improve," Monahan said.

One example of how population health improves preventive health is with breast cancer screening. Using the data available, Monahan is able to find a group of patients that should be receiving that screening based on their gender, age and other factors. He can then push for outreach campaigns to help make sure those people are getting that recommendation.

The final stage is tertiary prevention. At this point an individual already has a disease, but it's still in a stage that's early enough to treat. A good example of this is diabetes, which can be treated with a change in diet and nutrition long before it gets to the point where medicine is needed.

"All kinds of things can happen if your diabetes gets bad enough and isn't well controlled," Moore said. "So, the efforts we make early on to try and prevent it from progressing to that stage, that's tertiary prevention."

Moore said many of the factors that have led to an increase in life expectancy for humans can be attributed to the concept of preventive health. Things like improved sanitation and just getting people to wash their hands have made a huge difference to public health overall because it has prevented people from contracting diseases they may have gotten otherwise.

"It's much better to get that shot periodically or get your blood sugar checked to make sure you're not diabetic," Moore said. "We can stick you and take a little bit of blood right now and send you down a path that hopefully keeps you healthy, or you're going to end up in a situation where you're giving yourself a shot every day."

Preventive health covers topics ranging from the flu shot to tobacco cessation and alcohol consumption, and the Air Force is exploring new avenues for all of these issues.

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Breaking News: Air Force declares the F-35A ‘combat ready’

HQ ACC Public Affairs

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. —The F-35A Lightning II fifth generation fighter aircraft was declared ‘combat ready’ today by Gen. Hawk Carlisle, the commander of Air Combat Command.

Carlisle lauded the aircraft’s performance, noting that the aircraft had met all key criteria for reaching initial operational capability.

Airmen trained, manned and equipped to conduct basic close air support, interdiction, and limited suppression/destruction of enemy air defenses in a contested environment with an operational squadron of 12-24 aircraft, the ability to deploy and conduct operational missions using program of record weapons and missions systems and having all necessary logistics and operational elements in place.

“I am proud to announce this powerful new weapons system has achieved initial combat capability,” Carlisle said. “The F-35A will be the most dominant aircraft in our inventory, because it can go where our legacy aircraft cannot and provide the capabilities our commanders need on the modern battlefield.”

The F-35A is the latest addition to ACC’s fleet of deployable and fifth generation aircraft. It provides air superiority, interdiction, suppression of enemy air defenses and close air support as well as great command and control functions through fused sensors, and will provide pilots with unprecedented situational awareness of the battlespace that will be more extensive than any single-seat platform in existence.

“Bringing the F-35A to initial combat readiness is a testament to our phenomenal Airmen and the outstanding support of the Joint Program Office and our enterprise partners. This important milestone for our fighter force ensures the United States, along with our allies and international partners, remains prepared to deter, deny, and defeat the full spectrum of growing threats around the globe,” added Deborah Lee James, Secretary of the Air Force.

Gen. David Goldfein, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, said that dynamic new capability



F-35A Lightning II aircraft receive fuel from a KC-10 Extender from Travis Air Force Base, California, July 13, 2016, during a flight from England to the U.S. The fighters were returning to Luke AFB, Arizona, after participating in the world’s largest air show, the Royal International Air Tattoo.

will benefit the joint warfighter.

“The combat ready F-35A is the latest fifth generation fighter aircraft in the Air Force’s inventory and provides our nation air dominance in any environment. The F-35A brings an unprecedented combination of lethality, survivability, and adaptability to joint and combined operations, and is ready to deploy and strike well-defended targets anywhere on Earth,” Goldfein said. “Today’s declaration of IOC is an important milestone on the road to achieving full warfighting capability for the F-35A.”

The 34th Fighter Squadron of the 388th Fighter Wing, based at Hill Air Force Base,

Utah, is the service’s first operational F-35A squadron, having met all the established criteria for Initial Operational Capability including a successful June deployment to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho and a series of eight-aircraft sorties held in mid-July. 34th FS Airmen will fly and maintain the F-35A alongside Air Force Reservists from Hill’s 419th Fighter Wing.

“Our Airmen have worked tirelessly to make sure our aircraft are combat ready: meeting challenges head-on and completing all the required milestones,” said Col. David Lyons, 388th Fighter Wing commander.

“We’re very proud that the Air Force has

declared us combat ready and we’re prepared to take this aircraft wherever it’s needed in support of our national defense.”

Those sentiments were echoed by Col. David Smith, 419 FW commander. “It’s an honor to fly and maintain the F-35 with our active duty counterparts here at Hill,” Smith said. “Our units were the first to fly combat-ready F-16s nearly 40 years ago and we’re very proud to have made history once again in bringing the Air Force’s newest fighter jet to IOC.”

For questions, contact Air Combat Command Public Affairs at (757) 764-5007 or via e-mail accpa.operations@us.af.mil

Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

2016 feds feed families

01 June 2016 through 31 August 2016

www.usda.gov/fedsfeedfamilies

MOST WANTED ITEMS

(High Fiber, Low Sugar, Low Sodium)

- Canned Tuna, Salmon, or Chicken
- Canned Vegetables (Low sodium, no salt added)
- Canned Fruits (In light syrup or its own juices)
- Healthy Snacks (Applesauce cups, raisins, granola bars)
- Hot & Cold Cereal (Oatmeal, cheerios, corn-flakes, raisin bran)
- Peanut Butter
- Grains (Brown & white rice, pasta, macaroni & cheese)
- 100% Juice (All sizes, including juice boxes)
- Canned or Dry Beans

Please bring non-perishable food items to the labeled red bins in these locations:

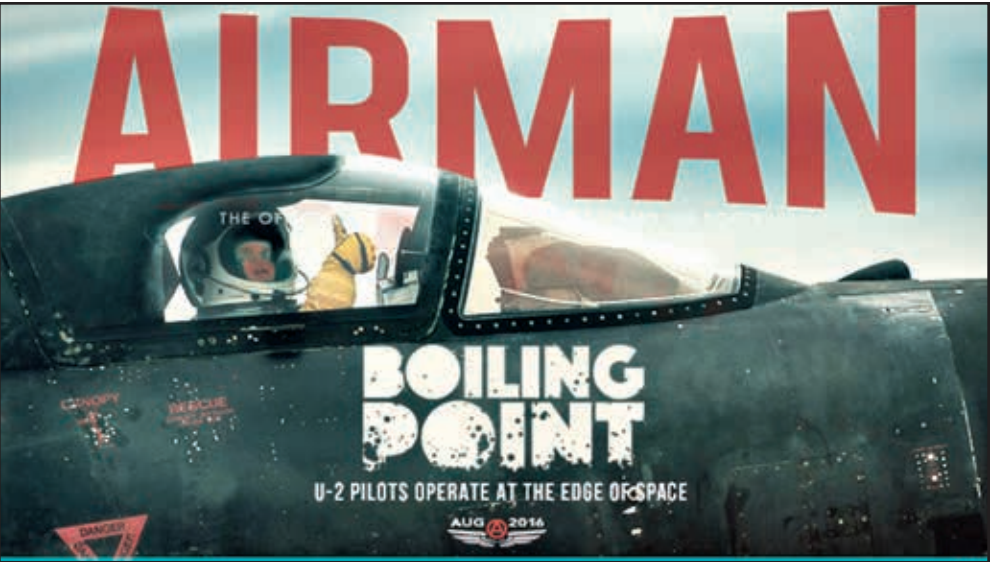
- Bowling Alley
- Commissary
- CDC
- BX
- Chapel
- Your Squadron

For more information, contact your base POC’s:

Capt. Marrero
2nd Lt. Monio



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U.S. Air Force graphic/Chris Desrocher

August issue of Airman magazine now available

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — The August issue of Airman magazine is now available to download and is viewable through a web browser.

In this month’s issue of Airman magazine, we take a look at the U-2 mission and what happens while a pilot is 13 miles high in the stratosphere.

Also included in the U-2 discussion is how pilots are able to eat through a pressurized suit that has no flip down visor.

Lastly, we sift through the sand with explosive ordnance disposal technicians and discuss the inherent risks that these brave Airmen have and continue to face on a daily basis to save the lives of others.

You can download the August issue of Airman magazine on Apple, Android and PC.

For more stories, visit Airman Online, the website for the official magazine of the U.S. Air Force.

Buckle up! It’s the law.



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

BLAZE Hangar Tails: CV-22 Osprey

Mission
The CV-22 Osprey is a tiltrotor aircraft that combines the vertical takeoff, hover and vertical landing qualities of a helicopter with the long range, fuel efficiency and speed characteristics of a turboprop aircraft. Its mission is to conduct long-range infiltration, exfiltration and resupply missions for special operations forces.

Features
This versatile, self-deployable aircraft offers increased speed and range over other rotary-wing aircraft, enabling Air Force Special Operations Command aircrews to execute long-range special operations missions. The CV-22 can perform missions that normally would require both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft. The CV-22 takes off vertically and, once airborne, the nacelles (en-

gine and prop-rotor group) on each wing can rotate into a forward position.
The CV-22 is equipped with integrated threat countermeasures, terrain-following radar, forward-looking infrared sensor and other advanced avionics systems that allow it to operate at low altitude in adverse weather conditions and medium- to high-threat environments.

Background
The CV-22 is the Special Operation Forces variant of the U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey. The first two test aircraft were delivered to Edwards Air Force Base, California, in September 2000. The 58th Special Operations Wing at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, began CV-22 aircrew training with the first two production aircraft in August 2006. The first operational CV-22 was delivered

to Air Force Special Operations Command in January 2007. Initial operational capability was achieved in 2009. A total of 51 CV-22 aircraft are scheduled to be delivered by the end of 2019.

General characteristics
Primary function: special operations forces long-range infiltration, exfiltration and resupply
Power plant: two Rolls Royce-Allison AE1107C turbo shaft engines
Thrust: more than 6,200 shaft horsepower per engine
Wingspan: 84 feet 7 inches (25.8 meters)
Length: 57 feet 4 inches (17.4 meters)
Height: 22 feet 1 inch (6.73 meters)
Rotary diameter: 38 feet (11.6 meters)
Speed: 277 mph (241 knots) (cruising speed)

Ceiling: 25,000 feet (7,620 meters)
Maximum vertical takeoff weight: 52,870 pounds (23,982 kilograms)
Maximum rolling takeoff weight: 60,500 pounds (27,443 kilograms)
Armament: one .50 Cal Machine gun on ramp
Range: combat radius of 500 nautical miles with one internal auxiliary fuel tank
Payload: 24 troops (seated), 32 troops (floor loaded) or 10,000 pounds of cargo
Crew: four (pilot, copilot and two flight engineers)
Builders: Bell Helicopter Textron Inc., Amarillo, Texas; Boeing Company, Defense and Space Group, Helicopter Division, Philadelphia
Deployment date: 2006
Unit cost: \$90 million
Inventory: active duty, 46; reserve, 0; ANG, 0



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class John Day
A static display of a CV-22 Osprey sits on the SAC ramp March 22 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Several Special Operation Forces Airmen and aircraft visited Columbus AFB for a roadshow to generate interest in the SOF community.



U.S. Air Force photo
The CV-22 Osprey is a tiltrotor aircraft with the capability to perform both fixed-wing and rotary-wing missions. Its mission set includes long-range infiltration, exfiltration and resupply missions for special operations forces.

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.

Drive Smart, Save Lives

Don't text while driving

B-1s to replace B-52s during routine bomber presence rotation

Headquarters Pacific Air Forces
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — The B-1B Lancers are scheduled to deploy to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Aug. 6 for the first time since April 2006 in support of U.S. Pacific Command's continuous bomber presence mission.
The B-1B's will replace the B-52 Stratofortresses currently deployed from Minot AFB, North Dakota. This is not the first deployment of B-1Bs in the PACOM area of responsibility; however, it is the first time in 10 years.
With a large weapon capacity and exceptional standoff strike capability, the B-1 will provide PACOM and its regional allies and partners with a credible, strategic power projection platform.
This forward deployed presence demonstrates the continuing U.S. commitment to stability and security in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. The bombers will be accompanied by approximately 300 Airmen from Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota.
Air Force Global Strike Command continues to routinely deploy bombers to Andersen AFB, which provides opportunities for Airmen to advance and strengthen regional alliances and long-standing military-to-military partnerships throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific.



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo
For the first time in 10 years, B-1B Lancers will replace the B-52 Stratofortresses in support of U.S. Pacific Command's continuous bomber presence mission. This forward deployed presence demonstrates continuing U.S. commitment to stability and security in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

DOD begins workplace, gender relations survey for active-duty members

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs Command Information

WASHINGTON — About 735,000 active-duty members across the services will be invited to take part in the largest Department of Defense Workplace and Gender Relations Survey to date beginning July 25.
The 2016 WGRA is part of a series of studies that will help assess any experiences members may have had recently with sexual harassment, sexual assault and any retaliatory behaviors associated with reporting these incidents.
“This survey is critical to our ability to understand these unwanted behaviors in the Air Force,” said Aileen Richards, an Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response operations research analyst. “The survey also includes experiences outside the workplace in order to understand the full scope of the issue and how best to support Airmen.”
This is the only survey the DOD uses to measure rates of sexual assault and harassment for active-duty members, which is why participants’ survey responses will be confidential to the fullest extent permitted by law.
Active-duty members who are selected will be contacted by the Defense Manpower Data Center’s contractor via postal mail and email. Interested Airmen can check DMDC’s survey website to see if they have been selected for the survey. The survey is voluntary, and respondents can use duty time to complete the survey.
The survey will help commanders at all levels evaluate current military workplace relations, professionalism and personal safety, and have important implications for how the military operates in the future, to include military training, justice and services.
“If you’re selected for this survey, we strongly encourage you to participate and make your voice heard,” said Maj. Gen. James Johnson, the Air Force SAPR director. “It’s important for us to base our training and policies on solid scientific research, which includes understanding current conditions across the force. As we improve our understanding of the problem, our future response and preventions efforts will also improve, and we need your help and participation to improve both.”
The survey will run until Sept. 28, and results of the survey are scheduled to be released on the DMDC website in spring 2017.

Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter at @columbusafbliving, MyAirForceLife App on any smart phone or visit our website at columbusafbliving.com to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base. Check out the calendar on the website for important Airman and Family Readiness Center events. For more information, contact 434-2337.

Free Pool Passes and FootGolf

Independence Pool Passes and FootGolf are included with Whispering Pines Golf Membership. If you have an individual golf membership, you receive an individual pool pass and Foot-Golf membership and if you have a family golf membership, you receive a family pool pass and FootGolf membership. Visit Outdoor Recreation for your free pool pass today. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Tuesday Night Mixed League Meeting

The Tuesday Night Mixed League will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 23 at the Bowling Center. For more information or interested in participating in the league, please call Jack Martin at 434-2320.

UFC Fight Frenzy

The Columbus Club is offering UFC Fight Night “McGregor vs. Diaz II” Aug. 20. Doors open at 7 p.m. Free for club members; \$5 non-members. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Pearl River Resort Casino Trip

Outdoor Recreation is offering a monthly casino trip to Pearl River Resort. Upcoming dates are Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17. The cost is only \$25 per person; includes \$20 in play credit at casino and transportation. Outdoor Recreation bus departs Exchange/Shoppette parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Any party of 10 or more may book transportation to casino anytime for \$25 per person. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Fitness Time-Out Child Care

The Child Development Center is offering child care from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Aug. 9. The cost is only \$4 per hour. Sign up one week in advance at the CDC or contact 434-2479 for more information.

Free Healthy Child Informational Fair

The Child Development Center is hosting the Healthy Child Informational Fair from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Aug. 17. Information on child nutrition, sports for young children, immunizations, safety plans, and more information pertaining to a healthy child provided. Event held at the CDC. For more information, contact 434-2479.

Labor Day Getaway

Outdoor Recreation is offering a Labor Day Getaway Sept. 3 – 5 to Tullahoma, Tennessee. This getaway includes: Jack Daniels Distillery tour, Lynchburg tour, hiking in the Short Springs Natural Area, and additional recreational activities. The cost is only \$150 per person. For information or to sign up, contact 434-2505.

Free Family Movie

Independence Pool is offering a free family movie, “Ratchet and Clank” (PG) at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 6. Doors open at 8 p.m. Snack bar will be available. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Dog Days of Summer 5K Run/Walk

The Fitness Center is offering a 5K at 7 a.m. Aug. 19 starting at the Fitness Center. Commander’s trophy points are to be awarded. Pets are welcome to join. For more information, contact 434-2772.



Whispering Pines Club Championship

The Golf Course is offering their annual club championship at 8 a.m. Aug. 27 and 28. The cost is only \$40 for members and \$75 for non-members. Entry includes green fees, prize fund, and lunch both days. For more information, contact 434-7932.

The Overrun Open Friday Nights

The Overrun is open Fridays 4:30 p.m. until midnight. Bar menu includes chicken wing basket, chicken tender basket, club wrap, or buffalo chicken wrap. For more information, contact 434-2419.

Library Hours of Operation

The Base Library hours of operation are Mondays – Fridays 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Sundays 1 – 5 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays closed. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet Specials

The Columbus Club is offering a lunch buffet Tuesday - Friday 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Taco Tuesday includes tacos and nachos for only \$5 per club member and \$6 per non-member; Wednesday has pizza and wings, Thursday is southern, and Friday is catfish and spaghetti. Cost of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday buffet is only \$7.95 for club members and \$8.95 for non-members. For more information, contact 434-2419.

Bowling Center Party Specials

The Bowling Center is offering two options for all your party needs. Option 1 includes 2 hours of unlimited bowling and shoe rental for only \$8.50 per person. Option 2 includes 2 hours of unlimited bowling, shoe rental, and a child meal for only \$11.50 per person. Choice of meal includes chicken tenders, hot dog, corn dog, or grilled cheese served with fries and drink. You may bring in a cake, cupcakes, and ice cream. No other outside food and drinks allowed. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Story Time and Circle Time at the Library

The Base Library is offering Story Time every Friday at 11 a.m. for all ages. Circle Time is offered each Wednesday at 11 a.m. for ages up to 4 years old. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Cosmic Bowling Special

The Bowling Center is offering Cosmic Bowling for only \$12 per person every Friday and Saturday night from 5 – 8 p.m. You also may purchase individual games for \$3 per game with purchase of \$1.50 shoe rental. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Lawn Mower Repair

Lawn mower repair is now available at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is only \$40 per hour plus parts; pickup and delivery available. Self-help bicycle repair is also available. For more information, contact 434-2507.

Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed

Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? For more information, contact 434-7836.

Referees Needed

Referees needed for various sports at the Fitness Center. For more information or to sign up, contact 434-2772.

Play Paintball

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 nine or less. You must purchase paint at Outdoor Recreation for \$45 per case of 2,000. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Make Your Shopping Easier

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.

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.

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 have 24-hour access and can pay monthly or yearly. For more information, call 434-2505.

Green Plate Special

Whispering Pines Golf Course offers a special for lunch Monday 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.

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 is 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Aug. 9 and is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Columbus Club. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop from 1-2 p.m. Aug. 9 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. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Heart Link

This event is 8:30 a.m. - noon Aug. 10. It is for spouses new to CAFB or the military lifestyle. The event is held at Columbus Club. It is a fun-filled spouse orientation program with info on protocol, finance, benefits, helping agencies, local conditions and prizes. It is a great way to meet others new to Columbus AFB. To register and for more information, please call 434-2790.

Troops To Teachers

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

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program from 5-7 p.m. Aug. 25 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. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Aug. 30 and is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Columbus Club. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop from 1-2 p.m. Aug. 30 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. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Markle retires after 30 years of service



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Lt. Col Jenny Christian, 14th Mission Support Group Deputy Commander, hands Chief Master Sgt. Allen Markle, 14th MSG Superintendent, his Certificate of Retirement from the U.S. Air Force July 29 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. His official day of retirement is Oct. 1, having served more than 30 years through his military career.

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 more information.

Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

These briefings are mandatory briefings 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.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center. We have volunteer opportunities located throughout the base for a one-time event, special events, or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Golf Course, Medical Clinic, 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 Program

The Recovery Coordination Program streamlines and improves the way care and support are

delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmen 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 AFB RCC at DSN: 493-3399, Office: 334-953-3399 or tim.griggs.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

Personal Financial Readiness

Make the most of your money. Contact Dolores Sherman, Personal Financial Counselor, for an appointment at 426-2527, or 434-2790. She can help manage finances, resolve financial problems, and reach long-term goals such as getting an education, buying a home and planning for retirement.

Learn How to Read Your LES

Having a hard time understanding your Leave and Earning Statement? Need a refresher so that you can mentor your subordinates on their entitlements? Finance has you covered. If you would like for Finance to come to your next CC call or Professional Organization event, you can contact Master Sgt. Sabrina Spriggs at DSN 742-3068 or Senior Airman Julianna White at DSN 742-2715.

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.

Catholic Community

Sundays:

3:45 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9 (Chapel Annex)
4 p.m. – Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary)
4 p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)
5 p.m. – Mass w/Children’s Church

Tuesdays:

11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass

Wednesdays:

11:30-12:30 p.m. – Adoration

Protestant Community

Sundays:

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

Tuesdays:

5 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)

Wednesdays:

4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

Ecumenical services

Wednesdays:

6 p.m. – AWANA, a religious education program for children ages three years old to 6th grade
6 p.m. – Adult Bible study on the Gospel of John
6 p.m. – Youth Group



Staff Sgt. Maria Schinella, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Dental Technician, fits an implant to a mold of a patient's mouth July 26 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Dental techs create implants and work with the metal used in fillings and crowns.



Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Farinas, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Dental Technician, fits a tray of fluoride into a patient's mouth July 29 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Prevention techniques reduce the chance for dental injuries and increase readiness.

Dental Flight focuses on prevention, education

Airman 1st Class John Day
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Dental Flight with the 14th Medical Operations Squadron at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi offers a variety of services from cleanings to preventative services to wisdom teeth removal.

"What I do primarily is preventative cleanings," said Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Farinas, 14th MDOS Dental Technician. "I give education on prevention, show patients how to brush properly, how to and how many times a day to floss and recommendations on toothpaste and rinsing aids."

Enlisted and officers both serve very important roles in a dental clinic.

"On the operative side, the doctors do fillings, crowns, implants and more," Farinas said. "While the dental technicians assist the doctors by preparing instruments and rooms for use with the next patient."

There are many advantages for Airmen to use the provided on-base dental clinic rather than a downtown service.

"The great thing about having a dental clinic on base is it is absolutely free," Farinas said. "As opposed to a com-

mercial dentist, here we take care of what is needed while not doing extra operations. Our purpose is to keep people healthy."

With the amount of new student and instructor pilots that come through Columbus AFB, the clinic stays busy ensuring Airmen stay mission ready.

"It is important we have this clinic on base so we can serve our active duty members," said Maj. Hanling Joswick, 14th MDOS Chief of Dental Services. "Without us, we could not ensure all of our students in pilot training were fit to fly and accomplish the mission."

As everyone on base must visit the dental office at least

once, this gives everyone an opportunity to see the capability of the dental flight.

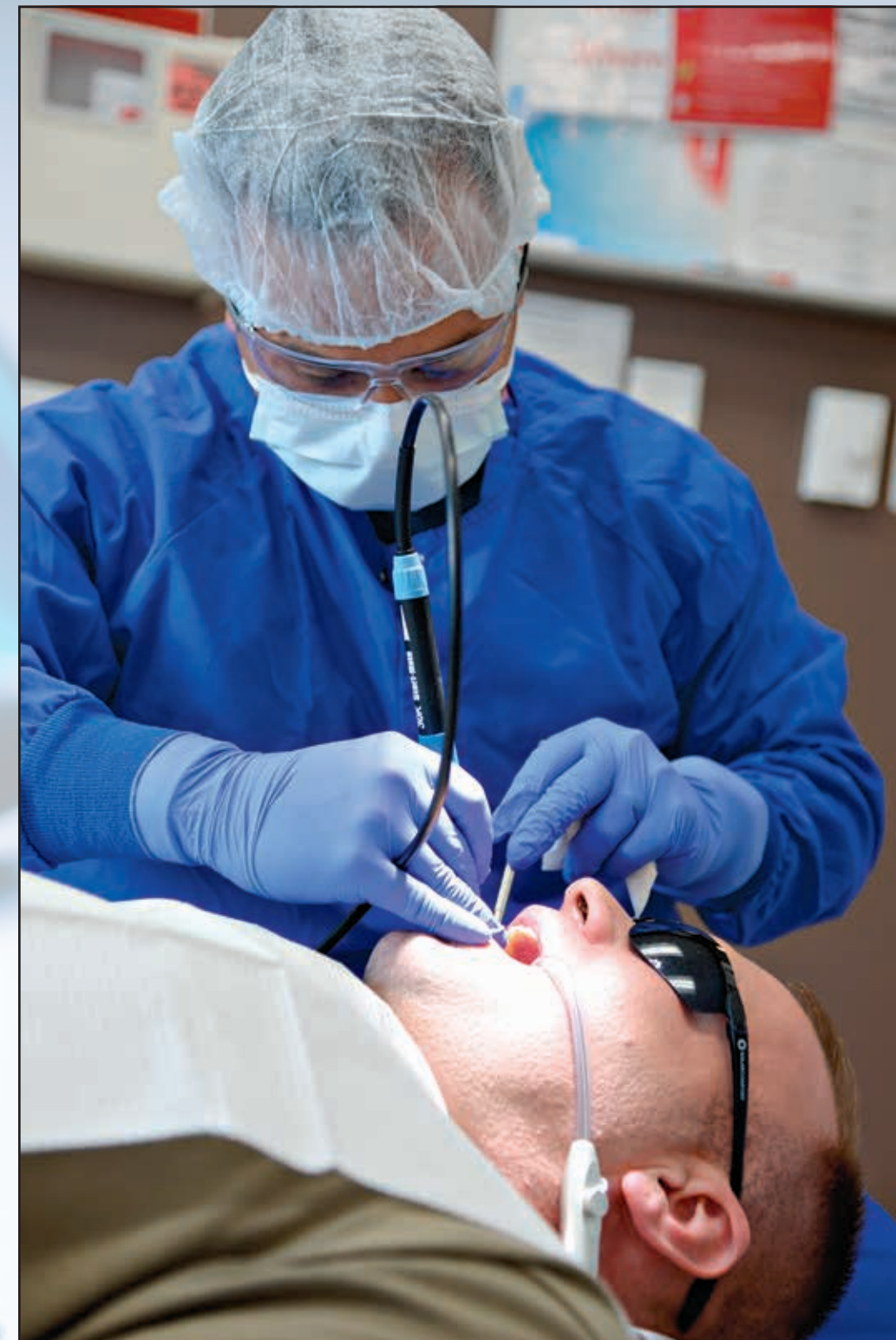
"We see primarily active duty members, but we can also serve Guard and Reserve members on active orders," Joswick. "We can provide for dependents and retirees on an emergency basis as well."

For more information on the dental flight and its services or to make an appointment, call 434-2250.

"We have an exceptional staff here with my dental flight," Joswick said. "My staff is very capable and knowledgeable and I would rather be nowhere else on Columbus AFB."



Senior Airman Emily Miller, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Dental Assistant, sends equipment through a machine to be sterilized July 26 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The dental flight serves active-duty personnel from both the base and local area.



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

Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Farinas, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Dental Technician, performs a routine cleaning on a patient's mouth July 29 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Dental Flight can provide education on prevention, show patients how to brush properly, how to and how many times a day to floss and recommendations on toothpaste and rinsing aids.