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Col. James Fisher, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander, hands Chief Master Sgt. Rita Felton, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief, her Certificate of Retirement Oct. 7 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Felton served in the military for 30 years before joining her husband Derk Felton in retirement.



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third weekend in October, visit www.caledoniams.org.

Oct. 15

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formation, contact Main Street Columbus at 328-6305.

Oct. 15

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Highlights from a UPT 84-01 graduate

Don Dobias
Undergraduate Pilot Training class
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(Editors Note: this is a guest article from Don Dobias, a 1977 U.S. Air Force Academy grad and helicopter pilot. He was in Undergraduate Pilot Training class 84-01 for fixed-wing conversion. He wrote some of his highlights to inspire Team BLAZE members during the UPT class 84-01 reunion Oct. 12 - 16.)

One of my last jobs in the Air Force was flying high level government officials around. I was assigned to fly the C-137 out of Andrews Air Force Base. I was the copilot on Air Force One during the last flight before they activated the B-747 as the normal aircraft.

As many may know, Air Force One is the airplane the President is riding. An opportunity arose for me when a sudden airplane switch was made from the C-20 to the C-137 to take George Bush, Sr. to his normal summer vacation in Maine.

This was soon after the start of Desert Shield when deployments began after the invasion of Kuwait. From what I heard, the normal Air Force One pilots who had qualifications to fly the C-137 had big vacation plans and couldn't make the trip to Pease AFB, Portsmouth, N.H., so I was asked if I would be willing to return early from my own vacation to fly Air Force One for a few weeks.

I did several shuttles between Andrews AFB and Pease AFB in the early 90's taking President Bush back and forth to some meetings. Overall, it was like a ten day vacation. The closest to the desert I got was the sand traps of the Portsmouth Country Club Golf Course.

Later on in my career, in the immediate aftermath of the Kuwait invasion, we had just landed with Secretary of State James Baker in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and had plans to stay for five days in the first high level visit there in over a decade. That day, the phone rang and we were advised to take the secretary to Moscow to meet with Soviet leadership to work out a coordinated international response to the invasion.

We began flight planning into the hours of the night and set takeoff time for a point 12 hours after the phone rang. We chose to fly to Irkutsk, Siberia, for fuel. If we had put enough fuel on the plane to make Moscow we could not meet engine failure climb gradients to safely takeoff. That restriction led to another decision to land in Irkutsk about 12,000 pounds over the max landing weight rather than dump fuel with possible diplomatic ramifications with Mongolia.

Defueling would have taken eight hours, according to our flight engineers and mechanic. So, we landed gently on a hot summer day and taxied for miles before we could get to the ramp for refueling. During the

flight, Secretary Baker was on a secure satellite communication link and he was still on the phone as we approached the parking area. A shift to auxiliary power or ground power would have disconnected the call so we kept an engine running which required us to keep the parking brake applied. This did very little to dissipate the great amounts of thermal energy absorbed by our tires during a heavy weight takeoff, short flight, heavy landing and several miles of taxiing.

After twenty minutes of delay, we were able to switch off the engine power. Normal preflight inspection revealed a flat main tire which occurred because of fuse plugs intended to relieve excess thermal buildup. We were now in Siberia with no supply lines and no other airplanes to send Secretary Baker to. We did carry one spare main and nose tire on the airplane and a mechanic who could certify the tire as safely installed.

After we received a jack from the Soviets, I helped with the tire change. I helped by cheering someone else who knows what they are doing on and on and I helped count turns on the bolts during both the unscrewing and re-bolting of the new tire to the wheel assembly. Then, off we went to Moscow, four hours later.

The meetings with Shevardnadze took about four hours longer than anticipated, the entire crew had waited on the plane for what was supposed to be a two-hour meeting.



Next, we went to Shannon, Ireland, for a quick refuel and then on to Andrews AFB. We had been on duty for at least 30 hours as a crew since we left the hotel that morning before.

We later ended up flying Secretary Baker, his staff and press over the "Highway of Death" only days after the liberation of Kuwait and landed in late dusk conditions in the middle of the day at Kuwait City airport.

The oil clouds were over 18,000 feet high. We were on the ground about four hours and even in the desert heat you could feel the heat from the oil well fires hundreds of yards away. Oil lingered on the airplane surface for days. We did a wash ourselves in a hangar in London a few days later.

I wish now I had taken better notes, I took too much of it all for granted. Those were some exciting times.



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										IFF	158	157	157		

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The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. James Barkley, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Air Education and Training Command.

19th AF leaders to visit Team BLAZE

Team BLAZE welcomes Maj. Gen. James Hecker to Columbus Air Force Base.



Hecker is Commander, 19th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. The 19th Air Force is composed of more than 32,000 Total Force personnel and 1,682 aircraft assigned to 16 bases located across the United States. It is responsible for the training of more than 30,000 U.S. and allied students annually. Training ranges from entry-level undergraduate flying training through advanced combat crew training, and ultimately provides fully qualified aircrew personnel to the warfighting commands.

Hecker was commissioned in the Air Force in 1989 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He was both a graduate and instructor at the U.S. Air Force Weapons Instructor Course. In response to the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, Hecker was responsible for coordinating both civilian and military disaster relief and humanitarian assistance during Operation Tomodachi, while working with U.S. Forces Japan at Yokota Air Base. He has also worked as a military legislative assistant for the Senate majority leader in Washington, D.C. and has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels. Prior to this assign-

ment, he was the Director of Plans, Programs, and Requirements at Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.

Hecker is a command pilot with more than 3,300 hours.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1989 - November 1990, Student, undergraduate pilot training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. January 1991 - March 1991, Student, AT-38 lead-in fighter training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
3. March 1991 - August 1991, Student, F-15 replacement training, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
4. August 1991 - May 1992, F-15C Pilot; 8th and 9th Tactical Fighter Squadrons, Holloman AFB, N.M.
5. June 1992 - December 1995, Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner and Chief, F-15C Standardization and Evaluation, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
6. January 1996 - June 1996, Student, F-15C Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
7. July 1996 - August 1998, Weapons Officer, 44th Fighter Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
8. September 1998 - July 2000, Instructor Pilot, F-15C Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. August 2000 - September 2001, Senate Liaison Officer, Office of Legislative Liaison, Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C.
10. October 2001 - October 2002, Capitol Hill Fellowship Program, the Government Affairs Institute, George-

town University, Washington, D.C.

11. November 2002 - June 2003, Assistant Director of Operations, 94th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
12. July 2003 - September 2004, Director of Operations, 27th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
13. October 2004 - May 2006, Commander, 27th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
14. July 2006 - May 2007, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
15. July 2007 - July 2009, Commander, 3rd Operations Group, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
16. July 2009 - June 2011, Director of Operations, Operations Directorate (J3), U.S. Forces Japan, Yokota AB, Japan
17. June 2011 - May 2013, Commander, 432nd Wing, 432nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Creech AFB, Nev.
18. May 2013 - April 2015, Commander, 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan
19. April 2015 - June 2015, Director of Plans, Programs, and Requirements, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
20. June 2015 - present, Commander, 19th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas

JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2009 - June 2011, Director of Operations, Operations Directorate (J3), U.S. Forces Japan, Yokota AB, Japan, as a colonel

icated flying crew chief, he has flown and deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Provide Promise, Provide Comfort, Guardian Assistance, Joint Endeavor, Joint Forge, Joint Guard, Shining Hope, Noble Anvil, Southern Watch, Allied Force, Desert Strike, Phoenix Scorpion, Desert Fox, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He is a Chief Aircrew Member with over 5,000 hours in various roles in the B-52G/H, C-130E, KC-10A, F-15D, F-16D, UH-1N, HH-60G, CV-22A, and C-12C, including more than 1,100 combat and combat support hours.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1988 - March 1988, trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. March 1988 - June 1988, student, aircraft maintenance technician, Sheppard AFB, Texas
3. June 1988 - July 1989, Assistant B-52G Crew Chief, 320th Organizational Maintenance Squadron, Mather AFB, California
4. July 1989 - January 1994, B-52G/H Crew Chief, 2d Organizational Maintenance Squadron, 20th and 62d Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
5. January 1994 - July 1999, C-130E Instructor Flight Engineer, Chief of Training, 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany

6. July 1999 - February 2002, KC-10A Instructor Flight Engineer, Chief of Training and Interim First Sergeant, 9th Air Refueling Squadron, Travis AFB, California

7. February 2002 - September 2005, Resource Manager, 60th Operations Group, Travis AFB, California
8. September 2005 - March 2008, Flight Engineer Superintendent, 2d Air Refueling Squadron, McGuire AFB, New Jersey (July 2006 - November 2006, Superintendent, 379th Expeditionary Operations Group, Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan)
9. March 2008 - June 2009, Squadron Superintendent, 2d Air Refueling Squadron, McGuire AFB, New Jersey
10. June 2009 - February 2010, Squadron Superintendent, 305th Operations Support Squadron, McGuire AFB, New Jersey
11. February 2010- June 2012, Group Superintendent, 46th Operations Group, Eglin AFB, Florida
12. June 2012 - July 2012, Interim Command Chief, 46th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, Florida
13. July 2012- May 2013, Group Superintendent, 96th Operations Group, Eglin AFB, Florida
14. May 2013- Dec 2014, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Data Masked
15. Dec 2014- Present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 19th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio- Randolph, Texas

Team BLAZE welcomes Chief Master Sergeant Robert Boyer to Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.



Boyer is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 19th Air Force, Joint Base San Antonio- Randolph, Texas. The 19th Air Force trains more than 30,000 U.S. and allied students annually. The training ranges from introductory flying training, undergraduate flying training through advanced combat crew training, and ultimately provides fully qualified aircrew personnel to the warfighting commands. The 19th Air Force is composed of more than 30,000 Total Force personnel and 1,350 aircraft assigned to 16 bases located across the United States. Chief Boyer is a key advisor to the 19th Air Force commanders and senior staff on all matters affecting training, education, readiness, and effective utilization of resources in the execution of the 19th Air Force mission.

Boyer grew up in Helena, Montana, and entered the Air Force in January 1988. His background includes working as a Crew Chief on B-52s, and as a flight engineer on both C-130s and KC-10s. As a Career Enlisted Aviator and ded-

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Air Force recertifies all fitness assessment courses

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has directed a service-wide recertification of all installation 1.5-mile run and 2-kilometer walk courses by Oct. 31.

The recertification requirement comes after the identification of course-length issues by local officials at Goodfellow and Hanscom Air Force Bases.

While conducting a local self-inspection earlier this year, officials at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas, determined the outdoor running course was 85 feet longer than required. The course was last measured in 2010. A subsequent review of fitness scores for Airmen assigned to Goodfellow AFB between 2010 and 2016 indicated 18 members failed the

fitness assessment who would have otherwise passed.

At Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts, base officials measured their indoor running track following an Airman's appeal and determined the track was 360 feet longer than required. That track was last measured in 2008.

As a result, a review of fitness scores for Airmen assigned to Hanscom AFB between 2008 and 2016 indicated 41 Airmen potentially failed the fitness assessment who would have otherwise passed. All affected Airmen are being notified and provided avenues for remedy.

In addition to the recertification, and to reduce the likelihood of future occurrence, Headquarters Air Force strengthened guidance by requiring installations to measure and recertify their courses each time there are changes in wing or

responsible installation commanders, track modifications or lane adjustments. Furthermore, the Air Force inspector general plans to include the PT program as an Air Force inspection requirement on future wing unit effectiveness inspections.

Officials from both bases are working with the Air Force Personnel Center to contact affected Airmen. Any other facilities identified during the recertification will follow similar Airmen notification processes through local command channels; this will include record corrections and opportunities for Airmen to address potential impacts in the same manner as Goodfellow AFB and Hanscom AFB.

Air Force members with questions are encouraged to contact their local force support squadron offices.

AF agreement enables collaboration on aircraft anti-icing technology

Jaclyn Knapp

Air Force Research Laboratory

The Air Force Life Cycle Management Center and Battelle Memorial Institute established a cooperative research and development agreement to develop affordable, lightweight, easily adaptable ice protection technology.

In order to achieve maximum operational performance, unmanned aircraft systems must be able to complete missions in adverse weather conditions, such as light to moderate icing. Decreased flight performance and aborted missions occur when a UAS is unable to meet these challenges.

For the Air Force, this agreement supports research and development efforts for discovering an ice protection system that contributes to enhanced performance and less aborted missions. These types of agreements also allow the Air Force to explore technological developments without committing funding.

“From a traditional viewpoint, technological advancements achieved as a result of this collaboration would not have been made possible without structured and formalized research and development agreements,” said Maj. Andrew Soine, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Technology Development chief.

“From a traditional viewpoint, technological advancements achieved as a result of this collaboration would not have been made possible without structured and formalized research and development agreements,” said Maj. Andrew Soine, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Technology Development chief. “These agreements allow the Air Force to express a mutual interest in the future of the technology as both parties collaborate for a solution by utilizing resour-

ces other than taxpayer money.”

As of recently, the final stages for developing a cutting-edge ice protection system that uses a carbon nanotube dispersant as a resistive heater for anti-ice/de-ice capability are being conducted by Battelle. Coupled with an autonomous, intelligent, closed-loop controller, the system provides the lowest size, weight, and power electrothermal solution available.

In addition, this agreement will allow Bat-

telle to continue to test and validate their research and development efforts on test wings and engine air inlets from operational systems. Battelle will also leverage their collaboration with the Air Force for acquiring additional external funding through various proposals and grants.

“Access to government furnished equipment allowed Battelle to validate multiple modeling and simulation tests and brought developments to the current integration stage on operational aircraft,” said Randy Johnson, Battelle’s program manager. “This agreement will also allow the Air Force to provide us with detailed technical information required for the actual integration.”

The Air Force Technology Transfer Program was created to link technology, the Air Force mission, and the commercial marketplace by ensuring that Air Force science and engineering activities are transferred or intentionally shared with state and local governments, academia and industry.

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BLAZE Hangar Tails: C-12 Huron

Mission

The C-12 Huron is a twin turboprop aircraft used for cargo and passenger airlift. The aircraft is a military version of the Raytheon 1900C regional airliner. In addition to providing cargo and passenger airlift, the aircraft is capable of transporting two litter or ten ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations.

Features

The C-12 can carry 19 passengers or up to 3500 pounds of cargo. The fuel capacity of the C-12 is 675.2 gallons with refueling accomplished directly into each of its four fuel tanks through filler caps located on the top of each wing. The safety and operational capabilities of the C-12 are increased by the autopilot, color weather radar and tactical air navigation system, as well as high frequency, very high frequency and ultra high frequency radios.

The aircraft has a crew of two and may be flown from either cockpit seat. The C-12 fleet recently finished an ex-

tensive avionics upgrade and modernization program, which added three multi-function displays able to display all essential navigation information to the pilots. Additionally, three integrated Global Positioning Systems, two Flight Management Systems, a new autopilot, VHF/UHF communications radios and weather radar were installed.

Background

Delivery of the C-12 fleet began in July 1992. The U.S. Air Force currently operates four C-12 aircraft; three of these aircraft are operated by the 459th Airlift Squadron at Yokota Air Base, Japan, and one is operated by Air Force Materiel Command from Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico.

General characteristics

Primary Function: Passenger and cargo airlift

Prime Contractor: Raytheon Aircraft Company (formerly the Beech Aircraft Corporation)

Propulsion: Two Pratt & Whitney PT6A-65B turboprop engines, each with a four-blade, full-feathering, reversible composite propeller, generating 1,173 shaft horsepower (3,400 ft-lb of torque) on each engine

Length: 57 feet, 10 inches

Height: 14 feet, 11 inches

Wingspan: 54 feet, 6 inches

Maximum Takeoff Weight: 16,710 pounds

Maximum Speed: 284 mph

Ceiling: 25,000 feet

Fuel Capability: 675.2 gallons; 1,035.2 gallons with ferry tanks

Maximum Range: 1,450 nautical miles, 1,669 statute miles

Maximum Load: 19 passengers or 3,500 pounds of cargo

Crew: Two (pilot and co-pilot)

Date Deployed: July 1992

Inventory: Active forces, 4; Air National Guard, 0; Air Force Reserve, 0



U.S. Air Force photo by Osakabe Yasuo/Released

A C-12 Huron with the 459th Airlift Squadron parks at Yokota Air Base, Japan, Nov. 3, 2014. Members of the 459th AS participated in the annual Japan Air Self-Defense Force Iruma Air Show, Nov. 3, 2014.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sheila deVera

A C-12F Huron assigned to the 517th Airlift Squadron waits for passengers to arrive before taking off at Tatalina Air Force Station near McGrath, Alaska, Feb. 23, 2016. Tatalina is a long-range radar site and remains active as part of the Alaska North American Aerospace Defense Command Region.

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Happy New Year

Maj. Rickey Lott
14th Comptroller Squadron
Commander

For some of us here on Columbus Air Force Base, specifically in finance and contracting, Oct. 1 starts the New Year...well at least the new fiscal year.

With the new year, of course, comes new year resolutions, and like many Americans, my new year resolution is to get to the gym more often, and I'd like you to join me. I know what you're thinking, "our fitness center is way too small for all of us"...well not for long.

As we closed the financial books on Fiscal Year 2016, your fellow Columbus AFB members at finance and contracting were busy burning the midnight oil for many nights in September. With the hard work came rewards to the tune of \$8.6 million for projects and purchases across the wing.

Nearly \$1 million of this funding went directly to a Fitness Center expansion and remodel project. Other projects across the wing included \$4.9 million in sun shelters for our aircraft, \$365,000 for a facility remodeling project in the 37th and 41st Flying Training Squadrons, \$255,000 in fire alarm systems across many base agencies, \$205,000 in dorm furnishings for our Airmen, \$280,000 for aircraft de-icing equipment, \$100,000 in Fire Department and Security Forces safety equipment, and \$280,000 in base-wide paving projects.

All in all, end of year funding was a huge success for the wing, and these new upgrades and purchases will play a huge role in our ability to Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen and Feed the Fight. I look forward to seeing you around the new and improved Columbus AFB, and I especially look forward to seeing you at the new and improved Fitness Center. Happy New Year from finance and contracting.

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Griffin Threath gets to be "Pilot for a Day"

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

Griffin Threath, a 10-year-old from Clinton, Mississippi, and his family visited the base as part of the "Pilot for a Day" program. With the partnership of the Columbus-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce, children with life-long illnesses get a chance to experience a day with the Air Force custom-tailored to their desires and capabilities.

During his visit, Threath and his family saw displays of all three Columbus AFB training aircraft, toured the fire department and air traffic complex and experienced a T-6 simulator flight before receiving thanks and a memento personally from Col. Doug Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander.



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Savannah Knight

Griffin Threath, Pilot for a Day, poses for a photo with his family and base leadership Oct. 7 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Pilot for a Day program invites children with chronic illnesses to the base for a day of fun and relaxation and to experience the life of an Air Force pilot.

JTF-Bravo deploys for disaster relief in Haiti

Capt. David Liapis

Joint Task Force-Bravo Public Affairs

SOTO CANO AIR BASE, Honduras — Approximately 200 Soldiers, Airmen and Marines from Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Southern Command and Joint Task Force-Bravo deployed this week with two CH-53E Super Stallions, three CH-47 Chinooks, two UH-60L Black Hawks, and two HH-60L Black Hawks to provide heavy and medium lift to support the U.S. Agency for International Development-led mission to alleviate human suffering and bolster Haitian disaster response capabilities.

At the request of U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Transportation Command directed Air Force C-17 Globemaster III and C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft here to be loaded with and move critical supplies and personnel to Haiti to support the ongoing Hurricane Matthew disaster relief efforts.

"What most people see in these operations are the nine (helicopters) taking off to Haiti, but what is often missed is the multiple mobility aircraft that follow picking up pallets full of equipment and sustainment that ensure the mission can continue in Haiti," said Capt. Kimber Robinson, the JTF-Bravo director of logistics. "The amount of effort that goes into identifying what needs to deploy, requesting airlift, preparing the cargo, and getting it on an aircraft is substantial and has required the involvement of all the units on base."

The cargo aircraft were deployed to Soto Cano from Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, and Dyess AFB, Texas, within hours of being requested to transport additional personnel and equipment necessary to sustain flight and maintenance operations for the nine aircraft in Haiti.

"We knew we were needed, and we're honored to be able to take part in this effort," said Capt. Jeremy Roberts, a 3rd Airlift Squadron C-17 aircraft commander. Roberts went on to say that within hours of getting the call, he and his crew landed in Honduras and prepared to transport much needed cargo to help with the mission to alleviate the suffering of those affected by the hurricane in Haiti.

Extensive joint planning was required to establish load plans and cargo prioritization so the equipment would be ready to load and transport without delay to prevent any mission stoppages or shortfalls.

"From the start of this mission, the Marine (Corps), Army, and Air Force logisticians have brought together their respective areas



U.S. Air Force photo/Capt. David Liapis

Staff Sgt. Daniel Matthews, a 3rd Airlift Squadron loadmaster, inspects cargo that was loaded on a C-17 Globemaster III Oct. 8, 2016, at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, before taking off for Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where the equipment will be used to support Joint Task Force Matthew hurricane relief operations.

of expertise to push the cargo and passengers out to enable this humanitarian support in Haiti," Robinson stated. "No one has focused solely on their service's equipment and people, but are concerned about getting what is needed to support the joint element moving forward and ensure they have clean water, food, maintenance and life support. It's truly a joint effort."

While in Haiti, SPMAGTF-SC and Joint Task Force-Bravo's 1st Battalion, 228th Aviation Regiment are part of Joint Task Force Matthew, a temporary command established by SOUTHCOM in Port-au-Prince, under the command of U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Cedric Pringle, to coordinate and execute the combined Department of Defense supporting elements that include the Marine Corps and Army aircraft from Soto Cano and ships and aircraft from the Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

The mission of JTF-Bravo includes being prepared to support disaster relief operations in Central America, South America and the Caribbean, when directed by SOUTHCOM.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Siuta B. Ika

A C-130J Super Hercules from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, goes through preflight checks at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, prior to deploying to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to support the ongoing Hurricane Matthew disaster relief efforts. The C-130J was deployed to Soto Cano AB within hours of being requested to transport additional personnel and equipment necessary to sustain flight and maintenance operations in Haiti.

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Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events
Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter @columbusafbliving, Instagram at columbus_afb_living, or visit our website at columbusafbliving.com to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base. Check out the calendar on the website for important Airman and Family Readiness Center events. For more information, contact 434-2337.

Glow Ball Golf Tournament
Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. 9 hole with dinner. \$20 per person or \$75 per family of 4. Please call the golf course at 434-7932 for more information and to sign-up.

State Fair Trip
Oct. 15 from 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Transportation is free, gate fee \$5 plus tickets. Space limited, call the Youth Center at 434-2504 for more information.

Give Parents a Break
Oct. 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$25 for non-certificate holders. Please call the Child Development Center for more information.

Lights on After School
On Oct. 20 the Youth Center will hold a Lights on After School event from 4-4:45 p.m. Learn about safety and the benefits of after school community care. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

Youth Center Open House and Membership Drive
On Oct. 20 at the Youth Center, learn about youth programs and benefits, refreshments provided. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

Oktoberfest Buffet at the Club
Oct. 20 from 5-7 p.m. \$12 for members, \$14 for non-members, \$5 for kids 5-11, f and under eat free. Enjoy German styled cuisine and dessert. Call the Columbus Club at 434-2489 for more information.

Monthly Fitness Run
Oct. 21 at 7 a.m. the Fitness Center will hold a Breast Cancer Awareness 5K walk/run. The run will start and end at the Fitness Center, commander's trophy points will be awarded. For more information call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

Family Fishing Tournament at Columbus Lake
Oct. 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. \$5 per person. Call the Youth Center at 434-2934 for more information and to sign-up.

Family Glow-in-the-Dark Run and Movie
Oct. 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Come out with your family and get fit with a run followed by a family friendly movie. \$5 per person. Call the Youth Center at 434-2934 for more information and to sign-up.

Pearl River Resort Casino Trip
Outdoor Recreation is offering a monthly casino trip to Pearl River Resort. Upcoming dates are 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/Shopette 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.

The Walking Dead Season Premier at the Club
Oct. 23 at 8 p.m. prize awarded for the best costume. Call the Columbus Club at 434-2489 for more information.

Oktoberfest Buffet Dining at the Club

October 27 5-7 p.m.
\$12 Member - \$14 Non-Member - \$5 for kids 5-11, 4 & Under Free

- German Cucumber Salad
- Hearty Beef Stew
- Jagerschnitzel and Schnitzel
- Bratwurst with Guinness Braised Sauerkraut
- Red Cabbage with Apples
- German Styled Green Beans
- Mashed Potatoes
- German Potato Salad
- German Chocolate Cake

434-2489

Pumpkin Carving Contest at the Library
Purchase your own pumpkin to decorate or pick up a free pumpkin at the Library Oct. 24-27 while quantities last. Judging will be held Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. Call the Library at 434-2934 for more information.

Oktoberfest Evening Buffet
Oct. 27 from 5-7 p.m. Oktoberfest dining at the Event Center. \$12 for members, \$14 for non-members, \$5 for kids ages 5-11, and children 4 and under eat free. Enjoy an all you can eat German themed dinner. Call the Event center for more information at 434-2489.

Youth Basketball Registration
Oct. 31-Nov. 28 at the Youth Center, \$35 for ages 3-4 and \$40 for ages 5-18. Receive a \$5 discount Oct. 31 - Nov. 4. Volunteer coaches needed. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

Breakfast Club
Nov. 7 6:30 a.m. free breakfast at the Event Center for Club Members, Non-Member can eat free if you complete a Club Membership application. For more information call the Columbus Club at 434-2489.

Legos at the Library
Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. Spark creativity with LEGOS. Please call 434-2934 for more information.

Oktoberfest Bowling Center Special
Thursdays and Fridays in October from 4-7 p.m. Enjoy drink and food specials with free bowling if you wear orange. Call the Bowling Center at 434-3426 for more information.

Discount Bowling on Monday
\$.25 bowling every Monday in Oct. from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. except on Oct. 10.

IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON! Thursday NFL Football
Come out to the Club each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. There will be food specials and prize giveaway. The complete game schedule is available at the Columbus Club. Call 434-2489 for more information.

Halloween Pin Decorating
Pick up a bowling pin from the Bowling Center to decorate for Halloween. Prizes will be awarded. Please call the Bowling Center at 434-3426.

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

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.

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 p.m. – 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.

Free Wood at the Golf Course
Wood available at the Golf Course on Sundays from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact the Golf Course Monday-Friday to arrange pick-up. Call 434-7932 for more information.

Lawn Mower and Bicycle 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 9 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.

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. Oct. 18 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.

Marketing Yourself For a Job Fair
Learn how to market yourself for a job fair 9 - 10:30 a.m. Oct. 12. The workshop provides information on preparing for the upcoming job fair, how to interview, and using marketing techniques. For more information, call 434-2790 to register.

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop
This workshop is held 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Oct. 13-14. The Entrepreneurship workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business. To register and for more information, call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle
The Military Life Cycle workshop from 1-2 p.m. Oct. 18 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.

Golden Triangle Employment Expo
The Golden Triangle Employment Expo is 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Oct. 19 at the American Legion Building, Columbus. Go to job-fairs.ms.gov/ for list of participating vendors. 40 plus employers will be offering jobs. For more information call 434-2790.

Marvelous Military Marriages
Oct. 19 12 noon – 1 p.m. Marriage workshop/lunch date at the Columbus Club. MFLC led marriage workshop during lunch in the Happy Lounge at the Columbus Club. Call 434-2790 for more information and to sign up.

First Term Officer's PFR
The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assigned officer personnel at their first station. The event is 9 - 10 a.m. Oct. 20. For more information, call 434-2790.

Capstone
This class is scheduled for Oct. 20, 8 a.m. – noon. The Capstone is required for all separating/retiring personnel and should occur no later than 90 days prior to anticipated separation/retirement; however, if a member has less than 90 days left in the military, the member should attend as soon as possible within their remaining period of service. It verifies if service members have/have not met their Career Readiness Standards/Individual Transition Plan Checklist, DD Form 2958. The checklist, in conjunction with the ITP, will be

Flu shots available



used by the A&FRC to verify status of CRS completion. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Hearts Apart
The Hearts Apart Social program from 5- 7 p.m. Oct. 27 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.

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop
This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 31 – Nov. 4. The Transition Assistance Program Workshop has seminars on: Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, Mississippi Dept. of Employment Security, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP, Dept. of Labor TAP portion. Preseparation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance is 8 – 12 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

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 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.

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

Educational activities, capabilities shown during Fire Prevention Week



Firefighters use their tools to perform a vehicle extrication by removing the roof of a sedan Oct. 8 during the Fire Prevention Week open house at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Rather than remove the injured from the vehicle, firefighters are trained to remove the vehicle from the injured victim.



Children enjoy roasting s'mores at the fire station Oct. 9 during Fire Prevention Week at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. After families were done making their marshmallow treats, they enjoyed a movie inside the fire station.

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

Team BLAZE began Fire Prevention Week with an open house and parade Oct. 8 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Fire Prevention Week was started in observance of the great Chicago fire of 1871. Despite lasting only two days, the fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

To raise awareness of the dangers of fire, the National Fire Protection Association decided to dedicate a week for people to be educated on fire safety nationwide. Fire Prevention Week is the longest running Public Health and Safety Observance on record.

"Don't wait, check the date!" is the theme for 2016's Fire Prevention Week. This statement is a reminder to check smoke alarms monthly and to be educated on how they work.

"Fire safety is very important to us as firefighters," said William O'Meara, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, Fire Inspector. "We try to reach from the younger to the older kids, trying to teach them how to be safe. A lot of what we cover is the basics, 'don't play with matches' or 'stop, drop and roll.'"

The 14th Flying Training Wing celebrated Fire Prevention Week with various on- and off-base activities.

To kick the week off, Columbus AFB and local community firetrucks paraded through base housing, showering children with candy. After that, firefighters hosted an open house to show off their capabilities at the McAllister Fire Station.

"I got to supervise the Fire Safety House," said Airman 1st Class Deangelo Wallman-Sims, 14th CES Firefighter. "It is important that kids understand how to escape a burning building at a young age. That is something they will carry until they have children of their own so they can teach it to them."

Children played in fire house themed bounce houses, bowled with firehoses and went through a smoke trailer to teach them how to escape a burning building. Firefighters put out a fire on the aircraft fire trainer and showed how they perform a vehicle extrication.

Other events throughout the week included a community s'mores roasting and movie, Sparky the Firedog's 94th birthday party, visits to the Child Development Center and Youth Center, a trip to Caledonia Elementary School and daily fire safety displays at the Exchange.

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The last event scheduled to occur is a lock-in at the fire station. Children ages 10-14 can spend the night at the McAllister Fire Station, learn about fire safety, participate in hands-on demonstrations, ride in the firetrucks and enjoy a pizza dinner and pancake breakfast 6 p.m. Oct. 14 - 15.

Team BLAZE's firehouse participated in Fire Prevention Week to promote all they do and did so in an informative way according to Wallman-Sims.

"Fire safety begins with the basics," Wallman-Sims said. "We want everyone to know and learn the basics, but leave the firefighting to the firefighters."



Crash 9, a firetruck, demonstrates its capacity to fight fires on trainer aircraft Oct. 8 during the Fire Prevention Week open house at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Crash 9, the most robust vehicle in their fleet, has the capacity to store enough water to put out even the toughest engine fires according to many firefighters.



U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class John Day
Sparky the Firedog gives a high five to a child Oct. 10 during Fire Prevention Week at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The children in attendance celebrated Sparky's 94th birthday at the party with games and more.



Firetrucks from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, and the local community parade through base housing tossing candy to children watching Oct. 8. After that, firefighters hosted an open house to show off their capabilities.