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Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
P.M. Rain	A.M. Rain	Cloudy	P.M. Rain
High 58ºF Low 44ºF	High 65ºF Low 52ºF	High 73ºF Low 57ºF	High 67ºF Low 50ºF

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Christmas and New Year's holidays

Most base organizations are closed Dec. 26 – 27 and Jan. 2 in observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays and an Air Education and Training Command Family Day.

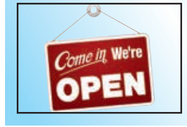
Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions ceremony is at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 30 at the Columbus Club.

Last issue of 2016

This is the last issue of Silver Wings for 2016. The next publication date is Jan. 13, 2017.

Inside



Feature 8

"What time do you open?" is highlighted in this week's feature.

U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Doublin

Capt. Joshua Rower, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-03 class leader, poses for a picture with Col. Brandon Parker, Vice Commander, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, at the 17-03 SUPT graduation Dec. 16, 2016, at the Kaye Auditorium on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. During his speech, Parker charged the graduates to educate, innovate and motivate.

Bomb Wing vice charges newest graduates

Senior Airman John Day
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Col. Brandon Parker, Vice Commander, 2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-03's graduation at Kaye Auditorium Dec. 16, 2016.

Parker assists the 2nd BW Commander in providing for the health and welfare of more than 9,100 military and civilian personnel, 5,800 family members and 25,000 retirees. He also shares the responsibility for ensuring the 2nd BW maintains a constant state of readiness in order to provide flexible and responsive combat capability in support of U.S. Strategic Com-

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Columbus AFB Training Timeline

Phase II

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select
37th (17-12)	3.62 days	1.96 days	Jan. 18
41st (17-13)	3.70 days	3.16 days	Feb. 9

Phase III

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
48th (17-04)	79.25 days	13.74 days	Jan. 6
50th (17-04)	0.97 days	-5.11 days	Jan. 6

IFF

Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
49th (17-CBC)	-0.24 days	-1.92 days	Dec. 23

** Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.*

Wing Sortie Board

Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
T-6	1,781	1,719	7,358
T-1	585	522	1,827
T-38	751	553	2,346
IFF	285	239	1,035

The graduation speaker is Col. Franz Plescha, U.S. Air Force retired.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 34 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.

Christmas/New Years Holiday hours

Airman & Family Readiness Center	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
Arts & Crafts	Closed Dec. 19 – Jan. 2
Back Gate	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
Bowling Center	Closed Dec. 23 – 27, 29 – 31, Jan. 1 - 2
Child Development Center	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
Columbus Club	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
Commissary	Closed Dec. 25 – 26, Jan. 1 - 2
Exchange	Closed Dec. 25, Open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dec. 26 Open 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Dec. 31, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Jan. 1 - 2
Fitness Center	Open 24/7 (register at front desk)
Golf Course	Closed Dec. 24 – 27, 31 - Jan. 1
Medical Group	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
Military Personnel and Finance	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
Multimedia	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
Outdoor Recreation	Closed Dec. 23 - 26, 31, Jan. 2
Shoppette	Closed Dec. 25, Open 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Dec. 26 Open 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Dec. 31, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Jan. 1 - 2
Visitor's Center	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
Youth Center	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2

Dec. - Jan.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
26 Christmas Holiday	27 AETC Family Day	28	29	30 Enlisted Promotions, 1:30 p.m. @ Club	31/1
2 New Year's Holiday	3 Student training resumes	4 Pete's Dragon, and dinner, 5 p.m. @ Club	5	6 17-04 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club	7/8 7th: Community Holiday Reception, 2 p.m. @ Club

Long Range Events

Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Jan. 16: MLK Breakfast and A Day of Giving
Jan. 17: Wing Newcomers Orientation
Jan. 20: SUPT Class 17-04 Graduation
Jan. 23-30: UEI
Jan. 31: Fourth Quarterly Awards
Jan. 31: Enlisted Promotions
Feb. 7: Wing Newcomers Orientation
Feb. 9: Annual Awards Ceremony
Feb. 10: SUPT Class 17-05 Graduation
Feb. 14: St. Valentine's Day lunch
Feb. 28: Enlisted Promotions
Mar. 7: Wing Newcomers Orientation
Mar. 10: SUPT Class 17-06 Graduation

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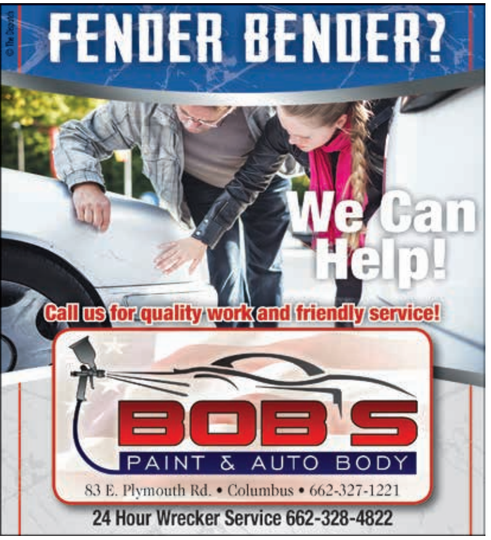

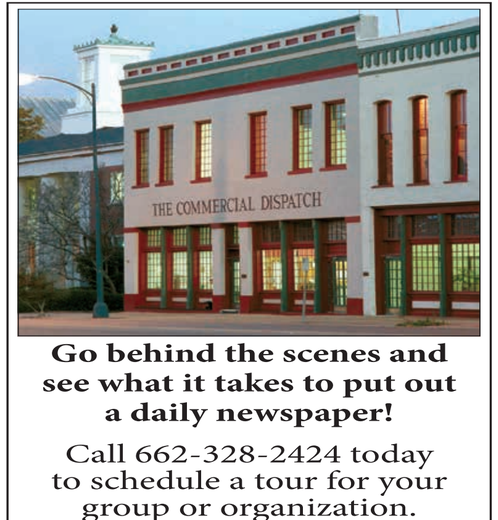

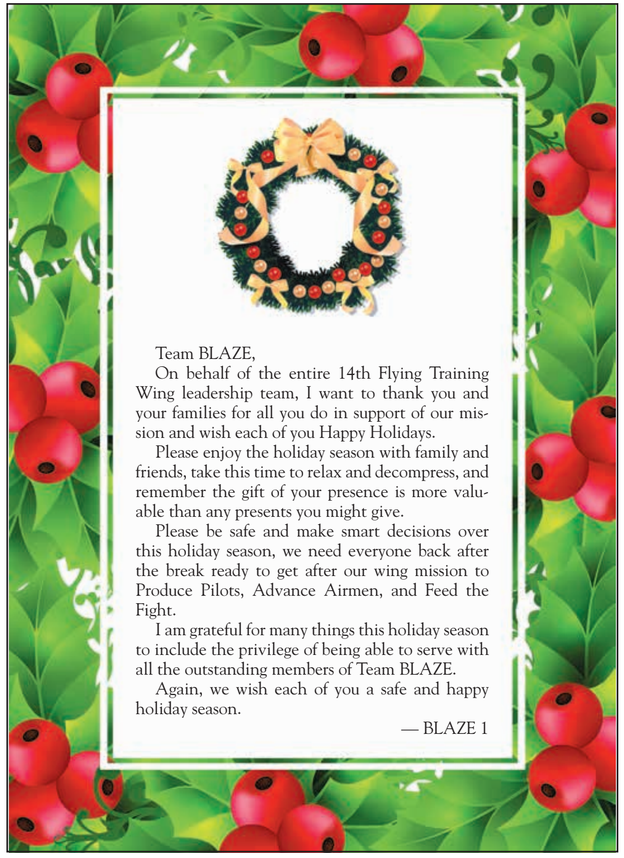

Team BLAZE,

On behalf of the entire 14th Flying Training Wing leadership team, I want to thank you and your families for all you do in support of our mission and wish each of you Happy Holidays.

Please enjoy the holiday season with family and friends, take this time to relax and decompress, and remember the gift of your presence is more valuable than any presents you might give.

Please be safe and make smart decisions over this holiday season, we need everyone back after the break ready to get after our wing mission to Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, and Feed the Fight.

I am grateful for many things this holiday season to include the privilege of being able to serve with all the outstanding members of Team BLAZE.

Again, we wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season.

— BLAZE 1

Hunt Housing tip of the week

If you have a live Christmas tree, it must be kept watered to reduce the fire hazard. If pine needles begin to fall off or if branches break when bent, the tree must be removed immediately. Use extreme care while decorating live trees and use UL approved lights that are not frayed nor have missing lights that may cause a fire.

GRADUATES

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mand and theater combatant commanders.

The colonel began his speech by thanking those in attendance for allowing him to impart his wisdom to the graduates.

"It is truly an honor to be here. And when I look at you (graduates) I see myself years and years ago," Parker said.

He emphasized the importance of having the support family and friends throughout their careers.

"There is no doubt we live in the greatest nation on earth," Parker said. "One of the things that makes us so great is we have patriotic citizens who provide our service members with unyielding support. Truly there are no words eloquent enough and no hug warm enough to express the deep sense of gratitude we owe all of you."

Parker spoke to the philosophy of the wings of a pilot, explaining their symbolism and all they mean to him.

"To me, these wings are much more than a badge; they are a calling," he said. "They embody the soul and the heartbeat of a community of warriors endowed with an innate desire to reach higher, push further and move beyond man-made limits. One can't help but grasp the symbolism within these wings: devotion, loyalty, nobility, honor, skill."

Getting to the main message of his speech, Parker issued a charge to the new pilots.

"I charge you with these three simple things: educate, innovate and motivate," he said. "First, education is the bedrock of your career as you wear these wings. Education is about asking questions. A thirst for knowledge will lead to inquiry, inquiry will lead to discovery, discovery will lead to enlightenment and enlightenment is how you gain a better understanding about your profession and your calling."

He talked about the famous Airmen in our history and noted the innovation they all exhibited and encouraged them to follow in their footsteps.

"Next I charge you to innovate," Parker said. "Innovation is bred inside us. You will have to step up to meet the challenge of the coming age. You must power our force, you must adapt to the realities of warfare and you must take on the challenges before you."

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Parker recounted some of his stories from when he was a young captain. His stories were those of the sacrifices our Airmen make on a day-to-day basis to support the mission. He stressed the need for motivation.

"Lastly, you must motivate those around you," Parker said. "This is the essence of leadership. You are at the tip of the spear, but you must never forget the long tail of Airmen that get you there. All of them have invested in your success and you can't do the mission without them. You see, those Airmen who crawl into planes, build bombs and guard your jets- these wings carry the payoff for all their hard work: never forget them. You are officers and leaders first, pilots second and warriors always."

He closed his speech with a thanks and congratulations.

"(SUPT)17-03, I want you to educate, innovate and motivate," Parker said. "Thank you for raising your right hand and taking the oath to defend our constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. May God continue to bless you, and may God continue to bless the United States of America."

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.

Bulk Shred Truck available Jan. 12

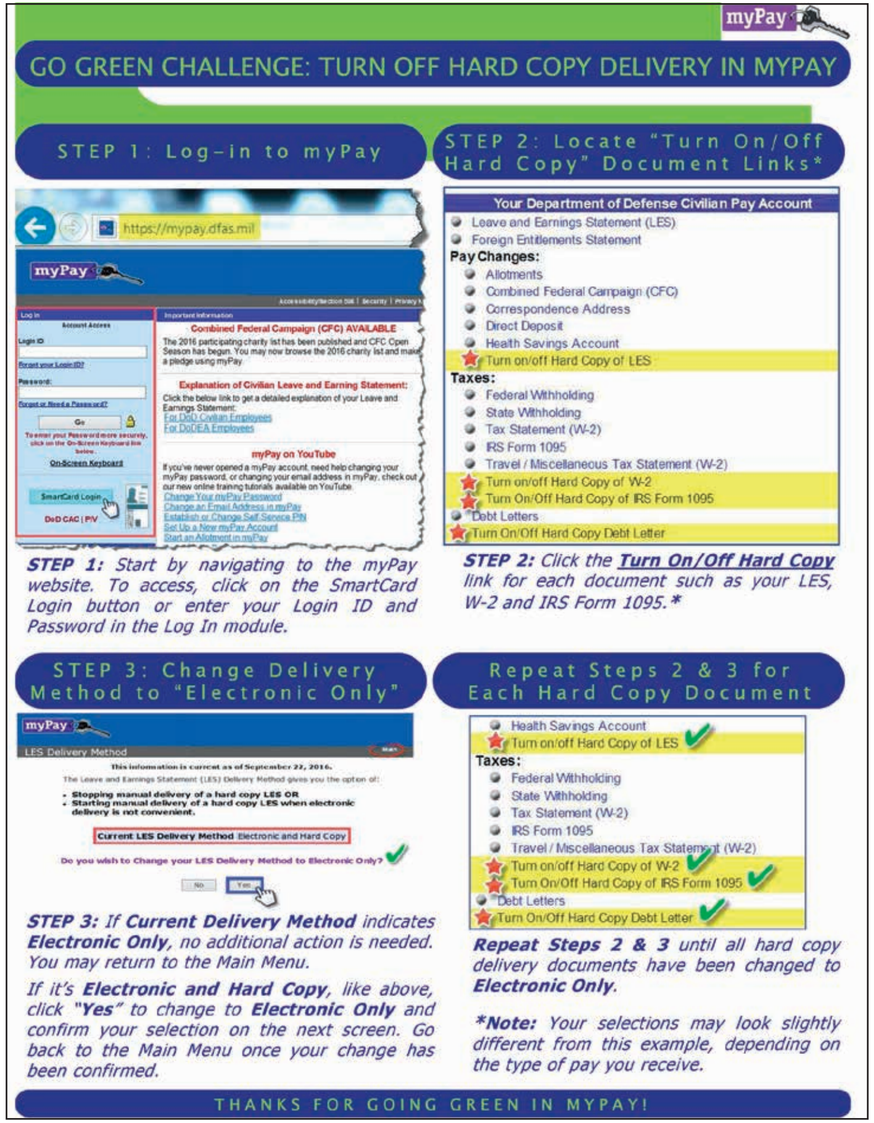
Watch Dog Document Services, Inc. will be on base from 1 – 3 p.m. Jan. 12, 2017, to shred both official and unofficial documents. The truck will be in the parking lot of Bldg. 926 across the street from the Magnolia Inn. Documents such as old income tax information, personal bills, and magazines are encouraged to be brought for shredding. If you have any questions, please contact Katrina Watkins at 434-7301 or Mike Blythe at 434-7353.

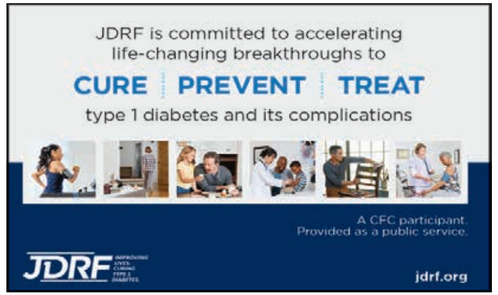
14th CONS Airman receives AETC award

Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Christopher Palmer, 14th Contracting Squadron, for achieving the fiscal 2016 annual Air Education and Training Command Innovation in Air Force Contracting individual award. We wish Palmer luck as he will continue in the running at the SAF/AQC-level.

2017 Tax Center volunteers needed

The Columbus Air Force Base legal office is currently seeking tax center volunteers for the upcoming tax season. No prior tax experience is necessary, as all required training will be provided to qualify volunteers for tax preparation. The tax center will open Feb. 6, 2017, and trained volunteers will prepare tax returns through April 7, 2017. If you are interested in this opportunity to be involved in our Tax Center please contact the legal office at 434-7030.





Upcoming EVENTS

CPR Classes are offered at Baptist Golden Triangle, 6:30 p.m., in the Patient Tower. Pre-registration is required. January classes will be held on the 9th and 30th. Call the Education Department at 244-2498 or 800-544-8762, ext. 2498.

Baptist Cancer Center holds a **support group for cancer survivors** and their families the third Friday of every month from noon-1pm. The next meeting will be held January 20th. For information call 244-2923 or 800-544-8767, ext. 2923.

United Blood Service **blood drive** will be held Friday, January 20, 11a-5:15p, Outpatient Pavilion Conference Center at Baptist Golden Triangle. All donors are encouraged to give the gift of life. For more information go to bloodhero.com.

Baptist Cancer Center offers **free prostate PSA screenings** for men over 40. PSA screenings will be held in Starkville on Friday, Jan. 27, from 9–11:45 am. Make an appointment by calling at 244-4673 or 800-544-8767, ext. 4673.

Join us for a weekly education/support group meeting for people with **congestive heart failure** at Baptist Golden Triangle. Program runs on a 6-week cycle, you may begin at any time. Held each Thursday, 11am-noon, Outpatient Pavilion Board Room. For information call 244-1953 or 244-2132.

Baptist Golden Triangle offers **childbirth classes** each month. Classes are held on each Tuesday night at 6 p.m. To pre-register call the Education Department at 244-2498 or 800-544-8762, ext. 2498.

BMH-GT Diabetes Support Group - classes are the 3rd Wed. each month, 10-11 am, room 6 PT. For more information call Lacy Smith at 244-1392 or 800-544-8767, ext. 1392.

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

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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News Around Town

Jan. 5

Join the award-winning author Michael Farris Smith of Columbus, Mississippi, 7-9 p.m. at the Rosenzweig Arts Center for an informal discussion of his works, question-and-answer session, and readings from his highly popular novels. This is the first of a 2017 series celebrating Mississippi writers. For more information visit columbus-arts.org/events/ or call the Columbus Arts Council, 328-2787.

Jan. 12

Mississippi singer/songwriter Claire Holley returns to her roots with her unique blend of folk, pop and jazz and a voice both "powerful and light as a feather," 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., in the Rosenzweig Arts Center. She shares the spotlight with the soulful Jonathan Kingham, whose current musical adventures include vocals, keyboard and guitar with Toad the Wet Sprocket. For more information visit columbus-arts.org/events/ or call the Columbus Arts Council, 328-2787.

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For Sale: 2005 Cadillac CTS, 3600 Engine, 62,000 miles. Vehicle is clean as new, pearl white exterior has no scratches or dings. Speed odometer reads up to 160 mph but never driven over 80 mph; $8,900. For more information, call 244-5861.

For Sale: 1978 Triumph Spitfire with extra parts and hard top for sale, $3,000. For more information, call Danny at 549-5188 or 434-7317.

Miscellaneous

For Sale: Six-foot artificial Christmas tree for sale, comes with stand, instructions, and storage bag; $25. For more information call 435-4357.

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

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VA national cemeteries now offering pre-need eligibility determinations

Veterans Affairs News

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs now provides eligibility determinations for interment in a VA national cemetery before an individual's death.

Through the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program, upon request, individuals can learn if they are eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery.

Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery, and supporting documentation, such as a DD Form 214, if readily available, to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office via toll-free fax at 1-855-840-8299, email to Eligibility.PreNeed@va.gov or mail to National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.

Officials will review applications and provide written notice of its determination of eligibility. VA will save determinations and supporting documentation in an electronic information system to expedite burial arrangements at the time of need. Because laws and personal circumstances change, upon receipt of a burial request, VA will validate all pre-need determinations in accordance with the laws in effect at that time.

"MyVA is about looking at VA from the veterans' perspective, and then doing everything we can to make the veteran experience effective and seamless," said the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald. "This new program reaffirms our commitment to providing a lifetime of benefits and services for veterans and their families."

VA operates 135 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers' lots in 40 states and Puerto Rico. More than 4 million Americans, including veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA's national cemeteries. VA also provides funding to establish, expand and maintain 105 veterans' cemeteries in 47 states and territories including tribal trust lands, Guam, and Saipan. For veterans buried in private or other cemeteries, VA provides headstones, markers or medallions to commemorate their service. In 2016, VA honored more than 345,000 veterans and their loved ones with memorial benefits in national, state, tribal and private cemeteries.

Eligible individuals are entitled to burial in any open VA national cemetery, opening/closing of the grave, a grave liner, perpetual care of the gravesite, and a government-furnished headstone or marker or niche cover, all at no cost to the family. Veterans are also eligible for a burial flag and may be eligible for a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Information on VA burial benefits is available from local VA national cemetery offices, on the internet at www.cem.va.gov, or by calling VA regional offices toll free at 800-827-1000. To make burial arrangements at any open VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117.

New program streamlines safety reporting procedures

Keith Wright
Air Force Safety Center Public Affairs

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — Reporting a safety issue, whether a hazard or mishap, is about to get much easier across the Air Force with the scheduled release of a new web-based application by the Air Force Safety Center early in the new year.

The Airman Safety App will provide a streamlined process for all Airmen, their families and anyone accessing the base to report a safety issue as they encounter it.

Currently, hazards are reported using many different forms in accordance with guidance per aviation, occupational, weapons, and space safety disciplines. People either don't know which form to use or don't take the time to fill it out. Even when filled out, there is still a submission, coordination and resolution process that takes time and offers little feedback.

The Airman Safety App is accessible anytime, anywhere, and with almost any device – desktop, laptop, tablet or smart phone – and focuses on minimizing the most common obstacles, making reporting quicker and easier to accomplish.

"Healthy safety cultures report hazards," said Maj. Gen. Andrew M. Mueller, the Air Force chief of safety. "Voluntary reporting has the potential to prevent serious injury and future mishaps."

The Airman Safety App is off-line enabled so a report can be started at any time and submitted when an internet connection is available.

EVOLUTION

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fore."

The MQ-1 and MQ-9 enterprise has seen great success in a relatively short amount of time. According to Christopher, it has just scratched the surface of remotely piloted capabilities.

"I think we as a community, was and still are, on the ground level on what the potential is of RPAs," Christopher said. "There's a chance we might see some other unmanned aircraft like cargo or air refueling. I think the potential is limitless."

While the future is yet to come, there is no doubt the MQ-1 and MQ-9 force has changed the game in terms of warfighting. The tenacious attack and reconnaissance capabilities continue to dominate close air support, battlespace awareness and other mission sets requiring the unique abilities of the combat RPA and its operators.

AF announces medical squadron commanders for 2017

Kat Bailey
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Air Force officials have selected 84 health professions officers for medical squadron command assignments worldwide in 2017.

Assignment bids were coordinated among medical group and wing commanders, senior raters and command surgeons.

"Squadron commanders are key to shaping our service culture and traditions as they develop, train and build Airmen," said Lt. Col. Matthew Krauchunas, the Air Force Personnel Center Medical Service Corps Utilization and Education section chief. "These commanders will be leading the beating heart of our Air Force—squadrons."

Typically, there are more qualified officers on the candidate lists than there are command vacancies to account for any unexpected contingencies during the year. Candidates who were not selected will remain eligible for command vacancies that open during the calendar year.

The selection list is posted to myPers. To view the list, select "Any" from the dropdown menu and search "Medical Squadron."

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, go to the myPers website. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following the instructions on the Air Force Retirees Services website.

BLAZE Hangar Tails: B-52 Stratofortress

Mission

The B-52 Stratofortress is a long-range, heavy bomber that can perform a variety of missions. The bomber is capable of flying at high subsonic speeds at altitudes up to 50,000 feet (15,166.6 meters). It can carry nuclear or precision guided conventional ordnance with worldwide precision navigation capability.

Features

In a conventional conflict, the B-52 can perform strategic attack, close-air support, air interdiction, offensive counter-air and maritime operations. During Desert Storm, B-52s delivered 40 percent of all the weapons dropped by coalition forces. It is highly effective when used for ocean surveillance, and can assist the U.S. Navy in anti-ship and mine-laying operations. Two B-52s, in two hours, can monitor 140,000 square miles (364,000 square kilometers) of ocean surface.

All B-52s can be equipped with two electro-optical viewing sensors, a forward-looking infrared and advanced targeting pods to augment targeting, battle assessment and flight safety, thus further improving its combat ability.

Pilots wear night vision goggles to enhance their vision during night operations. Night vision goggles provide greater safety during night operations by increasing the pilot's ability to visually clear terrain, to increase the peacetime and combat situational awareness of the aircrew and visually acquire other aircraft.

Background

For more than 40 years, B-52 Stratofortresses have been the backbone of the manned strategic bomber force for the United States. The B-52 is capable of dropping or launching the widest array of weapons in the U.S. inventory. This includes gravity bombs, cluster bombs, precision guided missiles and joint direct attack munitions. Updated with modern technology, the B-52 will be capable of delivering the full complement of joint developed weapons and will continue into the 21st century as an important element of our nation's defenses. Current engineering analyses show the B-52's life span to extend beyond the year 2040.

The B-52A first flew in 1954, and the B model entered service in 1955. A total of 744 B-52s were built with the last, a B-52H, delivered in October 1962. The first of 102 B-52H's was delivered to Strategic Air Command in May 1961. The H model can carry up to 20 air launched cruise missiles. In addition, it can carry the conventional cruise missile that was launched in several contingencies during the 1990s, starting with Operation Desert Storm and culminating with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

General characteristics

Primary function: heavy bomber
Contractor: Boeing Military Airplane Co.
Power plant: eight Pratt & Whitney engines TF33-P-3/103 turbofan
Thrust: each engine up to 17,000 pounds
Wingspan: 185 feet (56.4 meters)
Length: 159 feet, 4 inches (48.5 meters)
Height: 40 feet, 8 inches (12.4 meters)
Weight: Approximately 185,000 pounds (83,250 kilograms)
Maximum takeoff weight: 488,000 pounds (219,600 kilograms)
Fuel capacity: 312,197 pounds (141,610 kilograms)
Payload: 70,000 pounds (31,500 kilograms)
Speed: 650 miles per hour (Mach 0.84)
Range: 8,800 miles (7,652 nautical miles)
Ceiling: 50,000 feet (15,151.5 meters)
Armament: approximately 70,000 pounds (31,500 kilograms) mixed ordnance: bombs, mines and missiles. (Modified to carry air-launched cruise missiles)
Crew: five (aircraft commander, pilot, radar navigator, navigator and electronic warfare officer)
Unit cost: $84 million (fiscal 2012 constant dollars)
Initial operating capability: April 1952
Inventory: active force, 58; ANG, 0; Reserve, 18

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Joseph Pagán Jr.

A B-52 Stratofortress aircraft takes off from Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, Feb. 26, 2016. The B-52 is a long-range, heavy bomber that can perform a variety of missions.

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Arielle Vasquez

A B-52 Stratofortress aircraft from the 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, deployed from Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, lands March 2, 2016, at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The bomber is capable of flying at high subsonic speeds at altitudes up to 50,000 feet.

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Viewing the world from six inches away

Lt. Col. Steven Richardson
14th Flying Training Wing Chaplain

When I was 18 years old, a friend of mine invited me to an art museum. Normally, I'm not a big fan of art museums, but the friend was a girl, so I went.

The museum was laid out in such a way a person entering the front door had to walk through every single hallway before he or she could finally exit and get lunch. I was hoping to set a new speed record for walking through a museum, but my friend was more inclined to walk as slowly as possible and see every exhibit, so we walked as slowly as possible.

Our journey started with African art, and then we moved into the modern art section. It was here where I started to get very, very bored. How could a line drawn horizontally through the middle of canvas, or paint thrown behind a jet engine be considered art? I don't want to insult anybody, but I just didn't get it.

I looked back at my friend and said, "This one is in the wrong section, it needs to be back in the modern art." My friend laughed and said, "Take a step back." So I did. Before me formed the most beautiful painting I had ever seen. It was an original Monet. From six inches away it looked like a bunch of splotches on the canvas, but from a distance the true, beautiful painting appeared.

Finally we moved into what I called the classical art section. These were paintings, some hundreds of years old, which had amazing amounts of detail. In many cases it looked like the artist spent hours, even days, painting each person's fingernail. I found myself looking at the entire painting and then walking as close as I could get to the painting, about six inches away, and looking at all the details.

I continued this with three to four paintings until I realized I was working too hard. At that point I changed my tactic. I stood close to each painting, looked at all the detail, and then sidestepped to the next painting. I did this with roughly 10 paintings until I came to one that looked absolutely horrible. It was just a bunch of splotches all over the canvas.

I looked back at my friend and said, "This one is in the wrong section, it needs to be back in the modern art." My friend laughed and said, "Take a step back." So I did. Before me formed the most beautiful painting I had ever seen. It was an original Monet. From six inches away it looked like a bunch of splotches on the canvas, but from a distance the true, beautiful painting appeared.

Over the years, I noticed this phenomenon happens so often in our lives. We face frustrations, heartaches, the stresses and strains of the day, our own personal failures and the failures of those around us. Our lives look like a big collection of splotches. We can easily focus on these frustrations and miss the big picture.

I have talked to many military members and spouses who focused on some of the annoying habits or attitudes of their kids, and missed the joys of the limited time they have with them. Many of us focus on the seemingly disrespectful or unloving actions of our spouses, and miss the big picture of two imperfect people who choose to stick together through thick and thin. Some may focus too much on annoying practices of policy in the Air Force and miss the honor we get serving our country and taking care of our families.

As a chaplain, I believe God is the one who paints the big picture. When I focus on all the little problems and annoyances, I miss the masterpiece God paints in my life. When I focus on the arguments I have with my wife, I miss the beautiful marriage he develops despite our insecurities. When I focus on some of the mistakes my teenage sons make, I miss the amazing men they are becoming with God's help and direction.

Too often we find ourselves looking at our lives and the people around us from six inches away. These are truly works of art. Take a step back and appreciate the beauty.

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Base Thrift Shop

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

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

It is located in building 530.

Call 434-2954.

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

The evolution of the combat RPA

Senior Airman Christian Clausen
432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

CREECH AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — In the 1980s, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency added modern-day technology to the decades old idea of using remotely piloted aircraft for reconnaissance purposes.

As a result the Air Force immediately purchased a long-endurance RPA called the GNAT 750, resulting in the creation, production and development of the RQ-1 Predator of the early 1990s. By 1996, operators were flying intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions over the Balkans, providing an eye in the sky during a period of unrest.

U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christian Clausen

An MQ-1 Predator sits on the flightline at Creech Air Force Base, Nev., Dec. 8, 2016. The predator started as an RQ-1 in the late 1990s providing reconnaissance capabilities only until the early 2000s when it was equipped with two AGM-114 Hellfire missiles.

Courtesy Photo

The GNAT 750 was the first long-endurance remotely piloted aircraft. After it was purchased by the Air Force, it would evolve into the RQ-1 Predator during the 1990s to fly its first missions over the Balkans during the Kosovo conflict.

The early years

The RQ-1 evolved into the lethal and precise MQ-1 Predator, which provides persistent attack and reconnaissance capabilities to combatant commanders around the world. But the RQ-1, as a first iteration of a modern RPA, needed changes.

"In the RQ-1 we didn't even have a turbo engine; it was a [naturally aspirated] Rotax 912," said Chief Master Sgt. Christopher, the 726th Operations Group chief enlisted manager. "So, the first advancement was really with the Rotax 914 turbocharged engine."

The new and current Rotax 914 engine continues to allow the aircraft to fly at a higher altitude more reliably.

The chief also said he started flying, the community deployed with the full squadron and flew by line of sight, and eventually received a laser-enabled multi-spectral targeting system. The MTS allows Predator operators to integrate with other aircraft to laser designate targets and directly assist troops on the ground.

The most effective addition was a weapons capability that was implemented in the early 2000s. The Air Force retrofitted the platform with weapons pylons and modified the AGM-114 Hellfire anti-tank missiles to accommodate the newly modified aircraft and thus, the MQ-1 Predator was created.

"Initially, from an operations perspective, not a whole lot changed," Christopher said. "It was a slow progression to be accepted as a combat platform."

During this time Creech Air Force Base in Nevada was known as Indian Springs Auxiliary Airfield, with only three squadrons supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. They provided ISR capabilities while educating the Army on its own capabilities.

"Once MQ-1 operators were called on for weapons strikes and proved their accuracy, they were demanded highly, not just for ISR but also for close air support," said Lt. Col. Jesse, the 91st Attack Squadron director of operations.

As the ground forces became more familiar with having an MQ-1 overhead, the airframe became sought out for its existing capabilities such as raid overwatch, strikes, combat search and rescue and Remote Operations Vehicle Enhanced Receiver, which is the ability to send an MQ-1's video feed to a tablet used by ground forces.

The MQ-1 was also equipped to perform remote split operations, which allows the aircraft to fly overseas from stateside locations.

"RSO changed everything," Christopher said. "Now it didn't matter where we were in the world or where we had to go, we had the flexibility to accomplish the mission. Flexibility is the key to airpower."

Even with these capabilities, the ever-evolving battlespace environment determined that a more advanced RPA was needed. Thus, the MQ-9 Reaper was introduced in 2007 with the standup of the 432nd Wing. The MQ-9 is bigger, has more power and carries more munitions than an MQ-1, making it a true attack platform.

"Bringing on anything new is exciting but the capabilities that the MQ-9 brought were phenomenal," Christopher said. "Going from the speed of an MQ-1 to the MQ-9, bringing in larger targeting pods so now we can see at a higher fidelity from a longer distance and higher altitude, and increasing payload capacity from two Hellfires to four and the option to carry two 500-pound bombs is pretty [amazing]."

The addition of the MQ-9 increased the demand for more missions, which required more personnel and squadrons, resulting in the wing's continual growth. The growth was so exponential, the MQ-1 and MQ-9 flew a combined 1 million flight hours by 2011, then 2 million hours two short years later in 2013.

"We had no idea at the time that RPAs would grow into what they are now; with the aircraft flying the most hours across the force, the most requested asset out there, and versatile set of missions we can accomplish," Christopher said. "It's mind-blowing in 20 years we've gone from forward deploying downrange as an ISR asset flying line of sight link, to flying 60-plus combat lines around the world."

Looking into the future

The MQ-1 and MQ-9 community has tripled the amount of active-duty flying squadrons, created the addition of a second active-duty operations group, activated the first Reserve operations group and added numerous National Guard and special operations command flying squadrons. Combined, the community flies 60 combat lines 24/7 to deliver persistent attack and reconnaissance.

The mission continues to evolve as the Air Force has begun the transition to an all MQ-9 force.

"It'll be a good thing overall and there's very little we're losing when switching to [an] all MQ-9 force; but we will be gaining things logistically by having a single supply line," Jesse said. "The benefits of going to a single force outweigh MQ-1 advantages."

A single supply line will mitigate equipment for two different aircraft and streamline training for maintainers, pilots and sensor operators to a single airframe.

Training personnel, collecting information and neutralizing enemies are important tasks. However to some, the most rewarding task is keeping the troops on the ground safe.

"I know for a fact the RPA being overhead is very good for ground troops," Jesse said. "They love having us look over them and there were times where we were the sentry for a platoon of Army guys so they could sleep soundly because we could make sure they were safe."

He went on to say remotely piloted aircraft have had a significant impact and will continue to do so from the tactical to the strategic levels.

"We have enabled persistent attack and reconnaissance from the ground floor by being able to provide a safe environment for not only the guys on the ground downrange but Airmen deployed in garrison," Christopher said. "Then the persistence we provide for the combatant commanders and ground forces commander is constant. We can employ weapons or guide weapons on other aircraft and keep our guys safe and bring them home. We have enabled the saving of more American and coalition lives than ever be-

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FSS Services

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.

Ice Skate and Shop

The Outdoor Recreation Center has a trip to Tupelo to go ice skating at Bancorp Arena and shopping at the Barnes Crossing Mall on Jan. 7. Prices are $10 per adult and $5 per child. For more information call 434-2505.

Battle of the Bulge

The Fitness Center is running the Battle of the Bulge from Jan. 9 – March 3. Contact Health and Promotion for more information and to sign-up 434-1688.

Youth Spring Soccer

Sign-up for youth spring soccer at the Youth Center from Jan. 9 – Feb. 10. Call 434-2504 for more information.

Youth of the Year

The 2017 Youth of the Year Competition will be held at 4 p.m. Jan. 10 in the Youth Center. A panel of three judges will review all candidates' packets and decide this year's base Youth of the year. Packets must be completed online at bgca.net and a copy emailed to kayline.hamilton@us.af.mil. The Last day to submit packets is Jan. 5. Base winner will compete in statewide competition in Mississippi in February 2017. For more information call 434-2504.

MLK 5K Run

Let Freedom Run during the Martin Luther King Jr 5k run at 7 a.m. Jan. 13 at the fitness center. Call 434-2772 for more information.

Breakfast Club

The Columbus Club monthly Breakfast Club is 6:30 – 8:30 a.m. Jan. 19. Free breakfast for Club members, $8 for non-members.

Bingo at the Library

The Library is offering Bingo every second Wednesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. For more information call 434-2934.

Teen Adventure Camp

Registration is now open for the 2017 NH White Mountain Winter Adventure Camps for military teens. Camps will be held in January for teens with disabilities and in February for teens without disabilities. Contact the Youth Center at 434-2504 for more information or register at www.nhmilitarykids.org.

$.25 Cent Bowling

The Bowling Center is offering $.25 cent bowling on Mondays in January. Upcoming dates are Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 from noon – 5 p.m., shoe rental not included. For more information call 434-3426.

Fitness/Time Out Child Care

The Child Development Center offers child care from 8:30 – 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

The Base Library offers Story Time every Friday at 11 a.m. for all ages. Circle Time is offered each Wednesday at 3 p.m. for ages up to 4 years old. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Cosmic Bowling Special

The Bowling Center offers 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.

Free Wood at the Golf Course

Wood is 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.

Take & Bake Pizzas at the Bowling Center

Grab-and-go ready pizzas for you to take home and bake yourself are available at the bowling center. Save $2 per pizza. Large and medium pizzas only.

Interested in Sponsoring with Columbus AFB?

Want your business to reach the 18,000 active duty military, family members, civilian employees and retirees living and working at Columbus AFB? If you are interested in event sponsorship or donations, please contact our sponsorship coordinator at 434-2337.

Free Fitness Classes

Free classes are available at the fitness center. Classes range from P90X, Hot Fusion, Jiu Jitsu and Floor Core & More. For more information on class schedules, contact the Fitness Center at 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.

Instructional Classes at Youth Center

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

Fitness on Request

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

Space A Lodging

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

Ride in Style

If you don't want to leave your car at the airport over a vacation, we can help you out. Outdoor Recreation offers a shuttle service to the airport of your choice. Call 434-2505 for more information.

Community

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.)

Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 9 is on writing resumes, applications, and job search, using USAJobs. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is from 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Jan. 17 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. Jan. 17 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.

Smooth Move

The Smooth Move class is from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Jan. 24. The class provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. You learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and A&FRC. Please call 434-2790 to register.

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Jan. 30 – Feb. 3. 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 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 Delores 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.

DRMO

Recycle first by using the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office as your facility's source of supply. Authorized personnel may retrieve property free of charge if the property is still physically located here in Base Supply and marked at DRMO facilities. Other DRMO processing is available via the web at www.drmo.dla.mil. Cost of shipping will apply. Please call Inspection at 434-7231 to review DRMO property or Stock Control at 434-7197 with questions or concerns you may have. Parking and assistance is available in the back of building 158.

Tate achieves Senior Airman BTZ

U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

Col. Stan Lawrie, 14th Operations Group Commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Johnathan Hover, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief, right, congratulate Airman 1st Class Lucas Tate, 14th Operations Support Squadron Airfield Systems Apprentice, center, Dec. 16, 2016, on earning the rank of Senior Airman Below the Zone at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Getting BTZ means Tate will be promoted to the rank of senior airman six months ahead of schedule. This early promotion opportunity is restricted to elite Airmen who stand out from their peers and perform duties at a level above their current rank.

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
Fellowship Dinner after Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
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

What time do you open?

*** Phone numbers with "(662)" are considered off-base numbers and you must dial 99-434-#### when on base.**
*** Organizations marked with "~" are always closed on federal holidays.**

Airman's Attic
Tuesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - noon.
* Officers welcome for Uniforms
434-1614

~Airman and Family Readiness Center
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
434-2790

~Arts and Crafts Center
Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Framing
434-7856
Engraving
434-7836

Base Exchange
Monday-Saturday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Holiday hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(662) 434-2988

Base Housing (Hunt)
Family housing office
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(662) 434-8213/8214
Maintenance office
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(662) 434-8303

(Automated) Base Operator
434-1110

~Barber Shop
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday: noon - 4 p.m.
(662) 434-6699

~Bowling Alley and Grill
Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday: Closed
(Grill closes at 7 p.m.)
434-3426

~Chapel
* Sanctuary open during duty day for prayer and meditation
* Chaplains available for counseling by appointment or walk-in
* On-call 24/7 through Command Post

Sunday Services
Protestant Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.
Catholic Confession: * Appointment
Catholic Mass: 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday
Catholic Adoration: 11:30 a.m.

434-2500

~Child Development Center
Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
434-2479

~Columbus Club
* Closed on weekends unless otherwise specified

Business and catering
Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
434-2489

Overrun
Tuesday – Friday: 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Friday lounge: 4:30 p.m. – midnight
* Special events available for booking Mondays
434-2419

Commissary
Sunday: Noon - 6 p.m.
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
* Check online for holiday hours or closures
434-7109

Emergencies
* Please call 911 and inform them you are on Columbus AFB.

~Finance
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
434-2705

Fitness Center
* Open 24/7, register at the front desk during hours listed below
Monday-Thursday: 5 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday: 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Holidays: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
434-2775 /2772 /2795 /2773

GNC
Monday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
(662) 434-5050

~Legal Office
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Power of Attorney/Notary walk-ins
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wills done by appointment only
434-7030

Base Lodging
434-2548

Medical Appointments
* Closed every third Thursday of the month for training
434-2273 (CARE)

~Optical Shop
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(662) 434-8496

OSI
434-2852

~Outdoor Recreation
**** Summer hours (April – Sept.)***
Mon., Thurs., Fri.: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sat., Sun.: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Tues., Wed.: Closed

**** Winter Hours (Oct. - March)***
Monday, Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday: Closed
Saturday - Sunday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

434-2505

~Personnel Customer Service
Monday - Wednesday, Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - noon
434-3294/2626

Shoppette
Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Holiday hours: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(662) 434-6026

~Stylique Salon
Sunday - Monday: Closed
Tuesday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
(662) 434-6717

Exchange Food Court
Subway
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Holidays: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

~Taco Bell
Monday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

434-1369

Thrift Shop
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
434-2954

~Visitors Center
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
* Closed at noon every third Thursday of the month
434-3161/7133/2111

Whispering Pines Golf Course
Tuesday-Saturday: 7 a.m. - dusk
Sunday-Monday: Closed
Holiday hours: varies by date
lunch specials: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
434-7932/7972

~Youth Center
Office
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Open Recreation
Monday-Friday: 3 - 6:30 p.m. (Summer hours: 1 - 6:30 p.m.)

434-2504