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Columbus AFB
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Information

COVID-19 General Info

The base is continually focusing to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus and will persistently prioritize the safety of the Airmen, families and communities of Columbus.

Off-limit areas include any business or establishment that does not comply with Federal, State, and local COVID requirements. See Pg. 2 for more COVID-19 info.

Social Gathering Limitations

- Kaye – 92 person limit
- Event Center/Club – 145 person limit
- Phillips Auditorium – 22 person limit
- Walker Center – 112 person limit

WINGS OVER COLUMBUS
2022 AIR SHOW MISSISSIPPI

2022 Wings Over Columbus Airshow & STEM Expo

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

"Wings Over Columbus" Airshow and STEM Expo 2022 Approaches

The "Wings Over Columbus" Airshow and STEM Expo will be held on March 26 through 27, 2022 on Columbus AFB.

The United States Air Force Thunderbirds are the headline performers, with other acts such as the Wings Of Blue Para-

chute Team, the A-10 Thunderbolt II Demo Team, Rob Holland, Patty Wagstaff and more. During the show, Columbus AFB is also hosting its first large-scale STEM Expo that features exhibitors from a variety of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) pathways.

For more information on the airshow, performers or statics, please visit <http://www.wocairshow.com>

Please contact the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office at (662) 434-7068 or 14ftw.pa@us.af.mil for more details.

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SAPR

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"Don't stop." Or "Don't! Stop!"

Leading yourself well might be the biggest challenge you will ever face. That's why the Columbus AFB SAPR office strives to teach practical application with effective prevention strategies.

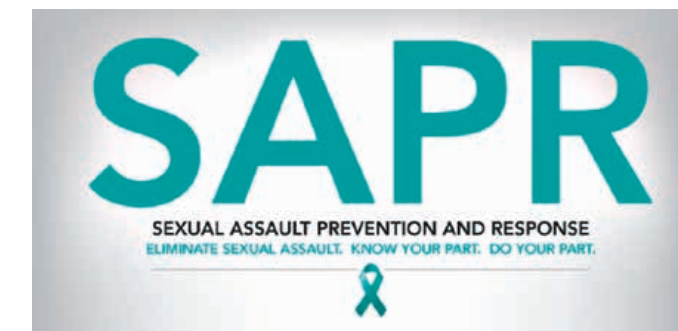
"I want people to know there is so much positive power in our Air Force uniform," said Talbert. "I choose to use it for leading myself well and fighting against sexual assault or anything that doesn't align with our Air Force core values."

So, do you know "The Power of YOUR Uniform"?

What will you do today to move towards sexual violence prevention? We challenge you to not be part of the problem but the solution. If 3000 Columbus AFB Airmen made one positive impact daily over the course of one year the result would be astounding — 1.1M gestures towards sexual assault prevention. Wear your uniform proudly and take action. Stand up. Speak up. It starts with you.

Join us on April 1 in the Kaye Auditorium to hear SSgt Kory Talbert share his story and begin our SAAPM month with the signing of the Sexual Assault Proclamation. Check out our April calendar of events below, on Facebook or the Blaze Bulletin.

Contact Mr. Tony Bean, Columbus AFB Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at (662) 242-2105 or (662) 434-1228 for sexual assault related inquiries.



Sexual Assault & Awareness Prevention Month Calendar of Events

April 1: Proclamation Signing & Storyteller Guest Speaker: SSgt Kory Talbert	1000-1100
April 4 & 5: Stop it at the gate!	1300-1400
April 8: Resiliency Day SAPR Dunking Booth	1100-1600
April 11: SAPR Medical Group Mini Fair	1200-1330
April 14: 37th FTS/41st FTS SAPR Booth	1200-1330
April 19: Security Forces SAPR Booth	1200-1300
April 21: Mission Support SAPR Booth	1200-1330
April 27: Denim Day Wear your best denim!	All Day

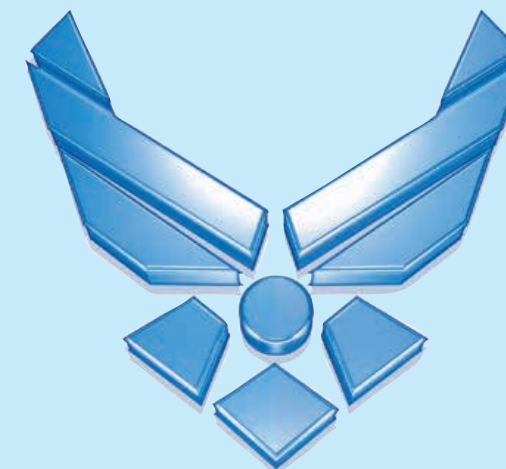
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The Fight Against Sexual Assault: Do You Know the Power of “YOUR” Uniform?

Kristina Conwill

CAFB Sexual Assault Prevention & Response

Victim Advocate

When you wear your uniform, what comes to mind? Perhaps the words that come to mind are “freedom”, “serving”, “excellence”, “respect”, “honor” or “integrity”. Your uniform represents a plethora of high morals, values and standards that are respected by serving with excellence in the United States Air Force. The Columbus Air Force Base Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPR) would like to harness what we call “The Power of YOUR Uniform” to fight against sexual assault beginning April 1 for Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month (SAAPM).

Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month is rapidly approaching, and we have developed several prevention opportunities to help jump start our annual campaign of “The Power of YOUR Uniform”. Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, will host the opening ceremony with the signing of our Sexual Assault Proclamation followed by a Columbus AFB Airmen Storyteller, SSgt Kory Talbert, in the Kaye Auditorium at 10 a.m. on 1 April.

SSgt. Kory Talbert, 14th Communications Squadron Quality Assurance Section Chief, is no stranger to our sexual assault community team. Talbert is a Columbus AFB Sexual Assault Victim Advocate who embodies courage, resiliency, empathy, and honor. He will share his 20-year journey about being sexually assaulted at the age 11 and how the Air Force helped him recover.

“It is a continuous journey, but I must be intentional. I know I wouldn’t be here today if it wasn’t for those people who met me where I was on my journey,” said Talbert. “I have taken full advantage of the opportunities and resources the Air Force has to offer.”

“The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response team is on point when they ask you and me: ‘Do you know the power of YOUR uniform?’ I do,” Talbert said. “Like me, you have an opportunity to be the best version of yourself every day while serving in the greatest Air Force in the World.”

The Columbus Air Force Base SAPR team is passionate about helping Airmen navigate through sexual trauma and eliminating sexual assault in the military. They continuously advocate, collaborate and educate on sexual assault awareness and prevention, victim reporting, accountability, victim advocacy, and training and education.

One line of effort the SAPR office focuses on is educating the populace about how each of you as a member of the United States Air Force can abolish sexual assault and sexual harassment. First, you must understand your uniform represents a unique group of service members who are held to a higher standard. Second, your words and actions have a significant impact on our community, service members, culture and mission. Last, how we communicate is crucial. Did you say

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Sexual Assault & Awareness Prevention Month

Please join

Col Seth Graham, 14FTW Commander,


for the signing of the SAAPM Proclamation!

1 April 2022

Kaye Auditorium

1000-1100

Do you know the power of “YOUR” uniform?



CAFB Storyteller:
SSgt Kory Talbert (Sexual Assault Survivor)
14th CS Quality Assurance Section Chief

From Then to Now: A History of Airshows

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The “Wings Over Columbus” Air Show and STEM Expo is quickly approaching. There are several world-class performers, aircraft displays, and educational activities to take in during the event weekend on 26-27 March 2022. This year, the United States Air Force celebrates 75 years of breaking barriers, advancements in aviation technology and projection of global air power. However, the air shows of today wouldn’t exist without the long, rich aviation history that can be traced back to the beginnings of flight.

In August 1909, the “Grande Semaine d’Aviation de la Champagne,” or the “Rheims Aviation Meeting” was held at a racetrack in Rheims, France. The week-long spectacle is considered to be the first international aviation meeting, which drew aviators from all over the world to compete for prizes in aviation-related challenges. Many famous early pilots participated and the event was a success, drawing thousands of spectators and new aviation fans that camped in tents to watch.

After World War I, pilots began performing at travelling air shows. These events were used to advance the field of aviation by providing a means to inspire and educate the next generation of future aviators. Travelling air shows, also called circuses, were small and traveled from town to town and usually coincided with a “Victory Loan” or “War Bonds” rally. In addition to the educational purpose of the shows, many different types of acts began to surface, such as wing walkers and air races. In later years, air shows provided entertainment during national holidays such as Armistice Day or George Washington’s birthday celebrations.

The modern air show combines the best of military and



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew D. Sarver

Maj. Jason “Flack” Markzon, United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron “Thunderbirds” Advance Pilot and Narrator, prepares to take off for a familiarization flight with IndyCar driver, Ed Carpenter, in Indianapolis, Indiana, Aug. 20, 2020. Carpenter flew with the team before racing the Space Force IndyCar in the 104th Indy 500.

The modern air show combines the best of military and civilian aerial performers to celebrate the advancement and history of flight. Aerial performers like the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and Air Combat Command A-10C Thunderbolt II Demonstration Team, showcase the highest standards of precision and dedication to the pursuit of Excellence, a core pillar of the Air Force Core Values. Each team inspires thousands of air show guests across the country every year. Air shows carry on a century-long tradition of providing a forum for aviators, engineers and enthusiasts to meet.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaleb Snay

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform aerial acts during the Wings Over Columbus 2014 Open House and Airshow at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., April 6, 2014. Although the open house was cut short due to bad weather, all aerial performers completed their acts.

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“Air shows afford us the opportunity to honor our past while inspiring a new generation of Airmen to pave the way for the future,” Lt. Col. Timothy Thoren, “Wings Over Columbus” air show director said. “This year we are expecting members of the 454th Bombardment Wing, who flew B-52s at Columbus in the 1950s and 1960s to attend the air show. “Wings Over Columbus” 2022 will bring the past together with the future so we can honor our heroes, learn from their achievements and prepare our Air Force to meet tomorrow’s challenges.”

The 14th Flying Training Wing hosts the largest training aircraft fleet while raising the bar for technological innovation to reshape the future Air Force aviator. This year, Columbus AFB aims to raise the bar again with its first large-scale STEM Expo featured at the air show. Over 30 technology and education partners have come together to exhibit advancements in virtual reality, engineering, unmanned vehicle systems, forensics, military aviation and space.

“The air show provides a unique regional recurring and public outreach opportunity for the Air Force,” Thoren said. “Our local community partners have played a pivotal role in planning and hosting this air show, just as they have for decades supporting Columbus AFB and our critical mission. “Wings Over Columbus” provides a venue for Airmen and community members to celebrate our incredible success and forge bonds to advance the mission of Columbus AFB and the interests of our community.”

The “Wings Over Columbus” Air Show and STEM Expo is scheduled to be held March 26 and 27, 2022 at Columbus AFB, Miss. Gates open at 10 a.m. both days. The show is open to the public with free admission and parking.

For more information visit <http://www.wocairshow.com>

Planned Aircraft at the Airshow



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CAFB raises the bar with STEM

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing will host the “Wings Over Columbus” Air Show and first large scale Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Expo 26-27 March 2022.

The STEM Expo is the largest event of its kind held at Columbus AFB in conjunction with the air show. Over 30 STEM exhibitors in the fields of aviation, engineering, robotics, forensics, military sciences unmanned vehicles and cyber will be on display throughout the event.

“The thing that makes this event so special is actually what is going to happen on the 25th of March,” said Tech. Sgt. Javier Cruz, 14th Flying Training Wing, NCOIC Public Affairs & “Wings Over Columbus” STEM Expo coordinator. “As the STEM coordinator I saw an opportunity to take advantage of the performer practice day. I was inspired by Naval Air Station OCEANA in Virginia. They host a very large STEM day on their air show practice day and I wanted to do that here at Columbus. The STEM Expo runs all weekend but the 25th is just for the students.”

Over 540 high school and college students pre-registered to attend the student-only STEM Expo day.

“So far we have about 20 schools signed up for the student only day,” said Cruz. “It might not sound like a lot, but when I started this project I initially reached out to over 153 schools. COVID has been a major factor in preventing some schools from being able to participate.”

The STEM Expo is an unfunded air show activity and currently does not meet the requirements to receive sponsorships.

“This entire event has been made possible by the goodwill of the tech companies and industry partners surrounding us,”



Courtesy photo

said Cruz. “Some of our exhibitors are coming from places like Eglin Air Force Base, Tyndall Air Force Base and Little Rock Air Force Base.”

Establishing partnerships within the local community provided solutions to unfunded STEM Expo initiatives.

“I wanted the students to feel like they are a part of a mission at the STEM Expo. I worked with a company to design a mission patch but to bring it to life I needed help,” said Cruz. “During an unrelated meeting with Tech. Sgt. Brianna Murph, a local recruiter from the 331st Recruiting Squadron,

she saw the patch design on my wall and next thing I know the whole 331st RCS is trying to figure out a way to get these mission patches made. Staff Sgt. Watasha McAfee, Tech. Sgt. Janyll Jasmine Smiling and Master Sgt. Clayton Jackson were the MVPs and within a few days we were looking at a real-life proof sample of the STEM mission patch. That’s when I knew we had something special.”

“To some it may be just a patch, keepsake or memorabilia. To those who understand the bigger picture, it’s a movement,” said Staff Sgt. Watasha McAfee, 331st Recruiting Squadron, Air Force recruiter. “A movement that will inspire, empower and encourage these talented young students to carry the torch and become this great nation’s next leaders.”

The STEM zone will consist of two areas, an indoor hangar will house the 14th Flying Training Wing mission row where students will be able to interact with current Air Force student pilots, virtual reality 360 degree flights, flight simulators and a T-38 Talon. Additional exhibits such as BOEING, Xipiter Unmanned Aerial Systems, Mississippi State University Society of Women Engineers and Chandra X-Ray Observatory will be available. An outdoor exhibit area will provide students an opportunity to interact with Unmanned Aerial Vehicles from Mississippi State, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team and robot, a Quad-Legged Unmanned Ground Vehicle from the 325th Fighter Wing, Security Forces Squadron, AIRBUS Helicopter, Federal Bureau of Investigation mobile forensics lab and other larger outdoor STEM exhibits.

“Train World Class Pilots,” said Cruz. “It’s a simple mission statement because the standard is no less. I brought that mindset into the planning of this event to really bring the wow factor for these students. If even just one student leaves the STEM Expo feeling inspired, then that’s mission accomplished.”

Commander’s Action Line

662-434-1414

In an effort to stay Connected, the Commander’s Action Line is your direct link to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

Although the Commander’s Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command. The Commander’s Action Line can be reached at 434-1414. Leave your name and phone number or email if you would like to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential.

If you would like to remain anonymous, please submit your inquiries through our base application in the ‘Our Wing’ then ‘Contact the CC’ tab or you can submit through the webpage at www.columbus.af.mil. Click “Contact Us” at the top left of the page and select “Commander’s Action Line” in the Recipient drop down menu.



AIR SHOW SCHEDULE

FRIDAY – 25 MARCH 2022

- 0800 – 1700
- 0830 – 0930
- 1200 – 1700
- 1800 – 2200
- STEM Expo
- Performer Brief at CBM Club
- Practice Show
- Performer Party at Commander’s Pavilion
- Twilight Show [Aeroshell Demo Team]

SATURDAY – 26 MARCH 2022

- 0830 – 0930
- 1000
- 1200
- Performer Brief at CBM Club
- Gates Open to General Public
- Air Show Begins
- Wings of Blue (USAF)
- T-28 Trojan Phlyers
- P-51D Mustang Demo
- 14 FTW Flyover
- Phillips 66 Aerostars
- USAF Heritage Flight
- CAF Pacific Dogfight Demo
- Patty Wagstaff
- USAF C-17 Demo Team
- Aeroshell Aerobatic Team
- All Veteran Parachute Team
- Rob Holland
- USAF Thurderbirds

1745

WOC Block Party (Saturday Only) at Youth Ball Fields

SUNDAY – 27 MARCH 2022

SAME SCHEDULE AS SATURDAY



Thunderbirds



A-10 Warthog Demo Teram



Patty Wagstaff



Trojan Phlyers



Rob Holland



USAF Wings of Blue



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COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE OPEN HOUSE/AIR SHOW

March 26 & 27, 2022

Menu Subject to Change

Food Court #A

Puffs & Stuff (10)

1. Nathan's Hotdogs.....	\$6.00
2. Hamburgers.....	\$12.00
3. Chicken Devine on Pita.....	\$12.00
Greek Gyro on Pita.....	\$12.00
4. Cheese Steak.....	\$12.00
5. Italian Sausage.....	\$10.00
6. Chicken Fingers & Fries.....	\$12.00
Fries.....	\$6.00
7. Kids Meal.....	\$6.00
8. Hamburgers.....	\$12.00
9. Nathan's Hotdogs.....	\$6.00
10. Nachos	\$7.00

Food Court #B

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6. Chicken Fingers & Fries.....	\$12.00
Fries.....	\$6.00
7. Funnel Cake	\$7.00
8. Hamburgers.....	\$12.00
9. Nathan's Hotdogs.....	\$6.00
10. Nachos	\$7.00

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Side by side?
Pat's Kitchen
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(4) Nathan's Hot Dogs
(4) Frozen Lemonade

BEVERAGES

Soda (10)

Soda.....\$4.00
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Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, 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 (662) 434-2337.

Get Connected with Your Base App!

As a way to connect people together, Columbus Air Force Base launched a new app to connect Airmen and families to the mission and community! The app is available on all app stores and can be found by searching 'Columbus Air Force Base'.

The Print Shop

The Print Shop is located in The Commons, building 715, room 128. It is in the back of the Commons and can be accessed either from the main entrance or from the parking lot directly behind the base Chapel. Services include large format printing, mounting, laminating, color and black/white copying, binding, and much more. For a quote call (662) 434-2337 or email 14FSS-Columbus@gmail.com.

Youth Program's After School Care

The Youth Center offers After School Care for ages 5-12. The center provides games, sports, arts & crafts, educational enrichment, social skills, leadership building and much more. Request care at MilitaryChildCare.com or call (662) 434-2504 for more information.

Youth of the Year Celebration

Columbus AFB's Youth of the Year, Jeremiah "JD" Dumas has competed at the state level and won the title of 2022 Mississippi Military Youth of the Year! There will be a Youth of the Year Celebration on March 31 at 4:15 p.m. in the Commons to celebrate JD's accomplishments. All are welcome to attend and enjoy cake, drinks, and a short speech by JD. For more information, call (662) 434-2504.

T-Ball and Coach Pitch Registration at the Youth Center

The registration period for the T-Ball and Coach Pitch Season at the Youth Center will be April 4-15. The registration fee will be \$35 for ages 3-4, and \$40 for ages 5-8. Save \$5 on registration fees by signing up by April 8. Volunteer coaches are also needed. All games will be played on base. Sports physicals are required for each child and must be turned in to the Youth Center by April 19. The season will begin in mid-May. For more information, call (662) 434-2504.

Summer Camp Registration at the Youth Center

Registration for 2022 School Age Care Summer Camp for ages 5-12 will open on April 18. The camp will consist of 10 individual weeks of care at the Youth Center, and parents will need to register for each week at MilitaryChildCare.com. Activities at the camp will include but are not limited to sports, health and wellness instruction, field trips, S.T.E.M. learning, arts and crafts, and leadership exercises. For more information, call (662) 434-2504.

Month of the Military Child

April is Month of the Military Child, and Child and Youth Programs will hold an array of events and programs to celebrate.

There will be an official Purple Up Proclamation Signing on April 1 at 9 a.m. in the Wing HQ. The Proclamation recognizes April as the Month of the Military Child in municipal schools, and declares April 20 as Purple Up Day. For more information, call (662) 434-2792 or email slo2@us.af.mil.

The Keystone Club at the Youth Center will sponsor a special breakfast for the Military children at Caledonia Elementary



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AT THE FITNESS CENTER
SIGN UP BY APRIL 12
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FORCE Fitness & Sports

School on April 5 at 8:30 a.m. Parents are invited to join. For more information, call (662) 434-2504.

April 5 is Homeschool Day Out for ages 5-18 at the Youth Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Homeschoolers are invited to bring their own lunch and enjoy a dodgeball tournament and a basketball free throw competition. For more information, call (662) 434-2792 or email slo2@us.af.mil.

Children can come to the Youth Center on April 6 at 3 p.m. to enjoy free purple ice cream floats provided by Top 3.

The Spring Fling base-wide free family event will be on April 9 at Freedom Park from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be Easter egg hunts, a petting zoo featuring a camel and a kangaroo, photos with the Easter Bunny, face painting and balloon animals, and more. For more information, call (662) 434-2504.

Children are encouraged to create a chalk masterpiece on the sidewalks outside the Hunt Housing Office and the Youth Center for the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest on April 13. Judging will take place from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 1st-3rd place will win a prize. For more information, call (662) 434-2792 or email slo2@us.af.mil.

There will be a "Superheroes Wear Purple" themed Masquerade dance on April 15 from 5-7 p.m. at the AFRC for CDC and SAC members. Parents and children are invited to enjoy a family dance to celebrate resilient Military youth. This will be a formal event, but kids may dress up as their favorite superheroes. There will be refreshments, music, and photo ops. For more information, call (662) 434-2504.

Pack a lunch and bring the family out for Family Day at Lake Lowndes State Park on April 16 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Military members and their families will be granted free park entrance, and entry for non-Military guests will be \$2 per person. Activities will include canoeing, fishing, and fun in the sun if the weather permits. A light snack will also be provided. A fishing license is required for participants over the age of 16. For more information, call (662) 434-2792 or email slo2@us.af.mil.

Everyone is invited to wear purple on April 20 to celebrate Purple Up Day. There will also be a Purple Up Parade on April 20 through base housing that will start at 3:30 p.m. at the Hunt Housing Office. For more information, call (662) 434-2792 or

email slo2@us.af.mil.

Children are encouraged to decorate their bikes for the Rollin' Purple Bike Decorating Contest on April 27. Participants will meet at the Hunt Housing Office at 3 p.m. for a group bike ride and contest judging. The best decorated bike will win a prize. Helmets are required. For more information call (662) 434-2792 or email slo2@us.af.mil.

The Rockin' the Block Party base-wide community event will take place on April 29 at Venture 360 from 5-7 p.m. The event will feature inflatable jumpers and games, music, Touch-A-Truck with the CE Squadron, a video game truck, and more. For more information, call (662) 434-2504.

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to attend the Operation Megaphone Lock-In at the Youth Center on April 29 from 6-11 p.m. Operation Megaphone is and Air Force-wide program designed "by teens, for teens" to connect and build partnerships, raise awareness, and reach out to teens in the CAFB community. The cost to attend is \$20 for CYP members, and \$25 for non-members. There will be games, food, and prizes. For more information, call (662) 434-2504.

Library

The Library, located in The Blaze Commons, is open for in-house customers Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. For everyone's safety, masks are required for patrons ages 3 and up and parents must remain with their children at all times.

The Library will host Storytime at Freedom Park every Tuesday in April at 10 a.m. Participants are asked to bring their own blanket or towel to sit on. In the event of rain, StoryTime will be in the Commons. For more information, call (662) 434-2516.

See all of the Library's activities visit their Facebook page: @ColumbusAirForceBaseLibrary.

Fitness Center

The Columbus AFB Fitness Center and the Alpha Warrior tent is open Monday-Friday 5 a.m.-9 p.m. and on Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. It is open on Sunday for 24/7 Access members only (CAC must be registered at the front desk prior to use).

The Fitness Center is now serving all DoD cardholders and eligible contractors during normal hours of operation.

24/7 access is available to not only Active Duty patrons, but also any DoD cardholder such as dependents, retirees, and civilian employees. CAC must be registered at the front desk.

Also, the locker rooms and showers are once again available.

Please note there will 100% ID card check, limited rental equipment available, and other risk mitigation plans still apply. For more information, call the Fitness Center at (662) 434-2772.

Also, the basketball and racquetball courts are now available! Check-in at the front desk required.

Strength and Endurance Competition

The Fitness Center will host a Strength and Endurance Competition on April 19 at 9 a.m. The competition will consist of 10 events/work out stations. Sign up by April 12th by visiting signup-genius.com/go/strength-endurance. Call (662) 434-2772 for more information.

Arts & Crafts

Arts & Crafts is ready to serve your framing, engraving, and wood working needs, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call (662) 434-7856 for assistance.

Air Force Art Contest

The Annual Air Force Art Contest will be open for 2D artwork submissions March 1st – March 31st! There are 5 different age categories, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category will win a monetary prize! For official rules and to submit your art, visit ColumbusAFBLiving.com/ArtContest. Call Arts & Crafts at (662) 434-7856 for more information.

Air Force Readiness Programs

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790.)

Bundles for Babies

The next Bundles for Babies workshop is from 1-3:30 p.m. Mar. 29. This program is designed for active duty AF members and/or their spouses who are pregnant or have a child 4 months old or less. Attendees will learn about finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. A \$50 gift card sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society will be provided for each qualifying child. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Transition Assistance Program Workshop

The next Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Apr. 4-8 and includes seminars on: Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP and Department of Labor. Preseparation counseling is required before attending, and recommended attendance is 12-24 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register or for more information, please call the TAP Manager at (662) 434-2631/2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation will be held on Apr. 13 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. It begins at the Columbus Club and ends with a base tour. This event is mandatory for all newly arrived military and DoD civilian personnel. The event's foundation is the base's mobile App, so if you are registered, please locate and download the Columbus Air Force Base App from the App Store prior to attending. Pre-registration is required, so contact your unit CSS to be registered. For more information, please call the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

Smooth Move Relocation Workshop

The next Smooth Move is from 10-11 a.m. Apr. 19 in the A&FRC. This workshop is highly recommended for first-time and over-seas relocating members. Get the very latest moving information straight from base-wide relocation assistance agencies. Learn what to expect before you move with information from Tri-Care, Housing, Military Pay, TMO, Medical Records and A&FRC. Be sure to ask any relocating questions you may have during this event. Pre-registration is required, so call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790 to register or for more information.

Department of Labor Transition Vocational Track Workshop

The next DoL Transition Vocational Track Workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. May 16-17 and

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will be held in the A&FRC. This workshop helps members identify skills, increase awareness of training and credentialing programs, and develop an action plan to achieve career goals. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link / Spouse Welcome is from 8:30 a.m.-noon Apr. 28. This half-day program is open to all spouses of active duty military members assigned to Columbus AFB. Attendees will receive information about life in the Air Force, in the local area and at Columbus AFB from local subject matter experts including spouse leaders. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Federal USA Jobs Workshop

The next Federal USA Jobs workshop is from 9-10:30 a.m. May 11. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search using the USAJobs website. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The next Entrepreneurship Track Transition workshop will be held June 9-10 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. This workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

EFMP-FS

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ily Support, EFMP-FS, establishes, implements and maintains the FS (community support) entity of the Air Force EFMP in coordination with the Medical & Assignments components by enhancing the quality of life of special needs family members. Feel free to contact (662) 434-3323/2790 for any questions related to EFMP or for one-on-one assistance. We can assess your needs and make the proper community referral for you and your family!

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the A&FRC. We have volunteer opportunities located across the base for one-time events, special events or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Medical Clinic, Chapel, Airman's Attic, Thrift Store, the Retiree Activities Office and many other locations. For more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Installation Voting Assistance Office

A&FRC houses the Voting Assistance Office (VAO) which is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and closed weekends/holidays. The VAO offers voting assistance including voter registration, absentee ballot requests and voting, change of address, and provides answers for other general voting questions to uniformed service members, their family members and civilians with access to A&FRC. Assistance includes but is not limited to aid in preparing and submitting Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) SF-76, Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) SF-186 and National Mail Voter Registration Form (NVRF). The VAO also leads and trains

all installation unit voting assistance officers. For more information, please contact the Installation VAO at (662) 434-2701/2790 or e-mail: vote.columbus@us.af.mil.

Discovery Resource Center

The Columbus A&FRC has computers with internet access available for job searches, assessments, resumes, cover letters, state and federal applications and companies' employment information. A printer and fax machine is available. A lending library of books, DVDs and periodicals on transition and EFMP topics are available for check out. These resources are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Pre- and Post-Deployment Tour Briefing

These briefings are mandatory for active duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Please contact A&FRC at (662) 434-2794/2790 to schedule a briefing and/or for more information.

Pre-Separation Counseling

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, and is to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or 24 months prior to retirement. Please contact A&FRC at (662) 434-2790 to schedule a counseling session and/or for more information.

Employment Workshop

An employment workshop on local and base employment opportunities is held every Wednesday, 1-2 p.m. This program provides military families and DoD civilian members individual assessment and career counseling to assist with local employment, preparation for future endeavors via education, job search, or self-owned business objectives in the local area. For more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

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 (SBP). As with all good decision-making, you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision. Always get the true facts about SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling your SBP Counselor Mary Chambers at (662) 434-2720/2790.

Chapel Schedule Chapel services are now available.

Catholic: 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays

Daily Mass: 11 a.m. Tuesday- Friday

Protestant: 9:30 a.m. on Sundays

As we gather for services there is a 50 person limit inside the chapel. Thank you all for your help during this time and we are looking forward to seeing you all soon!



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

SUPT Class 22-07 earns silver wings



Capt. Emre Kucukoglu
Turkey
F-16



Capt. Louie Wilkerson
Tampa, Florida
B-52



1st Lt. Allison Beech
Charleston, South Carolina
KC-135



1st Lt. John Birkett
Bolingbrook, Illinois
B-2

Thirty officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to become Air Force pilots.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 22-07 graduates at 9 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

Students will receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks will be recognized.

First Lt. Alexander Hsia, 1st Lt. Logan Stephens, and 2nd Lt. Riley Simpson received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 1st Lt. John Birkett and 2nd Lt. Riley Simpson who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

The distinguished graduates of Class 22-07 recognized were Hsia, Stephens, and Simpson for outstanding performance in academics, officer qualities and flying abilities.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency

procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

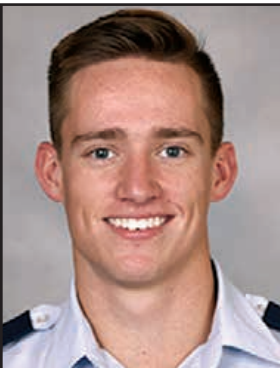
Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 76.4 hours in the T-1A.



1st Lt. Destin Garst
Lebanon, Illinois
C-5



1st Lt. Allison Harker
Loganville, Georgia
C-130J



1st Lt. Alex Hsia
Boston, Massachusetts
F-35



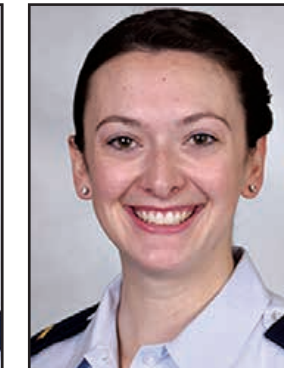
1st Lt. Zachary Kousens
San Diego, California
F-22



1st Lt. Ruben Mendez
Dallas, Georgia
E-3



1st Lt. Bruno Regalado
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
KC-46



1st Lt. Alex Scarboro
Arab, Alabama
C-130J



1st Lt. Trevor Simpson
Stafford, Connecticut
U-28



1st Lt. Logan Stephens
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
C-17



1st Lt. Jason Gay
Grosse Pointe, Missouri
C-17



1st Lt. Scott von Jouanne
Madison, Alabama
F-16



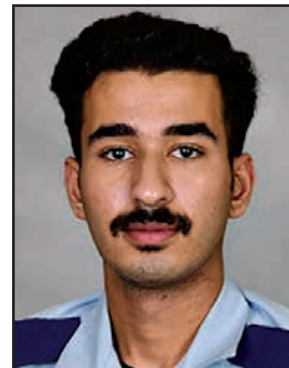
1st Lt. Stephen Reynolds
Missoula, Minnesota
T-6A



1st Lt. David Evans
Buffalo, New York
C-130J



1st Lt. Kyle Leonard
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
E-3



2nd Lt. Sultan Alashry
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
F-15 SA



2nd Lt. Rashid Al-Naimi
Doha, Qatar
F-15 QA



2nd Lt. Johnny Estrada
Anza, California
KC-135



2nd Lt. Eve Fowler
Burke, Virginia
C-17



2nd Lt. Matthew Fulenwider
Hot Springs, Arkansas
KC-135



2nd Lt. Kevin Lutz
Spokane, Washington
C-146



2nd Lt. Steven McDonell
Chicago, Illinois
KC-135



2nd Lt. Riley Simpson
Wheaton, Illinois
C-130H