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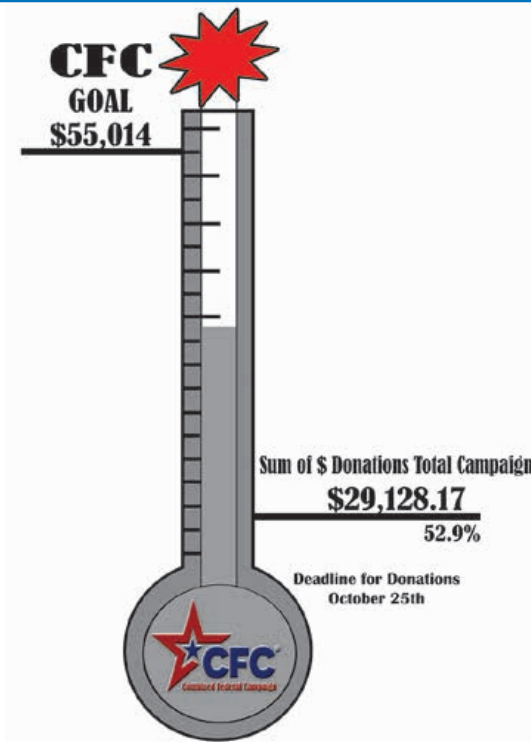
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## News Briefs

### SUPT Class 20-01/02 Graduation

Join the newest Air Force aviators at 10 a.m., Oct. 25 in the Kaye Auditorium to celebrate their accomplishment during their graduation ceremony.

### Trick-or-Treat

Columbus Air Force Base will host trick-or-treat from 5-8 p.m., Oct. 26 in base housing area.

## Columbus AFB celebrates 72nd AF birthday alongside 50 years of UPT

### Senior Airman Keith Holcomb

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Over 380 Airmen, community leaders and family members from the Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, and the local community area gathered in the Trotter Event Center to celebrate the Air Force's 72nd birthday and the 50th anniversary of Undergraduate Pilot Training.

Retired Gen. Lloyd “Fig” Newton, a prior Thunderbird, former Air Education and Training Command commander and Vietnam War veteran was the guest speaker for the evening.

“It’s been great to be back and have the chance to see some old friends I haven’t seen in a long, long time,” Newton said. “I wanted to say thank you to all of the great work you’re doing at the base and in this great city.”

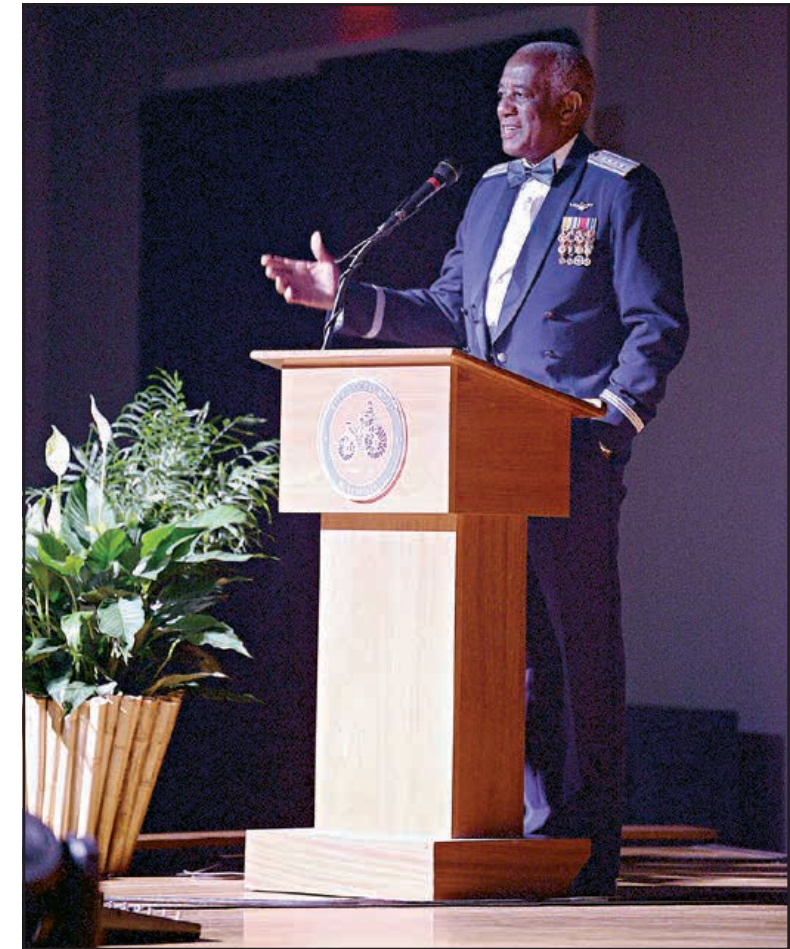
Newton told the Air Force’s history using personal stories as his time as a military pilot, delivering powerful images of the first leaders of the Air Force fighting for their new branch of service. He described Airmen continuously making strides from World War I to Vietnam and explaining how since his arrival and retirement, the Air Force has kept moving forward with an impressive pace.

“It takes a whole host of people to make great things happen, that’s just the American way of getting things done,” Newton said. “All of the young families and young faces on the base is a great sight to see and gives me great hope for the future.”

After Newton’s motivational words, Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, then took the podium for closing remarks

“As we celebrate our Air Force’s birthday it’s important to reflect on where we come from and who we are,” Weeks said. “I’m not sure we realize how much we’ve accomplished in the past 365 days ... but over the last year we have cultivated the soil and plant-

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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Keith Holcomb

Retired Gen. Lloyd “Fig” Newton, a prior Thunderbird, former Air Education and Training Command commander and Vietnam War veteran speaks during the 14th Flying Training Wing’s Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 28, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. The U.S. Air Force Band of the West Top Flight also were guests for the event, playing music and bringing the event together to sing the Air Force song at the end of the night.


## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II		PHASE III		IFF		WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Track Select	Squadron	Graduation	Squadron	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (20-14)	Oct. 28	48th (20-01)	Oct. 25	49th (20-ABC)	Oct. 18	T-6	200	235	235
41st (20-13)	Oct. 10	50th (20-03)	Nov. 15			T-1	58	58	58
						T-38	108	108	108
						IFF	48	48	48

CMSAF (ret.) Gerald Murray, is the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class's 20-01/02 graduation at 10 a.m., Oct. 25 in the Kaye Auditorium.

\* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.





# 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 14 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.*

# Silver Wings new schedule

Recently, the Silver Wings publications schedule has adjusted to a new format. Publications will now produce two issues a month with SUPT Graduations a part of those issues.

2019	2020
October 25	January 10
November 8	January 24
November 15	February 7
December 6	February 28
December 13	March 13
	March 27
	April 10
	April 24
	May 15
	May 29
	June 12
	June 26
	July 10

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
14 Columbus Day	15 Wing Newcomers, 8 a.m. @ Kaye Auditorium	16	17	18 Boss & Buddy, 3:30 p.m. @ Club IFF Class 20ABC Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th Heritage Room Crud Tournament, 6 p.m. @ Club	19/20	Oct. 29: Wing Newcomers  Oct. 31: Halloween  Oct. 31: Enlisted Promotions  Nov. 1: SUPT Class 20-30 Assignment Night  Nov. 7: Enlisted Partner Welcome  Nov. 11: Veteran's Day  Nov. 14: Hearts Apart  Nov. 15: SUPT Class 20-03 Graduation  Nov. 19: IFF Class 20BBC Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th Heritage Room
21	22	23	24 Hearts Apart, 5 p.m. @ AFRC	25 SUPT Class 20-01/02 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye Auditorium 43rd T-1 Heritage Paint Unveiling, @ 3:30 p.m. @ Walker Center	26/27 26th: Day of the Deployed 26th: Boo Fest, 2-6 p.m. @ Field/Parking Lot by Club 26th: Base Trick or Treating, 5-8 p.m. @ Base Housing	

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# SUPT 19-25 speaker to graduates: ‘The harder you work, the luckier you will be’

**Airman Davis Donaldson**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Col. Steven Boatright, 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group commander at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, was the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 19-25’s graduation Sept. 27 at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

Boatright, still an active flyer, told a couple of personal stories involving luck to the Air Force’s newest aviators. Boatright said he believes in luck and explained how to have it on your side.

“What is luck,” Boatright asked. “It is success or failure apparently caused by chance. ... It certainly looks like chance, because we rarely see all the (parts) that come into play that make people quote unquote ‘lucky.’”

Boatright used the game rock-paper-scissors, commonly believed to be based on luck, as an example in his speech and explained his strategy when he plays, and how he usually wins.

If a player throws the same throw twice in a row they’re unlikely to throw it again, he said. When this happens, he

said he throws something different as well, because he will either win or come out with a tie.

“The experts at World Rock Paper Scissors Society had many more techniques,” Boatright said. “But what is all of this gee whiz about rock-paper-scissors anyway? That’s just it, it’s gee whiz.”

Boatright said skill is more prevalent than luck in the game of life, much like rock-paper-scissors. He said people can create thier own luck and he told another story about his son to prove his point.

Every Christmas, his son’s middle school would have a raf- fle for a giant container of candy, he said. Boatright said he only gave his son enough money for one raffle ticket, but it was not enough for his son.

“He really wanted to be a winner and he figured out how,” Boatright said. “He told his friends that if they gave him mon- ey, he could win and he’d share the loot.”

Boatright said he felt weary about the situation because he did not want to teach his child it was okay for him to gamble other children’s money. Although it may have seemed wrong to Boatright at first, his son had some logic to his plan, he said.

“He recognized early that is was this simple truism: that while you might have a small chance to win the lottery, in this case a candy lottery, if you don’t buy a ticket, you can guarantee failure,” Boatright said. “My son took this idea even further, buying more tickets increases your odds.”

Boatright said his son won two years in a row at his middle school. While there may have been a little luck involved, he worked the odds, he said.

A person can leave life to chance or they can be prepared in order to beat the odds and enjoy it, he said.

“Like Thomas Jefferson said ‘Chances favor prepared minds,’” Boatright said. “Lucky people are those who are able to recognize and grab opportunities when they come to them. The harder you work, the luckier you will be.”

Boatright ended his speech by motivating the graduates by wishing them ‘luck’ throughout their careers.

“It’s silly to think your lucky socks are a satisfactory sub- stitute for detailed planning and disciplined study,” Boatright said. “The only thing lucky you were born with was the ability and the drive to overcome bad luck by being prepared. You aren’t lucky, but deserving to get your wings.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

Col. Steven Boatright, 53rd Weapons Evaluations Group commander, speaks to gradu-ates Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Class 19-25 Sept. 27, 2019, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Boatright graduated pilot training from Sheppard AFB, Texas, in 1997.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

Graduates of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 19-25 listen to Col. Steven Boatright, 53rd Weapons Evaluations Group commander, during their graduation cer-emony Sept. 27, 2019, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Student pilots train for over a year before graduating from SUPT.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sharon Ybarra

Members of Team BLAZE from Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., gathered at the Trotter Center in Columbus, Miss., to celebrate the Air Force's 72nd birthday Sept. 28, 2019. Over 380 people attended the ball.

## BIRTHDAY

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ed the seeds of culture change. In the next year, and years to come, our team of Airmen and our community will continue to grow if we tend to those seeds planted in the Golden Triangle Region over 77 years ago."

Both Newton and Weeks have been an integral part of the GTR area. The Airmen under each leader have been integrated with the Columbus community and that, Weeks said, is what makes the 14th FTW so special.

The 50th anniversary of UPT was also a highlight of the evening. The first UPT class, Class 71-01, entered training on July 17, 1969, with the class motto of "First of the Finest." Class 71-01 led the way to modern pilot training on Columbus AFB.

A video showcasing Class 71-01 and the advancements of UPT was played for the audience along with a video showcasing a majority of the wing's units, who make it possible to create pilots. The U.S. Air Force Band of the West Top Flight played throughout dinner and also played and entertained following closing remarks.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sharon Ybarra

Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, is interviewed before the Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 28, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. This year the 14th FTW celebrated 72 years of Air Force history along with 50 years of Undergraduate Pilot Training.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sharon Ybarra

Members of Team BLAZE listen to guest speaker, retired Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton, during the 14th Flying Training Wing's Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 28, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. Over 380 people attended the ball.

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## Columbus AFB showcases career fields at Mississippi's largest career expo

**Airman Davis Donaldson**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

TUPELO, Miss.—Nearly 100 Airmen from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, showcased 13 Air Force career fields to more than 7,200 eighth graders during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo Oct. 1-3 at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo.

The base and its Airmen have supported the expo, sponsored by the CREATE Northeast Mississippi Community Foundation, for several years. The students represent 17 northeast Mississippi counties.

Kristy Luse, vice president of Toyota Wellspring Education Fund, helped coordinate this year's expo. She explained her view about the importance and impact of providing this opportunity for students.

"The expo is an extension of what schools should really be," Luse said. "It's about the real world and expanding what can take place outside of a classroom so that students don't exit high school not

knowing what they want to do. It's the opportunity to expose, prepare and connect our students to careers in high-demand fields."

Luse said people underestimate what students in middle school can do, and it's best for them to start exploring careers at a young age.

"The earlier, the better," Luse said. "The more we prepare our students early, the more we expose them and connect them to different opportunities for their particular skill set and interests."

She said she wants students to realize the Air Force is not only filled with pilots and warfighters, but there are also career pathways like dentistry, engineering and much more.

Over 175 exhibitors and 18 career pathways were represented at the convention some of which were showcased by Columbus AFB to include aerospace, communications, engineering, health sciences and public safety.

"I don't think people realize all the Air Force has to offer," said 2nd Lt. Nicolette Hallmark, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron community planner. "It gives them a glimpse of

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

**Airman 1st Class Kyle Frias, 14th Security Forces Squadron specialist, teaches a student combatives during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo Oct. 1, 2019, at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo. The 14th SFS also displayed various weapons they use in combat at their station. The expo was from Oct. 1-3 and had more than 7,200 eighth grade students from schools throughout 17 northeast Mississippi counties attend.**

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

**Two Airmen from the 14th Security Forces Squadron at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., demonstrate the ability of a military working dog at the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo Oct. 1, 2019, at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo. A SFS member must complete 18 months of service before they can train to become a MWD handler.**

what the Air Force does and how they can get involved."

Hallmark and her co-workers showcased the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron career field and the im-

pact they have on the Air Force mission by having the students complete various tasks and building structures using Legos.

"Primarily with civil engineer-

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

**Senior Airman Queneth Salazar, 14th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron aerospace technician, and Airman 1st Class Troy Powell, 14th OMRS aerospace technicians from Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., spin a student in a Barany chair during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo Oct. 1, 2019, at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo. A Barany chair is used to simulate spacial disorientation, and show aircrew the effects they may experience while flying.**

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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jake Jacobsen  
**Maj. Gen. Craig Wills, 19th Air Force commander, and Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, speak to new members of Team BLAZE, Oct. 1, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The recently changed newcomer's tour is a way Columbus AFB gives its new students and permanent party residents a full tour of Columbus AFB while providing crucial information about the area.**



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jake Jacobsen  
**(From left to right) Chief Master Sgt. Raul Villarreal Jr., 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, Maj. Gen. Craig Wills, 19th Air Force commander, Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Chuck Bigelow, Base Community Council president, attend a base/community event Oct. 1, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. During Wills' visit he attended an event at Grahams Camp to see the engagement between leaders of Columbus Air Force Base and the members of the community.**

## 19th AF command team observe Columbus AFB pilot training mission

**Airman 1st Class Jake Jacobsen**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Airmen across the 14th Flying Training Wing highlighted how the wing cultivates Airmen, creates pilots and connects with one another to the 19th Air Force command team during their visit here Sept. 30-Oct. 3.

During their visit, Maj. Gen. Craig Wills, 19th Air Force commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Erik Thompson, 19th AF command chief, experienced and assessed the flow of the base as well as talked to key members about the progressions of pilot training and their professions.

“As the 19th AF commander, I look at what is immediately applicable to the Undergraduate Pilot Training enterprise,” Wills said. “First and foremost is quality instruction at an acceptable student ratio. After that, it’s access to content, the use of technology and student-centered learning. These components are the driving force of the Air Education and Training Command.”

During the first day of the visit, Wills was a guest speaker on a podcast aimed toward student pilots. The podcasts help enable students’ access to quality information during daily activities, without the formal classroom setting, like driving, working out at the gym or even while at lunch.

During the podcast, Wills conveyed his message to student pilots around the base.

“Be prepared, work harder than the person next to you, care about the mission, and have fun while you are a student,” Wills said.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jake Jacobsen  
**Maj. Gen. Craig Wills, 19th Air Force commander, receives a briefing from members of the 48th Flying Training Squadron before a T-1 Jayhawk flight Oct. 2, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. One of the highlights of the visit for Wills was flying with the 48th Flying Training Squadron in the T-1 Jayhawk out of the Golden Triangle Regional Airport.**

Wills also noted the importance of being confident in what they do, but to also pay attention to their instructors and ask for help when they need it.

While touring the base, the 19th AF command team stopped by several important locations to include the 14th Medical Group, the BLAZE Commons, the Fitness Center, the enlisted dorms and several training squadrons



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jake Jacobsen  
**Maj. Gen. Craig Wills, 19th Air Force commander, and 2nd Lt. Michelle Strickland, 37th Flying Training Squadron student pilot, discuss her recent achievements in the 2019 Inter Service Alpha Warrior Final Battle Oct. 1, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. For Strickland's recent achievements in the Alpha Warrior competition, she was recognized as an outstanding member of her squadron and was later coined by Wills.**

to get a firsthand look at the innovative ways the base is moving forward.

Wills also addressed the pilot shortage issue and gave his stance on how instructor pilots can contribute.

“The best way instructor pilots can help this issue is by continuing to train and graduate high quality aviators,” Wills said.

### Air Force Readiness Programs

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

#### Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation is from 8 a.m.-noon Oct. 15. This event is mandatory for all newly arrived military and DoD civilian personnel. This base-wide CONNECTION orientation begins at the Kaye Auditorium and consists of a guided base tour. The event's main foundation is a mobile App, so if you plan to attend, please locate and download the Columbus Air Force Base App from the App Store prior to attending. To register, please contact your unit CSS, or for more information, please call the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

#### Hearts Apart

The next Hearts Apart is from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 24. This monthly social event is for family members whose sponsor is deployed, on a remote tour or TDY for more than 30 days. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

#### Smooth Move Relocation Workshop

The next Smooth Move is from 10-11 a.m. Oct. 30 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 bring and ask any relocating questions you may have during this event.

#### Transition Assistance Program GPS (Goals, Plans, Success) Workshop

The next Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 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.

#### Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

A Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC) will be providing assistance from noon-5 p.m. Nov. 6; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 7; and 8 a.m.-noon Nov. 8 at the A&FRC. The Recovery Coordination Program (RCP) streamlines and improves the way care and support is delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmen and their families. The

Enlisted promotions

U.S. Air Force photo by Sharon Ybarra  
**Leadership from the 19th Air Force, and 14th Flying Training Wing stand with a group of newly promoted Airmen Sept 30, 2019, during Enlisted Promotions on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. At the end of every month, Team BLAZE gathers to congratulate their fellow Airmen for their accomplishment.**

RCP provides the support of a RCC 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 A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

#### Federal USA Jobs Workshop

The next Federal USA Jobs workshop is from 9-10:30 a.m. Nov. 13. 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.

#### Bundles for Babies

The next Bundles for Babies workshop is from 1-3:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in the A&FRC. 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.

#### Career Exploration & Planning Track Workshop

The next Career Exploration & Planning Track workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 18-19 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 is from 8:30 a.m.-noon Nov. 21 in the A&FRC. 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.

#### Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The next Entrepreneurship Track Transition workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 6-7. 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

Exceptional Family Members Program-Family 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](mailto:vote.columbus@us.af.mil).

### Chapel Schedule

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

#### Bible Study

**Thursdays:**  
5:30 p.m. - Student Pilot Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. - Enlisted Dorms Bible Study

#### Protestant Community

**Sundays:**  
9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. - Community Worship Service (Fellowship Following)  
**Wednesdays:**  
5:30 p.m. - AWANA: Sept-May (Open to all denominations)  
6:00 p.m. - Ignite Youth Group Ages 13-18 (Open to all denominations)

#### Catholic Community

2nd Saturday of each month at 12 p.m. - Faith Ablaze  
**Sundays:**  
3:30 p.m. - Religious Education, Grades K-9 (Aug-May)  
4:00 p.m. - Confession (or by appointment)  
5:00 p.m. - Mass  
1st and 3rd Sundays- Fellowship after Mass  
**Tuesdays:**  
10 a.m. - Daily Mass (Philips Auditorium)  
**Wednesdays:**  
10 a.m. - Daily Mass (Philips Auditorium)  
10:30 a.m. - Adoration (Philips Auditorium)





# Medical Corner



# BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

## How your weight may affect your risk of breast cancer

Managing weight is a challenge for most people in the U.S. In fact, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 70% of American Adults are overweight.



This puts them at higher risk for serious conditions including diabetes, heart disease, and some types of cancer. For women, being overweight or obese after menopause increases the risk of breast cancer.

Having more fat tissue can increase your chance of getting breast cancer by raising estrogen levels. Also, women who are overweight tend to have higher levels of insulin, another hormone. Higher insulin levels have also been linked to some cancers, including breast cancer.

BMI in kg/m2	Weight Category
Below 18.5	Underweight
18.5 to 24.9	Normal
25.0 to 29.9	Overweight
30.0 to 39.9	Obese
40.0 or higher	Severely obese

The standard weight categories based on BMI for adults age 20 years or older

BMI calculator: [http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/lose\\_wt/BMI/bmicalc.htm](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/lose_wt/BMI/bmicalc.htm).

turns out to be a tough question for scientists to answer, mainly because very few people actually lose weight during adulthood, and those who do lose weight don't usually keep it off over a long period of time. So it is difficult to find a large enough group of people to study or to be able to study them over an extended length of time.

We do know that avoiding weight gain is helpful, whether you are overweight now or not. If you're carrying extra pounds, losing as little as 5%-10% of your weight improves your overall health. A good goal for most overweight women is to drop half a pound per week for 6 months. What's more, exercise can also lower breast cancer risk above and beyond the impact it can have on losing weight. Many studies have found that exercise is a breast-healthy habit. As little as 75 to 150 minutes of brisk walking each week has been shown to lower risk.

How Your Weight May Affect Your Risk of Breast Cancer. Retrieved from <https://www.cancer.org/latestnews/how-your-weight-affects-your-risk-of-breast-cancer.html>

Obesity and Cancer. Retrieved from <https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/obesity/obesity-fact-sheet>

### Why exercise?

Physical activity has many benefits for people who've had treatment for breast cancer, from reducing fatigue to helping regain a sense of control. Regular physical activity can help maintain or improve your health during and after treatment. It can:

- help avoid or reduce some side effects of cancer treatment, such as fatigue, weight gain, osteoporosis and lymphoedema
- improve your long-term health, reducing the risk of heart attacks and strokes, and may reduce the risk of the cancer coming back
- help your mental wellbeing by reducing anxiety, stress, depression and improving your mood
- or reduce the loss of muscle tone and general fitness that can happen during and after treatment

### How much physical activity?

Generally, people who've had a breast cancer diagnosis are recommended to do the same amount of physical activity as the general population. According to national guidelines, adults should do at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity such as brisk walking (or 75 minutes of vigorous activity such as running) every week. They should also do some muscle-strengthening activities on at least two days a week.

Before starting any type of activity, talk to your treatment team or GP.

Exercise and breast cancer. Retrieved from <https://www.breastcancercare.org.uk/information-support/facing-breast-cancer/livingbeyond-breast-cancer/your-body/physical-activitybreast-cancer>

## A personal message from your health promotion Health Myth Busting Team



*I have a family member that was diagnosed with breast cancer and she's been reading online about whether she can continue to exercise during and after her treatments. There are a lot of different opinions on whether this is ok and I want to be sure I'm giving her accurate information. Is it ok and/or advisable?*

Sincerely,  
Safe to Exercise?

Dear Safe to Exercise,

I'm sorry to hear about her diagnosis with breast cancer. First and foremost, she should talk to her doctor and her cancer care team on what is best for her. In the past, people being treated for cancer were often told by their doctor to rest and reduce their physical activity. This is good advice if movement causes pain, rapid heart rate, or shortness of breath. But newer research has shown that exercise is not only safe and possible during cancer treatment, but it can improve how well you function physically and improve your quality of life.

Too much rest can lead to loss of body function, muscle weakness, and reduced range of motion. Today, many cancer care teams are urging their patients to be as physically active as possible during cancer treatment. Many people are learning about the advantages of being physically active after treatment, too.

The ability to exercise during treatment will depend on her overall health and physical condition before the diagnosis. If she didn't exercise at all, then she would need to start very slowly and carefully and only after she has her doctor's OK. If she exercised regularly before her diagnosis, keeping to the routine may help her remember that there are parts of her life that are still intact. Also, she should remember that she's the only person who knows how she really feels. She shouldn't overdo it and she should rest when she needs it. Again, make sure she has her doctor's OK before she starts.

Sincerely,  
Health Myth Busters

Exercise During and After Treatment. Retrieved from <https://www.breastcancer.org/tips/exercise/treatment>

# Airmen escape the undead during Zombie Fun Run



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Bean

Participants begin running at the Zombie Fun Run Sept. 27, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The run consisted of a 2-mile run along the BLAZE Fit Trail with four infected zones for runners to try to escape from the living dead.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Bean



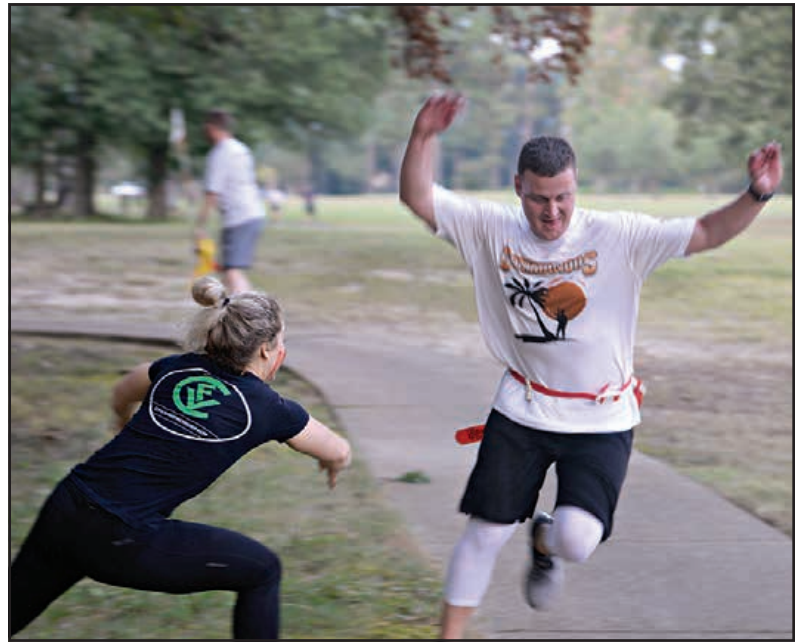
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RIGHT: A pile of flags sits near the BLAZE Fit Trail at the Zombie Run Sept. 27, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Zombies were challenged with capturing as many flags from the runners throughout the four infected zones.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Bean

Participants dodge zombie attacks at the Zombie Fun Run Sept. 27, 2019, along the BLAZE Fit Trail on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Runners wore a belt with flags in a challenge to escape the infected zones along the 2 mile trail.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Bean

A participant dodges a zombie attack at the Zombie Fun Run Sept. 27, 2019, along the BLAZE Fit Trail on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. To close out National Preparedness Month, runners raced along the trail with a flag-football style belt in a challenge to escape the zombie infected zones.



## US Air Force Band of the West's Top Flight performs, connects with local community



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Hannah Bean  
Master Sgt. Nick Wellman, U.S. Air Force Band of the West's Top Flight audio engineer, finishes setting up the stage for the Top Flight concert at the Columbus Riverwalk Stage Sept. 27, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. Top Flight is the U.S. Air Force Band of the West's response to America's demand for classic rock 'n' roll, R&B, country, and current pop music heard on top 40's radio stations.



Lt. Col. Bennet Burton, 14th Mission Support Group deputy commander, welcomes attendees to the U.S. Air Force Band of the West's Top Flight concert at the Columbus Riverwalk Stage Sept. 27, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. Like other ensembles within the U.S. Air Force Band of the West, Top Flight performs in support of official military gatherings and community relations events such as Columbus Air Force Base's Birthday Ball celebrated on Sept. 28, 2019.



U.S. Air Force Band of the West's Top Flight Airmen perform during the Top Flight concert at the Columbus Riverwalk Stage Sept. 27, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. In collaboration with The City of Columbus, The Mayor's Office, Columbus Air Force Base, the Community Benefit Committee and Main Street Columbus, Top Flight performed a free of charge, open to the public concert with food and drink vendors provided on site.



U.S. Air Force Band of the West's Top Flight performs during the Top Flight concert at the Columbus Riverwalk Stage Sept. 27, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. Since 2006, Top Flight has deployed four times, boosting the morale of over 31,000 Joint U.S. and coalition warriors.

# BLAZE Hangar Tails: C-5 Super Galaxy

### Mission

The C-5 Galaxy is one of the largest aircraft in the world and the largest airlifter in the Air Force inventory. The aircraft can carry a fully equipped combat-ready military unit to any point in the world on short notice and then provide the supplies required to help sustain the fighting force.

### Features

The C-5 has a greater capacity than any other airlifter. It has the ability to carry 36 standard pallets and 81 troops simultaneously. The Galaxy is also capable of carrying any of the Army's air-transportable combat equipment, including such bulky items as the 74-ton mobile scissors bridge. It can also carry outsize and oversize cargo over intercontinental ranges and can take off or land in relatively short distances. Ground crews are able to load and off-load the C-5 simultaneously at the front and rear cargo openings, reducing cargo transfer times. Other features of the C-5 are:

- Able to operate on runways 6,000 feet long (1,829 meters)
- Five sets of landing gear totaling 28 wheels to distribute weight
- Nose and aft doors that open the full width and height of the cargo compartment to permit faster and easier loading
- A "kneeling" landing gear system that permits lowering the parked aircraft to facilitate drive-on/drive-off vehicle loading and adjusts the cargo floor to standard truck-bed height
- Full-width drive-on ramps at each end for loading double rows of vehicles
- A maintenance diagnostics system that records and analyzes data from more than 800 (C-5A) and 7000 (C-5M) test points, reducing maintenance/repair time.

The C-5 has the distinctive high T-tail, 25-degree wing sweep, and four turbofan engines mounted on pylons beneath the wings.

The C-5 has 12 internal wing tanks with a total capacity of 51,150 gallons (194,370 liters) of fuel — enough to fill 6 1/2 regular-size railroad tank cars. A full fuel load weighs 332,500 pounds (150,820 kilograms). A C-5 with a cargo load of 270,000 pounds (122,472 kilograms) can fly 2,150 nautical miles, offload, and fly to a second base 500 nautical miles away from the original destination — all without aerial refueling. With aerial refueling, the aircraft's range is limited only by crew endurance.

### Background

Lockheed-Georgia Co. delivered the first operational Galaxy to the 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, now known as Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, in June 1970. C-5s are operated by active-duty, Reserve, and Air National Guard crews. They are currently stationed at Dover AFB, Delaware; Travis AFB, California; Lackland AFB, Texas; Martinsburg ANGB, West Virginia and Westover ARB, Massachusetts

In March 1989, the last of 50 C-5Bs was added to the 76 C-5As in the Air Force's airlift force structure. The C-5B



U.S. Air Force photo by Heide Couch

**A C-5M Super Galaxy takes off during a readiness exercise at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., May 9, 2019. The base conducted a weeklong exercise that evaluated Travis AFB's readiness and ability to execute and sustain rapid global mobility around the world.**

includes all C-5A improvements as well as more than 100 additional system modifications to improve reliability and maintainability.

Based on a study showing 80 percent of the C-5 airframe service life remaining, AMC began an aggressive program to modernize the C-5 in 1998. The C-5 Avionics Modernization Program included upgrading the avionics to improve communications, navigation and surveillance/air traffic management compliance. The upgrade also added new safety equipment and installed a new autopilot system.

Another part of the C-5 modernization plan is a comprehensive Reliability Enhancement and Re-engining Program (RERP). Fifty-two C-5s (1A, 2C's, and 49B's) are scheduled to receive the RERP modification by fiscal 2017. The centerpiece of this program is the General Electric CF6-80C2 (F-138) commercial engine. This engine delivers a 22 percent increase in thrust, a 30 percent shorter take-off roll, has a 58 percent faster climb rate and will allow significantly more cargo to be carried over longer distances. With its new engine and other system upgrades, the RERP modified C-5A/B/Cs become C-5Ms, Super Galaxy. This modernization program will make the C-5 much quieter (FAA Stage 4 Compliant) and enhance aircraft reliability and maintainability, maintain structural and system integrity, reduce cost of ownership and increase operational capability well into the 21st century.

In fiscal 2004 and fiscal 2011, Congress authorized the retirement of 46 C-5As. In fiscal 2013 Congress authorized an additional 27 C-5A retirements, one of which has retired. The remaining 26 aircraft will retire between fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2015. The current resulting fleet size from these events is 78, 26 C-5As and 52 C5B/C/M.

### General Characteristics

**Primary Function:** Outsize cargo transport



U.S. Air National Guard photo/Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht

**A C-5 Super Galaxy from the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base, Del., flies over New Jersey while lit by the setting sun. The C-5, one of the largest military aircraft, provides the Air Force with heavy intercontinental strategic airlift capability.**

**Prime Contractor:** Lockheed-Georgia Co.

**Power Plant:** Four General Electric TF-39 engines (C-5A,B,C)/ Four F-138 General Electric engines (C-5M)

**Thrust:** 43,000 pounds, each engine (C-5A,B,C)/ 51,250 pounds, each engine (C-5M)

**Wingspan:** 222 feet 9 inches (67.89 meters)

**Length:** 247 feet 1 inch (75.3 meters)

**Height:** 65 feet 1 inch (19.84 meters)

**Cargo Compartment:**

• Height, 13 feet 6 inches (4.11 meters)

• Width, 19 feet (5.79 meters)

• Length, 143 feet, 9 inches (43.8 meters)

**Pallet Positions:** 36

**Maximum Cargo:** 270,000 pounds (122,472 kilograms)

**Maximum Takeoff Weight:** 840,000 pounds (381,024 kilograms)

**Speed:** 518 mph

**Unrefueled Range of C-5M:** About 4,800 nautical miles, e.g., Dover AFB, Delaware, to Incirlik AB, Turkey, with 120,000 lbs (wartime planned load) of cargo. About 7,000 nautical miles with no cargo on board.

**Crew:** Seven (pilot, co-pilot, two flight engineers and three loadmasters)

**Fly Away Unit Cost:** C-5A—\$152.8 million (fiscal 1998 constant dollars); C-5B—\$179 million (fiscal 1998 constant dollars); C-5C (Space Cargo Modification)—\$88 million (fiscal 1998 constant dollars); C-5M (RERP Modification)—\$90 million (fiscal 2009 constant dollars)

**Deployed:** C-5A in 1970; C-5B in 1986; C-5C in 1988; C-5M in 2009

**Inventory:** Total C-5 fleet changes monthly based on congressional approval of C-5A retirements; 52 C-5Ms are scheduled to be in the inventory by fiscal 2017; 16 C-5Ms have been delivered through December 2013.



# CRUD TOURNAMENT

October 18

At the Columbus Club

5:00 PM  
Lesson Time

Spouse teams are welcome to register!

RSVP with your team's info to  
[shorturl.at/aenwy](http://shorturl.at/aenwy) by end of day  
on October 11

6:00 PM  
Start Time

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Don't miss out on this night of  
high-energy fun & competition!

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The CDC and Youth Center will be available for childcare needs.  
Call 434-2337 for more information.



## Hunting opportunities

Tim Turner

14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Fall has officially arrived. As another Mississippi summer comes to an end, in anticipation of the sights, sounds and smells of fall in the South, we welcome the cooler days that are sure to come. The leaves will soon change to their vivid fall colors, and deer, turkeys, squirrels and birds are stirring as cooler weather approaches. The days will become shorter and the shift between one season to another in Mississippi can become blurred. Chilly mornings will converge into warm afternoons leaving many guessing what to wear. With cooler days in sight, thoughts of many shift to the outdoors and enjoying the nature that surrounds us.

The Magnolia state offers many outdoor opportunities, with fishing, hunting, camping, canoeing, cycling, and much more. There is something for everyone to enjoy the outdoors. With a vast number of outdoor recreational opportunities surrounding us, Columbus Air Force Base members and their families won't have to look far for their next outdoor adventure. Geographically located in the heart of the south, Columbus AFB is surrounded by fertile agricultural fields, abundant forest, and seemingly endless waterways.

For many in the South, the coming of fall marks the beginning of hunting season. Hunting wildlife is a time honored tradition, passed down from one generation to another. Hunters play a vital role in promoting wildlife conservation, resource management, and as educators to our youth. As stewards of the land and mentors to the next generation of outdoorsmen, hunters are empowered to safeguard those resources, ensuring sustainability for future generations to enjoy.

Columbus AFB is unique and one of the few Air Force installations that offers recreational hunting opportunities to its members and their families. Set in a rural, agriculturally rich area, with more than 2,000 acres of mixed hardwood and pine forest, Columbus AFB offers the ideal habitat for deer to thrive. With an abundance of deer, Columbus AFB offers an opportunity for all its members to experience the outdoors and pass along the tradition of hunting in the south.

Deer season on Columbus AFB starts Oct. 1 and ends Jan. 31. Hunting on base is restricted to deer hunting only. The use of high powered rifles for hunting on base is strictly prohibited. If interested in learning more about hunting on Columbus AFB or hunting in Mississippi, please contact the Columbus AFB Outdoor Recreation or Tim Turner, 14th CES Conservation Manager at 434-2248.

# Hispanic Heritage Month: Military finds strength in diversity

Airman Davis Donaldson

14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

The U.S. military is a diverse force, because it is comprised of many ethnicities from many locations throughout the world.

Throughout the year, the Department of Defense recognizes our diverse force and Hispanic Heritage Month is one of several observed months. From September 15th through October 15th, the U.S. military recognizes and honors its Hispanic heritage and history in the United States.

According to the Air Force Personnel Center, Hispanics account for 14.9% of Air Force members as of July 2, 2019.

One of the first Hispanic heroes in the Air Force was Capt. Manuel John Fernandez. He was the first Hispanic to reach flying "ace" status by downing more than 14 MiG aircraft during the Korean War. He helped pave the way for many Hispanic aviators today.

Chief Master Sgt. Raul Villarreal Jr., 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief, has a Hispanic background and said it is very important to have observances like Hispanic Heritage Month.

"I think we should all be proud of where we came from," Villarreal said. "Where you come from makes you unique and all of those unique attributes matter in terms of making our force stronger. I'm proud to be who I am and where I'm from."

Villarreal was born in Ventura, California, but later moved to Surprise, Arizona, and calls Arizona home.

Both of Villarreal's grandmothers were born in Mexico, making his parents second-generation immigrants. He said his parents taught him hard work while he was young, which in turn taught him discipline.

"My dad taught me that you have to work hard to get things done," Villarreal said. "He said 'you can work and you can play, but before you can play, the work has to be done... there will time for both if you do your work right the first time.'"

Although his parents were fluent in Spanish, Villarreal said they made him and his siblings learn English as their primary language so they could do well in school.

"I graduated high school and immediately went to the University of Arizona on two very small scholarships," Villarreal said. "My second year in college I got the chicken pox and was put on academic probation, essentially losing the two scholarships. One of my best friends convinced me to enlist in



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Hannah Bean  
**Chief Master Sgt. Raul Villarreal Jr., 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, describes how Team BLAZE is going to accomplish the wing mission during the wing's all call, Oct. 5, 2018, at the Kaye Auditorium on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. During the all call, Villarreal talked about his expectations for all 14 FTW Airmen.**

the Air Force, so that I could get a GI bill and separate."

His plan was to do only four years in the Air Force, he said. Those four years have turned into 26.

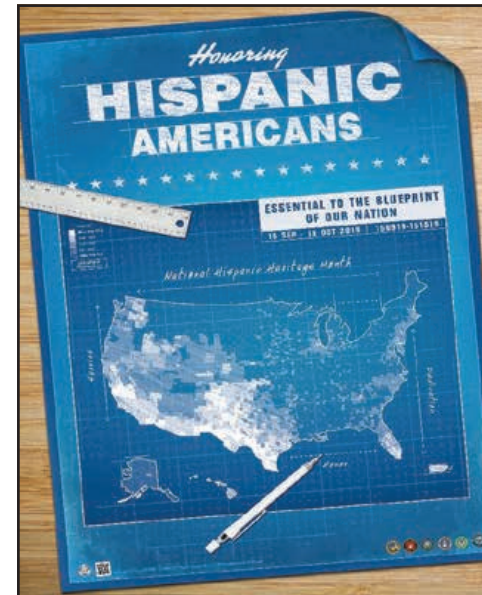
Villarreal says different backgrounds, perspectives, and ideas make the Air Force powerful. All Airmen should have opportunities to celebrate their respective heritage and be proud to a part of something much larger than ourselves.

He often equates the Air Force to a professional sports team. "We all come from different walks of life but have one goal in mind and in our case, it is to defend democracy and preserve the peace."

Staff Sgt. Malcolm Bentley, 14th Flying Training Wing Equal Opportunity specialist, explained the importance of recognizing all celebrated months of different ethnicities.

"I think it's important that we acknowledge all months when it comes to special observances," Bentley said. "The reason being is because everyone's different and to show we honor the heritage of everyone and the contributions they've made to society."

Bentley later said the Air Force is special because of the different upbringings,



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**Capt. Manuel J. Fernandez Jr. of the 34th Fighter Interceptor Wing, became the 26th jet ace of the Korean War Feb. 18, 1953.**

make decisions in the military. Without having that diverse thinking, it's hard to think of ways to do things better."



# Columbus AFB Fights Fires With Prevention Week



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

Two family members watch a firetruck go by during the Fire Prevention Week parade Oct. 5, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Columbus AFB kicked off the week with a parade and open house.



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A family watches a firetruck go by during the Fire Prevention Week parade Oct. 5, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. During the parade, fire fighters threw out candy to the children as they passed by.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

A child smiles through the window of a firetruck at the Fire Prevention Week open house Oct. 5, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Children had the opportunity to go inside a firetruck at the open house.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

Lt. Col. Peter Joo, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, takes a photo of his child at the Fire Prevention Week open house Oct. 5, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Children were given their own "fire helmet" at the open house.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airmen 1st Class Jake Jacobsen

Darren Amos, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron fire inspector, gives a group of Airmen free items at his booth Oct. 8, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Amos has been setting up booths around the base for fire prevention week as a way to inform members of Team BLAZE about safety precautions for avoiding fires as well as hand out free items.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Bean

Fire prevention mascot Sparky and firefighters from the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron read a book called Curious George to the children at the Child Development Center Oct. 9, 2019 on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Fire Prevention week was held from Oct. 6-12 here to remind Team BLAZE about the importance of fire prevention.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Bean

Children and caregivers check out a fire truck fire with prevention mascot Sparky and 14th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters Oct. 9, 2019, outside the Child Development Center on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighters hosted engaging and hands-on events to teach children and remind individuals how to better prevent house and work fires.