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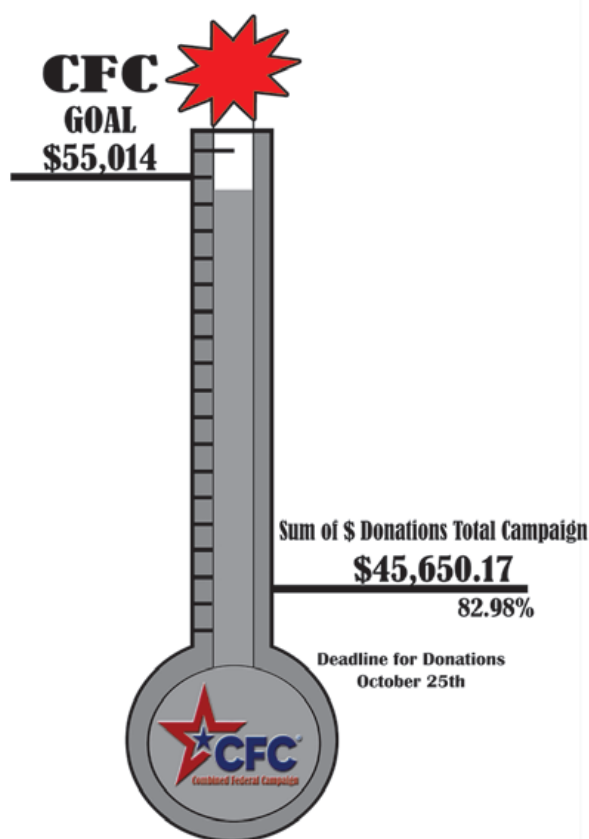
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News Briefs

Quarterly Awards/Enlisted Promotions

Join fellow Team BLAZE members at 3 p.m., Oct. 31 in the Columbus Club to celebrate and congratulate the quarterly award winners and our newly promoted Airmen.

SUPT Class 20-03 Assignment Night

Celebrate with Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 20-03 at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 1 in the Club as they receive their new assignments.

Daylight Savings

Don't forget to readjust clocks around the house Nov. 3 for daylight savings



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

Pilots from the 14th Flying Training Wing gather around a Crud table to learn how to play before the Crud Tournament at the Club Oct. 18, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The Crud Tournament was held in the Columbus Club with 14 teams competing for a large trophy. See page 3 for additional photo.

1st Annual Crud Tournament

Million Air, the Airlift Tanker Association, the 14th Force Support Squadron, community partners, players and families played a critical role in the success of this years Crud Tournament.

"Thank you all for being here tonight, it has been a fun night, and those of you with bruises the medical clinic will be open on Monday," said Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander.

Crud has many origin stories, but one thing is known to be true, it's a fighter pilot tradition, and Weeks hopes it becomes an annual tradition at the 14th FTW to bring together all Team BLAZE Airmen through fierce and friendly competition.

1st Place: 49th Fighting Training Squadron
2nd Place: 50th Flying Training Squadron
3rd Place: 41st Flying Training Squadron

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	1,090	1,316	1,316
41st (20-15)	Nov. 13	50th (20-03)	Nov. 15			T-1	449	325	325
14th CMSAF 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.						T-38	624	390	390
						IFF	217	188	188
						* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.			



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 35 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.

Sharing our roads and trails – A guide to trail safety and enjoyment

Tim Turner
14th Civil Engineering Squadron conservation manager

Road and Trail Courtesy
The 2019-2020 hunting season has begun here at Columbus Air Force Base. All roads and the Nature Trails are open to and shared by runners, bicycle riders, hikers, and hunters. Road and trail sharing can and does work when people respect each other and work cooperatively to keep each other safe.

Smart road and trail use includes adherence to some basic safety practices. Please be courteous to all users, and remember that pedestrians have the right-of-way.

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- Keep noise and dust down
- Keep your ears open — listening to headphones or ear buds can make it difficult to hear and communicate with other recreationists
- If biking or hiking, stay on the trail. Do not venture into wooded areas where hunters may be found
- Keep pets leashed
- Hi-Vis clothing is recommended when hiking or biking

Security and policy review

Did you know that as a military member you must coordinate all information relating to speeches, presentations, academic papers, multimedia visual information materials and information proposed for release to a publicly accessible Worldwide Website, with exception of Air Force publications, through the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office? For more information contact the 14th FTW/PA at 434-7068.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
28	29 Wing Newcomers, 8 a.m. @ Kaye Auditorium	30	31 Halloween Enlisted Promotions/Quarterly Awards, 3 p.m. @ Club	1 SUPT Class 20-03 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club AFRC Family Appreciation, 4-7 p.m. @ AFRC	2/3 2nd: Color Run, 8:30 a.m. @ Youth Center	Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Nov. 12: Wing Newcomers Nov. 14: Retiree Appreciation Day Nov. 14: Hearts Apart Nov. 15: SUPT Class 20-03 Graduation Nov. 19: IFF Class 20BBC Graduation Nov. 22: Class 20-04/05 Assignment Night Nov. 26: Enlisted Promotions Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Nov. 29: AETC Family Day
4	5	6	7 Enlisted Partner Welcome, 6 p.m. @ Hucks	8 Boss & Buddy, 3:30 p.m. @ Club STUS Family Fall Fest, 6-10 p.m. @ Golden Triangle Lanes	9/10 9th: American Legion Veterans Day Parade, 9 a.m.-noon @ Police Station/Courthouse	

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Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, teaches student pilots how to play Crud before the Crud Tournament at the Club Oct. 18, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 49th Fighting Training Squadron took home the first place trophy.


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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.



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14th CMSAF Gerald Murray to speak at SUPT Class's 20-01/02 Graduation

The 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force, 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.

Chief Murray represented the highest enlisted level of leadership, and as such, provided direction for the enlisted corps and represented their interests, as appropriate, to the American public, and to those in all levels of government. He served as the personal adviser to the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, and proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force.

Chief Murray grew up in Boiling Springs, N.C., and entered the Air Force in October 1977. His background includes various duties in aircraft maintenance, and as a command chief master sergeant at wing, numbered air force and major command levels. His assignments include bases in Florida, South Carolina, Washington and Georgia. The chief also served overseas in Turkey and Japan, and deployed in support of operations Desert Storm and Southern Watch. Before assuming his current position, he served as Command Chief Master Sergeant, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. He was appointed to the position of Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force on July 1, 2002.

EDUCATION

1983 Tactical Air Command Non-commissioned Officer Leadership School, Shaw AFB, S.C.

1984 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Noncommissioned Officer Academy,

Kapaun Air Station, West Germany

1986 Associate in applied science degree in aircraft systems maintenance technology, Community College of the Air Force

1987 Associate of arts degree in liberal arts, Saint Leo College, Saint Leo, Fla.

1993 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter AFB, Ala.

2013 Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1977 - December 1977, trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas

2. December 1977 - February 1978, student, Aircraft Maintenance Technology Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas

3. February 1978 - October 1981, aircraft crew chief, 13th Fighter Squadron, 56th Tactical Fighter Wing, MacDill AFB, Fla.

4. October 1981 - April 1984, aircraft maintenance instructor, 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.

5. April 1984 - May 1986, senior F-16 Fighting Falcon crew chief, 39th Consolidated Maintenance Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

6. May 1986 - July 1992, aircraft production superintendent, 353rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 354th Fighter Wing, Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C. (August 1990 -March 1991, production superintendent, 354th Wing [Provisional], King Faud International Airport and King Khalid Military City, Saudi Arabia)

7. July 1992 - December 1994, Superintendent, Maintenance Flight, 354th Fighter Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.

8. December 1994 - April 1996, Maintenance Superintendent, 70th Fighter Squadron, 347th Wing, Moody AFB, Ga. (December 1995 March 1996, Maintenance Superintendent, 70th Fighter Squadron, Al Jaber AB, Kuwait)

9. April 1996 - August 1999, Com-

mand Chief Master Sergeant, 347th Wing, Moody AFB, Ga. (November 1997- March 1998, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 347th Wing (Provisional) Sheikh Isa AB, Bahrain)

10. September 1999 - August 2001, Command Chief Master Sergeant, U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force, Yokota AB, Japan

11. August 2001 - June 2002, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

12. July 2002 - June 2006, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

1983 Honor graduate and Communicative Skills Award, Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School

1984 Distinguished graduate, Non-commissioned Officer Academy

1991 Air Force General Lew Allen Trophy

1993 Distinguished graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

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Airman April 30, 1978

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Senior Airman Oct. 1, 1979

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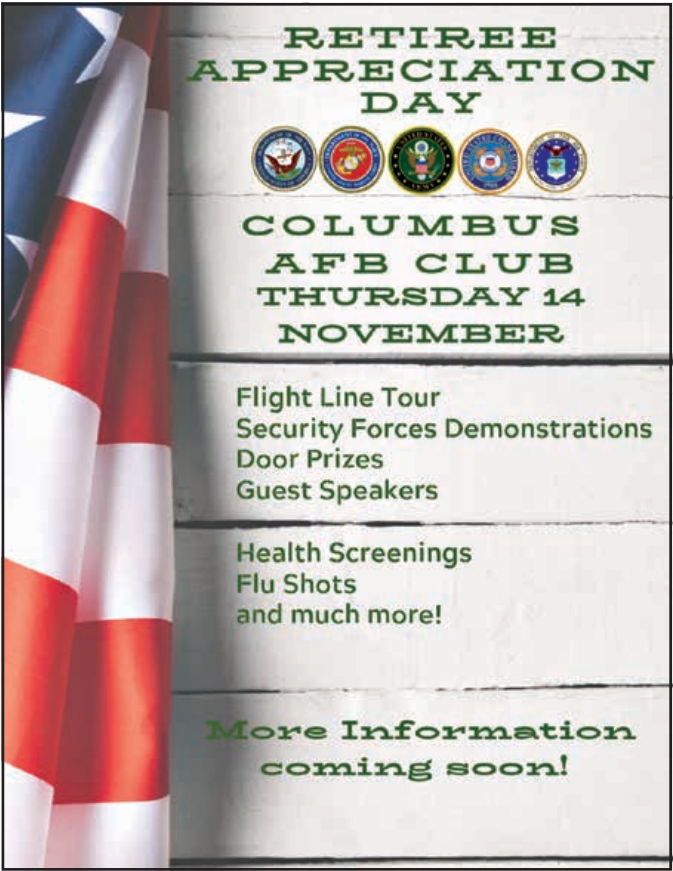
Staff Sergeant July 1, 1981

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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. The briefings are held daily at the A&FRC. Pre-deployment is at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment is at 1:30 p.m. Please contact A&FRC at (662) 434-2794/2790 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. Counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m., and it takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact A&FRC at (662) 434-2790 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.

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fidential. Please contact the PFC at (662) 998-0411/434-2790 or e-mail PFC.Columbus.USAF@zeiders.com, located in the A&FRC.

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Get Connected with Your New 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'.

Let's Paint a Pumpkin

Come paint a pumpkin at Arts & Crafts on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m.-noon. All supplies are included. You will be able to take your painting home with you. There will be a canvas for boys and a canvas for girls. The cost is \$5 per participant. Call 434-7835 for more information.

BOO FEST

Boo Fest is coming on Oct. 26 from 2-6 p.m. in the Columbus Club parking lot! An entire afternoon of frightful fun for the whole family! Celebrate spooky season with fun crafts and games! A pumpkin patch! A mummy wrapping contest! A Halloween costume contest, face painting and so much more! Call 434-2337 for more details.

Adult Halloween Costume Party

Grab your boo and ghoulish friends for a nail-biting night of Halloween horrors! Wear your spookiest costume and enjoy drink specials while doing the monster mash! Open to anyone 18 and up. The party is at the Columbus Club on Oct. 26 at 8 p.m.

Fall Color Run

Join us on Nov. 2 at the Youth Center's annual Fall Color Run starting at 8:30 a.m. This is a family event, there will be modified run distances for each age group up to 2 miles. Awards for Most Spirited Group/Individual. Open to all ages. Call 434-2504 for more information.

Thankfulness Craft

Come to Arts and Crafts on Nov. 8 from 3-5 p.m. for a fun night of creativity. The cost is \$5. Participants will be making painted turkeys and incorporating things they are thankful for. Make sure to sign up early, our last Arts & Crafts event sold out almost a month before the event! Call 662-434-7836 to register.

Vicksburg National Military Park Visit

Join Outdoor Recreation for a bus trip to the historic National Military Park on Nov. 9. The bus leaves from Outdoor Recreation at 7 a.m. with a projected return time of 5 p.m. The cost is \$20 a person! Call 662-434-2507 for more details.

Assignment Night Transportation

Book Assignment Night transportation with ITT! Reserve the bus, the van or both! The cost is only \$30 per hour for Columbus and local areas; a \$30 deposit is required and applied to the total cost of reservation. Reservation must be a minimum of four hours and reserved in person. For more information, contact 434-7861.

Martial Arts

Martial Arts classes are available at the Youth Center every



Tuesday and Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. receive two free introductory classes, contact the Youth Center for more information at 434-2504.

Exclusive Military Vacation Packages

Did you know that you can book exclusive military vacation packages at ITT? Packages include Universal Studios and Disney destinations. To book your vacation at www.americaforcestravel.com or visit your ITT office at (662) 434-7861.

Storytime Schedule

The Base Library is offering Storytime on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for ages 3-6 years, Fridays at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for ages birth-2 years, and 10 a.m. on Saturdays for all ages. For more information, contact 434-2934.

FSS Gift Cards

Make your shopping easier! Purchase or redeem your FSS Gift Card at the following locations: Arts and Crafts, Bowling Center, Café at Whispering Pines, Child Development Center, Columbus Club, Information Tickets and Travel, Outdoor Recreation or the Youth Center. For more information, stop by any of these locations.

Horse Boarding Available

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Play Paintball

Outdoor Recreation offers paintball for groups or individuals. You must book twenty-four hours in advance; 17 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$15 per person for party of 10 or more; \$20 per person for party of nine or less. You must purchase paint balls at Outdoor Recreation for \$50 per case of 2,000. For more information, contact 434-2505.

The Overrun is Open Friday Nights

The Overrun is open Fridays 4:30 p.m. - Midnight. Excluding Graduation nights. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Lawn Mower and Bicycle Repair

Outdoor Recreation is now offering lawn mower repair and self-help bicycle repair. For more information, contact 434-2507.

Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed

Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? Arts & Crafts is looking for craft instructors. For more information, contact 434-7836.

Wood Shop is OPEN!

The Wood Shop is back in business! They are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., Saturday. Call 434-7836 for more information.

Referees Needed

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

RV Storage Lot

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Instructors Needed

The Youth Center is seeking instructors for tumbling classes, dance classes, piano and guitar lessons. For more information, contact the Youth Center.

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The Fitness Center offers a truly comprehensive group fitness platform that is available all day and completely customizable to meet your needs with 119 different classes on the Fitness on Request system. For more information, call 434-2772.

Space A Lodging

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

Ride in Style

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Laser Bowling

The Strike Zone offers laser bowling every Friday and Saturday night starting at 5pm, stop in for a great time! Call 434-3426 for more information.

First Nigerian female fighter pilot graduates from ALP at Columbus AFB

Airman Hannah Bean

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

First. Lt. Kafayat Sanni, of the Nigerian air force, became the first female fighter pilot in Nigeria upon graduating from the Aviation Leadership Program (ALP) with her fellow students from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 19-21/22, Aug. 16 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

ALP is a U.S. Air Force-funded program, providing students of partner and developing countries with undergraduate pilot training scholarships.

Sanni's involvement in the program helps strengthen and exemplify the commitment between the U.S. and Nigeria, deepening their defense relationship and bilateral cooperation, an objective of the 2011 Memorandum of Understanding on Advancing Bilateral Defense Cooperation and the 2015 Joint Vision Statement on Defense Relations.

"Our international student pilot program at Columbus Air Force Base is extremely important to enhancing our global partnerships," said Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. "I am very happy for Sanni and Nigeria as they continue to move forward and take strides in their air force, and we wish her the best of luck as she returns to do great things."

She was chosen by her officials to become a fighter pilot through training in the U.S. and she is one of five female pilots in Nigeria.

Before arriving at their pilot training base, ALP students

attend the Defense Language Institute English Language Center (DLIELC) at Joint-Base San Antonio Lackland, Texas, for special purpose English training.

Sanni started at DLIELC in January 2018. Once she graduated from DLIELC, she then arrived at Columbus AFB to attend ALP in June 2018.

Capt. Christy Martin, Columbus AFB international military student officer, said she's excited to watch Sanni grow and thrive as the first female fighter pilot in Nigeria.

"I think she is going to perform that title well. Sanni has a very bubbly personality and is was very positive throughout the whole entire training," Martin said. "Pilot training is a very stressful, strenuous course, but she has always stayed positive. I think she is very determined and very excited to go back and fly fighters in her country as well."

When she returns to Nigeria, Sanni said she plans to keep her expectations open-minded. Nonetheless, she said she's excited to see what it really feels like to be in the fighter world and what comes next in her career.

RIGHT: First Lt. Kafayat Sanni stands in front of a T-6 Texan II on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Sanni became the first female fighter pilot from the Nigerian air force, to graduate from the Aviation Leadership Program. ALP is a U.S. Air Force-funded program, providing students of friendly and developing countries with undergraduate pilot training scholarships.



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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, pins on 1st Lt. Kafayat Sanni's silver wings during a graduation ceremony Aug. 16, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Sanni became the first female fighter pilot in the Nigerian air force upon graduating from the Aviation Leadership Program.



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

First Lt. Kafayat Sanni is congratulated by friends during a graduation ceremony Aug. 16, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Sanni became the first female fighter pilot in the Nigerian air force upon graduating from the Aviation Leadership Program.

Chronic waste disease in the state of Mississippi and how you can help

Tim Turner
14th Civil Engineering Squadron
conservation manager

The first documented case of Chronic Waste Disease (CWD) in the United States was in 1967, to this day, researchers are still baffled by the disease and many questions remain unanswered. The origin of CWD is unknown, but since its discovery in the U.S., the disease has spread to more than 22 states and two territories of Canada. In February, 2018, the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) announced the state's first confirmed case of CWD. Since then, Mississippi has confirmed that 19 more deer have tested positive for CWD throughout the state. It is unknown, at this time, how widespread the disease is among deer populations in Mississippi. MDWFP is asking that all deer hunters submit the heads of their harvested deer for testing. There is no fee for testing, and participation is not mandatory, but co-operation is greatly needed and encouraged. Currently, there are 21 drop-off locations established throughout the state. The

nearest drop-off to Columbus Air Force Base is the Black Prairie Wildlife Management Area (WMA) located at 744 Fire Tower Rd., Crawford, MS 39743. Traveling to and from drop-off locations and waiting on test results will be inconvenient for hunters, but it's the best option to contain and prevent the spread of the disease.

What is CWD?

CWD is a prion (abnormal protein) disease, belonging to a group of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). CWD is only know to afflict cervids (i.e. deer family of animals). The disease is contagious among deer, causing a spongy degeneration of the brain in an infected animal. Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that CWD poses a risk to humans. However, health officials recommend that human exposure to CWD be avoided as they continue to study for any potential health risk.

What are the symptoms?

The time from infection to death is slow, sometimes taking two years or more before taking its toll on the animal. Some

known visible symptoms are weight loss, excessive drinking and urination, drooling, lowering of the head and walking in repetitive patterns, blank facial expressions, and grinding of the teeth. The most consistent and obvious symptom has been weight loss, which is why it is more commonly referred to as "wasting" disease. Once an animal has been infected with CWD, the end result is always fatal.

How is it transmitted?

Infected animals can transmit the disease either through direct contact or indirect contact by way of saliva, feces, blood, and/or urine. CWD is known to be very resistant to the environment, remaining active in the soil, plants, and water for an unknown period. This allows the disease to spread to other deer that come into contact with the infected area. Once the disease occurs in an area, evidence shows eradication is unlikely. The movement of an infected deer is one of the greatest risk factors in spreading the disease to other herds or to another geographic area. For more information on CWD and what you can do to help, please visit the MDWFP website at www.mdwfp.com.

14th OMRS Family Advocacy spreads awareness on domestic violence

Airman Davis Donaldson
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month, observed every October, is a time for Airmen and families to spread awareness about domestic violence. Domestic violence is any aggressive act in a person's home and it can be done by anyone.

The 2019 Domestic Violence & Prevention Month theme at Columbus Air Force Base is 'Setting Boundaries, Staying Safe: Navigating Technology Use in Relationships'.

Daisy Jones-Brown, 14th Flying Training Wing violence prevention integrator, gave her insight about the observance and how people can contribute.

"Domestic Violence Awareness Month is for people to realize: one, people are in domestic-violence type situations, two, people want to be out of those situations and three, they should ask themselves, what can everyone do as a team to prevent it from happening," Jones-Brown said.

Jones-Brown said the month is to prevent domestic violence from happening, but realizing it is happening to families at the present moment and they need help.

If someone has already been affected by domestic violence, there are resources in Columbus for them to get help, Jones-Brown



Courtesy Graphic

said. She said Family Advocacy Programs, the Chapel, Safe Haven, Inc., which is a domestic violence shelter off-base in Columbus, and she, herself, are some of the resources victims can use.

"Sometimes it just takes a friend," Jones-Brown said. "It just takes a friend, a co-worker or someone who cares, to say 'hey, I'm going to get you somewhere safe' to get them in a better situation and environment."

Jones-Brown said although there are plenty of resources, people are scared they might make their situations worse by telling someone.

"The biggest problem, sometimes, is embarrassment and shame," said Joyce Dumas, 14th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron Family Advocacy intervention specialist. "Other times they don't want have fear of leaving relationships, due to the children.

"Sometimes it just takes a friend," Jones-Brown said. "It just takes a friend, a co-worker or someone who cares, to say 'hey, I'm going to get you somewhere safe' to get them in a better situation and environment."

Overall, they just don't want to make their situation worse."

Dumas said the goal for herself and the Family Advocacy Program is to get a victim's family back to where they were to begin with, without major repercussions.

"They just want us to put their family back together," said Dumas. "And that's our main goal here, which is to strengthen our families and help them regain their level of functioning."

To avoid a victim's fear of impact on their spouse or family, there is an option for the victim to do restrictive reporting, Dumas said. Restrictive reporting allows a victim to report their situation in a disclosed environment with no investigation involved, while getting the medical treatment they need.

Even if domestic violence is not a part of someone's life, Jones-Brown notes there are many ways people can make an impact in 2019. The theme for 2019 is spreading awareness

through technology.

"The theme the Air Force has this month is recognizing the month via social media and technology," Jones-Brown said. "One of the things we want people to focus on is that if they see something on social media, (regarding domestic violence) they would correct it. If they see something that is in support of domestic-violence awareness, they would share it."

Jones-Brown said the point, in general, of Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month is for families to realize when they or others are not in a safe situation.

"I think many people who aren't in these situations think there's not much they can do," Jones-Brown said. "But, I can say this, nothing really changes unless everybody is on board. If everyone is aware, cares about the cause and does something when they see something, we'll get there better and help them faster."

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. 29. 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.

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 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 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

Lean-In providing Professional Development



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

Team BLAZE Airmen, spouses, and community members attend the Lean-In meeting at the BLAZE Commons, Oct. 17, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Lean-In is a mentor-ship and professional development circle where discussions are geared towards women, but open to anyone who wishes to attend.

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 Air Force 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.

Hearts Apart

The next Hearts Apart is from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 14. 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.

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.

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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)

BLAZE Hangar Tails: KC-135 Stratotanker

Mission

The KC-135 Stratotanker provides the core aerial refueling capability for the United States Air Force and has excelled in this role for more than 50 years. This unique asset enhances the Air Force's capability to accomplish its primary mission of global reach. It also provides aerial refueling support to Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and allied nation aircraft. The KC-135 is also capable of transporting litter and ambulatory patients using patient support pallets during aeromedical evacuations.

General Characteristics

- Primary Function:** Aerial refueling and airlift
- Prime Contractor:** The Boeing Company
- Power Plant:** CFM International CFM-56 turbofan engines
- Thrust:** 21,634 pounds each engine
- Wingspan:** 130 feet, 10 inches (39.88 meters)
- Length:** 136 feet, 3 inches (41.53 meters)
- Height:** 41 feet, 8 inches (12.7 meters)
- Speed:** 530 miles per hour at 30,000 feet (9,144 meters)
- Ceiling:** 50,000 feet (15,240 meters)
- Range:** 1,500 miles (2,419 kilometers) with 150,000 pounds (68,039 kilograms) of transfer fuel; ferry mission, up to 11,015 miles (17,766 kilometers)
- Maximum Takeoff Weight:** 322,500 pounds (146,285 kilograms)



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Vincent De Groot
A U.S. Air Force KC-135 assigned to the 185th Air Refueling Wing of the Iowa Air National Guard lands at the Sioux City, Iowa airport on October 16, 2019.

- Maximum Transfer Fuel Load:** 200,000 pounds (90,719 kilograms)
- Maximum Cargo Capability:** 83,000 pounds (37,648 kilograms), 37 passengers
- Pallet Positions:** six
- Crew:** Three: pilot, co-pilot and boom operator. Some KC-135 missions require the addition of a navigator. The Air Force has a limited number of navigator suites that can be installed for unique missions.
- Aeromedical Evacuation Crew:** A basic crew of five (two flight nurses and three medical technicians) is added for aeromedical evacuation missions. Medical crew may be altered as required by the needs of patients.
- Unit Cost:** \$39.6 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars)
- Date Deployed:** August 1956
- Inventory:** Active duty, 167; Air National Guard, 180; Air Force Reserve, 67

Background

Air Mobility Command manages an inventory of 414 Stratotankers, of which the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard fly 247 aircraft in support of AMC's mission. The Boeing Company's model 367-80 was the basic design for the commercial 707 passenger plane as well as the KC-135A Stratotanker. In 1954, the Air Force purchased

the first 29 of its future 732-plane fleet. The first aircraft flew in August 1956 and the initial production Stratotanker was delivered to Castle Air Force Base, Calif., in June 1957. The last KC-135 was delivered to the Air Force in 1965.

Of the original KC-135As, more than 415 have been modified with new CFM-56 engines produced by CFM-International. The re-engined tanker, designated either the KC-135R or KC-135T, can offload 50 percent more fuel, is 25 percent more fuel efficient, costs 25 percent less to operate and is 96 percent quieter than the KC-135A.

Under another modification program, a re-engined tanker with the TF-33-PW-102 engine was designated the KC-135E. In 2009, the last KC-135E retired from the inventory.

Through the years, the KC-135 has been altered to do other jobs ranging from flying command post missions to reconnaissance. RC-135s are used for special reconnaissance and Air Force Materiel Command's NKC-135As are flown in test programs. Air Combat Command operates the OC-135 as an observation platform in compliance with the Open Skies Treaty.

The KC-135RT aircraft continue to undergo life-cycle upgrades to expand their capabilities and improve reliability. Among these are improved communications, navigation, autopilot and surveillance equipment to meet future civil air traffic control needs.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Christi A. Richter
A KC-135 Stratotanker sits on the flight line at the 121 Air Refueling Wing on October 3, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio. The aerial refueling capabilities of the KC-135 help to contribute to the total Air Force mission of global reach.

Prior Columbus AFB secretary defeats breast cancer

Airman Davis Donaldson

14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Members of the military, as well as civilians, are supposed to commemorate those who are fighting and have fought the formidable fight of breast cancer.

Throughout the month, inspirational stories of survivors are told to uplift spirits of people battling the disease and to let them know they are not alone.

Elana Gilbert, a prior 14th Flying Training Wing secretary, held back tears as she told her story about her fight with breast cancer.

"It's hard to put into words what you feel when someone drops the (cancer) word in your lap," Gilbert said. "I remember getting the phone call and I literally dropped from where I was standing onto the floor and just started crying. It's like someone takes your world and everything you thought you had and they flip it upside down."

In 2018, Gilbert, 31 at the time, found a lump and did not check it out immediately. She thought it would go away with time, but it did not,



Courtesy graphic

On average, a woman has a one-in-eight chance of developing breast cancer during an 80-year lifespan.

however the doctors found the lump was cancerous.

Telling her family and friends about her diagnosis was one of the harder challenges of the fight, said Gilbert.

"I remember my husband, before he even picked up the phone, knew what it was," she said. "He was devastated." Her husband was a 14th Civil Engineering Squadron fire-fighter at the time.

Gilbert said she did four rounds of chemotherapy soon after the diagnosis.

"Chemo was hell," she said. "I would get a round every three weeks. Typically, I would get there around eight o'clock in the morning and leave around 7 p.m."



Courtesy photo

Elana Gilbert poses for a photo.

Gilbert had intravenous (IV) chemo, which is the worst kind in her mind. With each round making her weaker, it was harder for doctors to find a vein to put the IV.

"The first round of chemo was uneventful, it was just long," Gilbert said. "The second chemo they missed my IV seven times. The chemo infiltrated into my skin and now, I have large scars on my arm from it. The third time I had an allergic reaction causing my lungs to start to close, and the fourth time they missed my IV five times."

Gilbert said, when she had the strength, she would go to the gym to get on the treadmill and lift weights throughout her chemotherapy. She would also play various instruments and use art as an outlet.

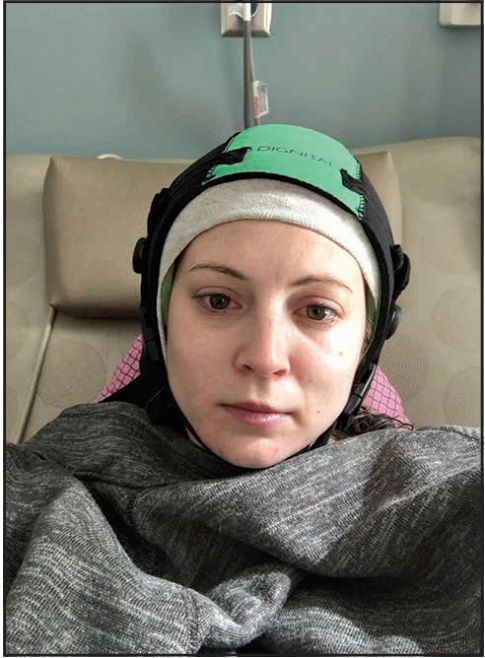
Although chemotherapy tried to diminish her spirit, Gilbert would not let it ruin her interests and hobbies.

"You can go to some pretty dark places when you're going through that (chemotherapy)," she said. "If you have those little things you're passionate about, like music and fitness, it helps you get through the day."

Gilbert was able to win her battle with cancer, noting that she was lucky because she did not wait for the cancer to spread more.

Gilbert left a promising message for those struggling with chemotherapy and breast cancer. She wants every woman to know she has been where they are at. Her message to those going through any stage of breast cancer is to 'never quit'.

"You may feel really, really alone at times," she said. "You may want to give up, but just know there is always someone right next to you, fighting with you that loves you. You're not alone."



Courtesy photo

Elana Gilbert, previous 14th Flying Training Wing secretary, lays in the hospital bed during a round of her chemotherapy. Gilbert was able to win her battle with cancer.

Gilbert urges women to be cognizant and go to the doctor if they think they have symptoms of breast cancer.

Angela Hamilton, 14th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron health management nurse, gave her input on how important it is for females to get screens and examine themselves.

"Women should be performing self-breast exams frequently," Hamilton said. "There is no way to prevent breast cancer, but early detection is the best way to stop it from spreading."

Along with self-checks, Hamilton said women should get mammogram screening done more often as they get older or if breast cancer is hereditary. A mammogram is an x-ray doctors use to screen for early signs of breast cancer.

"I stress, at least, monthly breasts exams," Hamilton said. "If the female is of age, I recommend they get themselves a mammogram screening. Early detection is key."

For people wanting to know more about breast cancer, Hamilton said she is one of the resources people could use at Columbus AFB or they could visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast/index.htm>.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

Angela Hamilton, 14th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron health management nurse, stands by a Breast Cancer Awareness Month stand in the Koritz Clinic Oct. 22, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The stand is up for the whole month of October.



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

SUPT Class 20-01/02 earns silver wings



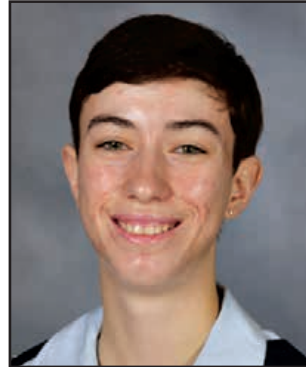
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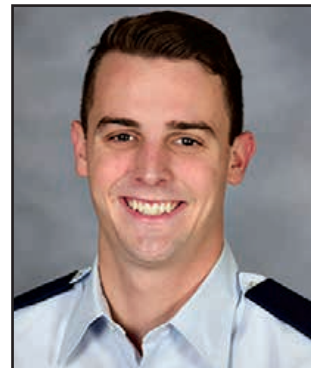
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Destin, Florida
EC-130H



2nd Lt. Cry Deleeuw
Holland, Michigan
C-17



2nd Lt. Alexander Diaz
Brooklyn, New York
KC-10

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 20-01/02 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray, former personal adviser to the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force, is the graduation guest speaker.

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

Capt. Bobby Magby, and Capt. Richard Credicott 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 Second Lt. Jonathon Fornoff and Second Lt. Joseph Hendrickson who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

The distinguished graduates of Class 20-01/02 recognized were Credicott and Second Lt. Dylan Textor for outstanding performance in academics, officer qualities and flying abilities.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week pre-flight 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 AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Stu-

dents 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.

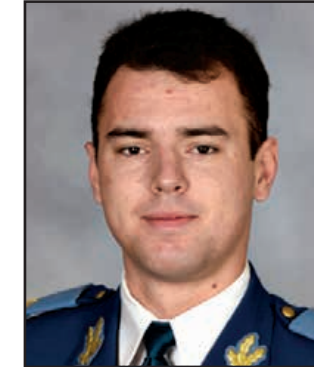
After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

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

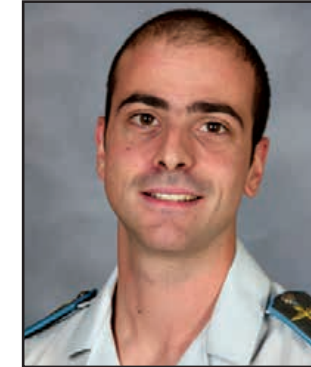
Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and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

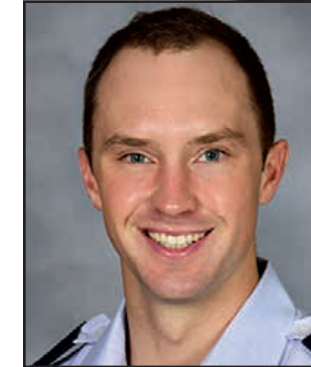
Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 20-01/02's pilot partners is PACCAR.



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Romania
T-6C



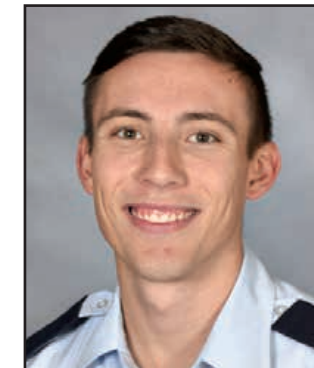
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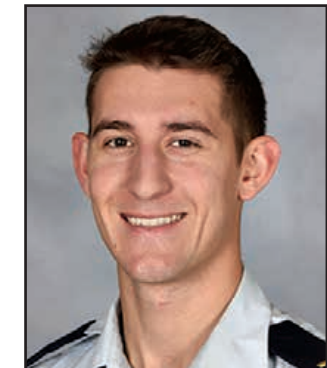
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Williamsburg, Virginia
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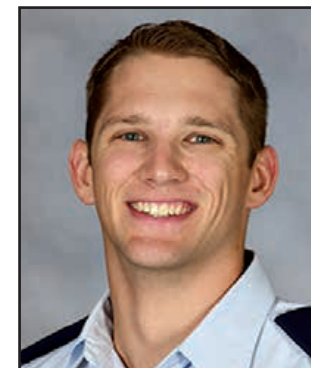
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2nd Lt. Mercer Martin
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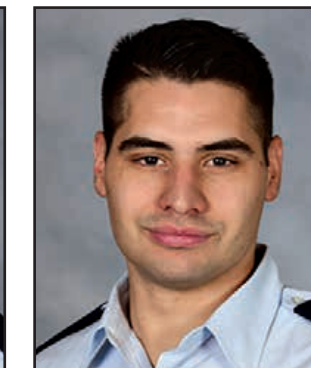
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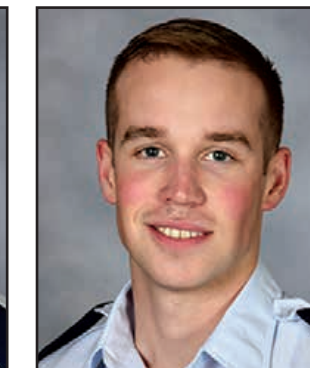
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