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Christmas Tree Lighting & Walking Parade Dec. 3.
See Pg. 2 for more details.

News Briefs

Turkey Trot 5K

A 5K run will begin at 7 a.m., Nov. 22 at the Fitness Center. Open to all ages. First, second and third place will receive a frozen turkey and two other turkeys will be raffled off. See Pg. 12 for more details.

Dormsgiving/Hearts Apart

The Columbus dorms will be having Thanksgiving Nov. 26 at the Montgomery Village. Come join fellow dorm members for food, drinks and a fun time.

Enlisted Promotions

Join fellow Team BLAZE members at 3 p.m., Nov. 26 in the Columbus Club to celebrate and congratulate our newly promoted Airmen.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gross

Members of the 14th Flying Training Wing march down Main Street in Columbus, Miss., during the Columbus Veterans Day Parade Nov. 9, 2019. Airmen representing all groups within Team BLAZE on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., were a part of the flight.

Columbus connects with the community during Veterans Day weekend

Airman Davis Donaldson

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Veterans Day is a time to express gratitude and thankfulness to the men and women who have fearlessly served; and Columbus Air Force Base Airmen took time throughout Veterans Day weekend to connect with the community and attended multiple festivities in honor of veterans past and present.

Members of Team BLAZE participated in several events in Columbus, Mississippi, and the surrounding area from Nov. 8-12.

Col. Betty Venth, 14th Medical Group commander, 2nd Lt. Michelle Strickland, 37th Flying Training Squadron student pilot and Master Sgt. Beverly Freeman, 14th Mission Support Group first sergeant, went to New Hope Middle School to watch New Hope's pep girls perform and also sat on a panel to answer questions from students.

Students were interested in knowing where the three Airmen had been stationed and deployed. They also asked about their

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II		PHASE III		IFF		WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Track Select	Squadron	Graduation	Squadron	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (20-16)	Nov. 27	48th (20-03)	Nov. 15	49th (20-BBC)	Nov. 19	T-6	669	731	2,889
41st (20-17)	Dec. 13	50th (20-03)	Nov. 15			T-1	314	207	804
						T-38	381	201	906
						IFF	125	135	478

Col. Clinton ZumBrunnen, 437th Airlift Wing commander, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, is the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class's 20-03 graduation at 10 a.m., Nov. 15 in the Kaye Auditorium.


* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 38 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.



Christmas Tree Lighting & Walking Parade

Tuesday, December 3rd @ 5:14 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5:14 p.m. - Santa arrives at Base Operations
- 5:30 p.m. - Santa leads walking parade to Chapel
- 5:45 p.m. - Welcome invocation
- 5:50 p.m. - Caledonia High School Choir performs
- 6:11 p.m. - Christmas Tree Lighting
- 6:15 p.m. Photos with Santa in the Kaye Auditorium

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November						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
18	19 IFF Class 20BBC Graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th Heritage room	20	21	22 Class 20-04/05 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club	23/24 23rd: Single Airmen Event: Escape Room, 9 a.m. @ Tupelo	Dec. 2: Columbus Christmas Parade Dec. 3: Wing Newcomers Dec. 3: Tree Lighting & Holiday Celebration Dec. 11: 14 FTW/CCC Going Away Dec. 13: Class 20-04/05 Graduation Dec. 14: Breakfast with Santa Dec. 19: Hearts Apart Dec. 17: Wing Newcomers Dec. 20: IFF Class 20CBC Graduation Dec. 20: Boss & Buddy
25	26 Enlisted Promotions, 3 p.m. @ Club	27	28 Thanksgiving	29 AETC Family Day	30/1	

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Col. Clinton ZumBrunnen to speak at SUPT Class's 20-03 Graduation

Col. Clinton ZumBrunnen, 437th Airlift Wing commander at Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, is the graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 20-03's graduation ceremony Nov. 15 in the Kaye Auditorium on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The 437th Airlift Wing deploys Airmen and aircraft worldwide in support of contingency operations that involve the airland and airdrop delivery of forces, equipment, and supplies. These missions support combat operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed special operations missions and United States sponsored humanitarian relief efforts.



2006 Defense Language Institute East, Basic Hebrew Course, Arlington Va.

2007 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2009 Master of Arts, Middle East History, Tel Aviv University, Israel

2009 Guest Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv, Israel

2011 Foreign Graduate, Galilee Management Institute, Global Implications of Terrorism Course, Nahalal, Israel

2012 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

2015 Joint Forces Staff College, Joint Professional Military Education II course, Norfolk, Va.

2016 Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellowship at Accenture Federal Services, Arlington, Va.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 1998 - September 1999, Graduate Scholar Fellowship for Department of Astronautics, Air Force Institute of Technology student, University of Washington, Seattle
2. October 1999 - October 2000, Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
3. November 2000 - October 2004, Instructor Pilot, C-17A, Squadron Executive Officer; Chief of Squadron Special Operations, 17th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
4. November 2004 - December 2004, Student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
5. January 2004 - June 2006, Evaluator Pilot, C-17A, Operations Flight Commander, Special Capabilities; Wing Executive Officer, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.
6. July 2006 - July 2007, Student, Defense Language Institute East, Arlington, Va.
7. August 2007 - July 2009, Olmsted Scholar, Tel Aviv University, Israel
8. August 2009 - December 2010, Command Post Chief, 62nd Airlift Wing, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
9. December 2010 - December 2011, Operations Officer, 62nd Operations Support Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

Chord, Wash.

10. December 2011 - March 2013, Commander, 10th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
11. April 2013 - May 2013, Deputy Commander, 62nd Operations Group, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.
12. June 2013 - June 2015, Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
13. July 2015 - June 2016, Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow at Accenture, Arlington, Va.
14. July 2016 - July 2018, Commander, 305th Operations Group, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
15. July 2018 - present, Commander, 437th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2013–June 2015, special assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a lieutenant colonel

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot
Hours: more than 3,000
Aircraft flown: T-3A, T-37B, T-1A, C-17A, and KC-10A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Legion of Merit
- Joint Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
- Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters
- Aerial Achievement Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 27, 1998
First Lieutenant May 27, 2000
Captain May 27, 2002
Major September 1, 2007
Lieutenant Colonel December 1, 2011
Colonel June 1, 2016

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Flu shots now available

Flu shots are now available at the Koritz Clinic on Columbus Air Force Base.

Immunizations hours are as follows:

Monday- 7:30-11 a.m. & noon-4:30 p.m.
 Tuesday- 7:30-11 a.m. & noon-4:30 p.m.
 Wednesday- 7:30-11 a.m. & noon-4:30 p.m.
 Thursday- 7:30 a.m.-noon
 Friday- 7:30-11 a.m. & noon-4:30 p.m.
 Every first and third Friday- 3:30-4:40 p.m.



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Congratulations to the 14th Contracting Squadron for being recognized as Air Education and Training Command's Outstanding Contracting Unit (small).



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

Col. Betty Venth, Medical Group commander, 2nd Lt. Michelle Strickland, 37th Flying Training Squadron student pilot, and Master Sgt. Beverly Freeman, Mission Support Group first sergeant, stand with a group of girls from New Hope middle school, Nov. 8, 2019, Columbus, Miss. After the questions and answers session, the three female veterans stuck around to meet and talk with some of the students at the school.



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

Second Lt. Brett Herring, 14th Student Squadron student pilot, watches as children throw paper airplanes Nov. 8, 2019, at Lil' Blessings child care center in Hamilton, Miss. Herring visited the children to answer their questions about the military prior to Veterans Day.

VETERANS

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combat time, what training was like when they entered the service and what's been their proudest moment during their Air Force career.

After the questions, the three service members stayed for a few extra minutes to meet and mingle with some of the students personally.

Later that day, 2nd Lt. Brett Herring, 14th Student Squadron student pilot, traveled to Lil' Blessings, a child care center in Hamilton, Mississippi, to answer children's questions and also led a craft project with them.

The city of Columbus had their annual Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony Nov. 9. Members of the 14th Flying Training Wing participated in the parade. Helping lead the parade was the Columbus AFB Honor Guard. In addition there was also a marching unit which consisted of Airmen from every group on base, and a fire truck.

During the ceremony, the honor guard presented the colors and Col. Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, presented a wreath with other local veterans and city leaders honoring the sacrifices prior service members and their families gave for freedom's fight.

During the Mississippi University for Women's Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11, Chief Master Sgt. Raul Villarreal Jr., 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, spoke to students and faculty about his perspective on what Veterans Day means to him.

"I do not see myself as a veteran because I am still serving but I think about my wife who served for 23 years and every veteran here today," Villarreal said.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gross

Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. talks with Airmen prior to the Columbus Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 9, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. Weeks was one of the members who laid a wreath in front of the Lowndes County Courthouse during the ceremony.

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.)

Career Exploration & Planning Track Workshop

The next Career Exploration & Planning Track workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 14-15 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.

Smooth Move Relocation Workshop

The next Smooth Move is from 10-11 a.m. Nov. 20 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.

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.

Hearts Apart

The next Hearts Apart is from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 26. 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.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation is from 8 a.m.-noon Dec. 3. 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.

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

A Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC) will

Team BLAZE Welcome New Enlisted Partners



New enlisted Airmen of Columbus Air Force Base eat at Huck's Place, Nov. 7, in Columbus, Miss. The Enlisted Partnership Program helps connect enlisted personnel with civic leaders from the Columbus-Lowndes community and provide new Airmen with a home away from home.

be providing assistance from noon-5 p.m. Dec. 4; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 5; and 8 a.m.-noon Dec. 6 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 separated from the military. Additional details are available by contacting the Columbus AFB A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Transition Assistance Program Workshop

The next Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 6-10 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.

Federal USA Jobs Workshop

The next Federal USA Jobs workshop is from 9-10:30 a.m. Jan. 15. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search using the USAJobs website. To register or for

more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The next Entrepreneurship Track Transition workshop 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.

Bundles for Babies

The next Bundles for Babies workshop is from 1-3:30 p.m. Feb. 27 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.

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.

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)

Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

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

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'.

Disney on Ice

ITT is selling tickets to Disney on Ice in Tupelo for Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. and Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. Call 434-7861 or stop by the ITT counter at the Blaze Commons to purchase tickets for just \$25 each. (\$15 off the regular price!) Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 12 at 4 p.m.

Turkey Trot 5K

Come earn you Thanksgiving Feast at the Fitness Center's annual Turkey Trot 5K! Free to participate, and prizes will be given. See you there on Nov. 22 at 7 a.m.

Single Airman Escape Room Trip

Join us in Tupelo for a day of fun at the Escape Room on Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Free for single airmen! Call 434-1408 to sign up or for more information.

Build a Snowman at Arts & Crafts

Do you want to build a snowman? Come create adorable snowman ornaments over at Arts & Crafts on Dec. 5! The cost is \$10 a person and open to all ages 4 & up. Stop by anytime between 3-5 p.m. For more information, please call 662-434-7836.

The G.I.s of Comedy

Free Comedy Show at the Columbus Club on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. Comedians. Veterans. Still serving their country, one joke at a time. As seen on ABC, Netflix, Comedy Central, & HBO.

Skydive Alabama Trip

Get airborne with Outdoor Recreation on their next skydiving trip, happening Dec. 7. The cost is \$25 a person (over \$199 value)! The bus will leave from the ODR building at 6 a.m. and return around 4 p.m. Open to all ages 19 & up. Price includes admission, instructors, equipment, transport, snacks, and drinks. Sign up deadline is Dec. 5. For more information, please contact ODR at 662-434-2507.

Hot Chocolate 5K Fun Run

You don't want to miss this fun run at the Fitness Center on Dec. 13! The hot chocolate 5k starts at 7 a.m. and all participants can enjoy free hot chocolate! For more information, please contact the Fitness Center at 662-434-2772.

Mountain Biking Trip

Join Outdoor Recreation for an adrenaline-filled day mountain biking on Dec. 14. The bus will leave the ODR building at 7 a.m. and return around 5 p.m. For more information, please contact ODR at 662-434-2507.

Breakfast with Santa

Santa Clause is coming to Columbus Air Force Base! Mark your calendars for Breakfast with Santa, happening Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. in the Columbus Club! Enjoy games, crafts, face painting, and snap a photo with Santa! The best part: this event is FREE!



Assignment Night Transportation

Book Assignment Night transportation with ITT! Reserve the bus, the van or both! The cost is \$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

The CAFB Riding Stables usually has stall space available.

For pricing and more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505.

Free Mango Languages

Learn a new language today! Free Mango Languages available at the Base Library; real-life conversations in over 70 languages. For more information, contact 434-2934.

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

Don't clutter your home space, park with us. Outdoor Recreation offers a great place to store your RV year around. You will have 24-hour access and can pay monthly or yearly. For more information, call 434-2505.

Instructors Needed

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

Fitness on Request

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

Information Tickets and Travel offers a shuttle service to the airport of your choice. For more information, contact 434-7861.

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.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gross

Doves fly away after being released during the Columbus Veterans Day Ceremony Nov. 9, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. Columbus held a parade and ceremony to honor veterans.



U.S. Air Force photo by Kristina Conwill

Chief Master Sgt. Kellie Brisse, 14th Operations Group superintendent, speaks to students at Heritage Academy in Columbus, Miss., Nov. 11, 2019. Brisse spoke about the importance of honoring veterans and how they blend in all throughout society.



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

Chief Master Sgt. Raul Villarreal Jr., 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, speaks during a Veterans Day event Nov. 11, 2019, at the Mississippi University for Women. Villarreal spoke at the university on Veteran's Day.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

Lt. Col. Christopher Kelly, 14th Medical Group chief nurse, speaks to students at East Mississippi Community College in Columbus, Miss., Nov. 12, 2019. Kelly informed the students about the history of medics in the military and the advancements that have been made.

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He then proceeded to talk about how the military pushed his limits to do the things he thought were impossible prior to joining and that he's very thankful for the experience. He

said one of his favorite parts about being a medic in the military is being down range to take care of injured service members and to bring them back home.

Kelly said he has always been grateful to his nation and America's veterans, and felt like being medic in the military was his way to give back and contribute.



ABOVE: A KC-135A Stratotanker refuels a B-52 Bomber.

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RIGHT: The Columbus Air Force Base newspaper in 1959 identified some of the Airmen involved in a crash from 1959. During this time the U.S. was in the competitive Cold War with the Soviet Union to be the indomitable force of nuclear power; and as part of the feud, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, fed the fight by flying bombing missions as the 4228th Strategic Wing. On Oct. 15, 1959, eight Airmen assigned to Columbus AFB paid the ultimate price on one of their missions.



Courtesy photo

Marker placed to honor 60th anniversary of Columbus crash

Airman Davis Donaldson

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

HARDINSBURG, Ky. — In 1959, the U.S. was in the competitive Cold War with the Soviet Union to be the indomitable force of nuclear power; and as part of the feud, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, fed the fight by flying bombing missions as the 4228th Strategic Wing.

With every war comes risks and the will to sacrifice. On Oct. 15, 1959, eight Airmen assigned to Columbus AFB paid the ultimate price on one of their missions.

Twelve different, simulated-bombing missions were conducted daily at Columbus AFB to ensure the readiness of the pilots. During these missions, crew members would have to endure a peril and innovative feat: a Boeing KC-135A Stratotanker would refuel a B-52 Stratofortress midair.

While refueling on one of the training missions, there was a mishap, causing the combustion of the two planes from Columbus AFB. The accident took place around 6:46 p.m. outside the town of Hardinsburg, Kentucky.

Sixty years later, Oct. 15, 2019, family members of the crew and locals of Hardinsburg gathered to unveil a roadside marker commemorating the Airmen and their sacrifice. Three family members of the fallen Airmen helped unveil the marker.

On the marker, one side reads: “B-52-KC-135A MID-AIR COLLISION—On October 15, 1959, Kentucky experienced the Cold War firsthand. Above Hardinsburg, KY, A B-52 bomber collided with a KC-

135 tanker during a mid-air refueling. The two aircraft were flying a training mission with two nuclear weapons aboard. These armed missions would allow aircraft to hit assigned Soviet targets if the U.S. was attacked.”

On the other side it reads:

“After impact, the B-52 instructor pilot, pilot, electronic warfare officer, and radar navigator successfully ejected and were the only survivors. The other four B-52 crew members were unable to eject and were fatally injured. None of the four crew members from the KC-135 survived the collision. The nuclear weapons were recovered intact the wreckage.”

There was a combined total of 12 Airmen on board the B-52 and KC-135A. Only four of them were able to eject safely and parachute down toward the Kentucky fields.

Few witnesses below were able to comprehend the catastrophe as an aircraft crash. News reports state locals flooded Kentucky law enforcement agencies with calls, exclaiming what they had seen. Most reports state they had seen a UFO, a meteorite or a Russian “Sputnik” satellite.

Both of the flaming aircraft battered the ground 12 miles

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Medical Corner



DIABETES AWARENESS

Smoking, diabetes: The connection between 2 U.S. epidemics

The increase in diabetes in the U.S. to epidemic levels has gained a lot of attention in recent years. Over 29 million Americans have the disease and many more (1 in 3 adults) are at risk of developing it in the next five years (known as pre-diabetes).

People with diabetes have bodies that can't make or use insulin—a hormone that turns glucose (sugar) from the food you eat into energy. Over time, high blood sugar levels can damage organs such as your kidney, heart, blood vessels and eyes. This damage can cause these organs to malfunction or fail—one reason why diabetes is one of the top 10 causes of death in the country.

Smoking increases the risk of developing diabetes because it can change how your body processes and regulates sugar. Smoking can also make it harder to control your blood sugar levels if you have diabetes. If you smoke, you have a 30 to 40 percent higher chance of developing diabetes than someone who has never smoked.

For those that already have diabetes, smoking increases your risk of organ damage, as well as your chances of having a heart attack or stroke.

- Smoking can double your risk of developing kidney damage compared to nonsmokers.
- Smoking increases the risk of diabetic eye disease (called diabetic retinopathy). Smoking reduces blood circulation. When this happens to the retina, light sensing cells in the eye are damaged, causing blindness.
- Both diabetes and smoking increase your chances of developing pancreatic cancer, which is fatal in 95 percent of cases. If you have diabetes and you smoke, your risk of pancreatic cancer is even higher than if you only smoked or were a nonsmoking diabetic.
- Diabetes and cigarette smoking are major risk factors for heart attack and stroke. If you're diabetic and you smoke, your chances of having a heart attack or stroke are higher than if you were just a smoker, or a nonsmoking diabetic.

For more information on smoking and diabetes, and to make a quit plan, visit [BecomeAnEX.org](https://www.becomeanex.org). On the site, you can connect with others in the EX Community who have quit smoking while managing their diabetes.

Smoking and diabetes: The connection between 2 U.S. epidemics. Retrieved from <https://truthinitiative.org/research-resources/harmful-effects-tobacco/smoking-and-diabetes-connection-between-2-us-epidemics>



Thursday
Nov. 21

The Great American Smokeout® is an annual event sponsored by the American Cancer Society encouraging and supporting smokers to quit smoking on the day of the event or, better yet, quit smoking entirely. By quitting, even for one day, smokers will be taking an important step toward a healthier life and reducing their cancer risk.

More than 34 million Americans still smoke cigarettes, and smoking remains the single largest preventable cause of death and illness in the world. Smoking causes an estimated 480,000 deaths every year, or about 1 in 5 deaths. And more than 16 million Americans live with a smoking-related disease.

Quitting smoking improves health immediately and over the long term - at any age. Stopping smoking is hard, but you can increase your chances of success with help. Getting help through counseling and medications doubles or even triples your chances of quitting successfully.

There are those who quit abruptly and completely and those who cut back gradually. Some people need substitutions and distractions to suppress cravings and others need special medicines. No matter which approach you choose, the Great American Smokeout is the perfect occasion to make the first step.

Great American Smokeout. Retrieved from <https://www.cancer.org/healthy/stay-away-from-tobacco/great-american-smokeout.html>

A personal message from your health promotion Health Myth Busting Team



Dear Health Myth Busters,

The Great American Smokeout® is on Thursday, 21 November 2019. Are there any other quit tobacco events coming up?

Sincerely,
Just Curious

Dear Just Curious,

You can also join the 2019 Tobacco Free Days Facebook Event.

Beginning on November 4, 2019, we will be partnering with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the 2019 Tobacco Free Days Facebook event. This year's event will run for 2 weeks, and will offer active military service members, retirees, veterans, and their loved ones free resources and tools to help them quit tobacco. Participants will receive information and tips to help them through their quit journey, including planning and preparing to quit, setting a quit date, learning how to deal with triggers and cravings, and much more.

Check out the event at: [facebook.com/cdctobaccofree/](https://www.facebook.com/cdctobaccofree/)

Sincerely,
Health Promotion Team

Got questions on other health issues related to sleep health, physical activity, tobacco, or nutrition? Share them with us and we will help you “Bust The Myths!” Send your questions to usaf.jbsa.afmsa.mbx.hpo@mail.mil. Make sure to include in the subject line “Health Myth Buster.” For more online health tips visit the Air Force Health Promotion webpage <https://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/Resources/Health-Promotion/>



BLAZE Hangar Tails: KC-10 Extender

Mission

The KC-10 Extender is an Air Mobility Command advanced tanker and cargo aircraft designed to provide increased global mobility for U.S. armed forces. Although the KC-10's primary mission is aerial refueling, it can combine the tasks of a tanker and cargo aircraft by refueling fighters and simultaneously carry the fighter support personnel and equipment on overseas deployments. The KC-10 is also capable of transporting litter and ambulatory patients using patient support pallets during aeromedical evacuations.

Features

The KC-10 can transport up to 75 people and nearly 170,000 pounds (76,560 kilograms) of cargo a distance of about 4,400 miles (7,040 kilometers) unrefueled. In addition to the three main DC-10 wing fuel tanks, the KC-10 has three large fuel tanks under the cargo floor, one under the forward lower cargo compartment, one in the center wing area and one under the rear compartment. Combined, the capacity of the six tanks carries more than 356,000 pounds (160,200 kilograms) of fuel - almost twice as much as the KC-135 Stratotanker.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Elora J. Martinez

A U.S. Air Force KC-10 Extender taxis July 12, on the flightline of Brisbane International Airport, Australia, for Exercise Talisman Sabre 19. The Extender, assigned to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, arrived to support the first day of major air operations for USAF, Royal Australian Air Force and U.S. Navy aircraft operating out of RAAF Base Amberley for TS19.

Using either an advanced aerial refueling boom, or a hose and drogue centerline refueling system, the KC-10 can refuel a wide variety of U.S. and allied military aircraft within the same mission. The aircraft is equipped with lighting for night operations.

The KC-10's boom operator controls refueling operations through a digital, fly-by wire system. Sitting in the rear of the aircraft, the operator can see the receiver aircraft through a wide window. During boom refueling operations, fuel is transferred to the receiver at a maximum rate of 1,100 gallons (4,180 liters) per minute; the hose and drogue refueling maximum rate is 470 gallons (1,786 liters) per minute. The automatic load alleviation and independent disconnect systems greatly enhance safety and facilitate air refueling. The KC-10 can be air-refueled by a KC-135 or another KC-10A to increase its delivery range.

General Characteristics

Primary Function: Aerial tanker and transport
Contractor: The Boeing Company
Power Plant: Three General Electric CF6-50C2 turbofans
Thrust: 52,500 pounds, each engine

Length: 181 feet, 7 inches (54.4 meters)
Height: 58 feet, 1 inch (17.4 meters)
Wingspan: 165 feet, 4.5 inches (50 meters)
Speed: 619 mph (Mach 0.825)
Ceiling: 42,000 feet (12,727 meters)
Maximum Takeoff Weight: 590,000 pounds (265,500 kilograms)
Range: 4,400 miles (3,800 nautical miles) with cargo; 11,500 miles (10,000 nautical miles) without cargo
Maximum Cargo Payload: 170,000 pounds (76,560 kilograms)
Pallet Positions: 27
Maximum Fuel Load: 356,000 pounds (160,200 kilograms)
Crew: Four (pilot, co-pilot, flight engineer and boom operator) Certain missions may require additional crew members. In aeromedical evacuation missions, a basic crew of five (two flight nurses and three medical technicians) is added. Medical crew may be altered as required.
Unit Cost: \$88.4 million (fiscal 1998 constant dollars)
Date Deployed: March 1981
Inventory: Active force, 59; Air National Guard, 0; Air Force Reserve, 0



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Russ Scalf

A U.S. KC-10 Extender approaches the boom of a 28th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 Stratotanker during a combat air refueling mission over an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Sept. 21, 2019. Although the KC-10's primary mission is aerial refueling, it can combine the tasks of a tanker and cargo aircraft by refueling fighters and simultaneously carry the fighter support personnel and equipment on overseas deployments. The KC-10 is also capable of transporting litter and ambulatory patients using patient support pallets during aeromedical evacuations.

MARKER

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outside of Hardinsburg about two miles apart. There were no documented injuries from civilians. A single close-call was reported by a farmer saying part of the B-52's engine impacted the ground nearly 50 feet from where he stood.

Two of the surviving Airmen were taken in by locals and transported to a Critchelow's Store in Glen Dean, Kentucky. There, the Airmen made phone calls to Columbus, telling the tragedy.

The other two survivors landed nearby at the farm of a man named Russel Morgan, in a grove of trees and were rescued.

Once the news was received by Columbus AFB and Strategic Air Command headquarters, Air Force personnel sent doctors to recover the survivors the following day.

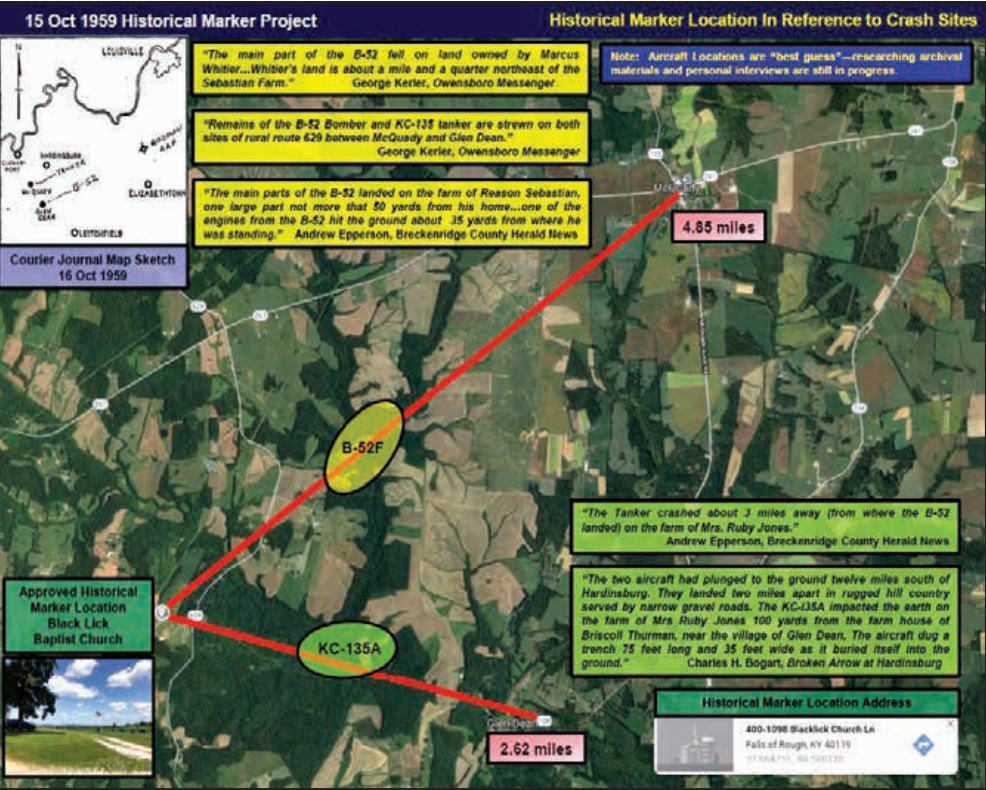
Dispatch teams from Barksdale AFB, Louisiana; Offutt AFB, Nebraska; Fort Knox, Kentucky; the Kentucky National Guard and several other agencies were sent to gather wreckage and assess the scene.

The Atomic Energy Commission was sent to recover two unarm nuclear warheads being toted on the B-52. They secured the warheads, and on the same day the bodies

of the other eight Airmen were discovered. The bodies were declared deceased by a local county coroner and were issued death certificates.

Those who lost their lives that day included:

- Maj. Robert H. Imhoff, K-135A commander
- Capt. Lyle P. Burgess, B-52 instructor navigator
- First Lt. Donald Arger, B-52 co-pilot
- First Lt. William E. Epling, KC-135A co-pilot
- First Lt. John W. Mosby, B-52 navigator
- First Lt. Harold E. Hemlick, KC-135A navigator
- Tech. Sgt. Howard L. Nelms, B-52 tail gunner
- Staff Sgt. Paul E. Thomasson, KC-135A boom operator
- Those who survived the crash included:
- Maj. Milton E Chatham, B-52 instructor pilot
- Capt. William G. Gutshall, B-52 commander
- Capt. James W. Strother, B-52 radar navigator
- First Lt. Gino Fugazzi, B-52 electronic warfare officer



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A map of where the aircraft landed in reference to the roadside marker.

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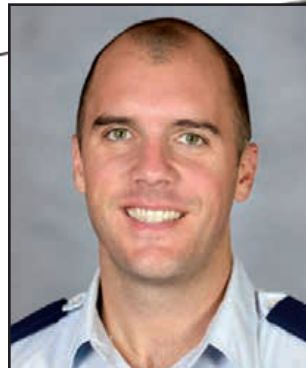


T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

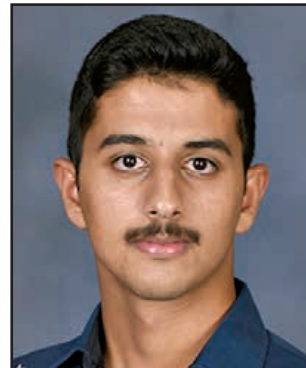
SUPT Class 20-03 earns silver wings



Capt. Timothy Newton
Cincinnati, Ohio
F-15E



1st Lt. Robert Farley
Neptune, New Jersey
C-17



2nd Lt. Emad Almutairi
Saudi Arabia
TBD

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 20-03 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. Clinton Zum-Brunnen, 437th Airlift Wing commander, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, 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. Tim Newton, and 2nd Lt. Garrett MacLauchlan 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 2nd Lt. Brian Feist and 2nd Lt. Cody Smith who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

The distinguished graduates of Class 20-03 were Newton, MacLauchlan and 2nd Lt. Timothy Rice for outstanding performance in academics, officer qualities and flying abilities.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turbo-

prop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

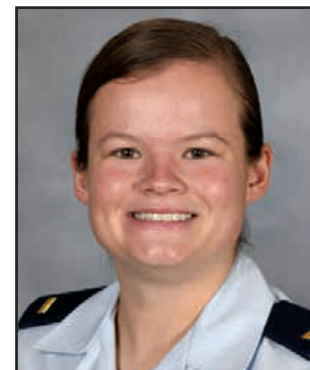
Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

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

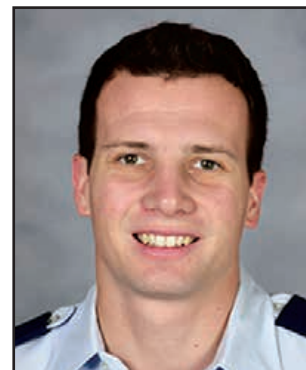
Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

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

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



2nd Lt. Beth Demyanovich
Springfield, Virginia
C-17



2nd Lt. Alexander Evanko
Nazareth, Pennsylvania
T-6



2nd Lt. Brian Feist
Cincinnati, Ohio
F-16



2nd Lt. Garrett MacLauchlan
Peachtree City, Georgia
T-1



2nd Lt. Keegan McCarthy
Portland, Oregon
F-16



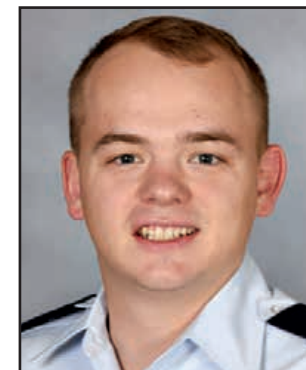
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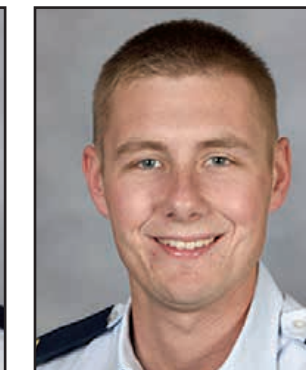
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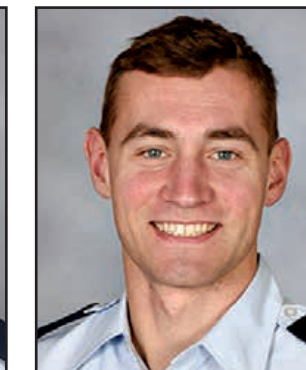
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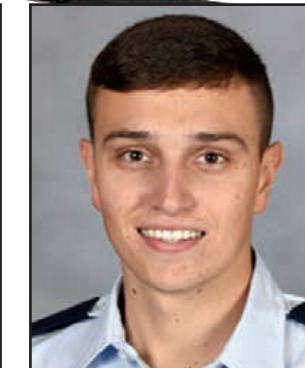
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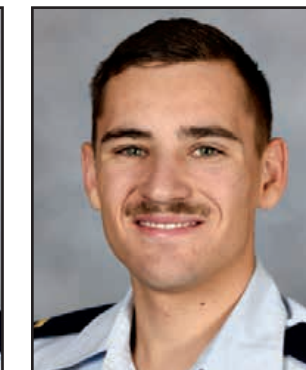
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KC-135



2nd Lt. Joseph Gebhart
Boulder City, Nevada
T-6



2nd Lt. Russell King
Land O' Lakes, Florida
KC-135



2nd Lt. Tristan Landon
Baltimore, Maryland
E-3