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## News Briefs

### Wing Newcomers

A Wing Newcomers will begin at 8 a.m., Dec. 17 in the Kaye Auditorium. Newcomers is mandatory for all newly arrived military and Department of Defense civilian personnel. This base-wide connection orientation consists of a guided base tour. You must register with your unit command support staff to attend due to limited space on the bus.

### Federal Holidays

Most base offices will be closed Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2 due to Christmas, New Years and Air Education and Training Command family days.

### Enlisted Promotions

Join fellow Team BLAZE members at 3 p.m., Dec. 30 in the Columbus Club to celebrate and congratulate our newly promoted Airmen.

## Team BLAZE welcomes Santa, celebrates holiday season

Airman Davis Donaldson  
14th Flying Training Wing

Team BLAZE kicked off the holiday season with Santa's T-1A Jayhawk arrival followed by a tree lighting ceremony Dec. 3 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Festivities began at the 14th Flying Training Wing's Base Operations Center, where Airmen and their families listened to Christmas songs while awaiting the touchdown of Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

After their arrival, Mr. and Mrs. Claus were taxied over to greet the group. The Clauses then led a walking parade toward the BLAZE Chapel for the annual tree lighting festivities.

Capt. Paul Walker, 14th Flying Training Wing chaplain, explained the importance of the gathering.

"It's a time to spread Christmas cheer and be part of the community," Walker said. "It is really just about being able to connect together and enjoy this time celebrating the holiday season."

Airmen and their families were welcomed at the chapel with Christmas tunes from the Caledonia High School choir and Team BLAZE members giving out hot chocolate, cookies, toys and other treats.

As the group was snacking on their treats, Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, thanked the volunteers and talked to those in attendance about the importance of connecting with one another.

"This time of year provides an amazing opportunity for us to invest our time connecting with others," Weeks said. "I encourage you to invest your time wisely, invest your time with your children and your family, invest your time with your friends and your wingmen."

Weeks then said she is grateful for the Team BLAZE community and Columbus AFB. She also said to remember the loved ones in deployed environments during the holiday season.

"As we celebrate together, we hold in our hearts the men and women of Team BLAZE who are positioned around the

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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Keith Holcomb  
Staff Sgt. Jo Jackson and her son, Desmond, smile after helping light the 2019 Team BLAZE Christmas tree in honor of deployed Columbus Air Force Base Airmen on Dec. 3, 2019, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Jackson's husband has been, and will be deployed during the holiday season.

## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II		PHASE III		IFF		WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Track Select	Squadron	Graduation	Squadron	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (20-18)	Jan. 9	48th (20-04)	Dec. 13	49th (20-CBC)	Dec. 20	T-6	642	794	4,865
41st (20-17)	Dec. 13	50th (20-05)	Dec. 13			T-1	343	200	1,330
						T-38	286	292	1,575
						IFF	153	140	790

Col. Stephen Hodge, 314th Airlift Wing commander, Little rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, is the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class's 20-04/05 graduation at 10 a.m., Dec. 13 in the Kaye Auditorium.

\* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.






### 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 36 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.*



## Holiday Hours



Airman & Family Readiness Center .....	Closed Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Arts & Crafts .....	Closed Dec. 20- Jan. 3
Bowling Center .....	Closed Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1
Child Development Center .....	Closed Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Columbus Club .....	Closed Dec. 21- Jan. 5
Commissary .....	Open 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 23/Closed Dec. 24-25
Exchange .....	Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 24, 31, and Jan. 1/Closed Dec. 25
Fitness Center .....	Closed Dec. 24-25
Library .....	Closed Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Medical Group .....	Closed Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Military Personnel and Finance .....	Closed Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Multimedia .....	Closed Dec. 25, Jan. 1
Outdoor Recreation .....	Closed Dec. 24-26, Jan. 1-2
Shoppette .....	Closed Dec. 25
South Gate .....	Closed Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Visitor Center .....	Closed Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Youth Center .....	Closed Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2

December						Long Range Events
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	
16 Airmen Cookie Drive, 6-9 a.m. @ Chapel	17 Wing New-comers, 8 a.m. @ Kaye Auditorium  Pilot Partner Welcome, 6 p.m. @ TBD	18	19 Happy Irby Holiday Wrap, 7:30 a.m. @ Happy Irby Lounge  Hearts Apart, 5-7 p.m. @ A&FRC	20 IFF Class 20CBC Grad-uation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49th Heritage Room  Boss & Buddy, 3:30 p.m. @ Columbus Club	21/22	Dec. 30: Enlisted Promotions  Jan. 1: New Year's Day  Jan. 2: AETC Family Day  Jan. 10: Class 20-06/07 Assignment Night  Jan. 14: Wing Newcomers  Jan. 16: Heart Link  Jan. 17: Boss & Buddy  Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday  Jan. 21: Honorary Commander Change of Command  Jan. 23: BCC Luncheon
23 Menorah Lighting Cer-emony, 4 p.m. @ Base Chapel Annex	24	25 Christmas Day	26 AETC Family Day	27	28/29	

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**Winter fire safety**

**Darren Amos**  
Fire Inspector


Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season. Dial 911 to report any emergency.

**Holiday decorating**




- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other items that can easily burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Do not overload electrical outlet and/or daisy chain extension cords.
- If using a live tree, ensure you water it daily. If the needles are falling off, this is a sign that it is too dry and could become easily combustible.

**Holiday entertaining**



- Test your smoke alarms and practice your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high and out of reach for children.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking. Unattended cooking is still the #1 cause of home fires!
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.
- Blow out candles before retiring for the evening.
- If using portable space heaters, insure they are UL listed and have an auto shutoff feature should the heater get tipped over.

*Data extracted from National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) website*



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

**Santa waves to Airmen and their families before leading them on a walking parade Dec. 3, 2019, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arrived at the Columbus AFB flight line by riding in a T-1 Jayhawk.**

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world, contending for freedom and liberty," Weeks said. "I want to personally thank each and every one of you and your families for the sacrifices that you make, especially those deployed at holiday times."

Staff Sgt. Jo Jackson, whose husband is deployed, and her son, Desmond, helped light the 2019 Team BLAZE Christmas tree, in honor of the deployed Columbus




U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

**Team BLAZE members hand out cookies to families Dec. 3, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Team BLAZE kicked off the holiday season with Santa's T-1A Jayhawk arrival followed by a tree lighting ceremony; hot chocolate and toys were also given out during the event.**

AFB Airmen.

After the lighting, children were able to get a photo taken with Santa in the Kaye Auditorium.

Team BLAZE also helped the City of Columbus kick off their holiday season by participating in their Christmas Parade Dec. 2. Members of the Columbus AFB Fire Department drove one of their trucks in the parade and were led by Weeks and Chief Master Sgt. Raul Villarreal Jr., 14th FTW command chief.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

**Families walk in a holiday parade Dec. 3, 2019, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Team BLAZE kicked off the holiday season with Santa's T-1A Jayhawk arrival followed by a tree lighting ceremony.**


Other base events coming up include Breakfast with Santa at the Club at 10 a.m. Dec. 14. The event is free and open to all ID card holders. There will also be a Menorah lighting at 4 p.m. Dec. 23, at the Chapel.

14th Flying Training Wing, 14 FTW, Christmas, holiday, Christmas Holiday, Santa, Santa Claus, Columbus AFB Chapel, Columbus AFB, Columbus Air Force Base, Team BLAZE, T-1 Jayhawk, T-1, cookies, hot chocolate



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson

**Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Raul Villarreal Jr., 14th FTW command chief, walk in the Columbus Christmas Parade Dec. 2, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. Members of the Columbus AFB Fire Department drove one of their trucks in the parade and were led by Weeks and Villarreal.**



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# Col. Stephen Hodge to speak at SUPT Class's 20-04/05 Graduation

Colonel Stephen L. Hodge 314th Airlift Wing commander, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, is the graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class's 20-04/05. He leads a team of approximately 200 military and civilian professionals who form the C-130. The wing's mission is to train C-130 aircrew members from across the Department of Defense and 47 partner nations, and serve as the nation's C-130 "Center of Excellence" for tactical airlift. He was commissioned after graduating from the USAF Academy in 1993. He is a distinguished graduate of the USAF Weapons School, a graduate of Air Mobility Command's Advanced Study of Air Mobility and a graduate of the United States Army War College. He has served as squadron weapons officer, flight commander, operations support squadron weapons and tactics flight commander, squadron director of operations, squadron commander and deputy operations group commander. Prior to his current assignment, Colonel Hodge was the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Commander in Southwest Asia.

Colonel Hodge is a command pilot with 3,500 hours of flight time, primarily in the C-130. He led missions during Operations Joint Endeavor, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

## EDUCATION

1993 Bachelor of Science degree in Humanities, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
2000 USAF Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.  
2000 Squadron Officer School (Residence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2004 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2004 Advanced Study of Air Mobility (Residence), Fort Dix, N.J.  
2004 Masters Degree in Transportation Management and Air Mobility, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
2009 Air War College (Correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.  
2015 US Army War College (Residence), Carlisle Barracks, Penn.

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1993 - January 1995, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2. September 1995 - August 1999, Instructor Pilot, Tactics Flight Commander, 40 Airlift Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas
3. August 1999 - February 2002, Evaluator Pilot, Chief, Combat Operations, 50 AS, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
4. February 2002 - May 2003, Evaluator Pilot, Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander, 463rd Operations Support Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
5. May 2003 - August 2004, student, Advanced Study of Air Mobility, Ft. Dix, N.J.
6. August 2004 - August 2007, Strategic Plans Officer (J-3), U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
7. August 2007 - June 2008, Assistant Director of Operations then Director of Operations, 29th Weapons Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
8. June 2008 - June 2011, Commander, 29th WPS, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
9. July 2011 - September 2013, Deputy Commander, 3rd OG, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Ala.
10. October 2012 - April 2013, Deputy Commander, 379th EOG, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
11. September 2013 - July 2014, Inspector General, 3rd Wing, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Ala.
12. July 2014 - July 2015: student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Penn.
13. August 2015 - June 2017: Commander, 317th Airlift Group, Dyess AFB, Texas
14. July 2017 - July 2018: Commander, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia
15. July 2018 - Present: Commander, 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Ark.

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Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, C-130E/H/H2/H3/J

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Medal  
Aerial Achievement Medal

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant, June 1993  
First Lieutenant, June 1995  
Captain, June 1997  
Major, September 2003  
Lieutenant Colonel, September 2008  
Colonel, January 2015

# A Very Corrugated Christmas

Tracy Mullins

14th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Environmental Management Systems Coordinator

On Nov. 15 Columbus Air Force Base's environmental office hosted events for America Recycles Day, and one of the events included a "Guess the Weight" competition. Participants had to guess the weight of one compressed bale of cardboard, and the closest guess received a prize. The winning guess was only off by 92 pounds with an actual weight of 1,144 pounds. That is a lot of cardboard; and Columbus AFB recycles an average of about 10,000 pounds every month!

Christmas is just around the corner, and every year more and more people are turning to online shopping rather than going to local brick and mortar stores. This trend is creating an overabundance of cardboard everywhere. The recent surge in cardboard waste has become known as the "Amazon Effect." Amazon is not the only online delivery service contributing to the problem, there are a plethora of other well-known services to include meal kits, wardrobes, pet care, home décor and the list goes on. However, Amazon alone ships millions of packages in the U.S. and overseas every day.

Paper and cardboard materials make up the largest component of today's municipal solid waste. According to the Mississippi Recycling Coalition, every ton (2,000 lbs.) of cardboard takes up about nine cubic yards of landfill space, and about 1/3 of an average landfill is made up of packing materials. Recycling cardboard takes 24% less energy than making cardboard from raw materials. With these statistics it seems recycling all cardboard would be automatic, however, that is not the case. For decades the bulk of U.S.' recycling was shipped to China for processing. Recently, China stopped buying much of our recyclable materials due to "contamination." Contamination is the presence of other materials within a bale of recyclables (i.e. food waste on a pizza box or plastic handles attached to a cardboard box). China will no longer accept any shipments of cardboard contaminated with more than 0.5% of other materials.

The source of contamination is typically commingled curbside recycling services, coupled with a lack of public education. As members of Team BLAZE we can all do our parts to combat the overabundance of cardboard in our landfills by doing two simple things. 1) Bring your recyclables from home to the base Recycle Center. Columbus AFB has an advantage by having the materials sorted and baled on base by trained individuals, eliminating the contaminated materials; as well as keeping it covered to maintain quality. The baled cardboard is then sold to a Tuscaloosa processor that in-turn sells the processed cardboard to local paper mills. 2) Minimize online shopping. Goods bought at a brick and mortar store are shipped in bulk from a warehouse to the store. Goods bought online are packaged with boxes inside of boxes, inside of boxes delivered from a warehouse to a shipping hub, to another shipping hub and eventually to individual doorsteps. Recycling is great, but reducing waste is more important!



## 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 Dec. 17. 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. Dec. 18 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.

### Hearts Apart

The next Hearts Apart is from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 19. 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.

### Transition Assistance Program Workshop

The next Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 6-8 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. Preparation 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. Jan. 8; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 9; and 8 a.m.-noon Jan. 10 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

## Newly promoted Airmen recognized



Leadership from 14th Flying Training Wing stand with a group of newly promoted Airmen Nov. 26, 2019, during Enlisted Promotions on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. At the end of every month, Team BLAZE gathers to congratulate their fellow Airmen in their accomplishment.

provides the support of a RCC who guides the Airman and family along their road to recovery. Those eligible include wounded, ill and injured Airmen who: (1) have a serious illness or injury, (2) are unlikely to return to duty within a specified amount of time, (3) may be medically separated from the military. Additional details are available by contacting the Columbus AFB A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Federal USA Jobs Workshop

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

### Heart Link

The next Heart Link / Spouse Welcome is from 8:30 a.m.-noon Jan. 16 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.

### Career Exploration & Planning Track Workshop

The next Career Exploration & Planning Track workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 21-22 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.

### Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The next Entrepreneurship Track Transition workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 30-31. 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](http://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’.

### 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.

### 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!

### Boss & Buddy

Unwind at the Club Dec. 20 starting at 3:30 p.m. with food and drink specials. Call 434-2489 for more information.

### 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

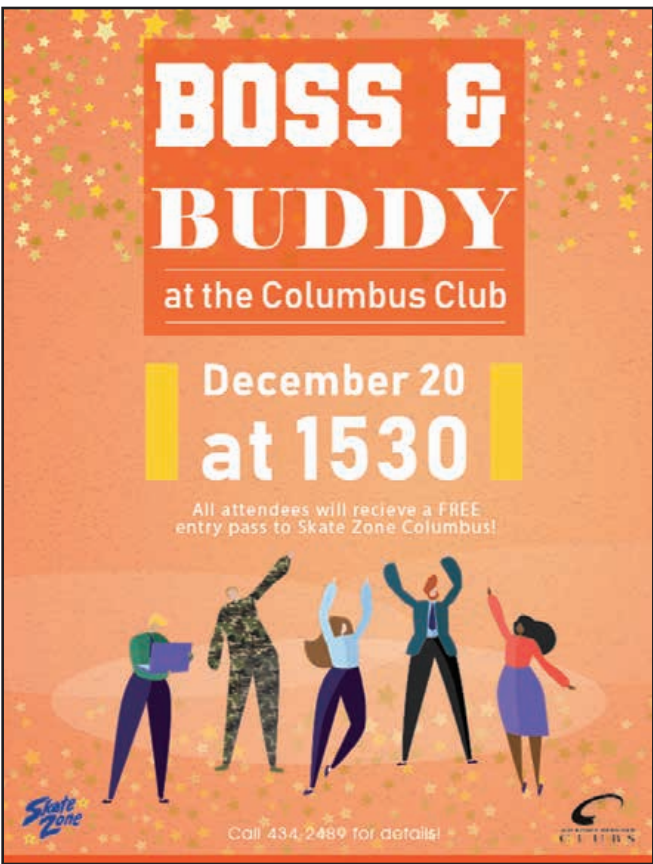
Martial Arts classes are available at the Youth Center every Tuesday and Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. receive two free introductory classes, contact the Youth Center for more information at 434-2504.

### 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.america-forcetravel.com](http://www.america-forcetravel.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 Columbus Air Force Base 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 24 hours in advance; anyone 17 years 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 Temporarily Closed

The Wood Shop is closed until the beginning of the New Year. Sorry for any inconvenience, please call 434-7836 for any questions.

### 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 5 p.m., stop in for a great time! Call 434-3426 for more information.

# BLAZE Hangar Tails: C-130 Hercules

## Mission

The C-130 Hercules primarily performs the tactical portion of the airlift mission. The aircraft is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and is the prime transport for airdropping troops and equipment into hostile areas. The C-130 operates throughout the U.S. Air Force, serving with Air Mobility Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, Air Combat Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Pacific Air Forces, Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve Command, fulfilling a wide range of operational missions in both peace and war situations. Basic and specialized versions of the aircraft airframe perform a diverse number of roles, including airlift support, Antarctic ice resupply, aeromedical missions, weather reconnaissance, aerial spray missions, fire-fighting duties for the U.S. Forest Service and natural disaster relief missions.

## General Characteristics

**Primary Function:** Global airlift

**Contractor:** Lockheed-Martin Aeronautics Company

**Power Plant:**

C-130H: Four Allison T56-A-15 turboprops

C-130J: Four Rolls-Royce AE 2100D3 turboprops

**Length:** C-130E/H/J: 97 feet, 9 inches (29.3 meters)

**Height:** 38 feet, 10 inches (11. 9 meters)

**Wingspan:** 132 feet, 7 inches (39.7 meters)

## Cargo Compartment:

C-130E/H/J: length, 40 feet (12.31 meters); width, 119 inches (3.Remove 12 meters); height, 9 feet (2.74 meters). Rear ramp: length, 123 inches (3.12 meters); width, 119 inches (3.02 meters)

## Speed:

C-130E: 345 mph (Mach 0.49) at 20,000 feet (6,060 meters)

C-130H: 366 mph (Mach 0.52) at 20,000 feet (6,060 meters)

C-130J: 417 mph (Mach 0.59) at 22,000 feet (6,706 meters)

## Ceiling:

C-130J: 28,000 feet (8,615 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload

C-130H: 23,000 feet (7,077 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload.

C-130E: 19,000 feet (5,846 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload

## Maximum Takeoff Weight:

C-130E/H/J: 155,000 pounds (69,750 kilograms)

Maximum Allowable Payload:

C-130E, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)

C-130H, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)

C-130J, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)

## Maximum Normal Payload:

C-130E, 36,500 pounds (16,590 kilograms); C-130H, 36,500 pounds (16,590 kilograms); C-130J, 34,000 pounds (15,422 kilograms)

## Range at Maximum Normal Payload:

C-130E, 1,150 miles (1,000 nautical miles)

C-130H, 1,208 miles (1,050 nautical miles)

C-130J, 2,071 miles (1,800 nautical miles)

## Maximum Load:

C-130E/H/J: 6 pallets or 74 litters or 16 CDS bundles or 92 combat troops or 64 paratroopers, or a combination of any of these up to the cargo compartment capacity or maximum allowable weight.

C-130J-30: 8 pallets or 97 litters or 24 CDS bundles or 128 combat troops or 92 paratroopers, or a combination of any of these up to the cargo compartment capacity or maximum allowable weight.

**Crew:** C-130E/H: Five (two pilots, navigator, flight engineer and loadmaster)

**Unit Cost:** C-130E, \$11.9, C-130H, \$30.1, C-130J, \$48.5 (FY 1998 constant dollars in millions)

**Date Deployed:** C-130A, Dec 1956; C-130B, May 1959; C-130E, Aug 1962; C-130H, Jun 1974; C-130J, Feb 1999

**Inventory:** Active force, 145; Air National Guard, 181; Air Force Reserve, 102



U.S. Air Force photo by R. Nial Bradshaw

**A C-130 Hercules assigned to the Air Force Reserve 757th Airlift Squadron flies over the Utah Test and Training Range Oct. 24, 2019, during an aerial spray operation. The aircraft sprayed invasive vegetation to establish new and expand existing firebreaks on the range in areas inaccessible to work crews due to unexploded ordnance hazards.**



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Aaron Irvin

**A C-130J Hercules prepares to takeoff from a dirt runway, during phase three of the 29th Weapons Squadron C-130 Weapons Instructor Course, at Red Devil Landing Zone, Colorado, Oct. 17, 2019. The course consists of four phases building C-130 Hercules tactical experts, taking six months to complete.**



# Team BLAZE, community say goodbye to 14th FTW Command Chief



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson  
Chief Master Sgt. Raul Villarreal Jr., 14th Flying Training Wing command chief gives a going away speech during his going-away, Dec. 11, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. Villarreal has served as the 14th FTW command chief since July of 2018.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson  
Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, presents Chief Master Sgt. Raul Villarreal Jr., 14th FTW command chief, a plaque from Team BLAZE, Dec. 11, 2019, in Columbus, Miss. Villarreal was gifted the plaque from all of the 14th FTW, for his going-away.



## Arrive alive, Don't drink and drive.



# BAPTIST

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## Medical Corner

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

### Exercising during the holidays

It's hard enough to exercise the rest of the year, but add holidays to the mix and any of us find exercise becomes less of a priority as to-do lists grow longer and longer. The last thing you want is more stress and, for many of us, trying to keep to our usual workout program does just that. At the same time, staying active in some way will give you energy, reduce stress and tension and, of course, help mitigate some of the extra calories you may be eating.



#### How do you find that balance?

If you're traveling, **plan ahead**. It's easier to stick with it when you have it planned than to squeeze it in later:

- Search for walking, running or park trails nearby
- Look up information about the hotel you're staying at and find out if they have an exercise room
- Find any nearby gyms and ask if they let guests use their facility
- Talk to your family in advance and suggest taking a walk or doing something active together
- Plan simple workouts that don't require much space or equipment.

If you're not sure about your schedule or whether you'll even have time to get in a workout, **be prepared** for the worst-case scenario.

- Bring a workout plan with you. Plan a 10-minute routine you could do right in your bedroom. For example, you could choose 10 exercises and do each for 1 minute (squats, lunges, pushups, jumping jacks).
- Bring resistance bands. They travel well and you can use them for quick strength exercises whenever you catch a few minutes.
- If you have a laptop, try streaming workouts online.
- If guests are staying with you, move your equipment (weights or bands) into your bedroom so you can sneak in some exercise at night or in the morning.

**Use every opportunity.** If you find there's just no way to get in a workout, get creative and find ways to move your body any way you can:

- Walk as much as possible. Take extra laps at the mall, use the stairs, volunteer to walk the dog.
- If you're hanging out with kids, set up a game of football.
- Offer to help with the housework, shoveling snow or raking leaves.

The most important thing is to be realistic and go easy on yourself. You aren't always in charge of your schedule during the holidays so you can only do your best. Remind yourself that you can get back to your routine when you're back home.

How to Stay Active and Exercise During the Holidays. Retrieved from <https://www.verywellfit.com/exercise-during-the-holidays-1231555>

### Be an active family during the holidays

The holiday season can be a busy and stressful time for families. Along with those hectic schedules, the cold winter weather can make it challenging for squeezing in some physical activity each day. However, being active as a family can benefit everyone. Follow these tips to add more activity during the winter months.

**Schedule some time for physical activity.** Determine time slots throughout the week when most family members are available. Devote a few of these times to doing something active.

**Turn off the screens.** Instead of watching TV or playing video games, create an indoor obstacle course, make a scavenger hunt or play charades. Being active as a family creates special memories and helps relieve holiday stress.

**Bundle up for outdoor play.** Create a snowman or "snow family". Climb a snow mountain or make paths through the snow. No snow? Walk around your neighborhood to view lighting displays rather than taking the car.

**Don't ditch the housework.** We all have experienced the tiring effects of doing chores. But those chores are a great way to add physical activity and have a clean house – ready for holiday guests. Kids can help vacuum, dust, or sweep the floor.

**Treat the family with fun physical activity.** Enjoyable experiences such as an afternoon of ice skating or an evening of bowling make great gifts.

Be an Active Family during the Holidays. Retrieved from <https://food.unl.edu/be-active-familyduring-holidays>

## HeRO Spotlight: Joint Base Andrews Healthy Nutrition Educational Briefings



Alicia Ferris-Dennenberg, the 509th MDG health coordinator by sponsoring an indoor cycling session for the MDG Exec team (Airmen were also encouraged to attend). During this introductory class, attendees were taught proper form and positioning on a stationary bike to maximize effectiveness and minimize injury. After the class, Ms. Ferris-Dennenberg gave an overview class on nutrition.

The collaboration between health promotion teams and commanders can prove critical to program success, which can then further overall mission success.

Col. Chrystal Henderson, commander of the 509th MDG said the class was fun, effective, well-planned and just the right amount of time. "The best part of it was that I got my workout in for the day and I had fun with my team," said Henderson. "It gave us an opportunity to spend time with each other outside of our usual office setting doing something we all enjoyed."

Henderson highlighted the HeRO initiative because it promotes health and wellness as a lifestyle versus solely as a means to pass a physical fitness test. She said it provides the tools Airmen need to prevent, mitigate or reverse actions



which contribute to their overall morbidity and mortality.

According to the data gathered by the 509th MDG, more than 60 percent of Air Force members at Whiteman AFB are categorized as overweight, more than 30 percent don't eat enough fruits and vegetables, and upwards of 50 percent do not get enough sleep. This puts them at risk of developing a chronic disease, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes or heart disease.

They are also at significant risk for failing fitness standards and sustaining injuries.

"This program gives them what they need to be successful and to see positive changes in how they feel and in how they perform," said Henderson. "As the old saying goes, 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure'. The HeRO initiative is a guide on the path to prevention. Prevention is the key to health and wellness. Health and wellness leads to mission success.

Read the full story at: <https://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/News/Display/Article/1991937/509th-mdg-launches-project-hero-at-whiteman-afb/>



# Team BLAZE given opportunity to explore variety of airframes during fly-in

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

Airmen from several major commands flew in a variety of aircraft to Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Dec. 10 to show and inform members of Team BLAZE about their missions.

The exhibition started at 11:30 a.m. on the SAC Ramp with static displays. The event was open to all of Team BLAZE and their families, but provided an opportunity for student pilots to check out and engage with potential aircraft they could one day be assigned to fly.

Second Lt. Connor Hari, a future student pilot, attended the fly-in. Hari said he gained more intuition than he thought he would.

"It was super cool," said Hari. "I was honestly surprised how many planes were out there. It definitely gave me a lot of insight and will help me choose an aircraft when the time comes."

As Airmen arrived to observe and tour the

different displays, aircrews stayed nearby to answer questions about capabilities and history of the aircraft.

Capt. Joe Barton, 14th Operations Group Commander's Action Group, assisted in the coordination of the event and talked about its significance for Columbus AFB.

"By doing these events and bringing these planes in, the whole base gets to see what's going on in the Air Force and the fruits of their labor," Barton said.

Barton later said the visit was not only for the student pilots to grasp a better understanding of various aircraft. He said he wanted other Airmen, civilians and families to connect and realize they are a part of Team BLAZE as well.

Some of the aircraft on display included F-16 Fighting Falcons, a C-17 Globemaster III, an A-10 Thunderbolt, a U-28, plus many more.

Capability briefings at the Columbus Club followed the static display presentations. Attendees got an in-depth brief about each aircraft's intent, its abilities and mission.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson  
**Four Airmen walk in front of a C-17 Globemaster III Dec. 10, 2019, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The C-17 measures 174 feet long (53 meters) with a wingspan of 169 feet, 10 inches (51.75 meters).**



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson  
**An Airman examines the interior of an F-16 Fighting Falcon Dec. 10, 2019, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. In an air combat role, the F-16's maneuverability and combat radius (distance it can fly to enter air combat, stay, fight and return) exceed that of all potential threat fighter aircraft.**



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Davis Donaldson  
**Airmen listen to a capability briefing on the U-28 Dec. 10, 2019, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The U-28 provides manned fixed-wing tactical airborne ISR support to humanitarian operations, search and rescue and conventional and special operation missions.**

# Decorated WWII bomber pilot honored, remembered by family, friends

**Airman 1st Class Hannah Bean**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

WINONA, Miss. — Families, friends and loved ones gathered together Dec. 4 to remember former Army Air Corps Capt. Charles T. Hull, a decorated World War II bomber pilot who survived 25 missions in the European Theater, during a funeral and burial service with full military honors in Winona, Mississippi.

Hull passed away at St. Catherine's Village at the age of 98 in Madison, Mississippi, Nov. 29, where he had resided since 2008. He was born in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, and lived in Winona and Texas for many years.

Hull began his service in the Army Air Corps in November 1942, where he attended the Columbus Army Flying School on what is now Columbus Air Force Base. Once training was completed, Hull was stationed in Polebrook, England, where he piloted the B-17 Flying Fortress for the 351st Bomber Group of the Eighth Air Force.

Hull flew a total of 25 missions from June to December of 1943, during which time he flew missions over Germany without the protection of fighter escorts for him and his crew.

"He was brave to say the least," said Sandra Inman, one of Hull's nieces. "He wouldn't have gone on those 25 missions if he wasn't brave. He said the Germans fighters were coming at his plane like a swarm of bees. Every raid he went out. They had no escorts so he was just steadily dodging bullets."

For his outstanding service in Europe he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Service Medal upon returning from his tour in Europe. Hull further served his country as a flight instructor for the new B-29 Superfortress.

In July 1945, Hull completed his service in the military and was honorably discharged from the Army at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

"He was proud, but he had memories of the war that, you could say today, were 'post-traumatic stress' because it was so tough and he was risking his life and those of his men," Inman



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Bean  
**Various memorabilia of former Army Air Corps Capt. Charles T. Hull sits on a table during a funeral and burial service Dec. 4, 2019, with full military honors at the Oliver Funeral Home in Winona, Miss. Families, friends and loved ones gathered together to remember Hull, a decorated World War II bomber pilot who survived 25 missions in the European Theater.**

said. "They had no escort. It was very dangerous, what he did, but he was really proud."

Since completing his service, Hull continued his love of travel, flew his personal aircraft and traveled to all 50 states, 74 countries and crossed the Arctic Circle four times.

"He always had his own plane," Inman said. "He would travel and do friends a favor. He took a bunch of friends to Alaska one time and went moose hunting. He paid for everything and just had a good time. He took his plane to other places that were just strictly enjoyment to show his friends and have a good time showing the United States."

In 1978 he completed a solo round-the-world flight that spanned 92 days and covered about 39,000 miles, during which he provided supplies to missionaries around the world



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Hannah 1st Class Bean  
**A family member of former Army Air Corps Capt. Charles T. Hull records a four-ship formation during a funeral and burial service with full military honors Dec. 4, 2019, at Duck Hill Cemetery in Winona, Miss. Hull, a decorated World War II bomber pilot who survived 25 missions in the European Theater, continued his love of travel and flying after his military career with his personal aircraft and traveled to all 50 states, 74 countries and even crossing the Arctic Circle four times.**



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Hannah 1st Class Bean  
**Sandra Inman, niece of former Army Air Corps Capt. Charles T. Hull — a decorated World War II bomber pilot who survived 25 missions in the European Theater — speaks at a funeral service Dec. 4, 2019, at the Oliver Funeral Home in Winona, Miss. Hull passed away at the age of 98 at St. Catherine's Village in Madison, Miss., Nov. 29, where he had resided since 2008.**

before returning home to Mississippi.

"He loved to talk about his around the world trip," Inman said. "He would talk about the war. If you asked him certain questions, he would start telling you all about it and all the scientific research behind it. He was really good at that and he did all that before we had computers where you could Google (search) everything. He just enjoyed more people coming to him, asking him about all of his stuff that he'd done and all of his war missions."

Later on in Hull's life, the Mississippi Legislature commended him with a resolution in 2016 recognizing his many achievements. He has spoken at many programs through the years about his travels and war stories. Many of them are recorded in over 23 videos on YouTube.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Hannah 1st Class Bean  
**Flowers lay atop a casket during a funeral and burial service with full military honors Dec. 4, 2019, at Duck Hill Cemetery in Winona, Miss. Former Army Air Corps Capt. Charles T. Hull, a decorated World War II bomber pilot, earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Service Medal for his outstanding service upon returning from his tour in Europe.**





T-1A Jayhawk

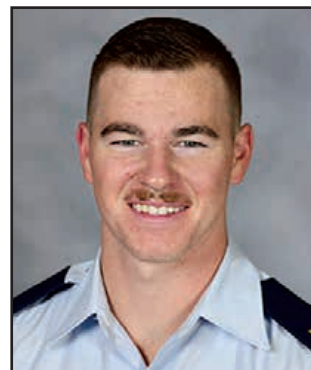


T-38C Talon

# SUPT Class 20-04/05 earns silver wings



**2nd Lt. Joshua Alsleben**  
Dothan, Alabama  
F-16



**2nd Lt. Scot Ames**  
Pekin  
T-38

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 20-04/05 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. Stephen L. Hodge 314th Air-lift Wing commander, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, 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.

Second Lt. Sarah Pruznick, and 2nd Lt. Steven Boger 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. John Hanks and Boger who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

The distinguished graduates of Class 20-04/05 recognized were Pruznick and Boger 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 Air Force Base, Mississippi. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross



country navigation flying.

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

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



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 20-04/05's pilot partners are Neel-Schaffer, and Zacahry's.

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



**2nd Lt. Steven Boger**  
Miami  
F-35



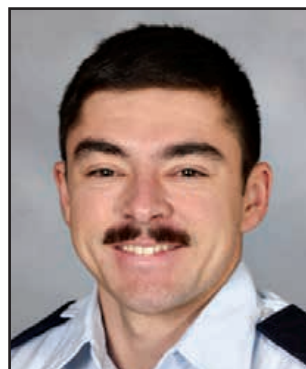
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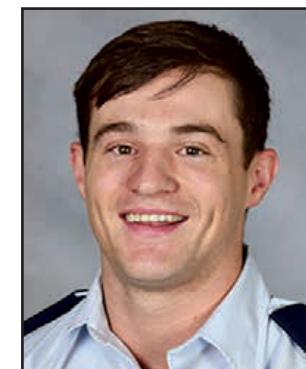
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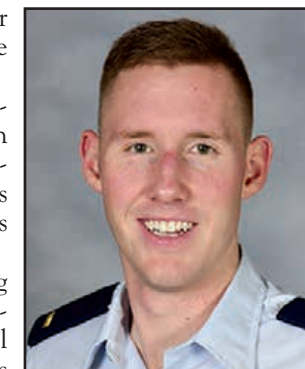
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