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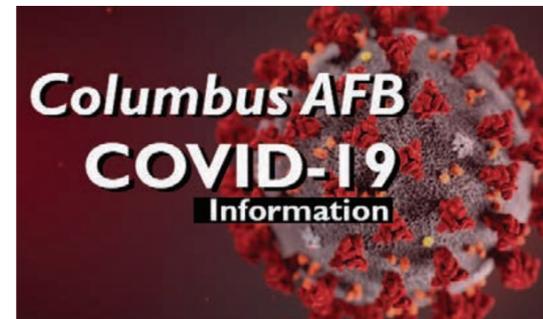
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Saint Leo University's For Those Who Serve sculpture graces its main campus in St. Leo, FL. The university educates students at its residential campus, at 16 education centers, and online throughout the world.

Saint Leo University receives top rankings from Military Times Best For Vets: Colleges 2021

With more than one-third of its student population being affiliated with the military, Saint Leo University is claiming top honors among private, not-for-profit universities as well as No. 1 in the Southeast in Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges 2021, which recently was released. Among the 300 participating universities, Saint Leo University ranked 11th in the nation in the Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges 2021.

In Mississippi, Saint Leo teaches at its Columbus Education Center, located at Columbus Air Force Base, 81 Fifth St., Suite 11, Columbus, MS 39710.

These rankings recognize the university's commitment to

educating military personnel, veterans, and their families wherever they may be—even if they are deployed. The university also was No. 1 in 2019 in the nontraditional and online universities category, when the publication named Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges 2020. In 2018, Saint Leo ranked fourth in the nation and was eighth in 2017.

Saint Leo earned the top spots based on Military Times' annual survey, which assessed more than 300 schools' veteran- and military-student services and rates of academic achievement as well as a detailed review of public data collected by

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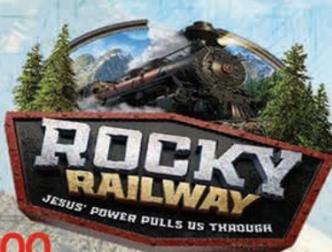
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Although the Commander's Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command. The Commander's Action Line can be reached at 434-1414. Leave your name and phone number or email if you would like to receive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

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federal agencies.

“We are so proud of this honor and its validation of our commitment to the military and student-veteran population,” said Saint Leo University President Jeffrey Senese. “It is our obligation as well as our pleasure to provide a high quality, private school education to these students who now are serving their country or have completed their military service. We support their families, too, and are grateful for the sacrifices they make.”

The university's military-connected population numbers 6,092, which includes members of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, National Guard members, retired military officers and enlisted veterans, military spouses, dependents, and others. In addition to at its residential campus in St. Leo, FL, north of Tampa, students are educated at 16 teaching locations in five states, including many located on military bases, and through the university's Center for Online Learning. Saint Leo also offers Military Resource Centers located at University Campus and the Tampa (FL) and Savannah (GA) education centers.

Serving military, veterans, families

There are several reasons that Saint Leo University is unique for veterans and military-connected populations. Historically, Saint Leo University served veterans and military personnel during the post-Vietnam era when many college campuses removed anything military-related. This history gave Saint Leo much more experience in assisting the military than other universities which didn't start until after recent military actions in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Dr. Ernest “Luke” McClees, director of the Office of Military Affairs and Services (OMAS).

“In the contemporary Saint Leo University, we have a unified stakeholder approach that is an example of veteran and military-connected inclusivity,” McClees said. “While we do have an office dedicated to removing barriers to education for these populations, everyone in the university is mindful and helpful of our veteran and military-connected people. From learning environments, activity programming, partnerships, and community connections, to veteran and military-connected alumni focus, Saint Leo University is multilayered and decentralized in our approach to inclusion.”

Saint Leo University also offers robust programming for its military-affiliated population. In the past academic year, weekly events were held including Mindful Monday, which

featured guided meditation via Zoom; Transition Tuesday at which McClees answered questions and shared best practices for transition from the military; and Hang 10 Friday, a fun competition to relieve stress, build camaraderie, and maintain fitness in which participants take part in a pull-up challenge.

In addition, Saint Leo offered monthly and special programs including guest speakers and Veterans Appreciation Week. The office also collaborates with Team Red White & Blue (Team RWB) on connecting veterans to their community through virtual physical and social activities.

Helping financially

Saint Leo University also assists student-veterans through targeted funding such as the Veteran Student Emergency Fund, which provides emergency financial assistance for veterans. This program is unique in higher education and ensures that veterans can continue their education even when real-life crises occur. Donations may be made to Military Education Excellence.

The Saint Leo University Alumni Association Board of Directors also is creating an endowed scholarship to assist student-veterans. The need for this became apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, McClees said, as he heard from students about their needs.

Veteran studies degree

Now, Saint Leo is breaking new ground among American colleges and universities by creating the first undergraduate degree devoted to veteran studies. A veteran studies minor also is available in this emerging field.

Students in the program will study the distinctive lives and cultures formed by military service and by retirement from service—a part of American culture that is often not understood except in shallow or stereotypic ways, McClees noted. The first course in the Bachelor of Arts program will be offered in the Fall 2021 Semester at University Campus, giving currently enrolled and new students the opportunity to explore in the program. The degree program is open to all students, not only those who have a military background.

“This degree will offer civilians an avenue to complete a picture of the complexities surrounding the veteran population,” McClees said. “This way, Saint Leo University will be educating people who can better improve their organizations or future employer's approach to including veterans with care and efficacy.”

More information about the rankings may be found at <https://colleges.militarytimes.com/>.

For Those Who Serve



The statue by artist Dexter Benedict depicts service men and women carrying Lady Liberty.

Security and policy review

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



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie

U.S. Air Force Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, returns a salute to Col. Betty Venth, out-going 14th Medical Group commander, after presenting her with the Legion of Merit, during a Change of Command ceremony, July 6, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The Legion of Merit is awarded to service members in key positions or responsibility for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding serviced and achievements.



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U.S. Air Force Col. Kathryn Ellis, 14th Medical Group commander, returns her first salute as commander, July 6, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 14th Medical Group enhances the flying mission through medical responses to flying emergencies, delivery of aerospace and operational physiology training, and optimization of human performance.

Cheers for new MDG commander

Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The 14th Medical Group Change of Command ceremony was held July 7, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Out-going commander Col. Betty Venth relinquished command to the in-coming commander, Col. Kathryn Ellis.

“Leading people is really where Col. Venth has excelled over the last two years,” said Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. “[She] has done a superb job ensuring that even the most junior Airmen understand their role and value on this team. She had empowered her team to explore new and innovative solutions to issues.”

Under the command of Venth, the 14th MDG completed 30,000 annual medical appointments, serving 13,000 beneficiaries locally, including nine geographically separated units.



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U.S. Air Force Col. Betty Venth, out-going 14th Medical Group commander, receives her last salute as commander, during a Change of Command ceremony, July 06, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Venth served as commander from July 22, 2019 to July 6, 2021.

Health Systems first hybrid Tactical Combat Causality Course, a course that provides medics with life-saving skills in addition to tactical field care, tactical evacuation care and essential need-to-know capabilities to save lives while undergoing

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U.S. Air Force Col. Betty Venth, out-going 14th Medical Group commander, speaks to attendees at the 14th Medical Group Change of Command Ceremony, July 6, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Venth led the Air Education and Training commands number one COVID-19 vaccination use rate, while battling a public health emergency.

Vent. “Col. Ellis, Rob, enjoy and take care of these great folks.”

Previously Ellis was the Air Force Surgeon General’s Deputy Chief Nursing Consultant, Defense Health Headquarters, in Falls Church, Va., where she served as Senior Nurse and oversaw health-care operations, policies, and pro-

grams for 5,000 Total Force nurses, spanning 24 specialties.

“14th Medical Group, I am so humbled and honored to be your commander,” said Ellis. “I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you better, and I am elated to have the opportunity to serve alongside of you.”

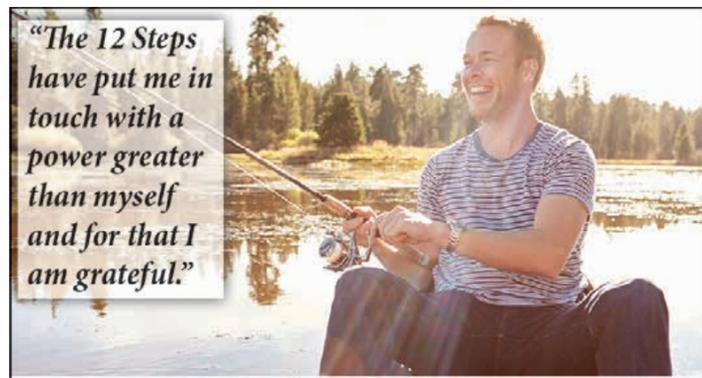


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Employment Workshop

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

Survivor Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). As with all good decision-making, you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision. Always get the true facts about SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling your SBP Counselor Mary Chambers at (662) 434-2720/2790.

Personal Financial Readiness

Need help with financial matters? Want to make the most of your money? The Personal Financial Counselor (PFC) can help you and your family: manage finances, resolve financial problems and reach long-term goals such as education, buying a home and planning for retirement. PFC services are at no cost, private and confidential. Please contact the PFC at (662) 998-0411.

Key Spouse Program (KSP)

The mission of KSP is to provide information and re-

sources to military spouses, supporting families in successfully navigating through the military life cycle. The KSP is a CC’s program. The CC establishes and maintains the program within the unit, to include choosing team members. Once selected as a KS in writing, you will need to attend initial/refresher KS training and continuing education. For more information, please call (662) 434-2839.

Military and Family Life Counselor Program

Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLCs) provide non-medical counseling to help Airmen (single and married), spouses and other family members cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration and life challenges such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All counselors are licensed mental health providers, and they can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services, and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC, please call (662) 435-1110.

Sponsorship Training

An electronic version of sponsorship training called eSponsorship Application & Training (eSAT) is the required training course to become a sponsor. It can be found in Military One Source’s MilLife Learning training Course Catalog at this link <https://millifelearning.militaryonesource.mil/MOS/#?p=SIS:2:0>. More online resources are available on Columbus AFB Living at <https://www.columbusafbiving.com/airmen-family-readiness-center/relocation-assistance/electronic-sponsor-resources/>. For additional information, please contact the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

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Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? Arts & Crafts is looking for craft instructors. For more information, contact (662) 434-7836.

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The Wood Shop is now open Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The cost is \$5 for first hour and \$3 for every hour after the first. Please call (662) 434-7836 for any questions.

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Referees needed for various sports at the Fitness Center. For more information or to sign up, contact (662) 434-2772.

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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.)

“Please note events are subject to change due to COVID-19, so please contact A&FRC to confirm all events”

Transition Assistance Program Workshop

The next Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. July 19-23 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.

Smooth Move Relocation Workshop

The next Smooth Move is from 10-11 a.m. July 26 in the A&FRC. This workshop is highly recommended for first-time and over-seas relocating members. Get the very latest moving information straight from base-wide relocation assistance agencies. Learn what to expect before you move with information from Tri-Care, Housing, Military Pay, TMO, Medical Records and A&FRC. Be sure to ask any relocating questions you may have during this event. Pre-registration is required, so call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790 to register or for more information.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation will be held on July 27 from 8 a.m.-2:25 p.m. in the Columbus Club. This event is mandatory for all newly arrived military and DoD civilian personnel. The event's foundation is the base's mobile App, so if you are registered, please locate and download the Columbus Air Force Base App from the App Store prior to attending. Pre-registration is required, so please contact your unit CSS to be registered. For more information, please call the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

Department of Labor Transition Vocational Track Workshop

The next DoL Transition Vocational Track Workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 2-3 and will be held in the A&FRC. This workshop helps members identify skills, increase awareness of training and credentialing programs, and develop an action plan to achieve career goals. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

F-35 Capabilities Static



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie
14th Flying Training Wing personnel are briefed on the F-35 aircraft, during a capabilities static display, June 25, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. According to Lockheed Martin, the F-35 carries weapons internally in stealth configuration, or externally in permissible environments with greater than 18,000 pounds of total ordinance.

Bundles for Babies

The next “Zoom” Bundles for Babies workshop is from 1-3:30 p.m. Aug. 12. 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.

Hearts Apart

The next Hearts Apart will be Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This quarterly 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.

Federal USA Jobs Workshop

The next Federal USA Jobs workshop is from 9-10:30 a.m. Sept. 8. 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 “Zoom” Heart Link / Spouse Welcome is from 8:30 a.m.-noon Oct. 7. This half-day program is open to all spouses of active duty military members assigned to Columbus AFB. Attendees will receive information about life in the Air Force, in the local area and at Columbus

AFB from local subject matter experts including spouse leaders. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The next Entrepreneurship Track Transition workshop will be held on Oct. 21-22 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. This workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

EFMP-FS

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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

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A&FRC houses the Voting Assistance Office (VAO) which is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and closed weekends/holidays. The VAO offers voting assistance including voter registration, absentee ballot requests and voting, change of address, and provides answers for other general voting questions to uniformed service members, their family members and civilians with access to A&FRC. Assistance includes but is not limited to aid in preparing and submitting Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) SF-76, Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) SF-186 and National Mail Voter Registration Form (NVRF). The VAO also leads and trains all installation unit voting assistance officers. For more information, please contact the Installation VAO at (662) 434-2701/2790 or e-mail: vote.columbus@us.af.mil.

Discovery Resource Center

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

Pre- and Post-Deployment Tour Briefing

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

Pre-Separation Counseling

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

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Chapel Schedule

Chapel services are now available.

Catholic Services: 5 p.m. on Sun

Protestant Services: 10:45 a.m. on Sun

Daily Mass: 10 a.m. on Tues and Wed

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

14th CS welcomes new commander

Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The 14th Communications Squadron Change of Command ceremony was held July 1, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Out-going commander Maj. Brandon Palmer relinquished command to Maj. Elizabeth Rainwater.

Col. Jeffrey Welborn, 14th Mission Support Group commander, described the squadrons' achievements under the leadership of Palmer.

“The 14th CS drove a 2.5 million dollar base telecommunication systems upgrade, which eliminated 30,000 cyber threats to operations.”

Palmer oversaw 11 key projects totaling 1 million dollars, the highest across the entire Air Force.

“Brandon has been an out front leader who kept the Wing on pace especially during the COVID pandemic,” said Welborn. “He and his team configured over 3,000 laptops in less than 72 hours at the start of the pandemic to enable our workforce to safely work

from home. He digitized approximately 8,000 pounds of records, a government mandated action that he accomplished in rapid time, meeting a targeted completion date by two years.”

Rainwater is a career cyber officer, who recently served as Director of Operations at the 509th Communications Squadron on Whiteman AFB, Missouri. She supported more than 5,000 personnel and provided trained and ready cyber professionals to support the B-2 Spirit, an A-10 Wing, an MQ-9 Reaper Squadron and a UH 60 helicopter battalion.

“It has been my honor to lead the 14th CS,” said Palmer. “Liz, I am 10 billion percent positive that you are going to take this team to the next level. I wish you all the best.”

The mission of the 14th Communications Squadron is to provide the highest quality communications and information tools to produce pilots, advance Airmen, and feed the flight .

“14th Comm Squadron, I look forward to being your commander,” said Rainwater. “I look forward to navigating through these next two years with you and serving for you.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie
U.S. Air Force Col. Jeffrey Welborn, 14th Mission Support Group commander, Maj. Brandon Palmer, 14th Communications Squadron outgoing commander, and Maj. Elizabeth Rainwater, 14th CS incoming commander, salute the American Flag during the Nation Anthem at a Change of Command ceremony, July 1, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 14th Communications Squadron is responsible for providing the highest quality communications information tools to Columbus Air Force Base personnel.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie
Airmen from the 14th Communications Squadron, salute their incoming commander, U.S. Air Force Maj. Elizabeth Rainwater, during a Change of Command ceremony, July 1, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 14th CS provides essential communications and information systems along with information management to support the flying training mission.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie
U.S. Air Force Maj. Elizabeth Rainwater, stands at attention as she is recognized as the new 14th Communications Squadron commander, Jul. 1, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base. The Communications Squadron successfully built a 1.6 million technology investment program project for the future T-7 aircraft and its bed down at CAFB.

14th STUS lands new commander

Airman 1st Class Jessica Haynie

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Joseph McCane turned over command of the 14th Student Squadron to Lt. Col. Stanley Courtland, during a change of command ceremony, June 21, 2021 on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

Courtland is a career pilot with experience as a KC-135 instructor pilot, commander, and maintenance officer. While assigned to Headquarters Pacific Air Forces in Hawaii, he led disaster relief response teams for humanitarian assistance relief efforts in Indonesia and Tinian, an island in the Northern Mariana Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

"Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your team," said Courtland. "I am so excited to be your commander. The squadron is in an amazing place right now and a large reason for that is McCane."

The 14th STUS exercises administrative control and provides daily administrative support for approximately 700 students at Columbus AFB, ensuring seamless continuity of support through all phases of training.

During his time as commander, McCane was responsible for over 1,200 student pilots, 97 simulator instructors, and 34 instructor pilots, leading to the graduation of 414 U.S. Air Force pilots and 24 pilots from allied partners.

"I am humbled to have lead this squadron," said McCane. "Courtland, you are absolutely the right person to lead this STUS team. Lead fearlessly."



U.S. Air Force Col. Justin Spears, 14th Operations Group commander, Lt. Col. Courtland Stanley, incoming 14th Student Squadron commander, and Lt. Col. Joseph McCane, outgoing 14th STUS commander, pass the guidon, during a the 14th STUS Change of Command ceremony, June 21, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The 14th Student Squadron ranks as the largest squadron at Columbus AFB, consisting of 21 active duty and 82 civilian permanent party personnel as well as approximately 700 student pilots from 25 different nations.



U.S. Air Force Col. Justin Spears, 14th Operations Group commander and Lt. Col. Joseph McCane, outgoing 14th Student Squadron commander, stand at attention as McCane is presented the Meritorious Service Medal, during a change of command ceremony, June 21, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. McCane directed over 22,000 T-1 sorties and led the graduation of 285 T-1 students.



A choir comprised of two instructor pilots and two student pilots assigned to the 14th Flying Training Wing, preform the National Anthem during a change of command ceremony, June 21, 2021, on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The mission of the 14th Student Squadron is to ensure student pilots have everything they need to become both officers and pilots while providing unrivaled academic and simulator training.

Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Instagram at columbus_afb_living, or visit our website at ColumbusAFBLiving.com to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base. Check out the calendar on the website for important Airman and Family Readiness Center events. For more information, contact (662) 434-2337.

Get Connected with Your Base App!

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

School Age Care Summer Camp

It's gonna be a knockout summer at the Youth Center! Registration is open for SACC Summer Camp which will feature sports activities, swimming, field trips, arts & crafts, STEM, and much more. Step one in the process is to go to MilitaryChildCare.com and request care. Then, registration packets can be picked-up at the Youth Center. Families may sign up for individual weeks or all weeks. Call the Youth Center at (662) 434-2504 for more information and requirements.

Youth Programs Specialty Camps

The Youth Center will have three Specialty Camps in July. The Chef K Culinary Camp, for ages 9 and up, is July 12-16 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per participant. The Archery Camp will be July 19-23. The sign-up deadline is July 16th and the cost is \$15 per participant. It is divided into 2 sessions: Session 1 is for ages 9-12 from 9 a.m.-noon, and Session 2 is for ages 13-18 from 1-4 p.m. The Performing Arts Camp will be July 26-30. For more information and to register, call the Youth Center at 434-2504.

Columbus Club & The Overrun Bar

The Columbus Club and the Overrun Bar are now open Wednesday-Friday from 4-8 p.m. for dinner and drinks. Quick bites done just right featuring favorites such as Wings, Chicken Tenders, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Mozzarella Sticks, Shrimp & Grits, and much more!

Also, don't forget the Club offers Catering services. Call (662) 434-2490 for more information.

Let's Connect! Boss & Buddy Night at the Club Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and enjoy a few brews with your boss and buddies.

Strike Zone Grill at the Bowling Center!

The Strike Zone Grill (also known as the Snack Bar) has moved back to the Bowling Center with DINE-IN and TAKE-OUT service. The expanded eating area will allow for social distancing. Grab'n go products will be available including during bowling. The hours are Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat & Sun: Closed. Breakfast is offered until 10:30 a.m. For take-out orders, call (662) 434-3426.

Bowling is Back with Limited Service

Bowling lanes can now be used by reservation only, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Reserve your lanes on the Bowling Center's Facebook page @ColumbusAFBBowlingCenter

Library

The Library is open for in-house customers Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and closed Saturday-Monday! It has been relocated to a more inviting and visible location in open area in The Commons which is next to the base chapel. For everyone's safety, masks are required for patrons ages 3 and up and parents must

remain with their children at all times.

The Library is hosting Story Time at the Library every Tuesday at 10 a.m.

See all of the Library's activities including all the Summer Reading Program on their Facebook page: @ColumbusAirForceBaseLibrary.

The library will continue to offer curbside delivery Tuesday-Friday. Find your book at www.columbusafb.mil.solutions.com. Email your order to the library at 14.fss.fsd.library@us.af.mil. A confirmation email will be sent when your order is ready! Orders received before 11 a.m. will be ready during 1-4 p.m. that same day. Before picking up, please make sure you get a confirmation email stating your book is ready for pickup. When you park in the back parking lot, please give the library a call at (662) 434-2934 so the library knows you are there. When returning books, you can drop them off anytime at the book drop off located in the back parking lot of the library. To return DVDs and audiobooks, please call us at (662) 434-2934 on Tuesday-Friday from 1-4 p.m. for an employee to meet you at the back parking lot to pick it up from your car. Please note, all rentals are first come, first serve.

Movie Mondays

The Library will host Movie Mondays on July 19 and 26 at 9 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium. The movies will be rated G and appropriate for all ages. Visit the Library's Facebook page or ColumbusAFBLiving.com for movie information.

Fitness Center

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

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

24/7 access is available to not only Active Duty patrons, but also any DoD cardholder such as dependents, retirees, and civilian

employees. CAC must be registered at the front desk.

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

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

Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation's (ODR) hours are Monday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed Tuesday and Wednesday) and Saturday/Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. ODR offers all sorts of rental for the water, camping, and much more! Call ODR at (662) 434-2505 for all of your outdoor activities.

Independence Pool

Are you ready to splash into summer? Independence Pool is now open Thursday-Monday. Lap swim is from 6-9 a.m., open swims are from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Visit ColumbusAFBLiving.com for updates on swim times and activities.

Coffee House on 5th

Coffee House on 5th, located in the Blaze Commons, is back open to 50% capacity inside. Drive through or come in to enjoy a cup of coffee or a tasty treat. Their hours are Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. Call for more information at (662) 434-2233.

Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT)

Local ITT Customer Service will be temporarily handle by Keesler AFB. Please call Holly or Trish at (228) 377-3818 Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Local Shuttle Service will be handled by ODR on Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This includes shuttle service to the airport of your choice. Stop by ODR or call (662) 434-2505 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 (662) 434-7861.

Exclusive Military Vacation Packages

Did you know that you can book exclusive military vacation packages at ITT and save up to 60%? American Forces Travel is now serving APF and NAF civilians. Packages include Universal Studios and Disney destinations. To book your vacation at www.americaforcestravel.com

CAFB Library

The Base Library is offering virtual board games, live craft demonstrations, STEM activities, book clubs and much more on their Facebook page: @columbusairforcebaselibrary. For more information, contact (662) 434-2934 or send them a direct message on their Facebook page, Columbus Air Force Library.

FSS Gift Cards

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

Electrical Fire Safety Tips



Appliances

- Always plug major appliances, like refrigerators, stoves, washers and dryers, directly into a wall outlet.
- Never use an extension cord with a major appliance — it can easily overheat and start a fire.
- Always plug small appliances directly into a wall outlet.
- Unplug small appliances when you are not using them.
- Keep lamps, light fixtures and light bulbs away from anything that can burn.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.
- Check electrical cords on appliances often. Replace cracked, damaged and loose electrical cords. Do not try to repair them.

Outlets

- Do not overload wall outlets.
- Insert plugs fully into sockets.
- Never force a three-prong cord into a two-slot outlet.
- Install tamper-resistant electrical outlets if you have young children.

Extension Cords, Powerstrips and Surge Protectors

- Replace worn, old or damaged extension cords right away.
- Use extension cords for temporary purposes only.
- Avoid putting cords where they can be damaged or pinched, like under a carpet or rug.
- Do not overload power strips.
- Use power strips that have internal overload protection.

Make sure all electrical work in your home is done by a qualified electrician!



By: Mr. Terence Sinner, Fire Protection Specialist, 14th CES/CEF



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Be fire smart with electricity in your home.

45,000 homes

There are approximately 45,000 home electrical fires each year.

Half of all home electrical fires involve home wiring or lighting equipment.

Home electrical fire deaths peak between midnight and 8 a.m.

Peak months for electrical fire deaths are November through March.

Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a coffee maker, space heater or microwave) directly into a wall outlet at a time.

Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.

Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Have an electrician install additional wall outlets where you need them.

BLAZE Hangar Tails: F-22 Raptor

Mission

The F-22 Raptor's combination of stealth, super cruise, maneuverability and integrated avionics, coupled with improved supportability, represents an exponential leap in warfighting capabilities. The Raptor performs both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions allowing full realization of operational concepts vital to the 21st century Air Force.

The F-22, a critical component of the Global Strike Task Force, is designed to project air dominance, rapidly and at great distances and defeat threats attempting to deny access to our nation's Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

Features

A combination of sensor capability, integrated avionics, situational awareness, and weapons provides first-kill opportunity against threats. The F-22 possesses a sophisticated sensor suite allowing the pilot to track, identify, shoot and kill air-to-air threats before being detected. Significant advances in cockpit design and sensor fusion improve the pilot's situational awareness. In the air-to-air configuration the Raptor carries six AIM-120 AMRAAMs and two AIM-9 Sidewinders.

The F-22 has a significant capability to attack surface targets. In the air-to-ground configuration the aircraft can carry two 1,000-pound GBU-32 Joint Direct Attack Munitions internally and will use on-board avionics for navigation and weapons delivery support. In the future, air-to-ground capability will be enhanced with the addition of upgraded radar and up to eight small diameter bombs. The

Raptor will also carry two AIM-120s and two AIM-9s in the air-to-ground configuration.

The F-22 will have better reliability and maintainability than any fighter aircraft in history. Increased F-22 reliability and maintainability pays off in less manpower required to fix the aircraft and the ability to operate more efficiently.

Background

The Advanced Tactical Fighter entered the Demonstration and Validation phase in 1986. The prototype aircraft (YF-22 and YF-23) both completed their first flights in late 1990. Ultimately the YF-22 was selected as best of the two and the engineering and manufacturing development effort began in 1991 with development contracts to Lockheed/Boeing (airframe) and Pratt & Whitney (engines). EMD included extensive subsystem and system testing as well as flight testing with nine aircraft at Edwards Air Force Base, California. The first EMD flight was in 1997 and at the completion of its flight test life this aircraft was used for live-fire testing.

The program received approval to enter low rate initial production in 2001. Initial operational and test evaluation by the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center was successfully completed in 2004. Based on maturity of design and other factors the program received approval for full rate production in 2005. Air Education and Training Command, Air Combat Command and Pacific Air Forces are the primary Air Force organizations flying the F-22. The aircraft designation was the F/A-22 for a short time before being renamed F-22A in December 2005.

General characteristics

Primary function: air dominance, multi-role fighter
Contractor: Lockheed-Martin, Boeing
Power plant: two Pratt & Whitney F119-PW-100 turbofan engines with afterburners and two-dimensional thrust vectoring nozzles.

Thrust: 35,000-pound class (each engine)
Wingspan: 44 feet, 6 inches (13.6 meters)
Length: 62 feet, 1 inch (18.9 meters)
Height: 16 feet, 8 inches (5.1 meters)
Weight: 43,340 pounds (19,700 kilograms)
Maximum takeoff weight: 83,500 pounds (38,000 kilograms)

Fuel capacity: internal: 18,000 pounds (8,200 kilograms); with 2 external wing fuel tanks: 26,000 pounds (11,900 kilograms)

Payload: same as armament air-to-air or air-to-ground loadouts; with or without two external wing fuel tanks.

Speed: mach two class with supercruise capability
Range: more than 1,850 miles ferry range with two external wing fuel tanks (1,600 nautical miles)

Ceiling: above 50,000 feet (15 kilometers)

Armament: one M61A2 20-millimeter cannon with 480 rounds, internal side weapon bays carriage of two AIM-9 infrared (heat seeking) air-to-air missiles and internal main weapon bays carriage of six AIM-120 radar-guided air-to-air missiles (air-to-air loadout) or two 1,000-pound GBU-32 JDAMs and two AIM-120 radar-guided air-to-air missiles (air-to-ground loadout)

Crew: one
Unit cost: \$143 million
Initial operating capability: December 2005
Inventory: total force, 183



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaylee Dubois

U.S. Air Force Maj. Paul "Loco" Lopez, F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team commander/pilot, soars above Offutt Air and Space Open House at Offutt Air Force Base, Ne., August 12, 2018. The F-22 is designed to project air dominance, rapidly and at great distances, to defeat threats attempting to deny access to U.S. armed forces.



Courtesy photo by Chad Bellay/Lockheed Martin

Raptor #91-4006 takes off for the first time in nearly six years with Steve Rainey, Lockheed Martin F-22 chief test pilot, behind the controls, July 17. The test jet recently completed an extensive refurbishment to get it back in the air. It will now be used as a flight sciences aircraft for the 411th Flight Test Squadron and F-22 Combined Test Force.

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- Dialing **911** from ANY mobile device goes to Lowndes County Dispatch Center – State you are on CAFB to have them reroute the call to CAFB FES Dispatch Center
- State your **Emergency** – Fire, Medical, Vehicle Accident, Smell of Smoke, etc.
- State your **Building Number** and **Room Number OR Area** you are calling from
- **Follow** the Dispatchers direction and prompts – **DO NOT** argue, **DO NOT** ask to speak to a Supervisor
- **DO NOT** report an Emergency via the CAFB FES Admin Line – if in doubt **DIAL 911**
- If fire is suspected **ACTIVATE** the facility alarm system if available – **RED** pull handle located near exits
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- **DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR FACILITIES RALLY POINT IS?**– Speak to your designated Facility Manager **ASAP**
- **PERFORM ACCOUNTABILITY** once at Rally Point and **REPORT** number to arriving FES Crews
- **STAY CALM** and follow CAFB FES Crew prompts



T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 21-12 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



1st Lt. Andrea Abel
Dallas
A-10



1st Lt. Benjamin Beier
Couer d'Alene, Indiana
KC-135



1st Lt. Dalton Dalindo
Eagle River, Alaska
KC-135

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 21-12 graduates at 11 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

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

1st Lt. Joshua Gerrinck, 2nd Lt. Jack Reis and 2nd Lt. Michael Roesel 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. Matthew Clay and 2nd Lt. Jack Reis who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

The distinguished graduates of Class 21-12 recognized were Geerinck, Reis, and Roesel for outstanding performance in academics, officer qualities and flying abilities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1st Lt. Joshua Gerrinck
Clinton, New Jersey
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T-1



1st Lt. Brad Martin
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C-5

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KC-135



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Albuquerque, New Mexico
T-6



1st Lt. Kristen Nye
Woodland, Washington
C-17



1st Lt. Thomas Toscano
Westerly, Rhode Island
F-16



1st Lt. Timothy Ward
Springfield, Virginia
RC-135



2nd Lt. Ziyad Alshehri
Abha, Saudi Arabia
F-15SA



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Danville, California
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