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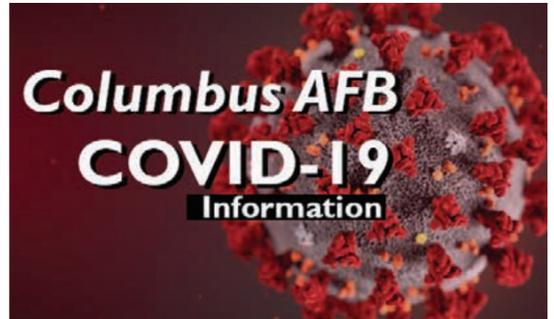
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Social Gathering Limitations

- Kaye – 92 person limit
- Event Center/Club – 145 person limit
- Phillips Auditorium – 22 person limit
- Walker Center – 112 person limit

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Air Force releases additional dress and appearance changes

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — New dress and appearance updates will soon be released following feedback, testing from Airmen and reviews conducted as a part of the 2020 Air Force Uniform Board.

“We remain committed to maintaining an iterative approach with our dress and appearance standards,” said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. “During this most recent review we approved

several updates fully aligned with our Air Force standards and culture that maintain our focus on warfighting while providing options to meet many of the needs of our Airmen.”

2020 Air Force Uniform Board initiatives

Uniform Board changes will be effective upon publication in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel, which is expected to publish in early October

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2021. Below are examples of a few changes to the updated AFI:

- Male bulk hair standards increase from 2 inches to 2.5 inches
- Cosmetic tattooing on the scalp is authorized for men
- The size of hair accessories increases from 1 inch to 2 inches for females
- Hosiery is optional for females with any combination of the dress uniform
- Transparent piercing spacers are authorized
- Wing commanders may authorize the local wear of approved OCP morale patches on Fridays or during special events

Furthermore, the board conducted a review of several policy items that previously mandated specific behavior based on restrictions. In some cases, the board recommended removing the restrictive language to entrust commanders and Airmen to understand and adopt proper behavior based on their situation and circumstances.

“We trust our Airmen, (noncommissioned officers) and commanders with incredible resources and significant responsibilities and we’ll need to do so even more as we prepare for future conflicts,” Kelly said. “We likewise trust they can figure out what it takes and means to maintain standards without specifying exact behavior in every situation.”

Examples of guidance removed in the future AFI release:

- When walking in uniform, members may not use a cell phone or drink water
- Members may not place hands in their pockets when walk-

ing or standing in uniform

Specific details about the initiatives listed above, as well as additional changes, will be available upon AFI publication. In total, more than 30 recommendations from the Air Force Uniform Board were approved for implementation to the field.

Additional Uniform Item Improvements

The following uniform item improvements were made considering feedback from the field and multiple uniform fit tests. These items will be released for issue and/or purchase as the design and development process is completed.

Men’s Blue Shirt and Women’s Blouse

The improved men’s blue shirt and women’s blouse will utilize a new stain-resistant, wrinkle-resistant and moisture-wicking fabric with a herringbone weave in the current Air Force blue shade.

The men’s shirt improvements include a tapered and lengthened shirt body with a reengineered armhole and shoulder. The women’s tuck-in style blouse and semi-form-fitting blouse improvements include a lengthened shirt body, realigned buttons, a reengineered armhole, and a redesign of the neckline and collar.

In addition, the updated maternity blouse will include a redesigned neckline and collar for improved fit and comfort. The back pleat of the previously-designed blouse was replaced with darts for better shape and fit. It has realigned buttons and a lengthened shirt body for accommodation through all trimesters.

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- Expected availability for shirt, shorts, pants & jacket is Oct. 2022
- New pants offer softer, quieter material
- Updated materials and fabric for moisture and odor control
- Reevaluated jacket has tailored fit and sleeker design

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The improved men's long-sleeve blue shirt is expected to be available August 2021. The improved men's short-sleeve blue shirt and women's tuck-in style blouse (long and short-sleeve) are expected to be available at the end of October 2021. The improved maternity blouse is expected to be available October 2021 and the updated semi-form fitting blouse is expected to be available in January 2022.

Improved Hot Weather Combat Uniform

The improved hot weather combat uniform is a variant of the operational camouflage pattern uniform aimed at reducing layers of fabric in order to be lighter in weight, more breathable and quick drying, providing safer flame protection that does not melt or drip. It was designed to improve performance, survivability, lethality and safety in extreme hot and wet-weather environments. The improved hot weather combat uniform is expected to be available to Airmen in October 2021.

Extreme Cold Weather Parka

Generation III Level 7 parkas, commonly referred to as

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extreme cold weather parkas, are expected to be available for personal purchase through AAFES online and in select AAFES stores this winter season. Previously, the parka was not available for personal purchase and was primarily distributed as organization clothing and equipment at northern tier or extreme cold weather base locations.

Men's Blue Trousers and Women's Blue Slacks

Men's blue trouser improvements include an adjustment to the pocket design to enhance the fit of the trousers and reduce additional alterations.

The women's blue slacks improvement includes a redesigned and lower waistband, removal of the front darts to create a flat front, and a shortened rise to address fit concerns. Additionally, the pant legs will be straight cut as opposed to the previously tapered fit.

The updated trousers and slacks are expected to be available in May 2022.

Women's Mess Dress Slacks

The new women's mess dress slacks will provide Air Force women an option in addition to the current mess dress skirt

UPDATED: MEN'S SERVICE BLUE UNIFORM

- Reengineered armhole and shoulder
- Tapered and lengthened shirt body
- Improved pants pocket design for better fit

AUGUST 2021 Updated men's long-sleeve blue shirt
OCTOBER 2021 Updated men's short-sleeve blue shirt
MAY 2022 Updated men's trousers

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and men's mess dress trousers. The slacks will be a female-fit version of the male mess dress trousers with design adjustments required to fit female measurements. Slacks can be worn with the current mess dress jacket. Women's mess dress slacks are expected to be available in August 2022.

Physical Training Gear

Modernized physical training gear will feature a revised fit and look with updated materials and fabric. The fabric includes soft, quick drying, antimicrobial technology that helps with moisture and odor control. The jacket, pants, and men's and women's t-shirts will be available along with new running and all-purpose shorts. The physical training gear is expected to be available in October 2022 with a four-year transition period for mandatory wear.

Space Force Guardians will follow the updates above except where Space Force specific guidance already exists. For example, in accordance with SPFGM2020-36-01, USSF personnel are not authorized to wear morale patches. The Space Force held its inaugural uniform board in March and is currently developing comprehensive service-specific grooming and uniform policies with a targeted release late 2021.

Uniting Squadrons: Available funds for squadron events

The Unite Program for CY-21 is in full swing! This program is here to support efforts in building unit cohesion through group recreation for squadrons. The Unite Initiative launched in 2019 and was developed as the fourth leg in the R4R Program as an added component to the Air Force's Recharge for Resiliency (R4R) program (Single Airmen, RecOn and Deployed Affected).

Unit commanders/directors are in the best position to execute resources that benefit Airmen under their authority. This initiative provides unit commanders with the funding to initiate cohesive programs to benefit units. This program benefits all Airmen in a unit including Active Duty Air Force, Air Force APF/NAF civilians and AF Reservist directly assigned.

This initiative is designed to equip and empower squadron/unit commanders with options to facilitate unit cohesion. Each individual Airman is an invaluable resource for commanders to meet their mission. Morale of the unit can only be obtained when all individuals unite and become a stronger, more agile and resilient team. It is incumbent on all Airmen to participate in their unit's program and they are encouraged to be part of the program planning. CSAF's intent is to provide funds to benefit the unit. Available Funding for CY-21 includes activity funding in the amount of \$13.50 per DOD ID number per calendar year and food/beverage funding in the amount of \$5.00 per DOD ID number per calendar year.

Each squadron at CAFB has an assigned Unite POC. This person coordinates with squadron members and the commander/director to define a cohesive and recreational event for the squadron. The Unite POC then consults with Gwendolyn Granderson, Community Cohesion Coordinator (C3). If the event meets the intent of the Unite Initiative then it is submitted to Air Force Services Center for funding approval. Mrs. Granderson provides oversight of the Unite program and is the focal point for all questions, coordinates training and distributes guidance on approved finances to fit into AFSVC guidelines. The goals and objectives of the Unite Initiative is to:



Employees from Columbus Air Force Base participated in an escape room in Tupelo, MS as part of a unit recreational day. This recreational day was made possible through funds for the Unite Program, which is designed to empower units to facilitate unit cohesion activities.

1. **Support Commanders & Squadrons-** Provide commanders the opportunity to offer events to support their specific cohesion needs.

2. **Maximize use of FSS Facilities-** Provide a variety of formal and informal opportunities for socializing and unit cohesion resulting in

unit resilience and readiness.

3. **Measure Impact-** Through surveys, and follow up with units to ensure commander's needs are being met, and airmen feedback other than surveys.

4. **Provide Flexibility to Squadron Leaders-** The Unite Initiative guidance allows squadron leaders the ability to plan quality events while maintaining funding integrity.

For more information about the Unite Initiative or to find out about available funding for you squadron contact Gwendolyn Granderson at gwendolyn.granderson.3@us.af.mil or call 662-434-2328.

Special Emphasis Programs come to CAFB

14FTW Public Affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing recently launched a program specifically tailored to address employment opportunities for special emphasis groups on Columbus AFB, which originates from Air Force Instruction 36-205, Affirmative Employment Program (AEP), Special Emphasis Programs (SEP) and Reasonable Accommodation Policy.

"The program goes back to 2010, but at the time it didn't have a lot of DoD (Department of Defense) elements. It fell directly under the EO (Equal Opportunity) program and it took years to pull it out," said Dr. Jackson Akwaowo, 14th Force Support Squadron Affirmative Employment Program manager. "It still falls under the Equal Opportunity program, but it is its own entity. The primary focus is employment advancement of individuals in those targeted groups in Federal government."

"When people think about EO, the first thing everyone thinks about is complaints. When it comes to the Special Emphasis Program, the purpose is educating people about the special observances we have and discussing barriers to employment and advancement," said Akwaowo. "It's ensuring that we truly do level the playing field for everyone involved and create an environment where everyone is treated with dignity and is allowed to reach their full potential."

Special Emphasis Programs are integral to the overall Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program to enhance employment, career development, and advancement opportunities of all EEO groups. All Air Force employees are eligible to apply to become SEPM's (Special Emphasis Program Managers).

"In the future the impact this will have will be to bring to light any barriers here at Columbus," said Akwaowo. "If there are, then we'll work together to mitigate those barriers so that everyone is treated with respect."

A SEPM is responsible for the concerns of the represented group in the areas of hiring, training, mentoring, career development and retention. They serve as an advisor to both the workforce and to management officials, ensuring that all persons are enabled to participate in the full range of employment opportunities.

"They don't have to be a member of these specific groups, it can be anyone on permanent assignment that is able to give the program a two year commitment," said Akwaowo. "Preferably someone who has leadership experience and is personable, but basically anyone who shows those leadership traits. They will have to go out and talk to people and manage people and expectations."

There are currently six vacant SEPM positions available:
 American Indian/ Alaskan Native Employment Program Manager (AIEPM)
 Asian American/ Pacific Islander Employment Program Manager (AAEPM)
 Hispanic Employment Program Manager (HEPM)
 Black/ African American Employment Program Manager (BEPM)
 Federal Women Program Manager (FWPM)
 Disability Program Manager (DPM)

For information on becoming a SEPM or to submit ideas to promote equal employment contact the 14th Force Support Squadron, Affirmative Employment Program Manager office at 662-434-7302 or by email to: jackson.akwaowo@us.af.mil.

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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.

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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 (662) 434-7836.

Wood Shop

The Wood Shop is now open by appointment only, 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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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.

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 resources 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/f?p=SIS:2:0:> More online resources are available on Columbus AFB Living at <https://www.columbusafbiving.com/airmen-family-readiness-center/relocaiton-assistance/electronic-sponsor-resources/>. For additional information, please contact the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

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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 (662) 434-2790.)

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

Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation will be held on Aug. 31 from 8 a.m.-12:30 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.

Smooth Move Relocation Workshop

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

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.

Transition Assistance Program Workshop

The next Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 13-17 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

Back-to-School Convocation



U.S. Air Force Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, speaks to teachers staff and faculty at the Columbus Municipal School District Back-to-School Convocation on August 5, 2021. The event is held annually prior to the beginning of the school year to prepare for the year ahead, set the themes and introduce trustees and staff.

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.

Department of Labor Transition Vocational Track Workshop

The next DoL Transition Vocational Track Workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 27-28 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.

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 Tran-

sition 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.

Bundles for Babies

The next “Zoom” Bundles for Babies workshop is from 1-3:30 p.m. Dec. 2. 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 com-

munity 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.

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.

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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!

CY22 selection board schedule helps shape force

Tony Whaley

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The Department of the Air Force recently published the Calendar Year 2022 Air and Space Force Selection Board schedules, identifying when thousands of Airmen and Guardians will compete for promotion, helping shape and develop the force.

The upcoming schedule will see several changes from previous years, ranging from accelerating some promotion boards, adding a new Line of the Air Force developmental category, and supporting two separate board schedules for the Air and Space Force.

“While the Space Force promotion boards are intermingled throughout 2022 with the various Air Force boards, their consolidated boards will look at Guardian promotions for sergeant through master sergeant in May, major through colonel in October, and senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant in November,” said Col. Scott Arcuri, U.S. Air Force Selection Board Secretariat chief. “The October field grade officer board will be Space Force's second consolidated officer board as a separate service.”

Other CY22 changes include:

Lt Col LAF-C (Combat Support) Board in January 2022
Lt Col LAF-X (Cross Functional Operations) Board in March 2022

Colonel LAF (A/C/F/I/N/X) and Chaplain Board accelerated to March/April 2022

Colonel MC/DC/NC/BSC Board accelerated from traditional September timing to June 2022

In order to ensure the department has the force it needs,



U.S. Air Force graphic by Staff Sgt. Kiana Pearson

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the Lt Col LAF-C (Combat Support) DevCat board will convene in January 2022, separate from the remaining LAF DevCats (A/F/I/N/X) meeting in March.

“Having separate developmental categories for the LAF gives us added flexibility to balance and sustain the force by decoupling board timing when necessary,” Arcuri said. “In this case, the Combat Support AFSCs will meet their board two months earlier than last year, which allows earlier processing of the results and earlier pin-on dates to address shortages in some LAF-C career fields.”

In July, the Secretary of the Air Force approved a new LAF developmental category, LAF-X (Cross Functional Op-

erations).

“The new category consists primarily of Foreign Area Officers (FAOs) who now have their own Air Force Specialty Code,” Arcuri added. “LAF-X consists of only Majors and above, so officers in the LAF-X DevCat will compete for lieutenant colonel in March and for colonel in March/April.”

The Colonel LAF and Chaplain boards will be held in late March/early April, about three months earlier than in 2021. Similarly, Medical, Dental, Nurse and Biomedical Sciences Corps candidates meeting their colonels board will compete in June, three months earlier than they did in 2021.

“This continues a trend of moving the Colonels' promotion boards earlier in the year to better align with the Colonel assignment process,” Arcuri added.

The Selection Board Secretariat conducts nearly 200 boards per year for both the Air and Space Force. These include all general officer promotion and federal recognition boards; active duty officer promotion and continuation boards; officer special selection boards and special selection review boards; enlisted promotion boards for sergeant through chief master sergeant (Space Force) and master sergeant through chief master sergeant (Air Force); and other boards as directed by the SecAF.

“We are challenging the status quo and making necessary changes today so we are ready for tomorrow,” Arcuri said. “The decisions and changes made for the upcoming board schedules were deliberate and focused on ensuring we have the right mix of Airmen and Guardians who can compete, deter and win in the high-end fight.”

For more information on the selection boards, visit the myPers website.

Commander's Action Line
662-434-1414

In an effort to stay Connected, the Commander's Action Line is your direct link to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

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.

If you would like to remain anonymous, please submit your inquiries through our base application in the 'Our Wing' then 'Contact the CC' tab or you can submit through the webpage at www.columbus.af.mil. Click "Contact Us" at the top left of the page and select "Commander's Action Line" in the Recipient drop down menu.

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Reform, COVID-19 have been catalysts for change in military medicine

Jacob Moore

MHS Communications

“We cannot forget that healthcare is about taking care of people, so no amount of change or innovation is ever sufficient if modernization does not lead to helping patients, delivering better outcomes, saving lives or helping healthcare providers deliver care,” said Dr. Terry Adirim, acting assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, during a Views from the Top educational session at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society 2021 annual conference.

She spoke about the unique differences, as well as the similarities, between civilian and military medicine.

“I believe there are unique lessons from our experience within the Military Health System, regardless of what sector of healthcare you sit in,” said Adirim. “From data systems driving greater efficiencies and better outcomes within our agencies, to efforts helping us realize the advancements in science and medicine.”

These innovations, she said, are aligning federal healthcare providers with the best in private sector care, delivering the best results for service members and their families.

Adirim said the two largest factors cur-



Photo by Jacob Moore, MHS Communications

Dr. Terry Adirim, acting assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, speaks to the audience during a Views from the Top educational session at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society 2021 annual conference at the Venetian Resort in Las Vegas, August 10.

rently leading to innovations, changes and advancements within the MHS are:

- MHS Reform
- COVID-19

“We can’t discuss innovation, modernization and responding to change without also

talking about the pandemic. COVID-19 continues to prove to be the ultimate disruptor,” she said. “It has tested the readiness and resilience of the entire enterprise and put our providers at risk and, ultimately, threatens our service members’ ability to do their jobs.”

Adirim explained how new approaches to medical care and public health such as virtual health and testing methodology have kept military health beneficiaries safe since the onset of the pandemic.

These, “seemingly small but significant wins,” she said, have created real change.

She cited Keesler Medical Center in Biloxi, Mississippi’s best practice of using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s recommended 15-minute waiting period following COVID-19 vaccination to ask patients about making appointments for routine care that may have been missed due to increased focus on the virus.

Adirim also used the opportunity to praise the military medical community.

“It is a privilege to lead and serve military medical providers who are fully committed to ensuring the health and readiness of our troops, which is so vital to our national security,” she said. “They have been doing so through an especially challenging time of national and global disruption due to the COVID pandemic.”

Defense Health Agency Director Army Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Ronald Place also spoke at HIMSS21 as part of the Views from the Top series the following day.

DAF offers Total Force enlisted members’ bridge to med school, commission

Toni Whaley

Air Force’s Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Total Force enlisted Airmen and Guardians wanting to become a commissioned officer and military healthcare provider can complete their preparatory coursework for admission to medical school while on active duty.

The Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program is a two-year program offered through the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, to enlisted service members, including the Air Reserve Component, regardless of occupational specialty. Following successful completion of EMDP2 and selection for attendance by an accredited medical school, members will attend officer training school.

In many respects, the nation’s federal health professions academy curriculum and educational experiences are similar to those of civilian academic health centers, with one important difference: its emphasis is on military health care, leadership, readiness and public health.

“This program is open to candidates who demonstrate integrity and are dedicated to becoming future physicians, leaders and scholars of the nation’s medical force,” said Da-

vid Zemkosky, Physician Education senior program manager. “Students are challenged with an outstanding leadership and ethics program in a multiservice environment to become the nation’s next generation of military leaders.”

The program components include post-baccalaureate pre-medical course-work, Medical College Admission Test preparation, clinical experience/physician shadowing, mentoring by physicians and medical students, and pre-health advising.

EMDP2 targets Airmen and Guardians in the grade of E-4 or above who have completed between three and 10 years of military service and have a bachelor’s degree in any discipline from an accredited U.S. academic institution. The member must also have a competitive SAT or ACT score from within the last 5 years (2017 or later). Members must be eligible for reenlistment or extension and qualified for worldwide assignments. All requirements must be met by Sept. 30 of the application year.

There is no tuition for USUHS students, they repay their education through service to the nation by supporting and leading global health engagements. All service members incur a three-year obligation or active duty service commitment for EMDP2. Depending on the medical school source,

members will incur an additional four or seven-year commitment served consecutively.

One of the most frequently asked questions is about education requirement waivers.

“Waivers are not considered for any of the academic requirements and are only considered for exceeding time in service and age requirements if extenuating circumstances prevented the member from applying earlier,” Zemkosky said. “The program is very intense and requires attendees to grasp concepts and information from day one of training. Having completed the undergraduate degree and other requirements is key in priming these future military health professionals and leaders for academic success.”

EMDP2 students who meet specific enrollment requirements during their first year in the program are required to apply for matriculation to USUHS’s F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine. Members will also have the opportunity to apply to other accredited U.S. medical schools after completing the first year.

For more information on EMDP2 and the application process, visit myPers at https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/25699 and the Uniformed Services University’s website.

Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Instagram at [columbus_afb_living](https://www.instagram.com/columbus_afb_living), or visit our website at [ColumbusAFBLiving.com](https://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 (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’.

The Print Shop Has Moved!

The Print Shop has moved to The Commons, building 715, room 128. It is located in the back of the Commons and can be accessed either from the main entrance or from the parking lot directly behind the base Chapel. Services include large format printing, mounting, laminating, color and black/white copying, binding, and much more. For a quote call (662) 434-2337 or email 14FSSColumbus@gmail.com.

Youth Program’s After School Care

The Youth Center is offering After School Care beginning August 5 for ages 5-12. The center provides games, sports, arts & crafts, educational enrichment, social skills, leadership building and much more. Request care at [MilitaryChildCare.com](https://www.MilitaryChildCare.com) or call (662) 434-2504 for more information.

Columbus Club & The Overrun Bar

The Columbus Club and the Overrun Bar are now open Wednesday 3:30 p.m.-7 p.m. and Friday from 4-8 p.m. (may be extended for special events) for dinner and drinks. Quick bites done just right featuring favorites such as Chicken Tenders, Mozzarella Sticks and French Fries!

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) is open for DINE-IN and TAKE-OUT service with a limited menu. The expanded eating area will allow for social distancing. Grab’n go products will be available including during bowling. The hours are Monday-Friday: 6:30-10 a.m. for breakfast and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for lunch. It is closed on Saturday and Sunday. For take-out orders, call (662) 434-3426.

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 Storytime 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](https://www.facebook.com/ColumbusAirForceBaseLibrary).

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.

USAF Birthday 5K Coming in September

The Fitness Center will host the USAF Birthday 5K Fun Run on Sept. 17 beginning at 7 a.m. Call the Fitness Center for more information at (662) 434-2772.

Intramural Flag Football Sign-up Open

Intramural Flag Football will kick-off on Sept. 13th at 6 p.m. The sign-up deadline is Aug. 25 at the Fitness Center. Put a team together within your squadron or unit and get ready for some football!

Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation’s (ODR) hours are Monday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (closed Tuesday and Wednesday) and Saturday and 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

Beginning Aug. 16, Independence Pool will have new hours. It will be open Thursday-Monday for lap swim from 6-9 a.m. Open swim will be on Saturday and Sunday only from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. However, open swim will be available on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6.

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 handled 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 and 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 AFP 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](https://www.facebook.com/columbusairforcebaselibrary). For more information, contact (662) 434-2934 or send them a direct message on their Facebook page, Columbus Air Force Library.

BLAZE Hangar Tails: E-3 Sentry (AWACS)

Mission

The E-3 Sentry is an airborne warning and control system, or AWACS, aircraft with an integrated command and control battle management, or C2BM, surveillance, target detection, and tracking platform. The aircraft provides an accurate, real-time picture of the battlespace to the Joint Air Operations Center. AWACS provides situational awareness of friendly, neutral and hostile activity, command and control of an area of responsibility, battle management of theater forces, all-altitude and all-weather surveillance of the battle space, and early warning of enemy actions during joint, allied, and coalition operations.

Features

The E-3 Sentry is a modified Boeing 707/320 commercial airframe with a rotating radar dome. The dome is 30 feet (9.1 meters) in diameter, six feet (1.8 meters) thick, and is held 11 feet (3.33 meters) above the fuselage by two struts. It contains a radar subsystem that permits surveillance from the Earth's surface up into the stratosphere, over land or water. The radar has a range of more than 250 miles (375.5 kilometers). The radar combined with an identification friend or foe, or IFF, subsystem can look down to detect, identify and track enemy and friendly low-flying aircraft by eliminating ground clutter returns that confuse other radar systems.

Major subsystems in the E-3 are avionics, navigation, communications, sensors (radar and passive detection) and identification tools (IFF/SIF). The mission suite includes consoles that display computer-processed data in graphic and tabular format on video screens. Mission crew members perform surveillance, identification, weapons control, battle management and communications functions.



Courtesy photo

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The radar and computer subsystems on the E-3 Sentry can gather and present broad and detailed battlefield information. This includes position and tracking information on enemy aircraft and ships, and location and status of friendly aircraft and naval vessels. The information can be sent to major command and control centers in rear areas or aboard ships. In time of crisis, this data can also be forwarded to the president and secretary of defense.

In support of air-to-ground operations, the Sentry can provide direct information needed for interdiction, reconnaissance, airlift and close-air support for friendly ground forces. It can also provide information for commanders of air operations to gain and maintain control of the air battle.

As an air defense system, E-3s can detect, identify and track airborne enemy forces far from the boundaries of the United States or NATO countries. It can direct fighter-interceptor aircraft to these enemy targets. Experience has proven that the E-3 Sentry can respond quickly and effectively to a crisis and support worldwide military deployment operations.

AWACS may be employed alone or horizontally integrated in combination with other C2BM and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance elements of the Theater Air Control System. It supports decentralized execution of the air tasking order/air combat order. The system provides the ability to find, fix, track and target airborne or maritime threats and to detect, locate and ID emitters. It has the ability to detect threats and control assets below and beyond the coverage of ground-based command and control or C2, and can exchange data with other C2 systems and shooters via datalinks.

With its mobility as an airborne warning and control system, the Sentry has a greater chance of surviving in warfare

than a fixed, ground-based radar system. Among other things, the Sentry's flight path can quickly be changed according to mission and survival requirements. The E-3 can fly a mission profile approximately 8 hours without refueling. Its range and on-station time can be increased through in-flight refueling and the use of an on-board crew rest area.

General characteristics

Primary function: airborne battle management, command and control

Contractor: Boeing Aerospace Co.

Power plant: four Pratt and Whitney TF33-PW-100A turbofan engines

Thrust: 20,500 pounds each engine at sea level

Rotodome: 30 feet in diameter (9.1 meters), 6 feet thick (1.8 meters), mounted 11 feet (3.33 meters) above fuselage

Wingspan: 145 feet, 9 inches (44.4 meters)

Length: 152 feet, 11 inches (46.6 meters)

Height: 41 feet, 9 inches (13 meters)

Weight: 205,000 pounds (zero fuel) (92,986 kilograms) Maximum Takeoff Weight: 325,000 pounds (147,418 kilograms) Fuel Capacity: 21,000 gallons (79,494 liters)

Speed: optimum cruise 360 mph (Mach 0.48)

Range: more than 5,000 nautical miles (9,250 kilometers)

Ceiling: Above 29,000 feet (8,788 meters)

Crew: flight crew of four plus mission crew of 13-19 specialists (mission crew size varies according to mission)

Unit Cost: \$270 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars) Initial operating capability: April 1978

Inventory: active force, 32 (one test); Reserve, 0; Guard, 0

(Current as of September 2015)



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Stacy Fowler

An E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control system aircraft, known as AWACS, lands at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., March 23 after completing a mission. The first E-3 touched down at Tinker exactly 30 years to the day and began a new era for air surveillance.

The Initial Perception

Shannon Hall

Air Force Wounded Warrior Program

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — There are many common sayings that go along with how important the first impression you leave on someone is. No matter the circumstances for someone's behavior, on any particular day, there is no way to reverse that initial interaction, conversation, attitude, etc. For this reason, and many more, the Air Force Wounded Warrior (AFW2) Program puts some of their best people as the first stop warriors interact with.

Recovery Care Coordinators are usually the first people warriors come in contact with, either before or during their enrollment process. They are responsible for making contact with the warrior within the first 72 hours of them being enrolled in the program and conducting an initial assessment of the Airman or Guardian, and their families needs within the first week. They then take this information and coordinate those needs with the service member's care management team, their leadership, the Airman and Family Readiness Center, a Family Liaison Officer and any other person(s) who need to be involved with the service member during their recovery process.

"I spend my day providing information, support and guidance for our wounded, ill and injured Airmen and Guardians," said Ivette Bohannan-Bagnato, AFW2 recovery care coordinator. "I do this by working with multiple entities and programs to ensure the warrior, and their family, are well informed and empowered to meet the challenges ahead."

Some RCC's cover one base, while others cover multiple, depending on their location. They have office hours to allow for warriors

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and caregivers to come visit and talk. They also brief wing leadership on their cases, how to best help Airmen and Guardians enrolled in the program and the benefits available to service members and their leadership. In this job position, RCC's have every opportunity to influence young Airmen and Guardians, wing leadership and family members. No one asks to be enrolled in AFW2, but every warrior enrolled needs a circle of support.

"Unfortunately, things don't always go according to the rule book and that's where we can step in and advocate for the warrior and impact is the main reason I continue down this career path," said Joseph LoFria, AFW2 recovery care coordinator. "Appreciating the impact that I can make on a warrior's life is the biggest reward for me. Whether it be the service member returning to duty to com-



U.S. Air Force graphic by Shawn Sprayberry

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plete their career, or ensuring they obtain maximum benefits with a smooth transition plan to avoid stumbling blocks along the way if they are no longer fit for duty."

No matter the outcome of the warrior's career, AFW2 has a ton of resources to help the Airmen, Guardian and their family conquer their new normal and the RCC's usually help make the first contact. Some of these resources include Building Homes for Heroes, HEROES, Schedule A, OWF internships, Veteran's Service Officers, Veteran's Assistance and a ton of local organizations that can be found through AFW2 Community Programs.

"Every day I choose to devote myself to a career that strives for being solution-driven on an individual level," Ivette said. "This has

been one of the most rewarding and fulfilling careers and I am blessed and honored to support and serve our Airmen and Guardians. Never be afraid to effect change if it's for the better or greater good."

The Air Force Wounded Warrior Program has so much to offer service members who are enrolled, but they do not know that unless they are paired up with someone knowledgeable and willing to go above and beyond. That is what AFW2 RCC's do each and every day for the warriors, and their families.

To learn more about the AFW2 program, see what RCC is within your region and how to contact them, or to enroll an Airman or Guardian, please visit the website at www.woundedwarrior.af.mil.





T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 21-14 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



Maj. Francesco Folino
Imlay City, Michigan
KC-135



1st Lt. Tsolmonbaatar Badral
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TBD



1st Lt. Sarah Escobedo
Pomona, California
C-17

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 21-14 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.

Maj. Francesco Folino and 1st Lt. Daniel Lindauer 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 1st Lt. Daniel Lindauer and 1st Lt. Dailen Sutton who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

The distinguished graduates of Class 21-14 recognized were Folino and Lindauer 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.

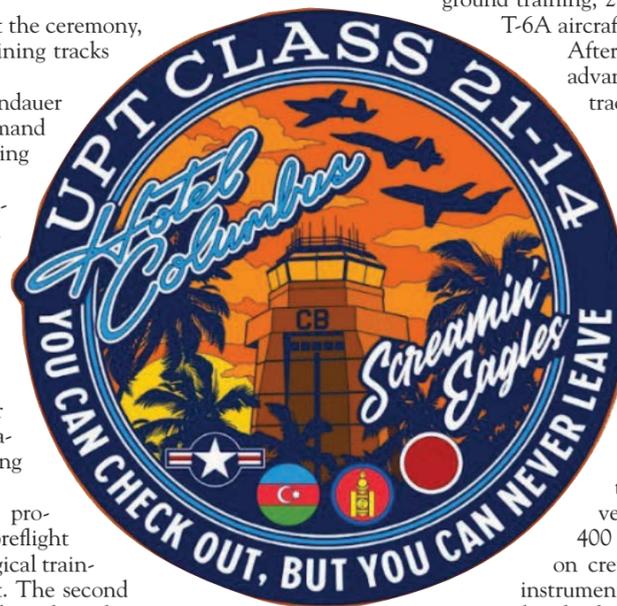
Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

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.



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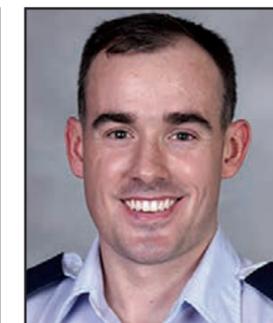
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