





## Weather

<b>Friday</b>  <b>Rain</b> High 46°F Low 41°F	<b>Saturday</b>  <b>Cloudy</b> High 51°F Low 33°F	<b>Sunday</b>  <b>Partly Cloudy</b> High 59°F Low 37°F
<b>Monday</b>  <b>Partly Cloudy</b> High 49°F Low 33°F	<b>Tuesday</b>  <b>Partly Cloudy</b> High 55°F Low 35°F	<b>Wednesday</b>  <b>Partly Cloudy</b> High 58°F Low 38°F

Forecast provided by the 14<sup>th</sup> OSS Weather Flight

## News Briefs

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day Luncheon

A luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Jan. 27 at the Columbus Club in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. A Southern style buffet will be available for \$12 for Club members and \$14 for non-members. Please RSVP prior.

### Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions ceremony is at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 29 in the Columbus Club.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.



U.S. Air Force Photo

**Gen. Robin Rand**  
Commander of Air Education and Training Command



U.S. Air Force Photo

**Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia**  
AETC Command Chief

## AETC senior leadership team visits 14th FTW

**Senior Airman Stephanie Englar**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Gen. Robin Rand, Commander of Air Education and Training Command, and Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia, AETC Command Chief, visited the 14th Flying Training Wing Jan. 22 and 23.

The AETC commander returned to Columbus Air Force Base to speak at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 14-05's graduation and take part in the festivities that

celebrated the success of the Air Force's newest aviators.

The general and chief met with numerous Airmen from various organizations and ranks across Team BLAZE during their visit. They also met with chiefs and first sergeants, company grade officers, and group and squadron commanders.

The AETC commander and command chief were also welcomed by members of the community during an off-base reception at Rosedale, an antebellum home owned by Leigh and Gene Imes, the evening of Jan. 22.

## Inside



### Feature 8

SUPT Class 15-04 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (15-13)	2.94 days	-0.23 days	Feb. 11	48th (15-05)	-0.85 days	-1.02 days	Feb. 13	49th (15-DBC)	2.26 days	2.33 days	Jan. 30	T-6	1,470	1,414	8,391
41st (15-13)	6.92 days	2.59 days	Feb. 11	50st (15-05)	1.17 days	0.08 days	Jan. 23					T-1	541	438	2,934
The graduation speaker is Gen. Robin Rand, Commander Air Education and Training Command.												T-38	288	358	2,380
												IFF	174	160	1,117

# Unit Effectiveness Inspection

## Major Graded Areas



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
26	27 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club	28	29 Enlisted Promotions, 3:30 p.m. @ Club  Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Annex	30	31/1	Feb. 10: Wing Newcomers Orientation Feb. 13: SUPT Class 15-05 Graduation Feb. 16: President's Day Holiday Feb. 27: Enlisted Promotions Mar. 8: Daylight Savings Time begins Mar. 9-13: Lowndes County Schools Spring Break Mar. 13: SUPT Class 15-06 Graduation Mar. 23-30: UEI Mar. 28-29: Keesler AFB Airshow Mar. 31: Enlisted Promotions Apr. 3: SUPT Class 15-07 Graduation Apr. 5: Easter Sunday Apr. 6-18: 75th Annual Spring Pilgrimage Apr. 23: Heart Apart Apr. 28: First Quarterly Awards Ceremony Apr. 30: Enlisted Promotion Ceremony
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 Annual Awards Banquet, 6 p.m. @ Club	7/8 7th - Bulk shredding event, 9 a.m. @ Building 926 parking lot	

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Capt. Tye Dodson	T-1
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2nd Lt. Jeffrey Asper	T-1
2nd Lt. Andrew Cliff	T-1
2nd Lt. Andrew Ensor	TH-1H
2nd Lt. Matthew Fisk	T-1
2nd Lt. Paul Harrington	T-1
2nd Lt. Masaki Hayakawa	T-1
2nd Lt. Justin Hill	T-1
2nd Lt. Timothy Jaronik	T-1
2nd Lt. Jason Jones	T-1
2nd Lt. Zachary Koehler	T-1
2nd Lt. Joseph Maner	T-1
2nd Lt. Joel McKenzie	T-38
2nd Lt. Zachary Morley	T-1
2nd Lt. Michael Mothena	T-1
2nd Lt. Masato Otsuka	T-1
2nd Lt. Peter Nnanna	T-38
2nd Lt. Mercedes Rosado	T-1
2nd Lt. Chistopher Verhulst	T-38



## Dubisher Award

2nd Lt. Chistopher Verhulst

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**Contact:** 2nd Lt. Joseph Maner

**Instrument:** 2nd Lt. Chistopher Verhulst

**Formation:** 2nd Lt. Masato Otsuka

# 15-12

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 26 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## 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.

## Biomedical Science Corp: 50 years of excellence

### Capt. Jamie Longmire

14th Medical Support Squadron  
Clinical Pharmacy Services  
Officer in Charge

This year, the Biomedical Science Corp is celebrating its 50th Anniversary and is dedicating Jan. 26 – 30 to honor the hard work by over 8,000 Airmen included.

During BSC Appreciation week, many activities are being held in honor of the work performed daily by members to include an appreciation luncheon, officer mentoring luncheon, heritage run, and a community volunteer event.

Since its inception in 1965 by Special Order CA-5, the BSC has grown to include 15 different AFSCs, 10 of which are represented here at Columbus, and is recognized as the most diverse in the Air Force

Medical Service. Career fields in the BSC include: optometry, podiatry, audiology and speech pathology, clinical psychology, clinical social work, aerospace and operational physiology, bioenvironmental engineering, medical entomology, pharmacy, biomedical laboratory, physical therapy, occupational therapy, dieticians, physician assistants, and public health officers. The BSC mission is to enhance Air Force combat capability and effectiveness by providing quality healthcare to the beneficiary population.

Currently, there are 81 locations around the world that house BSC Airmen at all levels of medical command. Although the BSC encompasses a variety of professions in a variety of locations and duties, members work every day to uphold the motto: United in the Mission.

## The Airman's Creed

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And a legacy of valor.  
  
I am an American Airman.  
Guardian of freedom and justice,  
My nation's sword and shield,  
Its sentry and avenger.  
I defend my country with my life.  
  
I am an American Airman.  
Wingman, leader, warrior.  
I will never leave and Airman behind.  
I will never falter,  
And I will not fail.



# Purchasing, installing, managing software licenses

14th Communications Squadron  
Base Software License Manager

Compliance with software licensing requirements is mandatory by United States Code, Department of Defense and Air Force instructions. To ensure that Columbus Air Force Base and all subordinate units comply with these requirements, strict controls have been put in place.

Procedures on how to acquire software; how to get software installed on your computer; and how software is tracked and inventoried are just a sample of some of these controls.

If an individual or unit were to require software for their government system to support their unit's mission they would contact their Telephone Control Officer. The TCO will work with the 14th Communications Squadron to ensure the software is authorized for Air Force systems and to make sure an

Authority to Connect is available.

After approval is returned, the TCO will contact the requester who will then follow the unit's purchasing process. It is important to understand that purchasing software does not give unlimited rights to the software. The use of the software is constrained by the software license and the number of licenses purchased. Software will be sent to the BSLM. Once the software is received, the BSLM will contact the purchaser to let them know it has arrived at which point the software can be installed.

Installing software on a unit's computers is a simple process, but how many computers the software can be loaded onto is limited to the number of licenses purchased for use. Calling 434-2666, option two, and opening a ticket will notify a technician the software needs to be installed. Once the technician receives the ticket they will work with the BSLM to ensure there are available licenses and to acquire

the media. They will also arrange to load the software on the identified systems. Once the software is installed the BSLM is required to maintain an inventory of licenses, where the software is loaded and all relevant documentation for the software.

Maintaining software licenses and software inventory is a monumental task that users, BSLMs and the Comm Squadron all have a piece in. Without each doing their part, non-compliance with laws and applicable guidance will quickly follow. Never load personally owned software onto government systems and never make copies of software without permission of the copyright owner. United States Copyright Act, Title 17 of the United States Code, covers software from the moment of its creation and prohibits making any copies without permission of the copy right owner. For more information with respect to software management, please contact the BSLM by calling 434-2375.

## TAs must be approved by term start date

Laurence Brooks

14th Force Support Squadron  
Education and Training Chief

All tuition assistance requests must be approved by the supervisor of the individual via the Air Force Virtual Education Center link (NLT term start date as listed on the AF Form 1227, aka TA Document). Any TA not "supervisor approved" will be auto-deleted and a notification sent to the student. This only affects the supervisor's approval. If the base education office has the final approval, the TA will not be auto deleted (as long as it was approved by the supervisor).

The student notification will let them know their request was deleted,



due to supervisor not approving by start date. They will be reminded that if they remain in that class, they will be responsible for the funding. New TA requests must adhere to the normal requesting policies.

## UCMJ Files

The following is the 14th Flying Training Wing status of discipline for October 2014-December 2014. Administrative and disciplinary actions are published to educate people on the possible consequences of misconduct.

### Articles 15

A 14th Operations Group second lieutenant received an Article 15 for conduct unbecoming and making a false official statement and received forfeitures of \$1,452 pay per month for two months.

A 14th OG staff sergeant received an Article 15 for misuse of his Government Travel Card and received a suspended reduction to E-4.

A 14th FTW staff sergeant received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty for willfully failing to refrain from hazing. The member received a reduction to E-4.

A senior airman at a geographically-separated unit received an Article 15 for forgery and signing a false official statement and received forfeitures of \$ 250 pay per month for two months.

A 14th FTW airman first class received an



Article 15 for assault consummated by a battery and dereliction of duty for willfully failing to refrain from hazing. The member received a reduction to E-2.

A 14th Mission Support Group airman first class received an Article 15 for underage drinking and received a reduction to E-2.

### Involuntary discharges

A 14th MSG senior airman received an honorable discharge for failure to meet minimum fitness standards.

A 14th MSG senior airman received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

A 14th MSG airman first class received a general discharge for minor disciplinary infractions.

## Upcoming Events

### Jan. 23

The University of Alabama gymnastics team offers free admission to military members to a UA Elephants vs. University of Florida Gators meet at 6:30 p.m. during Military Appreciation Night. Cost is \$3 for additional family members. For more information visit rolltide.com or call 205-348-2262.

### Feb. 7

A free art class on Peruvian Indigenous/folk mask painting is scheduled for 10 a.m. To register for the class or for more information, please call 328-2787.

### Feb. 10-12

An Incan Design Coiling class, offered by the Columbus Arts Council, is scheduled from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Rosenzweig Arts Center.

## BARGAIN LINE

### Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

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### Transportation

**For Sale:** 1989 Harley Davidson FXRP, 98,000 miles, \$4,300 or best offer. For more information call 574-8549.

### Miscellaneous

**For Sale:** Ten-year-old Janome 300E monogram sewing machine with accessories and assorted threads. Excellent condition, paid over \$1,500, asking \$650, negotiable. Please call 574-5915 if interested.

**For Sale:** Gateway 15.6 inch laptop computer with high-speed wi-fi, Windows 8.1 , Intel Pentium Processor, 500GB hard drive, DVD SuperMulti DL Drive, 4GB DDR3 memory, Norton Internet Security, webcam with integrated microphone plus numerous other features and programs. Laptop is in excellent condition, \$245 or best offer. For more information call 327-1205.

**For Sale:** Fifty-six piece lot of Pfaltzgraff Village stoneware in excellent condition, plus eight amber water glasses and 10 matching amber juice glasses. This set contains a complete eight place setting plus extras, \$295. For more information call 327-1205.

**For Sale:** Large oak-finish shadow box cabinet for sale; 15 x 17 inch x 1.75 inch deep, with sliding glass window. Black felt background to create a stunning display for pins, medals, button, and more. New in box, \$29.95. For more information please call 327-1205.

**For Sale:** LG 47 inch by 33.5 inch high by 46.5 inch wide HD TV for sale, in excellent condition, asking \$200. For more information call 434-2220 during duty hours or 328-7067 after hours.

**For Sale:** Roller fairlead for truck winch in good shape, \$25. For more information please call or text 386-1408.



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# Living museum: Airman preserves AF uniforms

Senior Airman Jensen Stidham  
20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — (This feature is part of the “Through Airmen’s Eyes” series on AF.mil. These stories focus on a single Airman, highlighting their Air Force story.)

Walking through the 20th Maintenance Group building, it would be appropriate to stop and gaze into the office of one senior leader there. Eyes would be greeted with several mannequins wearing different shades of green and blue, each decorated with metals and ribbons.

For most of his life, Lt. Col. Kyle Clement, the 20th MXG deputy commander, has been preserving Airman heritage by collecting vintage Army Air Corps and Air Force memorabilia, most notably uniforms and their decorations dating back to 1914.

“Everybody collects little things when they are growing up,” Clement said. “When I was a teenager I just happened to

collect bits and pieces of Air Force uniforms. It just always caught my eye.”

Enlisting in the Air Force in 1989 and commissioning in 1994, Clement has pieced his collection together from across the United States.

“The majority of it came from thrift stores,” Clement said. “As I travel, if I pass

an antique store I’ll pull over and check it out. It’s amazing what you can find. Most stores don’t even know what it is.”

Though his collection of complete uniforms has grown to more than 15, his passion for collecting is not all about the pieces of fabric.

“Every one of these uniforms belonged to an Airman, and I think that is key,” Clement said. “The history of why these uniforms were worn, who wore them, and how our uniform has changed over the years is incredible. The uniforms we wear today are just pieces of the uniforms that used to be worn.”

Even though he purchased his first vintage uniform as a young captain, his favorite uniform known as “pinks and greens,” the Army Air Corps uniform from WWII, connects him to an earlier time in his life.

In 1994, Clement graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, wearing a similar uniform to the pinks and greens, and says the uniform reminds him of his



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jensen Stidham

**Lt. Col. Kyle Clement stands in front of his vintage U.S. military uniform collection Jan. 9, 2015, at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. Collecting for more than 20 years, Clement’s goal is to preserve Airman heritage by piecing together authentic uniforms dating back to 1914. Clement is the 20th Maintenance Group deputy commander.**

college years and the opportunity that lead to his commission.

Since his years after college, Clement has spent time reading his library of books to ensure all of his uniforms, ribbons, medals, and hats are displayed in an accurate way.

“Lt. Col. Clement’s collection is brilliant,” said 2nd Lt. Cameron Schmitt, the 20th MXG executive officer. “His love for history is incredible and it is such a great opportunity to work with someone who is willing to give a quick history lesson at a moment’s notice.”

Not only does Clement have a passion for collecting Air Force uniforms, but what he wants even more is to become a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) teacher after he retires from service.

“My intent is for these uniforms to never come home with me,” Clement said. “I plan to have them in my classroom one day and then donate them to the school, that way they can continue to be appreciated.”

A living museum from World War I to present day, Clement’s passion for uniforms has built a lifelong journey rooted in Air Force history.

“He is helping preserve our heritage through his collection and that is crucial to the development of Airmen and officers alike,” Schmitt said.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jensen Stidham

**An Airman assigned to the 20th Maintenance Group, touches an original aircraft maintenance badge Jan. 9, 2015, at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. Lt. Col. Kyle Clement, the 20th Maintenance Group deputy commander purchased this badge as a teenager, starting his life-long passion for collecting Airman memorabilia.**

# Lile Outdoors: Hunting in rut means big bucks

Airman Daniel Lile  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

(Editor’s note: This is the ninth article in a series about hunting.)

With Primitive Weapon season ending Jan. 31 in Mississippi, hunting season is nearing an end; however, there still is hope for those who have not bagged that big buck yet.

The “rut” is still in full swing in the local area, which makes big-game hunting ideal.

“The rut is the point in the year where the does go into estrus mode and are ready to mate, and the males’ hormones also pick up and they start to chase the does,” said Lt. Col. James Owen, 14th Flying Training Wing Director of Staff and avid hunter. “Generally there are two smaller ruts within a winter, and it changes with each location.”

With deer so focused on mating, they usually tend to take risks and do things they normally would not do.

“During the rut, deer are only thinking about mating. They don’t care near as much about food or safety, and hunters use that to their advantage,” said Staff Sgt. Cody Howk, 14th Operations Support Squadron Weather Forecaster and avid hunter. “When they’re crazy like that, those huge bucks you don’t [normally] ever see start coming out.”

One way to take advantage of bucks in the rut is by using a grunt call.

“A grunt call is a tubular call you use to bring deer back to you or to stop them,” Owen said. “When bucks are in the rut, if they hear another male deer grunt, they will come to fight it.”

Rattle bags are also very effective at bring-

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ing bucks in for a fight.

“Rattling antlers with a rattle pack or with real antlers, from a previously harvested buck, simulates the sound of two bucks fighting over a doe,” Howk said. “So if you’re another male deer and you hear two deer fighting, you think you can come in and swoop the doe away from the males because they are already tired. Simply put, it also attracts big bucks.”

Attracting large bucks is the whole idea and hype of the rut, and smell is yet another way to utilize a buck’s natural aggression.

“Estrus is the scent female deer give off to show males they are ready to mate,” Howk said. “Bucks react to it so you can use it to your advantage by using that scent on your boots or on your clothes.”

There is little time left this hunting season in Mississippi, however with the rut still happening, hunters have the opportunity to get that prized buck.



Courtesy photo

**Patrick Owen, son of Lt. Col. James Owen, 14th Flying Training Wing Director of Staff and an avid hunter, poses by a buck he shot in 2014 in Mississippi during the rut. With Primitive Weapon season ending Jan. 31 in Mississippi, hunting season is nearing an end however with the rut still happening, hunters have the opportunity to get a prized buck like this one.**

Arrive alive,  
Don’t drink  
and drive.

## Commander’s Action Line

# 434-1414

The Commander’s Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. 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 phone number is 434-1414. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the Wing Headquarters building, BLDG. 724, suite 210. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.





# Introducing Columbus AFB Living

**Maj. Stephen Duran**  
14th Mission Support Group  
Commander's Action Group

Over the past few months, a team of over 30 hand-selected individuals from Columbus Air Force Base have met, researched, and created a new website which highlights the full gamut of base activities and functions. Now that it is completed, we are proud to announce the unveiling of the columbusafbliving.com website.

Col. Kurt Kayser, 14th Mission Support Group Commander, said, "It is important for Columbus AFB to integrate our various social media sites into a fresh, new, and exciting website platform that is compatible with smartphones and small tablets."

He also mentioned how he believes this is the bench-mark for military base websites. The team scoured the web to find the best aspects of other base sites that we could use. So far we've received a ton of positive feedback already and other bases have expressed interest in copying our efforts.

Since official release on Jan. 14, the fully revamped website has provided users with information on base amenities and the surrounding area at the click of a

button. Run your mouse along the various categories at the top of the page and you'll find links to everything you need to know, from daily lunch specials, to employment opportunities, to Commissary hours and operating hours of all base entities, as well as various activities offered at Outdoor Recreation and the Airman and Family Readiness Center. If you need more information, there are also organization phone numbers provided.

Along with base information, a detailed categorized calendar is available as a one-stop shop for upcoming events happening on base. Columbus AFB offers many trips throughout the year along with monthly fitness runs and daily classes at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. All of this information and more is available in one convenient and easy-to-find location. If a user has a base-wide event they want to post to the calendar or constructive feedback in regards to the website itself, all they have to do is send an email to columbusfsk@gmail.com.

The calendar is one of my favorite new features that our team hopes everyone will enjoy. The fact that the calendar and website are mobile friendly is a huge win! Just two clicks on my phone and I'm getting the information I want!

## Columbus AFB new website unveiled



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Stephanie Englar

An Airman from Columbus Air Force Base browses the new Columbus Air Force Base Living website, [www.columbusafbliving.com](http://www.columbusafbliving.com), Jan. 21. The new website was unveiled Jan. 14 and replaced [www.columbusfsrocks.com](http://www.columbusfsrocks.com). Site users can find upcoming events and base information along with information on the surrounding community.

## MyMC2 app



Welcome to the My Military Communities information page. MyMC2 is the mobile application that centralizes all of your installation's community events, organizations and services right in your pocket.



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# Controlling the airspace for three generations

## Following family footsteps and striving for greatness

**Airman 1st Class Dustin Mullen**  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — (This feature is part of the "Through Airmen's Eyes" series on AF.mil. These stories focus on a single Airman, highlighting their Air Force story.)

Children often admire parents and grandparents for doing great things, which can compel them to follow in their families' footsteps and strive for greatness. For one Airman here, those footsteps from the past were followed almost exactly, leading to three generations of air traffic controllers.

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Merritt, a 325th Operation Support Squadron radar approach control chief controller, is a third generation ATC, and the second generation to also serve in that career field while stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base.

In fact, there has been a Merritt with a mic in their hands talking to airplanes since 1947.

"My grandfather retired as (a Federal Aviation Administration) ATC controller," Michael said. "He did it for a long time. My father joined the Air Force as a controller, retired

as a master sergeant, and went into FAA as a controller."

Michael didn't know much about his grandfather's job as a kid. It wasn't until he joined the military that he was made fully aware of his grandfather's career.

"When I was young, I remember a 'bring your kids to work day' when my father took me into the tower," Michael said. "As a youngster I didn't really know what I was looking at, I just thought it was cool to look out the windows and see the aircraft."

His father, William, served more than 20 years in the military. Tyndall AFB was William's first station, where he obtained his first ATC rating. Now after several years, his son Michael has made his way to Tyndall AFB.

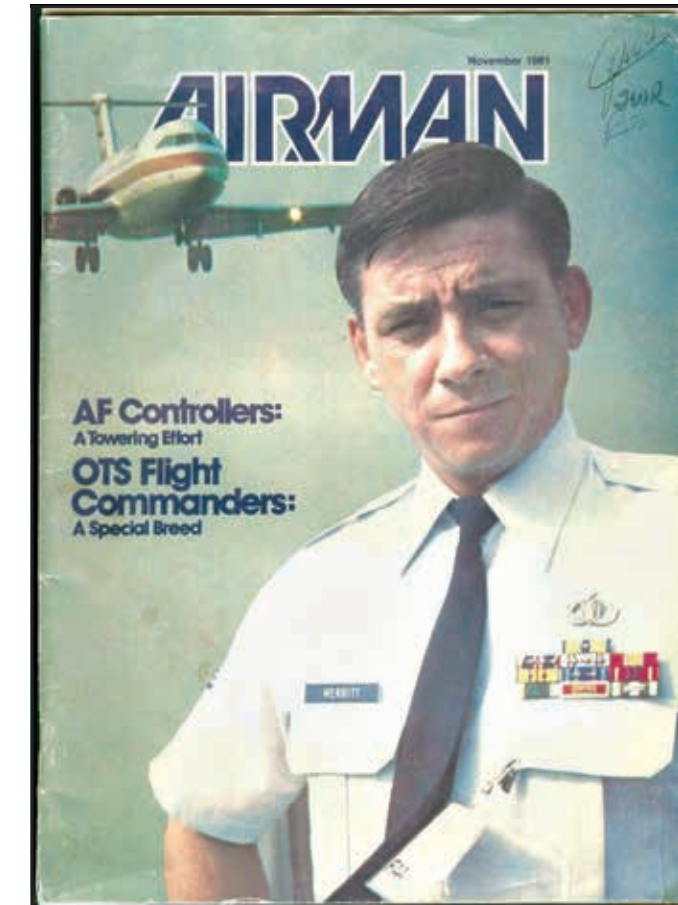
"My dad absolutely thinks it's cool," Michael said. "He will tell me about how it was, even when I talk to him today, he will tell me about places I have to visit. There is a certain relation that we have; there is a coolness factor in talking about it and what has changed."

Joining the Air Force, Michael aspired to join the ATC career.

"At first they denied me because of my vision," he said. "So they gave me another job and I became a load master."

After seeing a specialist and getting his vision corrected, and spending 6 years as an AC-130 Spectre gunship load master, Merritt was able to cross train into ATC.

"I love my job overall, whether it be as a load master or ATC," Michael said. "What I enjoy the most is being able to develop my Airmen and NCOs."



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo

**William Merritt, a retired Air Force master sergeant, is featured on a past cover of Airman Magazine. He is the father of Michael Merritt, a 325th Operation Support Squadron radar approach control chief controller, and the second of three generations of Air Traffic Controllers.**

# Pentagon salutes Dr. King's life, legacy

**Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jake Richmond**  
DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — Defense Department members gathered Jan. 15 at the Pentagon's annual observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, ahead of the federal holiday.

Deputy Defense Secretary Bob Work called King a "true, remarkable American patriot and hero" and said he was honored to help pay tribute to the late civil rights leader.

"The most fitting way to honor Dr. King's legacy is not just to celebrate this holiday or to celebrate his achievements, but to act on his word in what we do every day in the service of our nation," Work said.

King, who would have been 86 today, was assassinated in 1968, less than four years after winning the Nobel Peace Prize for his

leadership of nonviolent civil disobedience in the advancement of civil rights.

### A Proponent of Peace

Joining the deputy secretary to give the event's keynote speech was Navy Adm. Michelle Howard, vice chief of naval operations. In 1999, Howard became the first African-American woman to command a combatant ship in the U.S. Navy, and in 2014, she became the first woman to rise to the rank of four-star admiral.

"Not only did (King) peacefully bring society through some of the most complicated and charged social upheavals of American history, but he also fostered change in the very hearts and minds of the American people," Howard said.

Howard called King one of the greatest leaders the country has ever seen and

recounted several of his most memorable words. Quoting King, she said "if a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live" and "a genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus, but a motor of consensus."

The admiral praised King for convincing so many that people work better together and for "overwhelming the status quo" with consistent, concentrated and insistently righteous perseverance.

### Inclusiveness and Restraint

"He pushed both black and white citizens to look beyond themselves, beyond their comfort zones, habits or beliefs, to something bigger and better for all of us," Howard said. "He rose above the pain and he taught his followers to demand the moral high ground ... these lessons of inclusiveness and restraint

are some of the hardest concepts throughout human history."

For that reason, the admiral explained, it is even more important for Americans to continue to observe and remember Dr. King for the things he did and the principles he stood for.

"Today, as we honor this great American," Work said, "let us also reflect on what we can do, each and every one of us in this room, throughout the Pentagon, throughout the armed services of our great nation, to further the struggle for human freedom and dignity that Dr. King helped to lead and for which he ultimately gave his life."

King was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a U.S. federal holiday in 1986.



### CAFB FSS Rocks

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter at @columbusafbliving, MyAirForceLife App on any smart phone 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 434-2337.

### Spring Soccer Registration

Are you ready to get outdoors and enjoy soccer? Sign up Jan. 26 – Feb. 20 for Youth Spring Soccer. The cost is \$35 for ages 3 – 4; \$40 for ages 5 – 18. Save \$5 off registration if registered by Jan. 30. Volunteer coaches needed. For more information, contact 434-2504.

### Family 3-Point Shootout

The Youth Center is offering a Family 3-point Shootout and Hotspot Competition Jan. 31 at 9 a.m. An adult must compete with each child; ages 6 – 18. Register no later than Jan. 20. For more information, contact 434-2504.

### Youth Super Bowl Party

The Youth Center is offering a Super Bowl party for youth/teens Feb. 1 at 4:30 p.m. The cost is only \$10 for one, \$15 for two, or \$20 for three or more. Register no later than Jan. 27. For more information, contact 434-2504.

### Super Bowl Party at the Club

Win prizes. Watch the game for free. The Columbus Club is offering a Super Bowl Party Feb. 1. Doors open at 5 p.m. Purchase a ticket for All You Can Eat Buffet for only \$7 members or \$9 non-members. For more information, contact 434-2489.

### Xbox 360 Madden 15 Football Tournament

Sign up and play a full season as your favorite team at the Youth Center. Participants must be a Youth Center Member age 12 – 18. Championship game played the week of the Super Bowl. For start date and to sign up, contact 434-2504.

### Sweetheart Golf Tourney

The Golf Course is offering a 2-Person 9-hole scramble Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. The cost is only \$50 per couple; includes green fees, cart, and lunch. Register and pay by Feb. 1. For more information, contact 434-7932.

### Mongolian BBQ

A Mongolian BBQ is scheduled Feb. 10 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club. Reservations required by Feb. 5. The menu includes: chicken, beef, shrimp, vegetables, egg rolls, rice, egg drop soup, and Chinese donuts. For more information, contact 434-2489.

### 5K Fitness Run

The Fitness Center is offering a 5K fitness run Feb. 13 at 7 a.m. Bikes and strollers welcome. Commander's trophy points awarded. For more information, contact 434-2772.

### Harlem Globetrotters Youth Trip

The Youth Center is offering a Harlem Globetrotters youth trip Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. Purchase your tickets online or upon arrival. Each person must pay a \$5 transportation fee per person. For more information, contact 434-2504.

### Wine Pairing

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a Wine Pairing



Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. The cost is only \$22.50 per person; includes a sampling of at least four wines with heavy hors d'oeuvres with each pairing. Register and pay by Feb. 12. For more information, contact 434-7932.

### Youth Photography Competition

The Youth Center is offering a Photography Competition Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. for youth ages 6 – 18. Categories include: Culture and Tradition, Surroundings, Portraits, and One of a Kind. Photograph must be less than one year old. For more information, contact 434-2504.

### Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Class

Free classes are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 p.m. The benefits include huge gains in confidence, functional strength, flexibility, discipline, and overall physical conditioning. Mandatory equipment: BJJ Kimono (Gi); for ages 13 and up. For more information, contact 434-2772.

### Horseback Riding Lessons

Check us out, learn a new sport, start riding again, or enhance your riding skills. Lessons are available at the Columbus Air Force Base stables for ages five and up in the ways of English and western riding. For more information, contact (610) 248-4824.

### Wood Shop Self Help

Do you need to complete a wood project? The base wood shop is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for only \$4 per hour. For more information, contact 434-7836.

### “Beach Body” Body Blast Fitness

“If it’s Burning, It’s Growing.” The class is Monday – Friday at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Brandy at 434-2772.

### Hot Hula Fitness Class

Polynesian dance workout is an easy to follow, low impact exercise that strengthens arms, abs, and legs. Classes offered Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. at the Fitness Center. For more information, contact 434-2772.

### Events at the Club

Schedule your next event (big or small) at the Columbus Club. Event planning, preparation, tours, and payments are made by appointment only Tuesday- Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call the club caterer at 434-2489 to schedule your event.

### RV Storage Lot

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

### Earn Free Lunch at the Columbus Club

Pick up your blaze lunch punch card today at the Columbus Club. Purchase just 10 lunches at the Columbus Club and receive the 11th free. For more information, contact 434-2489.

### Green Plate Special

The Pro Shop at Whispering Pines Golf Course offers a special for lunch Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 434-7932 or check us out on Facebook at CAFB FSS Rocks or Twitter @CAFBFSS!

### Feeling Lucky?

Outdoor Recreation offers monthly casino trips the last Saturday of each month. With more than 5,000 slot machines, 115 table games and 14 poker tables including the wildly popular Texas Hold'em. Join the fun for only \$25 which includes transportation and receive \$20 in bonus bets. Contact 434-2505 for more information.

### Instructional Classes at Youth Center

Youth Programs is offering piano lessons, guitar lessons, tumbling classes, dance classes, and martial arts instruction. Times and ages vary for all classes. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

### Fitness on Request

CAFB Fitness and Sports offers a truly comprehensive group fitness platform that is available all day and completely customizable to meet your needs with over 30 different classes on the Fitness on Request system. For more information, call 434-2772.

### Space A Lodging

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

### Ride in Style

If you don't want to leave your car at the airport over a vacation, we can help you out. Outdoor Recreation offers a shuttle service to the airport of your choice. Transportation one way is \$225 for Memphis, \$175 for Birmingham, and \$50 for Columbus. Call 434-2505 for more information.

### Hot and Easy to Use

Force Support Squadron gift cards are available in increments of \$5 to fit any budget. They can be used at most Force Support Squadron facilities at Air Force installations worldwide and they never go out of style.

## 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.)*

### Linked-In Workshop

This workshop is instructed Jan. 26-28 from 3-5 p.m. at EMCC. It teaches you how to use Linked-In as a successful social networking tool to obtain employment.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is Feb. 10, 8 a.m. – noon, and is mandatory for newly-arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Columbus Club. For more information call 434-2839.

### Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop, Feb. 10, 1-2 p.m., allows the VA contractors to explain to service members, whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers and what they are able to provide throughout the member's military career and how to apply for benefits. To register and more information please call 434-2790.

### Smooth Move

This class, Feb. 18, 10 - 11:30 a.m., is a class that provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. You learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and A&FRC. Please call 434-2790 to register.

### Capstone

This Capstone class, Feb. 19, 8 a.m. – noon, is required for all separating/retiring personnel and should occur no later than 90 days prior to anticipated separation/retirement; however, if a member has less than 90 days left in the military, the member should attend as soon as possible within their remaining period of service. It verifies if service members have/have not met their Career Readiness Standards/Individual Transition Plan Checklist, DD Form 2958. The checklist, in conjunction with the ITP, will be used by the A&FRC to verify status of CRS completion. Call 434-2790 for more information.

### Bundles of Joy w/Military Saves

The workshop, Feb. 24, 1 - 3:30 p.m., is for active-duty families assigned to Columbus Air Force Base who are expecting or have a child up to four months of age. This is an Air Force Aid Society program with informational presentations about topics such as Tri-Care, Child Care, Breastfeeding, Car Seat Safety, and Nutrition & Fitness during and after pregnancy, and Labor & Delivery. To register please call 434-2790.

### Pre-separation Counseling

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. The counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m. It takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

## Two geographically separated military communities unite



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson

**Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, speaks with over 50 Team BLAZE members, members of the Columbus community and Valdosta community members Jan. 14 at a Columbus reception in downtown Valdosta, Ga. Nearly 20 members of the Columbus community traveled to Georgia for the re-activation ceremony of the 81st Fighter Squadron at Moody Air Force Base.**

ed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. The counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m. It takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

### Pre and Post Deployment Tour Brief

These briefings are mandatory briefings for active-duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. The briefings are held daily at the A&FRC. Pre-deployment is at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment is at 1:30 p.m. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

### 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, and be wary of anyone telling you they can offer you a better deal. Always get the true facts about the SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling your SBP Counselor Jamey Coleman at (662) 434-2720.

### Military and Family Life Consultant Program

The MFLC counselors provide a non-medical counseling to help Airmen, (both single and married) their spouses and other family members to cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges,

such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health providers. Counselors 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 call 662-364-0504.

### Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center. We have volunteer opportunities located throughout the base for a one-time event, special events, or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Golf Course, Medical Clinic, the Chapel, Airman Attic, Thrift Store the Retiree Activities office and many others. For more information please call A&FRC at 434-2790.

### Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

The Recovery Coordination Program streamlines and improves the way care and support are delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmen and their families. The RCP provides the support of a Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC) who guides the Airman and family along their road to recovery. Those eligible include wounded, ill and injured Airmen who: (1) have a serious illness or injury (2) are unlikely to return to duty within a specified amount of time (3) may be medically separated from the military. Additional details are available by contacting the Columbus AFB RCC at DSN: 493-3399, Office: 334-953-3399 or tim.griggs.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

## Base Community Organizations

### DRMO

Recycle first by using the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office as your facility's source of supply. Authorized personnel may retrieve property free of charge if the property is still physically located here in Base Supply and marked at DRMO facilities. Other DRMO processing is available via the web at [www.drmo.dla.mil](http://www.drmo.dla.mil). Cost of shipping will apply. Please call Inspection at 434-7231 to review DRMO property or Stock Control at 434-7197 with questions or concerns you may have. Parking and assistance is available in the back of building 158.

### Last Look Area

Recycling is what the Last Look Area provides! Slightly used furniture and equipment is available to all Columbus Air Force Base facilities for free. Pick-up and delivery is the customer's responsibility. There is a three-day maximum for customers who wish to reserve items. Facility hours are from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Need more information? Contact Inspections at 434-7231 or 434-7332. Parking is available at the back of building 158.

### Zero Overpricing Program

Interested in saving the Air Force money and making a little yourself? As part of the Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program there are award incentives for price challenges that result in tangible savings. In accordance with AFI 38-401, responsible personnel will receive a monetary award. Personnel are encouraged to participate on any overpricing issues daily. Please call Customer Support at 434-7178 for any advice or guidance.

## Chapel Schedule

Whether you are new to Columbus Air Force Base or have been around for a while, our parish communities welcome you to join us as we worship, fellowship, and encourage one another. For more information, please call 434-2500.

### Catholic Community

**Sunday:**  
3:15 p.m. – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (Chapel Annex)  
3:45 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9 (Chapel Annex)  
4 p.m. – Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary)  
4 p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)  
5 p.m. – Mass w/Children's Church  
**Tuesday:**  
11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass

### Protestant Community

**Sunday:**  
9 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library)  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service  
**Tuesday:**  
5 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)  
**Wednesday:**  
4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal



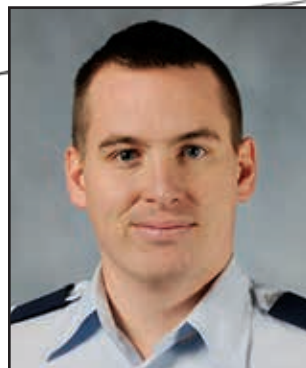


T-1A Jayhawk

# SUPT Class 15-04 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



**Capt. Jesse Moulton**  
Colorado Springs, Colo.  
C-130J, Dyess AFB, Texas



**1st Lt. Juste Aristide Ilboudo**  
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso  
A-29



**1st Lt. Abdoulazize Youssoufou Souley**  
Niamey, Niger  
C-208, Niger

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-04 graduates at 10 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 are recognized.

2nd Lt. Connor Ference, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Aaron Wiseman, T-1, 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. Adelae Riley, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Ian Ellington, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

2nd Lt. Connor Ference, T-38, 2nd Lt. Aaron Wiseman, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Marcela Leano, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 15-04.

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

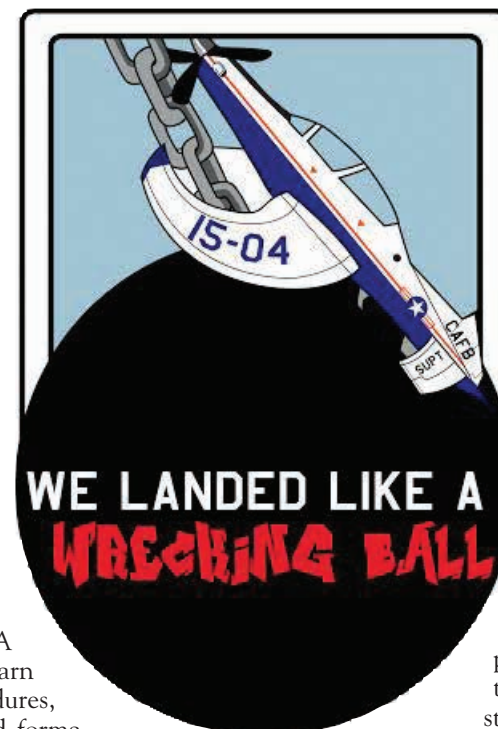
Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

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

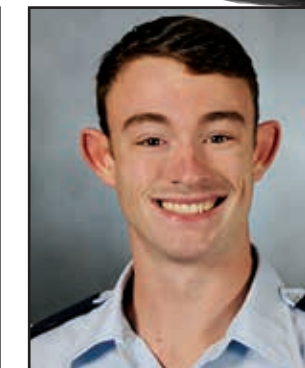
Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

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

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 74.6 hours in the T-1A. Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 15-04 pilot partners are CJ's Pizza and Columbus Roll Shop.



**2nd Lt. Kelsey Brush**  
Colorado Springs, Colo.  
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



**2nd Lt. Matthew Daugherty**  
Monterey, Va.  
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Ryan Dukes**  
Orlando, Fla.  
C-130J, Dyess AFB, Texas



**2nd Lt. Justin Eagar**  
Chandler, Ariz.  
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



**2nd Lt. Megan Edson**  
Wolfeboro, N.H.  
C-17, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska



**2nd Lt. Justin Edwards**  
Tampa, Fla.  
C-17, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



**2nd Lt. Ian Ellington**  
Scott Depot, W.Va.  
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Connor Ference**  
West Palm Beach, Fla.  
F-22, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Richard Gangloff**  
Wantage, N.J.  
C-17, Dover AFB, Del.



**2nd Lt. Lance Hagan**  
Tallahassee, Fla.  
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



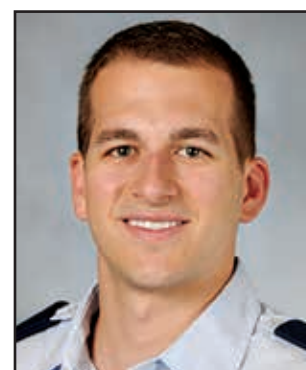
**2nd Lt. Philip Lange**  
Ferdale, Wash.  
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Marcela Leano**  
Nederland, Texas  
HC-130J, Moody AFB, Ga.



**2nd Lt. Michael Pendergrass**  
Stockbridge, Ga.  
C-17, Dover AFB, Del.



**2nd Lt. Jason Pennington**  
McLean, Va.  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



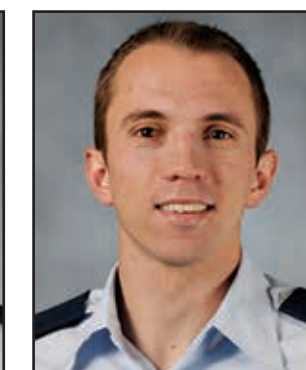
**2nd Lt. Gerson Reinoso Cabrera**  
Escuintla, Guatemala  
A-37B, Guatemala



**2nd Lt. Adelae Riley**  
Minerva, Ohio  
T-38, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Daniel Thompson**  
Parker, Colo.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Jonathan Weir**  
Fort Smith, Ark.  
KC-135, RAF Mildenhall AB, England



**2nd Lt. Aaron Wiseman**  
Sarasota, Fla.  
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.