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Friday  Sunny High 47°F Low 20°F	Saturday  Partly Cloudy High 49°F Low 28°F	Sunday  Sunny High 45°F Low 29°F
Monday  Cloudy High 52°F Low 25°F	Tuesday  Thunderstorms High 55°F Low 41°F	Wednesday  Cloudy High 35°F Low 25°F

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News Briefs

SUPT class 15-05 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 15-05 is graduating at Kaye Auditorium, 10 a.m., Feb. 13. The graduation speaker is Retired Maj. Gen. Foglesong, former 14th Flying Training Wing Commander.

George Washington's Birthday Holiday

Monday, Feb. 16, most base organizations will be closed in observance of Washington's Birthday Holiday.

Black History Month Luncheon

A luncheon is scheduled 11:30 a.m., Feb. 20, at the Columbus Club celebrating Black History Month. The Guest Speaker for the luncheon is Maj. Gen. Mark Brown, Commander, Second Air Force, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

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Feature 8

SUPT Class 15-05 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Daniel Lile

Twelve 14th Flying Training Wing Annual Awards winners pose for a photo with Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander and Chief Master Sgt. Rita Felton, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief, Feb. 6 at the Columbus Air Force Base club. Harencak spoke during the banquet about the incredible impact the Airmen nominees have on the Columbus AFB mission, and challenge them to continue their hard work.

Harencak urges for continued excellence

Airman Daniel Lile

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. spoke at the Columbus Air Force Bases Annual Awards Ceremony Feb. 6 at the Columbus Club.

Harencak began his speech by talking about the incredible impact the Airmen nominees have on the Columbus AFB mission, and how they need to continue their hard work.

"Tonight we are going to thank you, but what are you going to do for us tomorrow?" Harencak said. "While your accomplishments will always be with you; you can't ride on those accomplishments because there is no finish line in what you do each and every day."

Harencak explained with all of the celebration and recognition it is still important to remain humble.

"Always remember to be humble, and always remember that you didn't get there by yourself anyway," Harencak said.

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
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The graduation speaker for SUPT Class 15-05 is Gen. (Ret.) Robert "Doc" Foglesong, United States Air Force Retired.

Gen. Keltz all-call



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Daniel Lile
Maj. Gen. Michael Keltz, 19th Air Force Commander, speaks to Columbus Air Force Base Airmen during an all-call Feb. 10 at the Kaye Auditorium. During the all-call, Keltz addressed current Air Force problems and the Air Force's future.

HARENCAK

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Harencak continued to speak on how everyone owes their personal successes to those around them as well.

"Everyone owes their successes to others, and everyone needs to remember that," Harencak said. "No-one got to this point without their co-workers and of course their families, so that's really what we are celebrating here."

Harencak encouraged all the Airmen in attendance to strive for excellence every day.

"We need your best in America's Air Force every day," Harencak said. "Every day you have to aspire to earn one of these awards, every single day."

Harencak concluded his speech by thanking the local community in attendance and recognizing their contribution to the mission.

"I want to thank the community leaders we have here tonight," said Harencak. "I have moved 22 times since I have joined the Air Force, and you can just tell when you have great support like you have here. This becomes a home to Airmen because of what the community does each and every day."

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time and funding constraints. Green’s idea allowed the squadron to meet the requirement and reusing the covers is expected to save the Air Force \$118,000 per year. Green said she did not consider submitting her idea to API until her commander encouraged her to do so.

“It feels great to know that I made a difference in the squadron and potentially throughout the Air Force. I never imagined a small idea would make such a huge impact,” she said.

Master Sgt. Shane Sneary, of the 57th Maintenance Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, said, “There are some folks out there that won’t submit their idea because they think they won’t be listened to or that their idea is too small and may not matter. I can tell them from personal experience this is not true.”

Sneary submitted an idea suggesting improvements for F-16 Fighting Falcon oxygen system bottle testing. His suggestion is expected to save the Air Force \$58,000 per year.

“I submitted my idea to API so that if my new process was approved it could possibly be implemented across the Air Force. I want to let my fellow Airmen know that with API any idea - large or small - will be looked at and reviewed. It feels good to know that my idea will have a positive impact at the Air Force level,” Sneary said.

Several recent API improvements will make it easier for Airmen to submit their ideas.

According to Flynt, the API program managers have developed an enhanced webpage hosted on the Air Force Portal. The site provides a

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1st Lt. Ariel Green said.

wealth of information from the latest API approval statistics to tools that can help refine and enhance potential submissions, making it even easier to communicate ideas to improve how the Air Force does business.

Other API site enhancements allow Airmen to search to see if an idea has already been submitted, see previously approved ideas, submit new ideas, check the status of their submissions and view an expanded database of ideas submitted under the previous Air Force IDEA program. Additionally, the page includes monthly reports on process submissions. Finally, Airmen will find a link that enables them to communicate directly with the API team.

Have an idea for a game-changer? No matter how big or small, the API team is looking for good ideas because every Airman needs to make every dollar count.

For more information about API and suggestions submitted to date, go to the Air Force Portal and enter “API” in the search window. To submit an idea, go to <https://ipds.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. For information about other personnel issues, visit the myPers website.

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14th FTW receives outstanding unit award

14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Air Education and Training Command officials recently announced the 14th Flying Training Wing as the recipient of the Outstanding Unit Award.

Those permanently assigned to the 14th FTW from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2014, are eligible for the award. This includes reservists, guard members and those on TDY orders assigned or attached to the 14th FTW, but not those attending training or in student status.

“This award is a testament to how hard Team BLAZE worked these past two years,” said Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander. “Thank you for your professionalism, focus on purpose, pride and commitment to Producing Pilots, Advancing Airmen and Feeding the Fight

that made this accomplishment possible.”

During the award period, the 14th Flying Training Wing graduated 641 pilots at the Air Force’s second busiest airfield in 2013 and 2014, with the Air Force’s largest flying hour program of 2013 and second largest flying hour program of 2014.

Additionally, Team BLAZE members garnered more than 62 AETC awards and two Air Force awards.

The wing also deployed 227 Airmen in support of 13 combined commanders, providing tireless support for worldwide deployment operations.

This is the 12th time Columbus AFB has received the AFOUA and the 10th time since the wing was designated the 14th FTW in 1972.

The records of Team BLAZE members who arrived on station before June 30, 2014, will be updated automatically.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Daniel Lile

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Retired Gen. Robert Foglesong to speak at graduation

Team BLAZE welcomes Retired Gen. Robert “Doc” Foglesong. He is the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 15-05 graduation.

Foglesong was Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Commander, Allied Air Component Command Ramstein; Air Component Commander, U.S. European Command, Ramstein Air Base, Germany; and Director, Multinational Joint Air Power Competence Center, Kalkar, Germany.



Air Base, South Korea

4. May 1977 - January 1979, AT-33 and EB-57 instructor pilot, flight examiner and assistant operations officer, 17th Defense Systems Evaluation Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

5. February 1979 - January 1980, AT-33 instructor pilot and Commander, Detachment 1, 24th Air Defense Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

6. February 1980 - December 1982, F-15 pilot and squadron scheduler, 9th Tactical Fighter Squadron; chief of quality assurance, 49th Tactical Fighter Wing; and Commander, 49th Component Repair Squadron, Hol-

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1972 - March 1973, student, undergraduate pilot training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
2. August 1973 - June 1976, T-41 instructor pilot, 557th Flying Training Squadron, Peterson Field, Colo., and U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
3. July 1976 - April 1977, Aide-De-Camp to the Commander, Air Forces Korea, 314th Air Division, Osan

loman AFB, N.M.

7. January 1983 - May 1985, Special Assistant for Tactical Issues and Executive Officer for the Deputy Chief Of Staff For Research, Development and Acquisition, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
8. June 1985 - May 1987, Special Assistant to the Commander, and Chief, Combat Analysis Division, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Va.
9. June 1987 - June 1988, F-16 pilot and Assistant Deputy Commander for Operations, 31st Tactical Fighter Wing, Homestead AFB, Fla.
10. July 1988 - June 1990, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Chair and Professor of Joint and Combined Warfare, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. July 1990 - February 1991, F-16 pilot and Chief of Maintenance, 347th Tactical Fighter Wing, Moody AFB, Ga.
12. February 1991 - March 1993, Director, Chief of Staff of the Air Force’s Staff Group, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
13. April 1993 - December 1993, Commander, 14th Flying Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss.
14. January 1994 - November 1995,

Commander, 51st Fighter Wing, Osan AB, South Korea

15. December 1995 - July 1997, Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
16. August 1997 - August 1999, Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.
17. September 1999 - August 2000, Commander, 12th Air Force and U.S. Southern Command Air Forces, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
18. August 2000 - November 2001, Deputy Chief Of Staff for Air and Space Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
19. November 2001 - August 2003, Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
20. August 2003 - December 2004, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Commander, Allied Air Component Command Ramstein; and Air Component Commander, U.S. European Command, Ramstein AB, Germany
21. January 2005 - present, Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Commander, Allied Air Component Command Ramstein; Air Component Commander, U.S. European Command, Ramstein AB, Germany; and Director, Multinational Joint Air Power Competence Center, Kalkar, Germany

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Company Grade Officer of the Year



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14th OG
Instructor Pilot of the Year



Senior Master Sgt. David Sommers
Wing Staff Agency
SNCO of the Year



Tech. Sgt. Michele Asberry
14th MDG
NCO of the Year



Senior Airman Thomas Ramirez
Wing Staff Agency
Airman of the Year



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14th OG
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14th Mission Support Group
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Senior Airman Kathryn Raethel walks from the base operations building out to the flightline to look for any damaged or burnt out runway lights, as well as directional signs used by aircraft Feb. 9, 2015, at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. Whenever an in-flight emergency occurs, base operations is notified and begins informing several different agencies to handle the delicate situation. Raethel is a 437th Operations Support Squadron airfield management technician.

Airfield, aircrew safety after dark

Senior Airman Dennis Sloan
Joint Base Charleston Public Affairs

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. — As the sun sets and the street lights come on, many service members and civilians from Joint Base Charleston head home after a long day of work.

Meanwhile, some base members are just clocking in. Airmen from the 437th Operation Support Squadron work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing flying operations support to the 437th and 315th Airlift Wings.

Two units that provide support well into the night are aircrew flight equipment (AFE) and base operations.

“One of the most important parts of our job can only be accomplished at night,” said Senior Airman Kathryn Raethel, a 437th OSS airfield management technician. “With several military and civilian aircraft landing and taking off from here, there are thousands of lights that guide them and my job is to make sure they’re all on.”

Raethel drives the entire length of the flightline during her night shifts, looking for any damaged or burnt out runway lights as well as directional signs used by aircraft.

“I enjoy the versatility of our mission,” Raethel said. “I spend half my days out on the flightline and the other half in the office. I get the best of both worlds.”

Whenever an in-flight emergency occurs, base operations is notified and begins informing several different agencies to handle the delicate situation.

“We interface with just about every agency on base,” Raethel said. “When we get an in-flight emer-

gency call, it’s my job to immediately notify the fire department, medical personnel and many others to make sure the situation is handled as quick as possible.”

While base operations Airmen ensure the safety of the airfield after hours, their teammates in AFE focus their efforts on the safety of the crewmembers themselves. Their mission is to maintain and supply all aircrew members with safe and reliable equipment. AFE Airmen handle and maintain night vision goggles, helmets, masks and even parachutes.

AFE Airmen go through extensive training to learn about every piece of equipment they maintain and earn certifications to accomplish certain aspects of their job. One job in particular which requires certification is parachute packing.

“There is no room for error in my job and I take pride in that,” said Senior Airman Robert McCoy, a 437th OSS AFE technician. “We handle several items of equipment which need to work perfectly to assist aircrew members during emergencies and daily operations.”

Even after dark when the C-17 Globemaster III’s are only lit by the moonlight, AFE Airmen make their way to the aircraft and perform their inspections. Using available lights within the aircraft as well as flashlights, the Airmen go around and inspect the seats, masks and other equipment used by the aircrew.

“I enjoy working the night shifts,” said Senior Airman Justin Turner, a 4437th OSS AFE technician. “I find it is a bit easier to focus solely on the immediate task at hand; whereas, during the day there can be several distractions. It is an honor to do this mission and I’ll gladly work day or night to make sure aircrew members have safe and reliable equipment at all times.”

Materiel command Airmen honor commander with Order of the Sword

Kim Bowden
Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — In an event steeped in medieval symbolism and military tradition, Air Force Materiel Command Commander Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger was inducted into the AFMC Order of the Sword during a ceremony Feb. 5, at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Ohio.

The Order of the Sword is the highest honor the enlisted force can bestow upon an individual for their conspicuous and significant contributions to the welfare and prestige of the enlisted force, to mission effectiveness, and to the overall military establishment.

“I am overwhelmed and humbled by this spectacular ceremony and by the recognition that comes with it,” Wolfenbarger said. “My long-held personal belief is that this is the premier recognition that any leader in our Air Force could ever aspire to attain.”

Acting as sergeant major of the mess, Chief Master Sgt. Michael Warner, the AFMC command chief, explained why the general was selected for induction.

“The Order of the Sword is not given to an officer because they have had a great career, or because they are a four-star general, or because they are the ‘first in history,’” he said to Wolfenbarger. “All of those things apply to you, but we awarded you the Order of the Sword for your leadership -- your servant leadership.”

“You never turned away the opportunity to talk and listen to your enlisted Airmen, with true and honest sincerity, and then you engaged on the issues and problems facing them,” Warner continued. “It is one thing to listen. It’s a whole lot more to do something



Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger is joined by Chief Master Sgt. Michael Warner as she enters her Order of the Sword induction ceremony through a formation of sabers raised by an Honor Guard Feb. 5, 2015, at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Ohio. The ceremony was steeped in medieval symbolism and military tradition, and paid tribute to the general's servant leadership. The Order of the Sword is the highest honor Air Force NCOs can bestow upon an individual who has made significant contributions to the enlisted force. Wolfenbarger is the Air Force Materiel Command commander and Warner is the AFMC command chief.

about what you hear. There is no other honor that allows us to properly thank you for your servant leadership. The Order of the Sword is truly befitting for what you have done and what you will continue to do as our general. You certainly didn't ask for it; you certainly didn't expect it. You earned it.”

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody was also in attendance at the ceremony, and he offered his congratulations and endorsement as well.

“I have the distinct honor of standing here not only representing the 13,000 en-

listed members within Air Force Materiel Command, but also the more than 410,000 enlisted men and women that serve in uniform today,” he said. “And all of them would agree with this award and recognition of Order of the Sword. Yes, you are a general among generals and a leader among leaders, but before you were any of that you were an Airman among Airmen — and you’ve never forgotten that.”

The event included the presentation of a proclamation signed by key participants of the ceremony, a citation of the Order of the

Sword award, a scroll signed by the ceremony attendees attesting to the general's patriotic service and leadership, and a personal sword.

Wolfenbarger acknowledged that during the first stages of her career, she did not have a lot of interaction with the enlisted force. However, she said it became clear to her very early that while all the enlisted Airmen she met would salute smartly and professionally respond when directed by any officer, their respect was something to be earned.

“So for my almost four decades of affiliation with our United States Air Force,” she said, “I have strived to be worthy. Most importantly, I have strived to be worthy to lead Airmen.”

The general went on to say that as her career progressed and she had more exposure to enlisted members, to include retired senior NCOs and chiefs, she was increasingly impressed, calling them the “lifeblood of our great institution.”

“I was once asked at a media event who my heroes are,” Wolfenbarger said. “I started with my dad, a retired Air Force pilot who — along with my mom — provided the foundation for the person that I am today. A close second on my hero list is my wonderful husband, Wolf. And after my dad and Wolf, I told that reporter that my heroes number in the hundreds of thousands.

“My heroes are the quiet professionals who serve their country day in and day out, who are willing to do whatever it takes to ensure mission success, who recognize that they are a part of something so much bigger than themselves, who are willing to focus on team success rather than individual success, and who feel blessed and honored to serve,” she continued. “You. You are all my heroes. To be presented with this honor by all of you, whom I hold in the highest esteem, is truly, truly without equal. Thank you.”

Approved innovation submissions projected to save \$35 million

Janis El Shabazz
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Approved ideas submitted to the Airmen Powered by Innovation (API) program since it launched in April 2014 are projected to save the Air Force at least \$35 million, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

The API program was created to help gather cost-saving ideas and is a subset initiative to the secretary of the Air Force and the vice chief of staff's Every Dollar Counts campaign. It also combines and streamlines the processes of four legacy

improvement programs: Innovative Development through Employee Awareness, Productivity Enhancing Capital Investment, Best Practices and Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century.

“We are averaging more than 100 submissions per month,” said Roger Flynt, the AFPC API program manager. “We have already received nearly 3000 submissions. Suggestions approved to date vary in scope and complexity and highlight the ingenuity of our Airmen.”

Some API suggestions included the following:

1st Lt. Ariel Green, the 647th Force Support Squadron readiness and plans chief at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam,

Hawaii, advocated use of steel-toe caps instead of steel-toed boots for fatality search and recovery teams and installation search and rescue teams, because her research indicated that steel-toe caps would offer the same protection as steel-toed boots at a significantly lower cost.

“Many improvements are born of necessity and that's exactly what happened with this idea,” Green said.

Her squadron was preparing a search and recovery team for possible air show support when they discovered they could not meet the steel-toed boot uniform requirement due to

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Who is Walker?

Airman John Day
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Many of the buildings, structures and streets at Columbus Air Force Base are dedicated to an outstanding Airman for their brave actions in the line of duty. The hangars on base are no exception.

Walker Center is a hangar near the flight-line that serves many important purposes. One side of the hangar holds all the gear Airmen are issued when they prepare to deploy and all the training materials provided for said deployments. This includes backpacks, chemical suits, masks, gloves, boots, sleeping bags and more.

The lower level has a civilian aircraft maintenance area and also issues and repairs pilot's helmets. The Base Honor Guard uses this lower level for storage and practice sessions. This area also includes the base armory.

This hangar was memorialized for 1st Lt. Quitman Walker, a Tuskegee pilot who paid the ultimate price for his country.

The Tuskegee Airmen were a group of nearly 1,000 black pilots and crewmembers who fought in World War II and helped break down the walls of racial segregation in

the military. One notable Tuskegee Airmen was 1st Lt. Quitman Walker.

Walker was born June 21, 1919 in Tillman, Miss. and went to the public schools in Indianola, Miss. His last year of high school was spent at the Cohoma County Training School near Clarksdale.

After his high school graduation in 1937, Walker continued his education at Alcorn A&M College, now Alcorn State University, and in 1941 received a bachelor's degree in Science. He left for California to find a job, but ended up joining the U.S. Army and was sent to Tuskegee, Ala. for pilot training.

Walker graduated from pilot training and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. After additional flight training and a transfer to Selfridge Army Air Field in Michigan, Walker was sent overseas. He was assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group.

For two years, he flew a P-51D Mustang that he named The Coordinator.

His 29th mission would prove to be his last. On Nov. 19, 1944, Walker and 1st Lt. Robert Gaither were returning from a mission in Hungary when they were attacked by enemy forces. Gaither's plane was hit by enemy fire. He ejected before his aircraft crashed and was able to avoid detection by enemy forces for four days



A shadowbox inside Walker Center holds 1st Lt. Quitman Walker's medals, his dedication plaque and a short biography. Walker was one of the first Tuskegee Airman pilots to pay the ultimate price for his country.

before being captured.

Walker, however, suffered a different fate. Walker was never heard from again and was reported missing-in-action. Less than a year later, Walker's status was changed to killed-in-action.

For his bravery and sacrifice, Walker was awarded The Purple Heart, The Distinguished Flying Cross, and The Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters. Of all the Tuskegee Airmen, Walker was the first one born in Mississippi to die for his country.

Major Promotions

Capt. Daniel Bloom, 37th Flying Training Squadron
Capt. Jonathan Byard, 41st Flying Training Squadron
Capt. Stephen Castlen, Wing Staff Agency
Capt. Matthew Clayton, 81st Fighter Squadron
Capt. Michael Curry, 14th Operations Group
Capt. Nicholas Ervin, 81st FS
Capt. Jennifer Fillmore, 14th Force Support Squadron
Capt. Erik Goff, WSA
Capt. Emily Grebenc, 48th Flying Training Squadron
Capt. Jonathon Haba, 14th Student Squadron
Capt. Laura Hansen, 14th Security Forces Squadron
Capt. Brandon Jones, 41st FTS
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Capt. Michael Labarbera, 37th FTS

Capt. Justin Malmstrom, 37th FTS
Capt. Casey Mastley, 48th FTS
Capt. Eric Morris, 48th FTS
Capt. Richard Owens IV, 49th Fighter Training Squadron
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Capt. William Swoape, 14th Student Squadron
Capt. Gregory Ulrich, 81st FS
Capt. Kelly Weber, 41st FTS
Capt. Benjamin Wedekemper, 49th FTS

Black History Month Facts

- Garrett Morgan (1877–1963) invented the gas mask. Morgan also invented the first traffic signal.
- Otis Boykin (1920–1982) invented the electronic control devices for guided missiles, IBM computers, and the pacemaker. Boykin invented 28 different electronic devices.
- March 7, 1942 - First Black cadets graduate from flying school at Tuskegee, Alabama. In June 1943, the first squadron of Black aviators, the 99th Pursuit Squadron, flew its first combat mission, strafing enemy positions on the Italian island of Pantelleria.
- Oct. 23, 1945 - Brooklyn Dodgers sign Jackie Robinson and send him to their Montreal farm team. On April 15, 1947, Robinson made his debut at Ebbetts Field and became the first Black in the Major Leagues in modern times.
- May 4, 1961 - Thirteen “Freedom Riders” begin bus trip through the South to test compliance with laws banning segregation in interstate transportation. Black and White

riders were bombed and savagely beaten, but their movement ended segregation in interstate transportation facilities.

- May 17, 1954 - In a unanimous decision, the Supreme Court outlaws segregation in the public school system. Landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision sounded death knell for legal segregation in the United States.

- Dec. 17, 1959 - The founding of Motown Records helps change the understanding, marketing and promotion of Black popular music.

- Feb. 1, 1960 - Four North Carolina A&T students begin the Sit-in Movement at the lunch counter of a Greensboro, N.C. five-and-dime store.

- Oct. 1, 1962 - Escorted by 12,000 federal troops, James Meredith enters the University of Mississippi, ending the state's defiance of federal law.

- Oct. 2, 1967 - Thurgood Marshall becomes the first Black member of the U.S. Supreme Court

Help the Dental Clinic defeat monster mouth

Capt. Paul Erben
14th Medical Operations Squadron General Dentist

Did you know tooth decay is the number one chronic illness affecting children? It's an alarming statistic for sure, but there is a silver lining. Tooth decay is preventable.

Feb. 1 marks the beginning of National Children's Dental Health Month and members of the base Dental Clinic are teaming up with the American Dental Association to promote this year's campaign slogan to "Defeat Monster Mouth."

Frequent snacking on sugary foods and beverages is disastrous for teeth. Sugar on teeth provides food for bacteria, which produces acid. The acid in turn can eat away at the enamel on teeth. This is the basis for monster mouth. There are many ways parents can help their children defeat monster mouth. One way starts at home by reinforcing proper oral hygiene. It is important to remember to brush for two minutes twice a day and floss once a day. Proper brushing is only part of the equation, it is essential to watch

what kids eat and drink. Regular dental visits are also crucial to defeating monster mouth. It is important to bring your child to the dentist early and often to ensure a healthy smile. Generally, a child should see the dentist for the first time six months after eruption of their first tooth. Bringing your child to the dentist before there is trouble will help your child form both a positive image of the dentist and the basis for a healthy mouth. The saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," also applies to our teeth. It is much easier to prevent dental problems than to treat them.

14th Medical Group Dental Clinic personnel will be visiting the Child Development Center and the Youth Center this month to educate kids on how to maintain a healthy smile and defeat monster mouth, but we alone can only do so much. It's up to parents to teach and reinforce good oral habits at home in order to improve the oral health of children and keep monster mouth at bay. Please join the dental clinic this month as we team up to defeat monster mouth.

Dollars & \$ense: Filing your 2014 Taxes and W-2s

2nd Lt Harry Oms

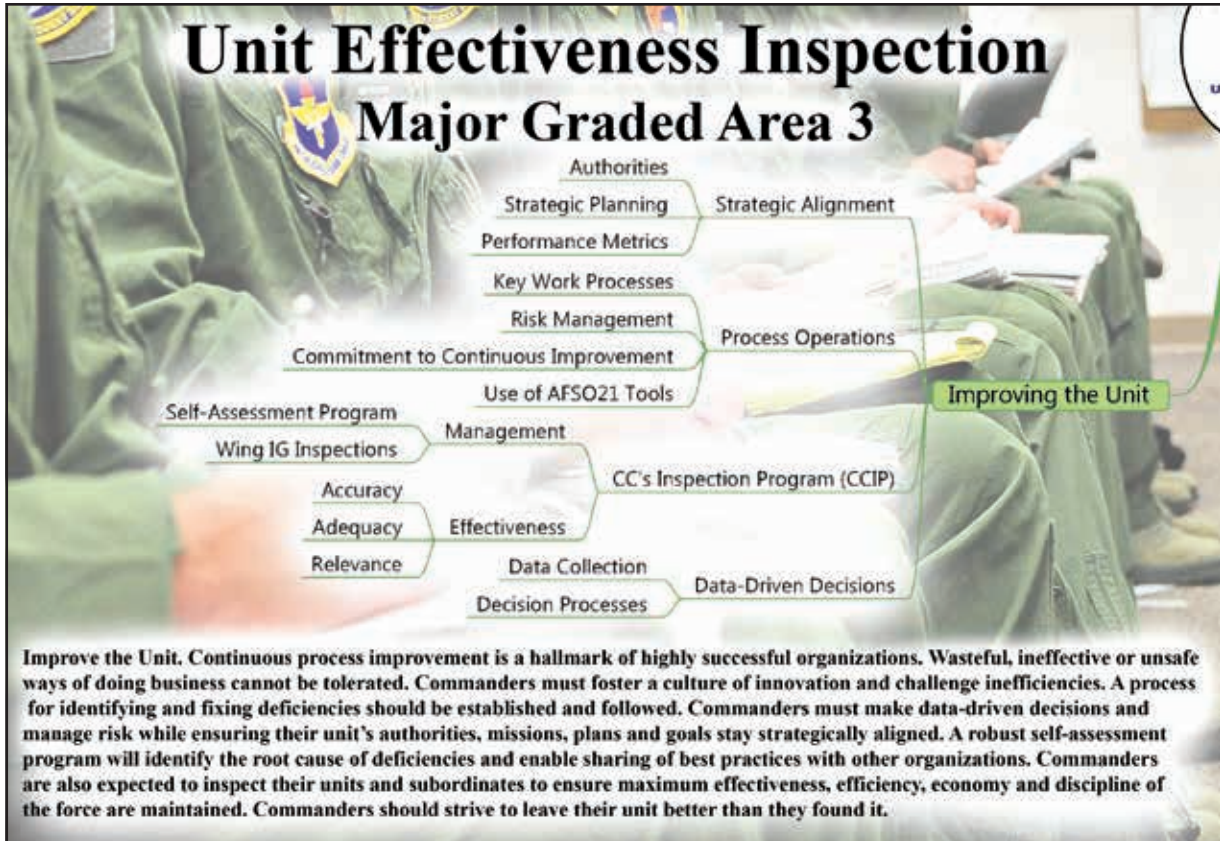
With the start of the New Year behind us, it is time to begin planning ahead for tax season. With the exception of those serving in combat zones or stationed outside the U.S., both military and civilian personnel and their families must file taxes by the customary April 15 deadline. In order to file your taxes you will need to obtain your **Finding your W-2:** Go to <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

Next log on
Agree to the User Agreement

Once at main menu click on the W-2 link

All W-2 forms are available to be viewed by Jan. 31, 2015 for both military and civilians with some accounts will be available a few days prior.

Note: If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact 14th CPTS Finance Customer Service via email at 14CPTS.FCS@us.af.mil, at DSN: 742-2705, or in person. We are located on the main floor of the 14th Mission Support Group Building.



AF government travel cards receive tech upgrade

14th Comptroller Squadron

Citibank is issuing chip and PIN-enabled government travel cards to new card applicants, individuals whose cards will expire in 2015 and individuals who have reported lost or stolen cards. This is the first phase in a multi-phased rollout, which will enhance the security and convenience of government travel and pay systems. The new cards are embedded with a microchip that provides for transaction encryption and an elevated level of authentication. Chip and PIN technology strengthens data security, better protecting cardholders' personally identifiable information, as well as the government's sensitive transaction and payment data.

"The cards are yet another tool to combat potential fraud," said Eric Cuebas, the director of Air Force financial services. "By working together with chip-enabled terminals, they ensure a more secure transaction by validating both the card and cardholder. Additionally, Citi's chip

and PIN cards do not use radio frequency functionality and are strictly contact-only cards. Therefore, they are not susceptible to the skimming issue encountered by radio frequency identification cards."

All cardholders should log into the CitiManager website and review mailing and email addresses and contact information under "My Card Account/Card Maintenance." The cardholder can also review their information using the account listing report in Citibank's custom reporting system.

"This new card change should have minimal impact on Airmen," Cuebas said. "If the current card will expire while TDY, the traveler should update the address at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the current GTC to ensure delivery of the replacement card to the new address. If the card is not expiring while TDY but the traveler feels they need an early reissuance of the chip card, they should contact their agency program coordinator."

He urged all Airmen who have

questions or unusual circumstances to contact their APC for more information and assistance. Citibank worked closely with the Defense Travel Management Office and services on a phased rollout of the new cards. In the second phase, between July and October 2015, Citi will issue chip and PIN cards for all remaining active accounts (cards used within last 18 months). Individuals with inactive accounts and cards not used within last 18 months will be issued a chip and PIN card upon expiration, regardless of the year. There will be no change to the account number and the three-digit security code for replacement cards and the magnetic stripe can still be used for merchants without chip and PIN technology.

"The cards can be used in regions where chip technology is dominant," Cuebas said. "It is expected U.S. merchants will be adopting chip technology more widely throughout 2015."

For more questions about chip and PIN cards, contact local APCs.

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.)

First Term Officer's PFR

The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assignment personnel to their first station. The event will be Feb 17, 9-10 a.m. Call 434-2790 to sign up.

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, Billing, 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.

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.

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes available at Fitness Center



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

Senior Master Sgt. Jerome Capalad, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Superintendent Fire Emergency Services, demonstrates to the class their next move during a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu class Feb. 9 in the Aerobics Room at the Fitness Center. Classes are offered every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Fitness Center. It is a free class, however purchase of a BJJ Kimono is necessary to participate.

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 De-

velopment 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. 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.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

The ERAU office is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and is located in building 926, suite 124. ERAU is offering Master of Aeronautical Science and Master of Science in Management degrees. For more information contact the ERAU office at 434-8262 or Memphis.center@erau.edu.

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

NEW Force Support Squadron Website

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

Community Service Project

The Youth Center is collecting donations for the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen of Columbus, Mississippi. Drop off any type of dried beans or rice to the Youth Center by March 31. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Spring Soccer Registration

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

Half Price Rentals

Outdoor Recreation is offering half price rental on jumpers and other select items during the month of February. This sale excludes tickets and tours. Rental must be used during month of February. For more information, contact 434-2505.

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.

Movie Night at the Club

The Columbus Club is offering a free movie and popcorn night Feb. 19. A family friendly movie “Disney Big Hero 6” shows at 5:30 p.m. and a teen/adult movie “The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1” at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Youth Photography Competition

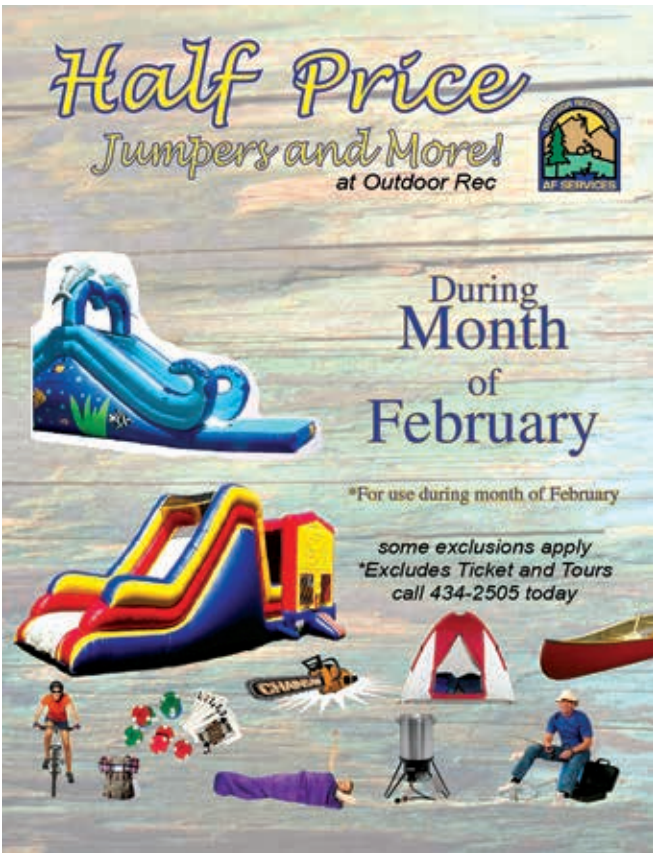
The Youth Center is offering a Photography Competition Feb. 19 at 3 p.m.; for youth ages 6 – 18. Categories include: Culture and Tradition, Surroundings, Portraits, and One of a Kind. Photograph must be less than one year old. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Program Planning Session

If your child attends the Youth Center or School Age Program, you are invited to attend the program planning session at the Youth Center. The session will be held Feb. 24 from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided; register by Feb. 18. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Nerf Games Lock-In

The Youth Center is offering a lock-in for ages 9 – 13 Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. until Feb. 28 at 7 a.m. The cost is \$30 if registered by Feb. 23. Heavy snacks and Nerf gear will be provided. Bring sleep gear. For more information, contact 434-2504.



Air Force Club Scholarship

Club Membership has its rewards. Submit your essay on-line March 2 – May 1 for a chance to win a \$1000 or \$500 scholarship. Open to Air Force Club members and their eligible dependents. For more information, rules and instructions, visit: MyAirForceLife.com/Clubs.

Wine Pairing

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a Wine Pairing March 12 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.

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 Columbus AFB Living or Twitter @CAFBLiving!

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.

A lesson in spatial disorientation

Capt. Justin Perkins

37th Flying Training Squadron Flight Commander

Many times in my instructing career, the students I fly with have put me in hazardous situations. Whether it is rolling out on final without lowering the gear, attempting to perform a hard break turn directly into their wingman, or simply throwing their hands up in the air when we are five feet above the ground exclaiming: “Sir, you have the aircraft!”

This cautionary tale however, is the result of my own mistake while attempting to teach a student a lesson about instrument flying.

The incident occurred on leg #5 out of 6 on a student cross-country, consisting of off-station VFR and IFR training throughout the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and then returning to Columbus Air Force Base through northern Alabama. It had been a good, albeit long, weekend of training for my student, and he was executing his final instrument approach of the flight into Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The weather was a factor that day, with the cloud ceilings starting at 1000’ AGL, and extending through 5000’ AGL. We were flying level at 2500’ MSL getting vectored for the approach, right in the middle of the cloud layer. This made for perfect instrument training, as all my students and I had for reference were the aircraft instruments indicating our position in space. Everything outside of our aircraft was a grey

abyss. There was no discernible horizon, and it was difficult to even see the edges of our wings as they dipped in and out of the misty fog that enveloped us.

The task at hand for my student was to intercept a 15-mile arc off the airfield navigational aid and arc around the airfield until he was lined up with his final approach course to begin his descent. Although my student had been relatively adept throughout the trip, this approach was destined to be his downfall. As he banked up to 30* to intercept the arc, he abandoned his instrument cross-check and ultimately forgot to roll the airplane out to wings level once he had established himself on the arc. As a result, we began to travel back toward the airfield at completely the wrong point in space, causing us to start flying through un-cleared airspace. I don’t know whether my patience had run out from the long weekend, or simply my zeal to hammer home a lesson got the better of me, but what happened next would leave a lasting impact on both the student pilot and myself.

As all good instructors do when a student needs a gentle nudge in the right direction, I immediately snatched the stick from my apprentice’s unassuming hands with a terse “I HAVE the aircraft” and assumed control of the plane. In an attempt to emphasize the errors of his ways, I rapidly reversed the turn, putting in 30* of bank in the opposite direction in an effort to re-intercept the arc. However, in my haste to do so, I did not think about the impact of such a quick maneuver in

an instrument environment, and the effects it could have on our otolith organs. I immediately became spatially disoriented, and could not force myself to level off without the aircraft climbing insidiously through our approved altitude.

A responsible and humble instructor pilot would have fessed up to the mistake and politely asked the student to fly while he re-caged his biological gyros, however I was neither of those.

“Do you know what you did wrong!?” I exclaimed in an exasperated tone.

“Yes Sir, I didn’t rollout on the arc...” was his defeated response.

“Good, then get back on the arc. You have the aircraft, I show you in a right turn, off altitude, and continuing to climb... fix it!”

Ah, the joys of being the aloof instructor pilot who can do no wrong. When in doubt, always blame the student pilot, right? In this case the blame lay squarely on my shoulders.

Once we were safe on the ground, I discussed with my student what happened and the perils of spatial disorientation in regards to instrument flying. Fortunately I had only disoriented myself, and thankfully my student had been locked in on his instruments with enough situational awareness to correct us back to the appropriate attitude and altitude. What could have turned catastrophic ended only in an unforgettable spatial-disorientation lesson for both student and instructor.

Columbus AFB mourns loss of LRS civilian Airman

14th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Mr. Ernest Smith, a civilian Airman assigned to Columbus Air Force Base passed away Feb. 4 at his home in Columbus, Mississippi.

Smith was a proud member of the 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron since 2001. He began his federal civil service career in the Engine Fast section and later accepted a promotion to his current position in Customer Service as a Stock Control Technician. During his federal service, he was consistently receiving recognition for his outstanding job performance earning Civilian of the Quarter and receiving a time-off award, the coveted 14th LRS coin, and bragging rights. He was honored by the presentation of the coin and showed it by displaying it on his desk.

Before coming to work at Columbus Air Force Base, Smith was employed with General Tire in a supervising position as well as a deputy sheriff for the county. It was obvious his supervisory skills never left him because he was

always the first to arrive at 14th LRS’ parking lot each morning. Within the squadron, Smith served as both the Reject and Supply Discrepancy Report monitor. As the SDR monitor, he diligently tracked numerous discrepancies to ensure the squadron received over \$1 Million in returned credits.

Smith contributed greatly to the unit’s success. His legacy of his hard work and dedication remains an example for others throughout the squadron. Those who knew him best had numerous stories to share about their morning interactions with him. One particular story is that he expected you to greet him every morning with “Good morning, Ernest.” He would call you out if he did not hear the greeting. Smith frequently used his cooking skills to help the unit during squadron events. He volunteered so often at one time everyone knew him as the squadron cook. He readily operated and mastered the grill in the back of the 14th LRS. Smith was constantly using his talents to help the unit by



making a crock-pot of grits for morning fundraisers. Smith was a bright morning star in the 14th LRS family that will be sorely missed.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 13 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

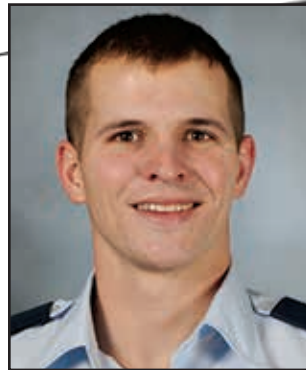


T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

SUPT Class 15-05 earns silver wings



2nd Lt. Mathew Barbazon
Abita Springs, La.
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Brandyn Dietman
Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
KC-135, 128 ARW, Wis.



2nd Lt. Ian Faulkenberry
Spokane, Wash.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-05 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. Michael Radosevich, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Nicholas Martini, 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. Ian Faulkenberry, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Adam Stoll, 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. Michael Radosevich, T-38, 2nd Lt. Nicholas Martini, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Gregory Lilly, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 15-05.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turbo-prop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

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

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

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

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

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination

and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 76.4 hours in the T-1A.

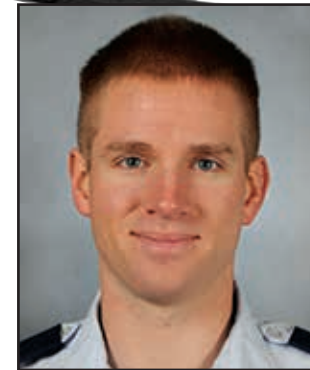
Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 15-05 pilot partners are Trinity Place Retirement Community.



2nd Lt. Garrett Fly
Tampa, Fla.
C-146, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Nelson Gonzalez Moreira
Zacatecoluca, El Salvador
A-37B, El Salvador



2nd Lt. Nicholas Hudak
New Castle, Pa.
C-130/H, YARS AFRC, Ohio



2nd Lt. Alexander Kauth
Dayton, Ohio
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Gregory Lilly
Charleston, S.C.
C-17, 315 AW, S.C.



2nd Lt. Nicholas Martini
Cleveland, Ohio
C-5M, Travis AFB, Calif.



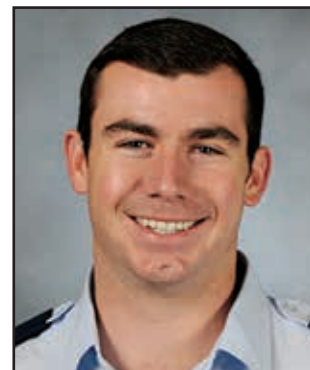
2nd Lt. Ricardo Ortiz
San Juan, Puerto Rico
C-130, 156 AW, Puerto Rico



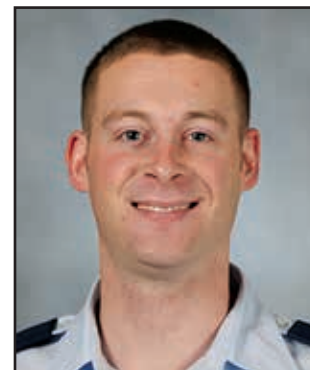
2nd Lt. Luke Pickering
Rochester, N.Y.
KC-135, McDill AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Ian Pryce
Independence, Ore.
T-1A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Michael Radosevich
Temecula, Calif.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. John Rush, Jr.
San Antonio, Texas
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Brian Smith
Fort Smith, Ark.
KC-135, 185 ARW, Iowa



2nd Lt. Adam Stoll
Woodland Park, Colo.
C-21, Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Nathan Tangeman
Maria Stein, Ohio
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Trebor Taylor
Gerrardstown, W.Va.
C-17, 167 AW, W.Va.



2nd Lt. Ricardo Trevino, Jr.
Houston, Texas
C-17, 172 AW, Miss.