

Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Afternoon Rain w/chance Sleet High 37°F Low 16°F	Morning Rain High 63°F Low 37°F	Rain w/chance Morning Thunderstorms High 56°F Low 54°F
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Cloudy High 42°F Low 38°F	Sunny High 48°F Low 26°F	Sunny High 48°F Low 25°F

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News Briefs

Enlisted Promotions Ceremony

The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions ceremony is at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Columbus Club.

In-service recruiter briefing

A Palace Chase, Palace Front and Air National Guard opportunities briefing is scheduled for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Feb. 25 for officers and enlisted members. For more information or to schedule a one-on-one session, contact Master Sgt. Marcus Rawls at marcus.rawls.1@us.af.mil.

CSC Annual Wine Tasting

The Columbus Spouses Club is hosting their annual wine tasting 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Columbus Club.

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Black History Month is highlighted in this week's feature.



2015 14 FTW STRATEGIC PLAN



14th Flying Training Wing releases 2015 Strategic Plan

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing released its 2015 Strategic Plan Jan. 5.

"My intent is that we use this plan to expand our focus on

long term priorities as we deal with immediate challenges in a rapidly evolving strategic context," said Col. John Nichols, 14th FTW Commander. "This 14th FTW Strategic Plan details

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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 (15-15)	5.44 days	1.60 days	Apr. 1	48th (15-06)	0.82 days	0.02 days	Mar. 13	49th (15-EBC)	2.95 days	4.04 days	Mar. 4	T-6	1,502	1,584	10,443
41st (15-14)	3.33 days	4.18 days	Mar. 9	50th (15-06)	1.06 days	1.79 days	Mar. 13					T-1	552	534	3,839
												T-38	419	450	3,049
												IFF	238	217	1,441

The graduation speaker is Retired Maj. Gen. Jack Catton, former 14th Flying Training Wing Commander

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Avoid online dangers, unfriendly users on social media

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — The internet instantaneously allows you to reach out across the internet superhighway to share information or connect with loved ones. Despite how innocuous this may seem without taking the proper precautions, your personal information can inadvertently fall into the wrong hands.

“You have to assume that everyone is looking at it,” said Col. Mary Hanson, the senior information security officer of the Air Force Office of Information Dominance and chief information officer. “Think: would my mom be proud if I put this out there?”

It’s not just families looking at what Airmen are posting on social media sites; it’s also employers and, more importantly, unfriendly sources, Hanson explained.

“Social media is a convenient tool but also a dangerous one,” said Phil Withers, the Air Force Special Operations Command’s deputy chief of information and cyberspace

operations. “I think of using the Internet like I think of driving a car; it’s a great tool but users need to be cautious.”

According to Air Force Instruction 1-1, “Air Force Standards,” even having unknown followers could constitute relationships that may affect determinations in background investigations associated with security clearances.

Security clearances are not the only things Airmen and their families need to be aware of in the cyber realm. It is estimated that about eight new users access the Internet every minute as technology spreads to developing countries. On average, there are 1 million victims of cyber-crime across the globe every day, and most of them are new Internet users who could have avoided the attack if they were more educated on cyber security.

“The goal of cyber security ... is

to take steps to make sure you are not one of those victims in your professional network life and your home network life,” said 2nd Lt. Kristoff Kalau, the 18th Communications Squadron officer in charge of cyberspace support systems.

There are steps Airmen and their families can take to help protect themselves against unwanted access to their personal information on social media:

- Set privacy settings on social media sites to restrict access to posts but do not rely on those settings to be a fail-safe. This tip applies to any social media platforms you may use. Click here (hyperlink: <http://airforcelive.dodlive.mil/files/2014/10/FB-privacy-settings-2014.pdf>) for a detailed how-to guide on how to secure your Facebook profile.
- Do not share information that you are not willing to share with the world, as some websites could

leak information. Remember, once you put something out there, you can’t control where it goes.

- Do not post personal information such as your home address or phone number.
- Disable location-based social networking, or geotagging, on all social media platforms. Geotagging is the process of adding geographical identification to photographs, video, websites and text messages.
- Avoid posting work or personal schedules and travel itineraries, especially deployment information and return dates for yourself, a loved one or a unit.
- Be aware of open Wi-Fi hot spots in public areas where information can easily be stolen from phones or tablets.
- Do not publicize your association with military forces.
- Be cautious when accepting friend requests and interacting with

people online. You should never accept a friend request from someone you do not know, even if they know a friend of yours.

“The bottom line is you need to be aware of who is looking at your information,” Hanson said. “You don’t want to be a target, so be careful and be vigilant.”

If you ever feel you or your family are being threatened or you notice vulnerable information online, be sure to alert the social media platform’s help center and your local Operations Security (OPSEC) manager for assistance.

(Editor’s Note: Erica Vega, Air Force Special Operations Command, Tech. Sgt. Steve Grever and Airman 1st Class Zade C. Vadnais, 18th Wing, contributed to this article.)

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PLAN

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our long-term focus and describes how we will address wing, 19th Air Force, and Air Education and Training Command priorities in the coming decades.”

The plan outlines the 14th FTW Commander’s intent and priorities while detailing the unit’s heritage (Who We Are), mission (What We Do) and vision (Where We Are Going) over the next 30 years. The plan also outlines the associated metrics and measures of success that the 14th FTW will use to assess its overall mission accomplishment.

To read the 2015 Strategic Plan, please visit us online at Columbus.af.mil.

Visitor’s Center closure

The Visitor Control Center will be closed on the 3rd Thursday of the month for in-house training. Passes can still be received at Columbus Air Force Base main gate.



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.

Foglesong emphasizes core values, unity to newest aviators

Airman John Day 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Retired Air Force Gen. Robert “Doc” Foglesong visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Feb. 13, 2015, to speak at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-05’s graduation ceremony.

Foglesong earned his wings at Columbus AFB. His aviation career includes more than 4,280 flying hours, primarily in fighter and training assignments in the F-16, F-15, A-10 and AT/T-38.

His staff tours include duty as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C; Commander, 12th Air Force; Commander, U.S. Southern Command Air Forces; Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations and Vice Chief of Staff at Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

His speech began with thanks to everyone in attendance for their support of the base and its mission to produce pilots.

“This was the best job [as a former 14th Flying Training Wing Commander] I’ve ever had and a big reason for that is for the community,” Foglesong said. “I want to thank everyone from Columbus for being out there today. You are an important part of what goes on at this base and will continue to be. All the young men and women in these front two rows would not be here if not for a team effort.”

The general addressed the new graduates first to let them know just how important this day would be to them.

“For the class, I will tell you that this is a special day,” Foglesong said. “You will be marked by this day, the culmination of a lot of really hard work and something you will remember for the rest of your life, I can promise you that.”

The general let the newest aviators know how much the accomplishment of receiving their silver wings means. He explained how he might not know where his other awards or diplomas or dissertations are, but he knew exactly where his most important award is as he reached into his pocket to show the audience his own pair of wings.

He went on to speak about how the Air Force Core Values are unfailing and a part of all Airmen.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman John Day
Retired Air Force Gen. Robert “Doc” Foglesong speaks at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-05’s graduation ceremony at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Feb. 13, 2015. The former 14th Flying Training Wing commander spoke about Air Force core values, the unity in our military and the pride in America.

“I love our country,” the general said. “At the start of this century this nation was attacked on our homeland. Thousands of our citizens were killed. The reason I like this nation is because we have incredible spirit and courage.”

“An organization that places integrity first is the best,” Foglesong said. “An organization where service before self is a key component and a key part of the character of the organization is the best. An organization that values excellence is the best. You can always fall back on these core values.”

Foglesong spoke on the brother and sisterhood shared between not only Airmen, but our Sailors, Soldiers and Marines as well.

“What I really like is our concept of a wingman,” he said. “This concept applies

whether you are in a foxhole, in a tank, or in a submarine. What we have — the wingman concept of taking care of each other, the unspoken promise to look after each other — is a closeness bound to the United States Air Force and the rest of our military.”

Continuing in the same vein of brotherhood, he explained his love for America and why we are so close as a nation, despite the trials we have faced.

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Foglesong addressed the current threat to the country and why it is imperative that we remain unified.

“We have an enemy out there that loves nothing more than to take away what we value most in our lives: our freedom,” he said. “Our enemy didn’t realize what they had created when they brought that devastation down on us. They hoped to tear us apart, but it only brought us together.”

His speech ended with a poem about America just after 9/11 and a final congratulation to the graduates.

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Maj. Gen. Brown to visit Columbus AFB

Team BLAZE welcomes Maj. Gen. Mark Brown to Columbus Air Force Base.



Brown is the Commander, Second Air Force, Keesler AFB, Mississippi. He is responsible for the development, oversight, and direction of all operational aspects of basic military training, initial skills training, and advanced technical training for the U.S. Air Force enlisted force and support officers. Second Air Force provides training in more than 390 Air Force specialties through 1,900 courses graduating 150,000 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and international students annually in diverse areas including aircraft maintenance, civil engineering, medical, cyber, avionics, security forces, space and missile operations/maintenance, and multiple intelligence disciplines. The command includes training wings at Keesler AFB, Mississippi; Sheppard and Goodfellow AFB, Texas; Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas; a training group at Vandenberg AFB, California; and 103 field training units around the world. Second Air Force also oversees all U.S. Air Force Airmen throughout the Joint Expeditionary Tasking/Individual Augmentee training pipeline at several Army training sites across the country.

Brown was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama, and entered active duty in 1986. He has served in comptroller, command, and staff positions at all levels of the Department of Defense, including extensive experi-

ence with the legislative branch of government. His global experience includes serving in the Philippines, Spain, England, Turkey, and Iraq. He has commanded three times consisting of two squadrons and a mission support group, deployed in support of Operation PROVIDE COMFORT, served as the Assistant Executive Officer for the 17th Air Force Chief of Staff, and was the Financial Management and Comptroller Director for Air Mobility Command. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Comptroller for Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command with responsibility for 38 percent of the Air Force budget totaling approximately \$60 Billion.

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November 1990 - September 1992, Accounting and Finance Officer, 401st Fighter Wing, Torrejon Air Base, Spain

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July 1998 - July 2000, Commander, 7th Comptroller Squadron, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas

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July 2014 - Present, Commander, Second Air Force, Keesler AFB, Miss.

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2014-2015 Hunting Season closes

Frank Lockhart
14th Civil Engineer Squadron

The Mississippi deer hunting season officially closed on Jan. 31. Thirty-five hunters from Columbus Air Force Base have participated in the 42-day hunting season. Eleven deer were harvested on Columbus AFB to include five bucks and six does. Two deer were harvested at Shuqualak; one buck and one doe. We also had one squirrel hunter on Columbus CAFB.

Hunters are not the only ones who benefited from this year's harvest. Controlling the deer population on-base significantly reduces the probability of deer entering the airfield area where they could endanger our pilots and aircraft, but don't worry if you missed this deer hunting season. The latest deer survey by the USDA biologists indicated between 45 and 60 deer remain on-base and continually enter from off-base property. The 2015-2016 hunting season will open on Oct. 1, 2015. All hunting on Columbus AFB is over for the 2014-2015 season. Turkey hunting will be allowed at Shuqualak (Gunshy) Auxiliary Field from March 14 - May 1.

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.

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Cody gives enlisted perspective at AFA

Staff Sgt. Christopher Gross
Air Force News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody outlined his top priorities for the enlisted force during the Air Force Association’s annual Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Exposition in Orlando, Florida, Feb. 12.

Cody talked to those in attendance and focused on key areas such as enlisted development, resiliency for Airmen and their families, and advancing the force.

He talked about the anticipation over the new enlisted evaluation and promotion systems, and explained that it won’t change who gets promoted, rather the order in which they’re promoted.



U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash
Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody delivers his “Enlisted Perspective” at the Air Force Association’s annual Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Exposition, Feb. 12, 2015, in Orlando, Fla. Cody focused on key areas such as enlisted development, resiliency for Airmen and their families, and innovation.

Cody said the first group of Airmen that will go through the Capstone Week just recently arrived at basic military training (BMT). After seven and a half weeks of intense and rapid training, and being transformed from trainees to Airmen, they will attend a final week where they can decompress and consider what it means to be an Airman.

“We’re getting after a lot of things our Airmen have been asking for and that creates some uncertainty,” Cody said. “Because they knew where they fell before – where everybody else fell. Now, people are going to kind of fall in a little different order.”

Cody also spoke to his vision of the developmental pyramid, which Airmen should see as a model for career progression. The different layers and sides of the pyramid represent different stages or opportunities in an Airman’s career, and serve as stepping stones to progress higher.

That progression doesn’t come without resiliency, something Cody said is the “critical link” for Airmen and their families.

“You just can’t care enough – resiliency is not a program, (it’s) a core strength,” Cody said.

One of the ways the Air Force is instilling good resiliency practices is by starting from square one.

“We’re doing a lot as we move forward to kind of build that resiliency from the ground up,” Cody said. “So what better place for us to look at this (than basic military training).”

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(BMT). After seven and a half weeks of intense and rapid training, and being transformed from trainees to Airmen, they will attend a final week where they can decompress and consider what it means to be an Airman.

The week is set aside to focus on building character skills, “that are going to be essential,” for those Airmen to succeed, Cody said.

Cody said it’s a time “to understand what they’re a part of, to really internalize those core values (and) to help them understand that character is important.”

Being resilient will allow Airmen to not

only bounce back but to also be innovative and move the force forward.

Cody said we “have always been an Air Force of innovative Airmen.” He said today’s Airmen are more innovative than ever, mainly because the Airmen joining today are smarter than ever.

He said the key to continue being an innovative Air Force is for leadership to ensure they’re not stifling those Airmen with good ideas. Rather they need to take the time, listen and be supportive, because that’s the only way we’re going to continue to move forward.

Bishop Buckon celebrates Catholic Mass with base community



U.S. Air Force photo/Sonic Johnson
The Most Reverend Auxiliary Bishop Neal Buckon, Archdiocese for military services U.S. Army (center), celebrates Catholic Mass with Columbus Air Force Base community members alongside Father Antony Chakkalakkal, local catholic priest (left), and Father Paul Stewart Jr., Columbus AFB catholic priest (right), Feb. 12, at the base chapel. During his annual pastoral visit, Buckon met with Airmen and participated in Catholic Mass.

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Mike Blythe
14th Civil Engineer Squadron

On Oct. 31, 1991, President George Bush signed Executive Order 12780. Like all Executive Orders, this order has the full force of law. In signing this order, Bush declared that all Federal Agencies will promote cost-effective waste reduction and recycling of reusable materials from wastes generated by Federal Government activities.

For almost a quarter of a century, the Air Force has been required to participate in cost-effective recycling efforts that support pollution prevention. So why are we still finding aluminum cans and plastic water bottles in the trash?

There are many reasons we should recycle so if “Because the President said so!” isn’t a good enough reason to recycle, consider what it means to our environment as a whole. Recycling has numerous environmental benefits. Recycling saves energy, conserves natural resources, limits pollution, and supports several sectors of the economy.

Most man-made products incorporate different materials in order to create the finished product. This involves harvesting raw materials such as trees, rocks and oil so that they can be processed into a useable material by manufacturers. As a result, reserves of these natural resources are diminishing. Deforestation and mining are prime examples of how harvesting

natural resources is harming the environment. This impact can be reduced if we recycle used products such as paper, aluminum, plastic and wood.

Recycling reduces the amount of energy required to create new products. By recycling, we are cutting out the energy requirements for the mining and timber harvest of new raw materials. Recycling just half of your annual recyclable household waste saves 2400 pounds of CO2 being released into the atmosphere. Many scientists contend that human-released CO2 is a leading cause of global warming and climate change. This is a very important as energy conservation is a direct link to improving air quality.

The more we recycle, the more we can help to reduce the burden on local and national landfill sites. As population levels increase, we will need to find additional landfill sites, which will harm the surrounding environment and wildlife.

Here at Columbus Air Force Base, recycling is also a huge economic concern. We have an excellent recycling program here on base. However, there is still room for improvement. Our current cost for refuse disposal is around \$400 per ton. This cost includes storing, hauling, equipment rental, landfill fees and contract fees. The cost to recycle is around \$200 per ton and will become cheaper the more we recycle.

The cost of recycling is directly proportional to the man-

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| 2nd Lt. David Crowley | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Blake Cykala | T-38 |
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| 2nd Lt. Alex Grayson | T-1 |
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| 2nd Lt. Tsubasa Hasegawa | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Jennifer Hill | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. Corey Hume | T-1 |
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| 2nd Lt. Philip Osullivan | T-1 |
| 2nd Lt. James Solis | T-1 |
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2nd Lt. Joseph Stephenson

Top Guns

Contact: 2nd Lt. Blake Cykala
Instrument: 2nd Lt. Eric Bloomquist
Formation: 2nd Lt. Joseph Stephenson

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There are many reasons we should recycle so if “Because the President said so!” isn’t a good enough reason to recycle, consider what it means to our environment as a whole. Recycling has numerous environmental benefits. Recycling saves energy, conserves natural resources, limits pollution, and supports several sectors of the economy.

power required to manage the process. This is where you can help the process a lot. It really helps to sort and bag like materials together. A little presorting on your part is greatly appreciated. Those grocery and shopping bags from local stores are perfect for small collections of metal cans, office paper, water and pop bottles, and more. Bring recyclables in from home to put in the recycle bins here on base. Please remember materials for recycling must be dry and empty. Drop off your recyclables at the big green bin stored in the Southeast corner of the commissary parking lot.

Columbus AFB Top 3 Spotlight



U.S. Air Force photo/ Elizabeth Owens
Senior Airman Don Dodd, 14th Security Forces Squadron (center), stands with Chief Master Sgt. Rita Felton, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief (left), and Chief Master Sgt. Mark Cantrell, 14th SFS, after receiving the Top 3 Spotlight Award.

Category: Airman
Nominee Name/Grade: Senior Airman Don Dodd
Unit: 14th Security Forces Squadron

Information:

1. **Home Town:** Marmaduke, Ark.
2. **Time in the Air Force:** Three Years, one Month
3. **Time at Columbus AFB:** Eight Months
4. **Career Short Term Goals:** Become a Military Working Dog handler and learn a second language
5. **Career Long Term Goals:** Master's Degree, Commission/Warrant Officer and become a Helicopter Pilot
6. **Nominated by:** Chief Master Sgt. Mark Cantrell
7. **Nomination reason:** Senior Airman Don Dodd is a highly motivated and truly dedicated Air Force Security Forces Airman. He scored 100 percent on his Installation Entry Controller duty position evaluation, which was the highest score in the squadron. Dodd is continually lauded



for his amazing professionalism and an inspired approach to customer service at the base entry points. He also is committed to setting the standard for fitness by scoring an impressive 98.9 percent on his Fitness Assessment. Additionally, Dodd is devoted to making his community a better and safer place by volunteering with 434-Ride and a local church working with children. Finally, help me recognize this Airman by honoring him with this award.

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.)

Military Saves — Thrift Savings Plan Workshop

This workshop is Feb. 23, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., for Active Duty and Civilian employees. It gives information to help make wise choices on the Thrift Savings Plan. The Military Saves campaign encourages the military community to Build Wealth, Not Debt. Please call 434-2790 in advance to register.

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, Breast-feeding, Car Seat Safety, and Nutrition & Fitness during and after pregnancy, and Labor & Delivery. To register please call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart Social

The Hearts Apart Social program is a monthly event to provide community bonding, fun and appreciation for the families of active duty personnel who are deployed, remote, or on an extended TDY. Food and activities are provided. This month the social will be Feb. 26, 5-7 p.m. Please call 434-2790 in advance to register.

Military Saves—Home Buying Workshop

This workshop, Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., is open for all Columbus AFB personnel. It gives critical information to make better informed decisions on the purchase of your home. Please call 434-2790 in advance to register.

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held March 2-6, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. The workshop is mandatory for all personnel separating, pre-separation counseling is required before attending. Seminars will be on: Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, MS Dept. of Employment Security, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP, Dept. of Labor TAP portion. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register call A&FRC, 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief, March 3, 8 a.m. - noon, 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, March 3, 1-2 p.m., allows the VA contractors to explain to



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Pam's Place lunch specials are available from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Whispering Pines Golf Course.

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.

Career Technical Track

This transition event is held March 9-10, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Workshop explores technical careers for post military personnel using VA Educational benefits. It is conducted by CALIBRE, private company contracted by DVA. Prior registration is required, company requires 10 days notification and must have minimum of 8 participates to make, to register and more information call 434-2790.

Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop is March 11, 10 - 11:30 a.m. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search using USAJobs, Call 434-2790 to register.

TAP Education Track

This transition event is held March 11-12, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The workshop prepares individuals for the college application process. It addresses topics as identifying educational goals, funding, and researching and comparing institutions. Upon completing the Educational track, members will be prepared to submit an application to institution, schedule session with a counselor and connect with a Student Vet Org on campus. Members will be able to meet with educational counselors for individualized preparation. Call 434-2790 to register.

Spouse Deployment Briefing

This Readiness event is March 12, 5:50 - 7:30 p.m. The workshop gives information on deployment delivered to spouses of military members who may or may not already be tasked to deploy. Call 434-2790 to register.

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.

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.

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

Intramural Basketball

Standings as of 2/17/2015

1. 37th FTS/41st FTS	4-0
1. 48th FTS	4-0
3. 14th MDG	3-1
3. 14th STUS	3-1
3. 14th CS	3-1
6. 14th CONS	2-2
6. Rapcon	2-2
6. 14th SFS	2-2
9. Tower	1-3
9. Tower #2	0-4
11. L3	0-4
11. 14th CES	0-4

Intramural Bowling

Standings as of 2/17/2015

1. 14th OSS #2
2. 37th FTS
3. 14th OSS #1
4. 14th FSS
5. 14th STUS #2
6. 14th STUS #1
7. 14th CPTS
8. 48th FTS
9. 14th CS

Games held every Wednesday night, except on Night Flying Weeks.

Columbus Spouses' Club Scholarship Program

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

CSC is currently accepting applications for scholarships for the 2015-2016 school year. Scholarships are available to dependents of active duty, retired, active guard, reservist, deceased military, MIA, or employees associated with CAFB.

For more info and to download the application:

Email: cafb.csc.scholarships@gmail.com



ColumbusSpousesClub



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.

Just American: A Century of Black Life

Daisy Jones-Brown

14th Flying Training Wing
SAPR Coordinator

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history.

The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted Harvard-trained historian Carter Woodson.

Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history. President Gerald Ford, commander in chief in 1976, called upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The 2015 theme, A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture mark a century of officially celebrating black life.

Black Life and History itself began in Africa, affectionally called the "Motherland." Slaves brought history with them to the United States and adopted the culture of the new land creating a unique culture known as Black culture. Over time this culture

would transform itself many times before becoming what it is known as today. So when you experience the celebration of black history month it is an eclectic experience of food, art, music and more.

Over the past century, African American life, history, and culture have become major forces in the United States and the world. In the beginning few could have imagined that African Americans in music, art, and literature would become appreciated by the global community. Fewer still could have predicted the prominence achieved by African Americans, as well as other people of African descent, in shaping world politics, war, and diplomacy. Indeed, it was nearly universally believed that Africans and people of African descent had played no role in the unfolding of history and were a threat to American civilization itself. A century later, few can deny the centrality of African Americans in the making of American history.

This transformation is the result of effort, not chance. Confident that their struggles mattered in human history, black scholars, artists, athletes, and leaders self-consciously used their talents to change how the world viewed African Americans. The New Negro of the post-World War I era made modernity their own and gave the world a cornucopia of cultural gifts, including jazz, poetry based on the black vernacular, and an appreciation of African art. African American athletes dominated individual and team sports trans-



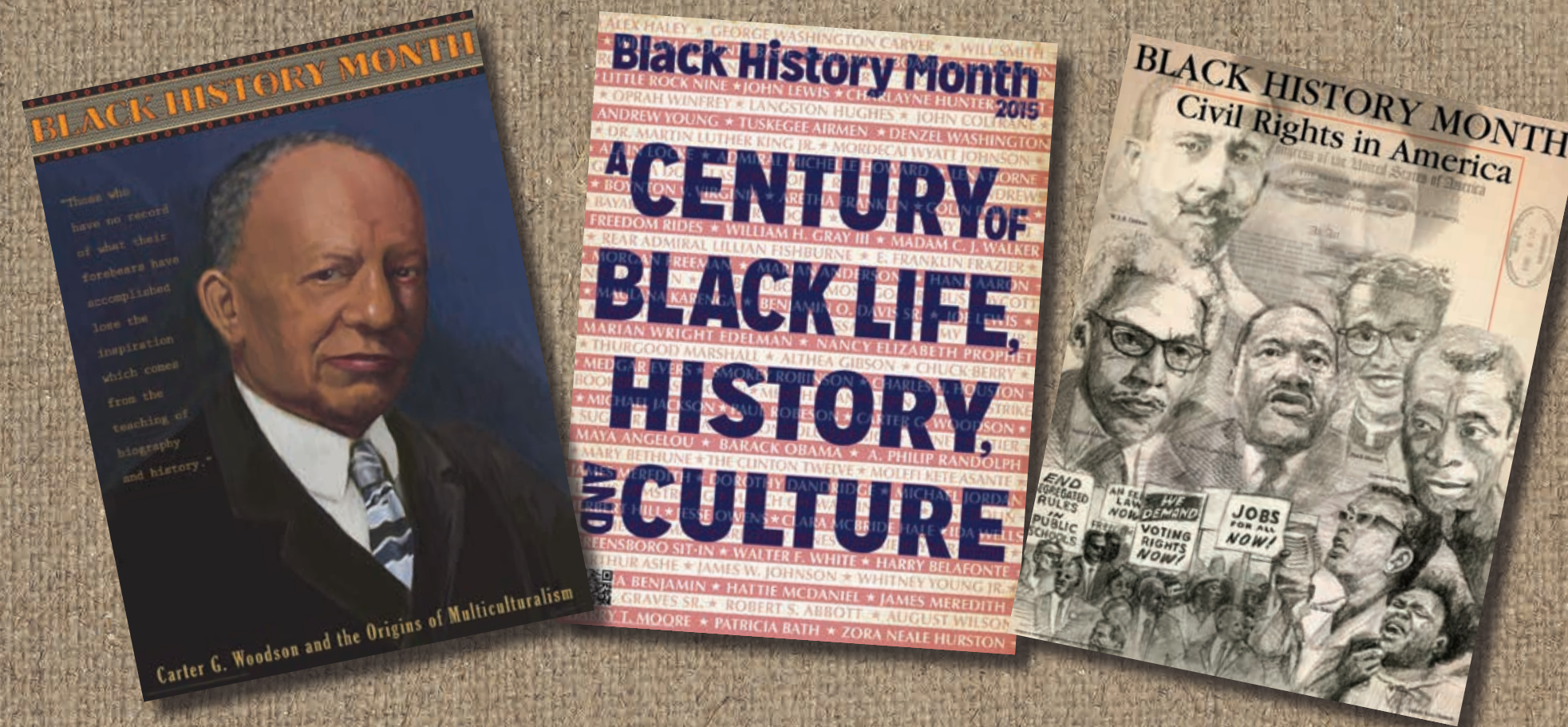
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A memorial event was held on Columbus Air Force Base March 4-6, 2004, honoring the Tuskegee Airmen. The event included the dedication of the Tuskegee Airmen display located in building 268 which memorializes all 10 Tuskegee Airmen from Mississippi.

forming baseball, track-and-field, football, boxing, and basketball. In a wave of social movements, African American activism transformed race relations, challenged American foreign policy, and became the American conscience on human rights. While the spotlight often shines on individuals, this movement is the product of organization, of institutions and institution-builders who

gave direction to effort.

African American history is rich in culture, full of struggle and triumph. Even with continued social struggles, each African American is proud when they hear the National Anthem; they enjoy and participate in the democratic society, and defend this country and its freedom, those things that just make them American.



CAFB continues support of Black History Month

Airman Daniel Lile

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Columbus Air Force Base is supporting Black History Month through multiple events.

A movie night featuring 'Get on up' was held Feb. 2 at the Columbus Club as well as a Black History month basketball tournament that took place Feb. 7 at the Columbus AFB fitness center.

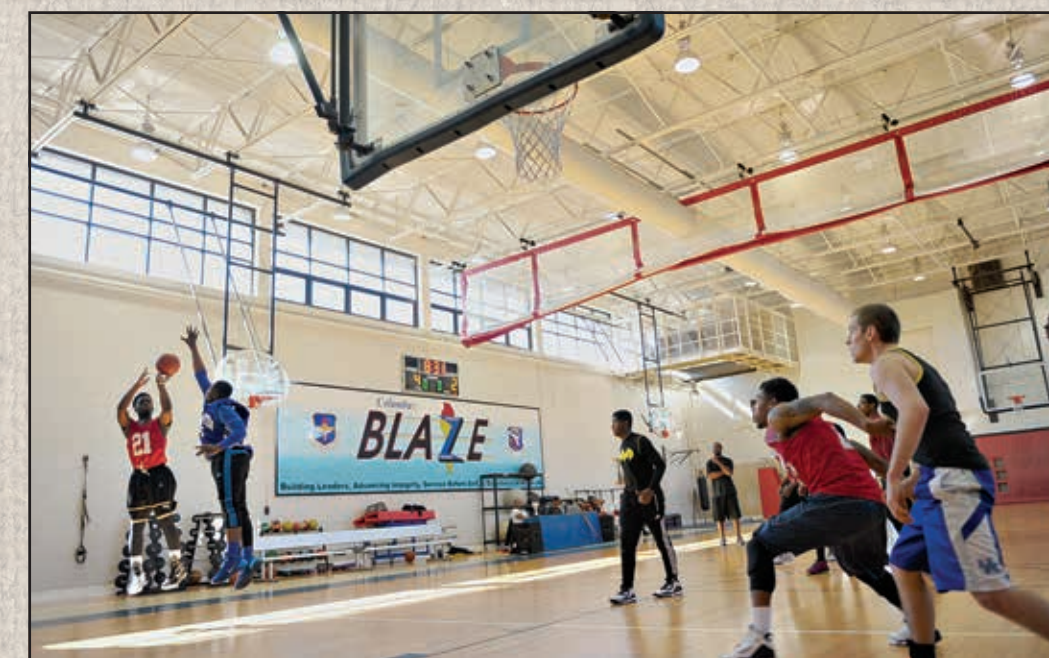
"Being able to accomplish bringing everyone together, people from every race to compete in a basketball tournament, in the past would have been impossible," said Staff Sgt. Elijah Barry, 14th Flying Training Wing Information Manager. "We sometimes take it for granted, but looking back at how things used to be and where we are now, the improvement is huge."

Columbus AFB will continue events honoring Black History Month throughout the rest of February.

A Black History Month luncheon is scheduled to take place at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Columbus Club, and a Taste of Soul Food sampling event is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Chapel Annex.

Events honoring Black History Month are important to supporting American history and continuing education on anti-segregation.

"Through these celebrations we tend to learn a lot," said Master Sgt. Nesha Willis, 14th FTW Contracting Officer Representative. "We do these things so that we don't forget where we have come from. This is a way for us to honor our fathers' and grandfathers' stories and appreciate where we are now."



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Columbus Air Force Base Airmen compete in the Black History Month basketball tournament Feb. 7 at the Columbus AFB Fitness Center. Seven teams competed in the tournament.