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News Briefs

14th FSS Assumption of Command

The 14th Force Support Squadron is hosting an Assumption of Command ceremony at 9:14 a.m. May 5 at the Fitness Center. Most 14th FSS organizations will be closed 8 - 10:30 a.m. in observance of this event excluding the Fitness Center and Child Development Center.

CCAF Graduation

A Community College of the Air Force graduation is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 8 in the Kaye Auditorium.

Commissary Worldwide Case Lot Sale

The Columbus Air Force Base Commissary will be hosting its Worldwide Case Lot sale May 1-2 during normal business hours. For more information call 434-7109.

Inside



Feature 8

SUPT Class 15-08 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman 1st Class John Day

Kevin Hines, author of "Cracked, Not Broken," tells his story to members of the audience during his motivational speech April 28 in the Kaye Auditorium on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Hines attempted suicide at the age of 19 by jumping off of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California. Hines survived the fall and now actively spreads the message of living mentally healthy to people around the globe.

Suicide survivor encourages Columbus AFB

Airman 1st Class John Day

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

"Are you ok?" "Is something wrong?" "Can I help you?" These were the words I desperately needed to hear standing atop the Golden Gate Bridge walkway, crying hysterically, peering over that four-foot rail, looking down to the looming waters below me before I made my peace with the world and ran forward, catapulting me into freefall off the bridge."

Kevin Hines, author of "Cracked, Not Broken," visited Columbus Air Force Base April 28 to tell the story of his life to

members of the audience during his motivational speech.

Hines' tale is a difficult one, with many ups and downs from his birth to present day. Early on in his life, he was diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder and suffers from a multitude of issues including psychosis, extreme emotional pain, paranoid delusions, panic attacks, manic highs, dark depressions and more.

His story begins in 2001 at the age of 19, when he felt there was no other option for him but to take his own life. Hearing that jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge was a surefire way to

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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 (16-02)	1.77 days	-1.86 days	May 15	48th (15-09)	0.86 days	-2.04 days	May 21	49th (15-GBC)	1.10 days	1.31 days	May 4	T-6	2,715	2,249	16,053
41st (16-02)	5.59 days	-2.43 days	May 15	50th (15-09)	-3.44 days	1.05 days	May 21					T-1	974	1,014	5,885
The graduation speaker is Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.												T-38	778	793	4,809
												IFF	417	369	2,224

SURVIVOR

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end it all, he set out for the bridge.

On the bus leading him to his suspected doom, he began weeping uncontrollably. At this point, had anyone cared enough to confront him or ask him why he was distressed, he says he most likely would have reconsidered.

Upon arriving at the bridge, he contemplated his actions for some time before hurtling himself from the four-foot guardrail.

“The millisecond my hands left that rail and my legs went over it, I had an instant regret,” Hines said. “I realized that moment I had made the greatest mistake of my life and I thought it was too late.”

Hines entered the water and was severely injured, sustaining heavy internal bleeding and injuries to his back, legs and arms, but remained conscious. He swam up to the surface where he managed to stay afloat until the United States Coast Guard rescued him, thanks to a tip from a woman who watched Hines jump.

He was rushed to the hospital where he underwent many surgeries to save his life. His parents arrived at the hospital where they saw him covered in tubes and wires keeping him alive. Pat Hines, his father, said to him, “Kevin, you are going to be ok, I promise,” words he would always keep with him and never forget.

Those words kept him fighting through the pain and allowed him to recover many months later, eventually even being able to walk again. Though he recovered physically, he had to spend time healing mentally in a psychiatric hospital.

“Holding in all the painful experiences your entire life does you and others around you no good,” Hines said. “When you hold in your honesty, when you hold in your suffering, when you hold in your pain, it only brings more pain.”

Hines talked about his experience in his first stay in the psychiatric hospital where he worked to get better every day. He began to incorporate regular exercise, healthy eating habits, visits to his therapist and learning about his disorder to help him move past his struggles.

The next 10 years of his life had more ups and downs in store. He was in and out of psychiatric hospitals, struggled with alcohol, had issues with taking his medications and nearly attempted suicide again. Good things came of this though, as he met and married his wife and finally became stable enough to stay out of the hospital.

Since 2011, he has never had to return to the hospital and swears that he will never attempt to hurt himself and those around him with suicide again.

“If you in this room know someone or are someone who has had suicidal thoughts but have never told anyone, I urge you to open your mouth and speak your truth,” Hines said. “That pain will give up on you. You deserve to be here on this planet for a reason.”

Hines thanked not only the Coast Guard members who saved his life in the San Francisco waters, but all service members as a whole for allowing him to speak before them.

“If you suffer mentally and you think nothing good can ever happen to you, it just means you have to work harder to get there,” Hines said. “I know you guys know a lot about hard work. You are brave every day to keep this country safe and you travel the world to keep the rest of the rest of it safe.”

His presentation ended by reinforcing his decision to never take a single thing in his life for granted and with a quote by which he lives his life.

“Yesterday is history,” Hines said. “Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That’s why they call it the present.”

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
4 Columbus Club closure until January 2016	5 14th FSS Assumption of Command, 9:14 a.m. @ Fitness Center SUPT Class 16-09 PPW, 6 p.m.	6 Mandatory SAPR training session, 8 a.m.	7 Clinic closed at noon	8 CCAF Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye Columbus-Lowndes Small Arms Shooting Range, 2 p.m. SUPT Class 15-09 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Kaye	9/10	May 21: SUPT Class 15-09 Graduation May 21: Memorial Day Retreat May 22: AETC Family Day May 25: Memorial Day May 30-31: Autocross June 4: 37th FTS Change of Command June 5: 14th CPTS Change of Command June 12: SUPT Class 15-10 graduation June 13-14: Autocross June 16: 50th FTS Change of Command June 19: 49th FTS Change of Command June 20: Tops In Blue June 25: 14th SFS Change of Command July 1: SUPT Class 15-11 Graduation July 2: AETC Family Day July 3: Federal Holiday (Independence Day) July 4: Fireworks on the Water July 24: SUPT Class 15-12 Graduation July 28: Quarterly Awards Ceremony
11	12 Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Kaye	13	14 14th FTW/CV T-6 Fini-Flight	15	16/17	

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Capt. Ronald Johnson

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Contact: 2nd Lt. Daniel Ray

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DoD TA DECIDE website launch

Department of Defense

"Where did you go to school? How did you decide to go there?"

These are important questions often asked in promotion and awards boards, job interviews, and both military and civilian professional work settings. Moreover, they are questions you may be preparing to answer in exploring off-duty education through the Department of Defense's Tuition Assistance program.

At the DoD, we want to arm you with the very best tools to help you select the institution that will allow you to answer these questions with confidence. For this reason, we are proud to announce the launch of our new web tool called Tuition Assistance DECIDE. TA DECIDE was developed for you and specifically designed to empower you. It will help you compare education options and make the

best decision for your future.

With TA DECIDE, you can search and compare information on our more than 2,600 approved schools. It contains information on average TA costs, course completion, graduation and estimated tuition and fee amounts. We know that as traditionally part time students, you differ from the general population in the way you approach your higher education goals. We want you to have the information to make informed educational choices based on the experiences of others just like you.

TA DECIDE has been designed to support individualized searches. It has enormous depth of information that your Service's professional education counselors can help you explore. We encourage you to explore TA DECIDE today at dodmou.com/TADECIDE. Contact your Service education counselor for more support.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Sharon Ybarra

The 2015 first quarterly awards winners or their representatives pause for a photo on stage April 28 in the Kaye Auditorium on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The ceremony honored the wing's outstanding professionals for the months of January through March 2015 whose drive, determination and dedication have earned them this recognition.

Quarterly awards ceremony distinguishes great performers

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing's best of the best were showcased during the first quarterly awards ceremony of 2015 April 28 in the Kaye Auditorium.

The Team BLAZE first quarter award winners are:

Airman of the Quarter: Airman 1st Class Audriana Howard, 14th Medical Group

NCO of the Quarter: Tech. Sgt. Markus Anthony, 14th Operations Group

SNCO of the Quarter: Master Sgt. Rodel Sy, 14th Mission Support Group

CGO of the Quarter: 1st Lt. Jenifer Mouser, 14th MDG

FGO of the Quarter: Lt. Col. Andrew Wistrill, Wing Staff Agency

Honor Guard of the Quarter: Airman 1st Class Nabila Ivaldi, 14th MSG

Flight Commander of the Quarter: Capt. Justin Perkins, 14th OG

IP of the Quarter: 1st Lt. Steven Brown, 41st Flying Training Squadron

Cat. 1 Civilian of the Quarter: Nicole Zuber, 14th MDG

Cat. 2 Civilian of the Quarter: Margaret Sherman, 14th MDG

Volunteer of the Quarter: Capt. Daniel Marciel, 14th MDG

C3 Airman of the Quarter: Capt. Franklin Baker, 14th OG

Commander's Action Line

434-1414

The Commander's Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Commander's Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command.

The Commander's Action Line phone number is 434-1414. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

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

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

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



First sergeants present quarterly Diamond Sharp award

Master Sgt. Noe Torres
14th Medical Group First Sergeant

The Columbus Air Force Base First Sergeants recently named the 2015 First Quarter Diamond Sharp award winner.

Staff Sgt. Misty Smiley, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Physical Therapy, was presented the CAFB First Quarter Diamond Sharp award April 24.

Smiley provided exemplary executive support to the 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief. During the quarter, she was the linchpin for the annual awards ceremony from beginning to end. She facilitated 14 board preparations, served relentlessly from cradle to grave on the annual awards committee to include ordering award plaques and collecting all of the gifts for the winners. In addition, she ensured all the Outstanding Airman of the Year packages were prepped and submitted to 19th Air Force, meeting all suspenses.

Smiley singlehandedly oversaw the execution of the 19th AF Command Chief visit, complete with itinerary, billeting arrangements, and four sessions with enlisted personnel. Lastly, she created an electronic continuity binder to ensure information is retained for the next executive assistant.

The Diamond Sharp Award is a way for the first sergeants on base to pick an individual or team and recognize them for outstanding performance. Unlike the Wing Awards Program, it is not a lengthy process of 1206s and bullet writing to ensure a candidate meets all three gradable areas, it is simply a room of first sergeants discussing an outstanding Airman or Team that has stood out amongst their peers.

RIGHT: Staff Sgt. Misty Smiley, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Physical Therapy, is presented the Diamond Sharp Award for the first quarter of 2015, April 24 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Smiley provided exemplary executive support to the 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief. During the quarter, she was the linchpin for the annual awards ceremony.



49FTS Graduates IFF Class 15-GBC

49th Fighter Training Squadron

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron will graduate Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Class 15-GBC on May 4.

Seven members will graduate this phase of their training on their way to becoming fighter pilots and Weapons Systems Officers in the Combat Air Forces of the United States Air Force.

The 49th FTS is responsible for Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and International flying training in the T-38C IFF aircraft. The 49th FTS provides training to fighter pilots and weapon system officers entering Air Force major fighter weapons systems, which include the F16, F15C, F15E, F-15S, F22, and A10C.

The nine-week course begins with tactical formation flights and then introduces pilots and weapon system operators to basic fighter maneuvers (BFM) and air-to-air employment in offensive, defensive, and high aspect fight scenarios. Wingmen bound for aircraft with an air-to-ground attack capability then move on to basic surface attack (BSA) and surface attack tactics (SAT) phases learning to employ ordnance against ground targets. The skills learned during IFF directly translate to the fighters these wingmen will soon fly in their follow-on training and one day employ in combat.



Capt. Brannan Studley
F-16

The IFF Class 15-GBC graduates are:

Capt. Brannan Studley, F-16

1st Lt. Anson Harvey, F-16

2nd Lt. David Cole, F-16

2nd Lt. Connor Ference, F-22

2nd Lt. Shauna Johnson, F-15E

2nd Lt. Brendan Moran, F-15E

2nd Lt. Joshua Williams, F-22



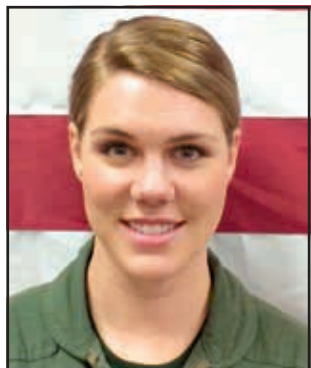
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May 1-2
20th Market Street Festival: The 20th Market Street Festival is scheduled to begin at historic downtown Columbus. Market Street Festival began in 1996 and has grown to be the largest special event in the state. Market Street Festival is held the first weekend in May each year and encompasses 12 city blocks and the Riverwalk in historic downtown Columbus. A crowd of nearly 40,000 gathers each year to enjoy all the two-day festival has to offer including over 250 arts, crafts and food vendors, dozens of special events, musical acts, and activities throughout the festival.

May 2
20th Market Street Festival Splash of Color 5k: A Splash of Color 5k run is scheduled

to begin at 8 a.m. at Ruben's Parking Lot during the 20th Market Street Festival. Entry fees are \$20 before April 24 and \$25 after. Students and military members can enter with \$5 off and children can join free of charge. For more information or to register call 328-6305 or go to racesonline.com.

May 15
Applications are due this day for Volunteer Day Workers and Overnight counselors for Camp Rising Sun, a camp for children being treated for or who have been treated for cancer. To download an application online, go to camprisingunsun-columbusms.org or call 327-8352. You must be age 18 or older to apply, and to serve as overnight counselor you must be available for the entire week.

BARGAIN LINE

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th

Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings

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however, be purchased through The Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.

Transportation

For Sale: 2012 Toyota Rav4 SUV, price

reduced, one owner with only 24,000 miles in excellent condition, \$18,900 or best offer. Please call 327-1205 for more information.

Miscellaneous

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Air Force Readiness Programs

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790.)

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. May 4-8. The Transition Assistance Program Workshop has Seminars 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. Pre-separation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance 8 - 12 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register call 434-2839.

Career Technical Training

This transition event is held 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. May 11-12. 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 eight participants to make. To register and for more information call 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief will be 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. May 12. It is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Kaye Auditorium, for more information call 434-2839.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop is 1-2 p.m. May 12. This workshop allows the VA contractors to explain to service members; whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers and what they are able to provide throughout the member's military career and how to apply for benefits. To register and more information please call 434-2790.

Heart Link For Spouses

This event is 8:30 a.m. - noon May 13. It is for dependents new to CAFB or the military lifestyle. The event is held at the Golf Course. It is a fun-filled spouse orientation program with info on protocol, finance, benefits, helping agencies, local conditions and prizes. It is a great way to meet others new to Columbus AFB. For more information, please call 434-2790.

Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop is 9-10:30 a.m. May 13. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search, using USAJobs, Call 434-2790 to register.

Troops To Teachers

This workshop is 10:30 a.m. - noon May 13. It is an informational workshop for members pursuing or interested in a teaching career after the military. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Columbus AFB teams compete in all-star game



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Daniel Lie
Columbus Air Force Base Airmen scramble for the basketball April 24 during the intramural all-star basketball game at the fitness center on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Two teams competed during the two 20-minute halves for first place.

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

This workshop will be held 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. May 14-15. The Entrepreneurship workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business, to register and more information call 434-2790.

TAP Education Track

This transition event is held 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. May 18-19 at the Education Center. The workshop prepares individuals for the college application process. It addresses topics such 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.

First Term Officer's PFR

The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is 9-10 a.m. May 19. It is required by AFI for all newly-assigned personnel to their first station. Call 434-2790 to sign up.

Smooth Move

This class is 10 - 11:30 a.m. May 20. It is a class that provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. You learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and A&FRC. Please call 434-2790 to register.

Capstone

This class is scheduled for May 21, 8 a.m. - noon. The Capstone 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.

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, 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.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

The MFLC counselors provide 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.

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. 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.

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 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

Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

Justice Times
April 2015

Battered, bruised and betrayed; Captain dismissed for adultery and assault
"An honorable man would not have done this." Those were the words uttered by Capt. Moore, a former instructor pilot at Columbus AFB with nearly 17 years of service. Moore was convicted of assaulting his wife, conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman and adultery. Shortly after marrying, Moore met a woman on-line and engaged in a relationship with her for over two years, deceiving the woman and his wife. He was found guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman for sending and receiving pornographic photos and videos to the woman while he was deployed to the AOR. There was also a history of domestic violence during the marriage. The military judge sentenced Moore to be dismissed from the Air Force which is the equivalent of a dishonorable discharge, restriction to base for 60 days and a reprimand. The sentence was recently approved by the convening authority, Gen. Robin Rand, Commander of Air Education and Training Command.

Status of discipline by the numbers- Jan. 1 to March 31 2015

Columbus' Article 15s

19th AF top article 15 offenses

■ Art 92; Dereliction of Duty; Willful

■ Art 92; Dereliction of Duty; Neglect

■ Art 112a; Wrongful use of marijuana

■ Art 86; Failure to go

■ Art 90; Disobey lawful command

■ Art 92; Violate other general order

Luke	1 Special Courts-Martial / 7 Article 15s
Altus	0 Courts-Martial / 6 Article 15s
Columbus	0 Courts-Martial / 5 Article 15s
Laughlin	0 Courts-Martial / 2 Article 15s
Vance	0 Courts-Martial / 1 Article 15
19th AF Totals	1 Special Courts-Martial/20 Article 15s

JUSTICE FACTOID:

A dismissal, dishonorable discharge (DD) and bad conduct discharge (BCD), are all considered punitive discharges and can only be received after a member has been convicted at a Special or General Courts-Martial.

NOTE: Details regarding the fifth Article 15 will be provided at a later date.

Retiree Affairs: Did you know...?

Did you know that under the Survivor Benefit Plan, if you divorce, the military member may opt to suspend payments? Should the member re-marry, they can reinstate the policy on the new spouse within one year of remarrying and get the original payout amount of the policy. For more information contact the SBP Counselor Jamey Coleman at 434-2720 or your Retiree Activities office at 434-3120 or 434-3121.

Columbus Club closing for HVAC renovations

Senior Airman Kaleb Snay
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Columbus Club is closing its doors as of May 4 and will remain closed through January 2016 for renovations and improvements.

"The club renovation will essentially replace everything from the ceiling panels up," said Maj. Michael Cline, 14th Force Support Squadron. "When the club reopens, the ceiling, lighting and most importantly the HVAC system will be new and improved. Anyone who has attended an event during the summer months can attest to the need for better air conditioning."

The \$1.3 million project will completely revamp the HVAC system as well as replace the ceilings. In addition, extensive interior renovations are scheduled to update and improve the appearance throughout the club. Despite the closure, club memberships are still valid and useful.

"While the club is closed, your club membership is still valuable on Columbus Air Force Base," Cline said. "Your membership has always been a great way to save money across many Services' functions such as discounts on pool passes, and food at the Bowling Center and Whispering Pines Golf Course. Depending on the size of your group, there are also alternate locations around the base that you can use to host meetings and events such as the golf course's conference room, or Kaye or Phillips auditoriums."

Although there will be inconveniences, the 14th FSS wants members to rest assured this is only temporary.

"The timeframe for the renovation does seem lengthy but we want to tackle everything at once and do it right," Cline said. "When you lay out everything that will be accomplished, the schedule is actually aggressive but still realistic."

"Nobody wants to see the club close for this renovation, but I don't think anyone will argue with the need for the update. Unfortunately there will be some inconveniences during the

Auto Hobby Shop, base library services changes

14th Force Support Squadron

After several years of significantly reduced usage and losses to a limited services budget, the Auto Hobby Shop has suspended operations.

We apologize for the inconvenience, however the demand for this service did not justify the continued expenditures necessary to maintain and restore the facility. We look forward to focusing on our other functions to enhance your customer experience.

Due to decreased Air Force funding, the base library has been forced to reduce its operating hours. We are diligently pursuing a course of action to restore this service as we know this is a valuable part of the services we provide to our base community. We appreciate your patience as we work through the legal, financial and manning steps necessary to make this a reality.

Buckle up! It's the law.

What is the Air Force Enlisted Village?

Air Force Assistance Fund website

(Editor's note: The Columbus Air Force Base Air Force Assistance Fund campaign ends May 1.)

The Air Force Enlisted Village mission is simple: To Provide a Home. No one should be homeless or living in less than desirable conditions, yet it sometimes happens to enlisted Air Force widows.

When the surviving spouses of retired enlisted Air Force members come to us in need, we offer the hand of kindness and the gift of a home.

Through your generous support, the village gives over \$1.1 million annually in aid to these widows to live in a safe, dignified, caring community. AFEV provides support not just once, but for the life of our residents.

Spouses are our priority, but we serve the entire Air Force

family. AFEV offers a home to moms of active duty and retired military members and provides temporary housing to surviving spouses of enlisted members who die while on active duty or to active duty members when tragedy strikes. One hundred percent of your gift will help our Air Force family members in times of need or for the rest of their lives.

Since 1975, AFEV has provided a safe, comfortable home to thousands of military widows. Housing is available at Bob Hope Village, our independent living community, or at Hawthorn House, our assisted living and memory care residence. Here they renew friendships, share memories of military life, and live as a community with their pride and independence intact. Amenities and conveniences such as transportation, prescription pick up service, fitness activities, social events and more are available to ensure the health and well-being of all residents.



Big changes to Mississippi concealed weapons laws announced

Nina Fisk

14th Flying Training Wing
Judge Advocate office

Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant has signed two bills, which are big pro-Second Amendment reforms to the state's concealed weapons laws, into law April 7.

Included in the bills are several new exemptions for military members and honorably discharged veterans that will go into effect July 2015.

Senate Bill 2394 reduces the fees for a concealed carry license from \$100 to \$80 and reduces the renewal fee from \$50 to \$40. Active-duty military personnel are exempt from paying both the license fee and the renewal fee. Additionally, SB 2394 clarifies no license is required to carry loaded or unloaded pistols or revolvers in a purse, handbag, satchel, other similar bag or briefcase or fully enclosed case.

SB 2619 eliminates a training requirement for an enhanced carry permit endorsement for active-duty military members, honorably discharged veterans or retired law enforcement if they have already completed law enforcement or combat training with handguns as part of their service. This endorsement allows license holders to bring their guns everywhere except for police stations, jails,

courtrooms and federal property regardless of gun-free zone signs. Further, SB 2619 exempts members and veterans of the National Guard and Reserve units from Mississippi's residency requirement for a regular concealed carry license, and lowers the minimum age requirement for National Guard and Reserve members and veterans from 21 to 18.

It is important to remember these bills do not change the rules for carrying weapons on base.

"There are only a few places Airmen may take weapons on the installation, including on-base housing, the armory, and designated hunting areas," said Maj. Brenton Pickrell, 14th Security Forces Squadron commander. "Privately-owned firearms and ammunition cannot be possessed in dormitory living quar-

ters or transient facilities."

While traveling with a weapon on base, the weapon and the ammunition must be separated. Be sure to follow the proper procedures and notify the 14th SFS you have a weapon.

Please also be aware that while Mississippi currently has provisions for allowing you to carry a weapon concealed with the above mentioned permits, or carrying in the open or in your vehicle without a permit, you do assume some liability by exercising any of these privileges. First, simply drawing your weapon can be considered a use of force, and actually using it is another story entirely. If you were to be involved in a use of force incident, you could be exposed to both civil and criminal legal proceedings even if you were

justified in your use of force.

Second, you should be mindful of the fact in such a scenario, responding police officers may perceive you to be a threat, in which case you wind up being placed in jeopardy by both sides. If you choose to exercise these privileges, it is highly recommend you educate yourself appropriately not only on the tactical matters associated with carry and use of a firearm, but also with the legal responsibilities and intricacies associated with the carry and use of a firearm.

There are many companies selling "CCW insurance" or "Use of Force Insurance" policies. These insurance policies range widely in price, anywhere from about \$75 a year to well over \$600 a year, depending on the company and depth of coverage. If you plan on carrying a firearm, you may want to protect yourself in such a way, because legal fees alone can cost thousands, or even hundreds of thousands in a use of force case.

The most important piece of the puzzle is education which will manifest in the form of responsibility while exercising these privileges. Carrying a firearm can save your life or cost it; truly this is a decision that polarizes any hostile situation you find yourself in, and you need to ensure that you are prepared if you place yourself in this situation.

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 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.

New Lower Prices at Golf Course

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering new lower prices for club memberships and golf fees. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Bench Press Competition

The Fitness Center is offering a Bench Press Competition May 4 at 5 p.m. Male and female divisions; all rules and weight classes per AAU standards. Free t-shirt to participants and those who make the 300 goal. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Youth Basketball Registration

The Youth Center is offering youth basketball registration May 4 – 21 for ages 8 – 18. The cost is \$10 per player; register May 4 – 8 and save \$5 per player. All games played on base. Physicals required for registration. Play will begin in June. Volunteer coaches needed. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Military Spouse Appreciation 5K Run/Walk

The Fitness Center is hosting a Military Spouse Appreciation 5K Run/Walk and 10K Bike Ride at 7 a.m. May 8. Commander's Trophy Points awarded. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Mother and Child Bingo

The Youth Center is offering free Mother and Child Bingo at 4:30 p.m. May 8. Register by May 7. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Players Championship Open Pick 3

The Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering Players Championship Open Pick 3 Tournament May 9. The cost is only \$10 plus green fees and cart. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Moms Bowl Free

Moms bowl free May 9 in honor of Mother's Day at the Bowling Center. Free shoe rental included. For more information, contact 434-3426.

America's Kids Run

Join the Youth Center for this free event for kids of all ages May 16. Run begins at 8 a.m. in the Youth Center parking lot. Register online at www.americaskidsrun.org.

POOL PASSES
ON SALE NOW!
at Outdoor Recreation

The Pool will open May 22 and will be
open daily from Noon to 7 p.m.

DAILY RATE
(Cash Only)

One Person	Non-Club Mbrs \$3	Club Mbrs \$2
Children 5 & under	No Charge	No Charge

FAMILY POOL PASS PRICE LIST

One Person	Non-Club Mbrs \$35	Club Mbrs \$30
Couple	\$60	\$50
Three Person Family	\$80	\$70

No Season passes will be sold at the Pool

434-2505

For more information, contact 434-2504.

Independence Pool Opens

Purchase your pool passes now at Outdoor Recreation. Cash only. The base pool opens for the season May 22. For more information about swim times and lessons, contact 434-2505.

Summer Day Camp Registration

The Youth Center is offering summer day camp May 26 – Aug. 5. Registration is open until all slots are filled; first come basis. The cost is based on total family income. For more information, contact 434-2504.

British Soccer Camp

The Youth Center is offering British soccer camp June 8 – 12 for ages 3 – 18. The cost varies according to age. Stop by the Youth Center or call 434-2504 for more information or register online at challengersports.com.

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.

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.

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 the Fitness Center. For more information, contact 434-2772.

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.

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.

Instructional Classes at Youth Center

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

Fitness on Request

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

Space A Lodging

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

Ride in Style

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

Hot and Easy to Use

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

Security and policy review

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

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.

Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.

What value do you put first?

Maj. George Asselanis
49th Fighter Training Squadron Instructor Pilot

I worked in a wing once where the familiar slogan, “Mission First, People Always” found its way into commander’s calls at every level. You probably did too, since there was a time when it was in common usage around the Air Force.

It sounds great but a critical thinker will quickly uncover the logical flaw that makes it meaningless: one cannot do something first and something else always.

It was hollow marketing which didn’t give Airmen any useful guidance. When real conflicts in priority between the concerns of mission and the concerns of people arose, “people always” became, “people next time,” and the wing accomplished its mission.

While this particular nonsensical slogan has thankfully fallen out of favor, variations on “Mission First” remain a popular theme in platitudes heard around the force. Given the nature of our job, this seems appropriate. The service has a proud history of mission accomplishment against long odds and it didn’t get that way without considering the mission first and foremost, but there is a logical flaw here too. According to our core values, integrity is first. This sets up the fundamental conflict in any organization that is driven to achieve

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and also values exceptional ethical standards.

Are we fundamentally a mission first force, or an integrity first force? They aren’t the same thing, and you can’t be both.

When the mission is first, the desired ends justify the means used to achieve it. When integrity is first, the means have to justify the ends. It is exactly the opposite priority. When excellence and service is in abundant supply we can often achieve both: a mission accomplished with integrity. When success is in doubt, which element has primacy becomes important and Airmen are forced to choose.

If you were to recollect back on your experiences, you can probably find examples of both. The acquisition and divest-

ment of weapon systems seem to provide perennial instances of a mission first priority. On a local level, maybe you’ve heard the saying, “Fly what you want, log what you need,” probably at a previous base. We can see integrity triumph on a daily basis here when a wingman in a debrief fesses up to a mistake only he could have known about, even when it means he’ll have to try again to accomplish that particular mission.

Whichever “first” Airmen embrace at the critical moment is often influenced by which they perceive is the priority to their peers, their supervisors, their leadership, and their Air Force at large. In your sphere of influence, be it small or large, do you promote mission first or integrity first?

Are the ways important but the ends supreme, or the other way around? Will you tolerate a white lie, a half-truth, cherry-picked information, a little pencil-whipping or embellishment if that is all standing in the way of mission accomplishment? Or is it acceptable to fail, as long as the end was pursued with unwavering integrity?

If one were to ask the Air Force for guidance, I suspect the institutional answer would be you should do both equally, all the time. But words don’t make us who we are; we are only what we habitually do. Ultimately, whether we are an ends-justify-the-means Air Force, or a means-justify-the-ends Air Force is up to you.

I’m bored ... what is there to do?

2nd Lt. Thomas Crews
14th Force Support Squadron

“Spring is nature’s way of saying, ‘Let’s Party!’” — Robin Williams

It’s that time of year again.

The forests seem inviting, to those of us fortunate enough to visit them, and tempt us to bask in the rays of the sun as the trees do. To breathe in the sweetness of spring; to attend to the insects and birds as we float along the oft forgotten offshoots of the Tombigbee. To feel you are one with the earth as you careen through the trails around SAC Lake, full throttle on your four-wheeler.

Wait, what?

You don’t have to be poetic about it, but it is spring time, which is arguably the best time of the year. Take advantage of it.

The winter had us all cooped up far too long and the full-on swelter of summer is probably closer than you would like to admit. Nature can befond at the DeWayne Hayes campground and its boat launch less than four miles away, the Tanglefoot walking/bike trail under an hour away, and specifically our very own nature trails that twist and wind around SAC Lake right here on base!

“But I don’t own any recreational equipment necessary to take advantage of all this nature,” you may say to yourself. Don’t panic.

Outdoor Recreation is ready to supply all outdoor adventure needs and offers a wide variety of items to rent, including bouncy castles for those summer birthday and neighborhood block parties, grills, boats (fishing and pontoon), paddle-boards, kayaks, RVs, camping equipment, lawn maintenance tools and so much more. They also rent bikes for \$5 a day, canoes with trailer for \$10 a day, and everything else you need to make it a perfectly poetic weekend.

For a full list of all the rental equipment that will induce an absolutely awesome trip, stop by Outdoor Recreation or click on over to their page on columbusaffbliving.com or just call them at 434-2505 today to get your adventure started.

Not enough? Want to have your cake and eat it, too? Want the reward of a great trip without the chore of planning one? You extraordinary explorer of experience, you want to ponder the meaning of life while you drink a frozen sugary drink and watch a man in an anthropomorphized mouse costume



Team BLAZE members enjoy a day at the pool during Summer 2014 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The pool opens May 22; season passes are available now and through the season at Outdoor Recreation.

convince children the world really is a magical place? Let us oblige you.

Information, Tickets and Tours, or ITT, also located in the Outdoor Recreation building, offers up to 50 percent off on Disney World four-day park hopper tickets, discounted Universal Studios of Orlando tickets, as well as huge savings at SeaWorld, Six Flags over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Geyser Falls and many more local and distant attractions. Let someone else do the leg work and give yourself the trip you deserve and will always remember.

I’m sure your altruistic self has already considered, “but what about the children?” Oh, battler of baby boredom, look here, Columbus Air Force Base is also blooming with on-base Spring and Summer activities for children.

Get active during the Youth Center’s “Fitness Action Hour.” Be a brainiac at the “Do It Up with Science” camp. Take the stage with the Missoula Children’s Theatre. The perfect camp for your son or daughter is right here on base.

Kids may also be keen on the Youth Center Summer Trips planned. They can be a “rock” star during the Rock Climbing Wall Trip at Mississippi State University, see exotic creatures from far-away lands at the Memphis Zoo, or beat the heat of summer at the Geyser Falls Water Park in near-by Philadel-

phia, Mississippi. These are just a fraction of the myriad of Summer trips for kids not to miss. Contact the Youth Center at 434-2504 for more information.

We also have the on-base availability of golf, bowling, horse riding lessons and paintball. Not to mention, various club frenzy promotional events have been planned; so don’t worry, the kids will be alright.

In addition, Columbus Air Force Base is ready to kick off summer with the grand pool opening May 22, featuring brand new pool furniture and a resurfaced pool area. Summer pool passes for individuals and families are available now at Outdoor Recreation with discounted rates for club members. Look for pool parties, movies at the pool and various specials all summer long.

Don’t fret about the club closing this summer as there are still some great dining options on base. The bowling alley offers Lunch-and-Bowl Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Pam’s place at the Whispering Pines Golf Course has Daily Specials Tuesday through Friday. Check out their menus on columbusaffbliving.com under the Dining tab. AAFES also has enough food to fill, Pop’s BBQ is offering take-out in the Exchange parking lot every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a deli at the meat counter of the commissary will soon offer sandwiches made to order.

Mark your calendars and start preparing for the various upcoming fitness events including 5K, 10K, 1/2 and full marathon fun runs being set up by your friendly fitness center staff. Tired of hearing that person you work with tell you how much more weight they can move than you? Challenge them to the Bench Press Competition May 4.

If they are sour about their inevitable loss, make it up to them by taking them to the free Tops in Blue concert coming to town. The touring performance ensemble group made up of active-duty Air Force members will come to town June 20 to strap on six-strings and raise the roof.

Speaking of awesome Air Force members, be sure to say thanks to all those before us and to all those after by showing up to the Fireworks on the Water July 4 in Columbus, celebrating this great nation we all live to love and protect.

As you may see, there are many things to see and do this spring and summer. Don’t waste time watching TV, get out and enjoy the motherload of activities we have planned for Team BLAZE.

Heavy drinking: Highway to disaster

Paul Ahlberg and Capt. Sheontee Frank
81st Medical Operations Squadron, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Heavy drinking is defined as consuming five or more standard drinks in one sitting. It is also considered “high risk” drinking due to the health concerns associated with drinking excessive amounts of alcohol. Many stories about heavy drinking are glamorized, not publicized, or forgotten altogether, so behaviors don’t change.

Here’s a story that illustrates the many problems and risks associated with heavy drinking. Can you pick them out? Have you been on the “Highway to Disaster?”

It was a perfect day on the Mississippi coast to take a swim in the pool, so a

Keesler Air Force Base Airman decided to have a party one Sunday afternoon at his house. He invited some of his buddies over to join him — the more the merrier. Some of his buddies invited a few of their friends to the gathering, which quickly turned into a party. The Airman coordinated what everyone would bring, including a keg of beer, beer pong to play, and music to enjoy.

By 5 p.m., guests arrived and the designated keg operator was letting the beer pour freely for everyone who wanted it without verifying the ages of the guests. Other attendees brought hard liquor and many were taking shots between drinks and playing beer pong. The host was tired and had gotten a little too much sun, so he went into the house to take a short nap. Several guests were hungry so one the guests drove to get pizzas from a near-

by restaurant. The impaired driver had a friend who had not been drinking as much ride along with him. The driver had done this before and had never been arrested for impaired driving.

A young female who had been playing beer pong was noticeably intoxicated near the pool. One of the guests asked her if she was OK, but she did not respond, so he yelled for someone to call 911. Some of the guests left in a hurry. Meanwhile, a neighbor called local law enforcement due to the loud music and noise.

There were many mistakes made throughout the course of the afternoon and the consequences were great. This scenario identified issues of underage drinking, contributing alcohol to minors, public intoxication, and driving under the influence. Most importantly this scenario illustrates the lack of wingmanship.

Here are tips for responsible party planning:

- Plan ahead.
- Have a non-drinking designated driver.
- Limit drinking.
- Check identification to prevent underage drinking.
- Be a responsible host.
- Provide food, activity and oversight.
- Offer water and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Leave your vehicle at home.
- Know your guests.
- Ensure guests have a safe way home.
- Remember 0-0-1-3. That means 0 underage drinking, 0 drinking and driving, 1 drink per hour, no more than 3 drinks per sitting.
- Call a taxi or Airman Against Drunk Driving at your installation for a safe ride home.

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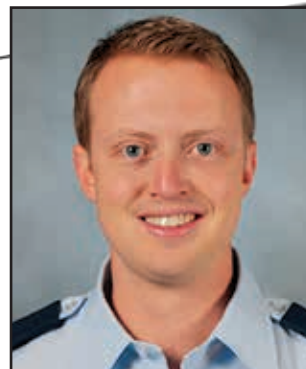


T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

SUPT Class 15-08 earns silver wings



2nd Lt. Kyle Bennett
Fort Walton Beach, Fla.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Ricky Bertrand Rapalo
San Pedro Sula, Honduras
A-29, Honduras



2nd Lt. James Bradin
Bradenton, Fla.
U-28, Cannon AFB, N.M.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-08 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, is the graduation guest speaker.

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

2nd Lt. Brennan Sweeney, T-38, and 2nd Lt. William Grimes, 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. Andrew Hoops, T-38, and 2nd Lt. William Harberson, 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. Brennan Sweeney, T-38, 2nd Lt. William Grimes, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Matt Roberts, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 15-08.

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

country navigation flying.

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

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

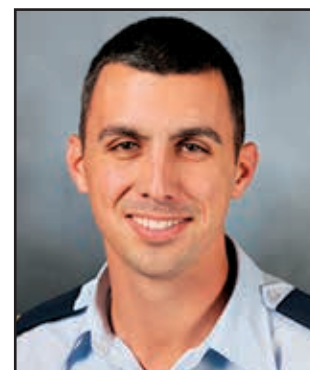
Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

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

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 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 15-08 pilot partners are Baptist Memorial Hospital, and Bob's Paint and Auto Body.



2nd Lt. Marc Ferrara
Phoenix, Ariz.
C-130, Pope AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Michael Fish
Manhattan Beach, Calif.
C-21, Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Michael Griffin
Pittsburgh, Pa.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Andrew Hoops
Highland, Calif.
F-16, Holloman AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. James Huff
Washington, Pa.
KC-135, Pease, N.H.



2nd Lt. Kenneth Irwin
Phoenix, Ariz.
KC-135, Phoenix ANG, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Thomas Malone
Long Island, N.Y.
C-130, Wilmington ANG, Del.



2nd Lt. Derek Monjeau
Reidsville, N.C.
C-130J, Dyess AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Matt Roberts
Greenville, S.C.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Brennan Sweeney
Boston, Mass.
AT-38, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



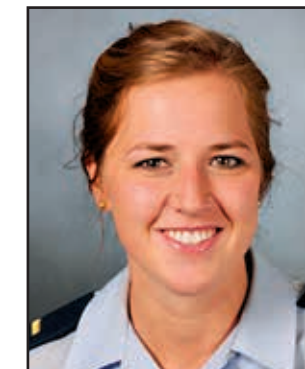
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KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Caleb Tucker
Fulton, Miss.
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



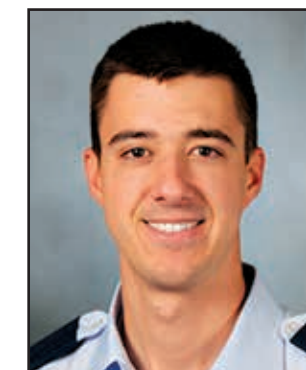
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Edwards AFB, Calif.
C-17, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Molly Bush
Colorado Springs, Colo.
C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Andrew Catanzaro
Gadsden, Ala.
KC-135, Birmingham ANG, Ala.



2nd Lt. William Grimes
Marietta, Ga.
C-130, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



2nd Lt. William Harberson
Phoenix, Ariz.
KC-135, Phoenix ANG, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Andrew Hill
Austin, Texas
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.