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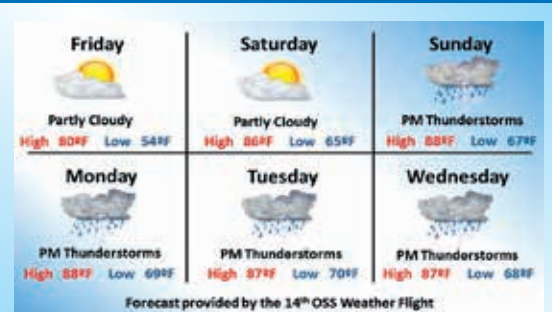
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SUPT Class 15-09 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



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and drive.**

14 FTW/CV takes fini-flight



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Col. Howard McArthur, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander, is surrounded by his wife, Melissa, and son as well as Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, and Lt. Col. Kirby Ensser, 41st Flying Training Squadron Commander, after McArthur's fini-flight May 14 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. A "fini-flight" is the final flight an Airman takes before he or she leaves the squadron, group or wing they are assigned to. It can also mark the retirement of an Airman as their last flight of their military aviation career.

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June 12: SUPT Class 15-10 graduation
June 13-14: Autocross
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June 16: 50th FTS Change of Command
June 19: 49th FTS Change of Command
June 19: Enlisted Banquet
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July 3: Federal Holiday (Independence Day)
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The Tennessee Williams Tribute Committee will

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Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

“The new process eliminates delays with scanning and mailing, and saves man-hours through a streamlined, single personnel system that performs transactions and updates to a member’s record,” Stingley explained. “Ultimately, personnel specialists will be able to spend more time assisting Airmen.”

Processing and submitting active-duty evaluations through myPers will be mandatory for all officer evaluations that close out on or after June 30 and for enlisted evaluations beginning with the senior master sergeant static close-out date of July 31.

have auditions for the play “Summer and Smoke” 2 p.m. June 27 at the Rosenzweig Arts Center Om-nova Theater and 2 p.m. June 28 in St Paul’s Episco-pal Church Parish Hall. The play will be presented at the Whitfield Building in the Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University for Women campus in September. For more information call 328-5413.

Processing and submitting ac-tive-duty decorations through myPers will be phased in as base certificate stock is depleted.

“These are just two of several automated initiatives underway right now,” Stingley said. “AFPC teams are constantly looking at process improvements that better serve our Airmen and enable us to focus on customer service.”

All Airmen can access myPers using their common access card to login. For access from a personal computer, Airmen can go to the myPers page and create an ac-count via the access information on the right side of the login page.

Once logged in to myPers, Air-men who need assistance can se-lect the “Contact Us” link from any myPers page to reach the myPers-Total Force Service Cen-ter.

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Network telephones coming to Columbus

14th Communications Squadron

Get ready for a big change to the way you make a phone call at Columbus Air Force Base in the near future.

By June 6, all telephones at Columbus AFB will be converted from the current system to an internet protocol-based technology.

The current telephone switch system, the Time Division Multiplexing, or TDM, at Columbus is the oldest in command, and parts to fix the switch are scarce and very expensive. As a result, the Air Education and Training Command A6 elected to fund the Unified Capabilities project, which will migrate all telephones and video teleconference devices from the TDM technology to Voice over Internet Protocol, or VoIP.

The current phone system is reaching the end of its technological life and has become too expensive to maintain or replace.

“They won’t be making new switches, and the technology is moving to VoIP, not just for the Department of Defense, but pretty much across the board,” said Rich Marra, the 14th CS Plans Flight Chief.

In March 2015, there were 3,700 telephones connected to the TDM switch. As of today, 10 percent of those telephones have been converted to VoIP, a process that converts sound to data carried over the base data network. According to Tech. Sgt. Rick Dutka, 14th Communications Squadron UC project manager, Columbus has incrementally begun cutting over 14th Flying Training Wing leadership and other critical users over the last two months.

Senior Airman Sarah Bruce, 14th FTW Command Chief Executive Assistant, is one of those users.

“The new headsets make it easier for networking and finding numbers for people I need to call,” she said. “It has a

directory already built into the system, so for people loaded into the directory, I only need to type their name and their number automatically pops up. I can also make contact cards for individuals as well.”

For most users their new phone will be a headset, a boom microphone and a USB cable that connects directly to a computer. The VoIP window that appears on a user’s computer screen has icons for all the major functions of voice communication. One icon makes a phone call, another lists calls both incoming and outgoing.

There is an icon for checking voice mail, a feature that all 3,700 customer numbers will now have. Instant messaging is standard as well as a place to post a photo of the user. Many of these services will be explained in more detail during one of the four mass user training classes that will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. June 3 and 4 in the Kaye auditorium.

Those that work in command sections, customer service areas, and critical C2 areas (Command Post, First Responders, Base Ops, Duty desks, etc.) will receive desk phones that do not require logging into the desktop computer. The desk phones are expensive and in limited supply; roughly only 20 percent of the base populace will receive them, Dutka said. The system being installed will support analog devices, so those that have wall phones, fax machines, cordless phones, modems, or analog devices that cannot be replaced by a soft client and/or desk phone will not be affected by the change.

VoIP phones, both headset and desk phone versions, will not work during a network failure. Fortunately, the network at Columbus AFB rarely fails, said Clark Houston, 14th CS Operations Flight Chief. Individual services, like email or Internet access may go down for a time, but the network itself continues to function and so will the VoIP system.

The 14th Communications Squadron understands there

U.S. Air Force photo/Airman Daniel Lile

Senior Airman Sarah Bruce, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief Executive Assistant, places a call using a Voice over Internet Protocol headset May 20 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. By June 6, all the telephones on Columbus will be converted to VoIP systems.

will be a bit of a culture shock when it comes to using the new system. We want to make the transition as smooth and seamless for our customers as possible.

The 14th CS has established a help desk to specifically address any VoIP issues. Users can call 434-1025 for direct assistance until July 6. After then, follow normal help desk procedures.

Additional information and user guides can be accessed at the CFP Customer Service Share Point site: <https://columbus.eis.aetc.af.mil/14msg/cs/CFPCSS/default.aspx>.

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37th (16-03)	6.16 days	8.35 days	June 8	48th (15-10)	-0.98 days	-0.78 days	May 29	49th (15-HBC)	2.25 days	1.82 days	June 2
41st (16-04)	11.42 days	8.90 days	June 30	50th (15-10)	-5.32 days	0.96 days	May 29				

The graduation speaker is Col. Max Marosko III, 325th Operations Group Commander, Tyndall AFB, Florida.

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Columbus Club.....	Closed for renovations

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Exchange.....	Open May 25, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fitness Center.....	Open May 25, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Golf Course.....	Open May 25, 9 a.m. - Dusk
Medical Group.....	Closed May 22 - 25
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												IFF	257	254	2,498



Photo Courtesy of Mike Hainsey

The Golden Triangle Regional Airport has recently experienced a series of incidents where military members needed flights rebooked because they arrived less than 30 minutes prior to the flight departure. Remember to arrive at least 60 minutes prior to scheduled departure. For official travel with oversized or excess baggage, actual check-in at the airport 90 minutes prior to scheduled departure is recommended.

Plan ahead, arrive early: Tips for traveling with GTR

Senior Airman Kaleb Snay
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Flying from a smaller regional airport has its advantages, but full flights and increased security mean military travelers have to plan ahead to help their traveling go smoothly.

Recently there has been a series of incidents at the Golden Triangle Regional Airport where military members needed flights rebooked because they arrived less than 30 minutes prior to the flight departure.

Many of them had bags to check and in some cases oversized and overweight bags, which extends the amount of time it takes to check in.

“We are proud supporters of the U.S. military and Columbus Air Force Base,” said retired Lt. Col. Mike Hainsey, Executive Director for Golden Triangle Regional Airport. “With the increased security, safety of our passengers is our number one priority. With more flights being fully booked during the summer months, it’s always best to plan ahead and arrive early.”

Here are some basic guidelines to remember when preparing to depart through GTR in the future:

1. For normal leisure travel or official travel without oversized or excess baggage, actual check-in at the airport is required 60 minutes

14 SFS recognizes National Police Week



U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Kaleb Snay

14th Security Forces Squadron members salute the flag as it is lowered during the National Police Week retreat ceremony May 15 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. After a week of demonstrations, celebrations and a parade, they closed the events with the retreat ceremony honoring the lives of the officers who sacrificed their lives over the past year.



Maj. Brenton Pickrell, 14th Security Forces Squadron, speaks to attendees of the National Police Week retreat ceremony May 15 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Pickrell spoke of the law enforcement officers who protected and defended and ultimately sacrificed their lives over the last year and thanked them for their service.

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The business of people: Life as a first sergeant

Airman 1st Class Dillon Johnston
341st Missile Wing Public Affairs

MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, Mont. — Dedication is defined as a feeling of very strong support for or loyalty to someone or something, or the quality or state of being dedicated to a person, group or cause.

It is this definition which embodies the attitude of a first sergeant. Colloquially called a shirt or first shirt, unwavering loyalty to the individuals in their particular group or squadron is what drives them, and they make people their business.

For Master Sgt. Jason Whitehead, the 341st Security Forces Squadron first sergeant, this rings especially true.

“Your very first duty is to serve the people,” Whitehead said. “You are there to take care of the people, take care of their needs, and you are also there to ensure the good order and discipline of the unit and make sure people are treated fairly.

“If it involves people, that’s why you’re there,” he added.

A relatively new first sergeant, Whitehead was thrust headfirst into the world of how to manage people in a massive squadron. At just shy of a year into his four-year, first-sergeant commitment, he has learned a huge amount in a short period of time. The culture shock from being in munitions for 14 years and switching to the defender world was something the master sergeant had to wrap his head around.

“To say the least, (it took some getting used to),” Whitehead said as he laughed. “To be a brand new first sergeant and entering into security forces, it was very eye opening as far as the duties of a first sergeant. But I embraced it and to me, in my opinion, if you’re going to learn the job, and you’re going to be a well-rounded person to better suit the people you are working for. What better way than to be in a security forces unit?”

The squadron, with its size and tempo, is a daunting environment to learn such a big job in.

“It’s like drinking from a fire hydrant,” the shirt said. “You either drink it or you get blown out of the way.”

One of the ways Whitehead manages to drink from the proverbial fire hydrant is by getting to know not only the Airmen in the squadron, but to get intimately familiar with their jobs.

“It is phenomenal for me, personally, to be able to go out in the atmosphere and environment of where my people are,” he said.



Master Sgt. Jason Whitehead, the 341st Security Forces Squadron first sergeant, completes paperwork in his office May 5, 2015, at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana. His duties are split between administrative work and being actively involved in Airmen’s lives.

“That’s what takes me to the front gates; it’s an honest stress relief — it’s one of the most fulfilling and enjoyable parts of the job for me to go be where my people are and do what it is they’re doing. It helps me understand their job better, so when they have an issue or a problem at home or a job related stress, if I’m out there doing it and visiting them in their environment on their post, I understand the true facets of what it is they’re doing.”

This sense of understanding and the ability to be in their shoes allows Whitehead to be a more effective mentor and leader within the squadron. Being able to know each Airman and their personalities is an important element of a shirt’s skillset.

One of his favorite ways to keep in touch with the Airmen in the squadron is through informal visits to their posts.

“When I go out there, it’s a post visit, not a post check,” Whitehead said. “It’s more of a relaxed environment, more so than if a senior security forces was to go out there; they would have to go to attention and give them a post briefing and it’s more job related. When I go out, it’s more about them, their family and not necessarily about the job.”

During these visits, Whitehead said he likes to try and keep the morale high for his Airmen.

“You bake them cookies and you drop them off, it may be a promotion ceremony and you bring a cake, it might be celebrating somebody’s birthday,” Whitehead said.



U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class Dillon Johnston

Master Sgt. Jason Whitehead, right, the 341st Security Forces Squadron first sergeant, speaks with Airmen 1st Class Richard Morgan, left, and Ricky Miller during a post visit May 5, 2015, at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana. Whitehead periodically checks in with Airmen to see how their personal lives are going in order to keep a finger on the pulse of the squadron.

“At the end of the day it’s all about people. If you miss the people part, you’re in it for the wrong reason.”

Knowing his people and being actively involved in their lives helps Whitehead get ahead of preventable issues the Airmen in the squadron may encounter.

“(It’s better) if I can get in there and handle it and know about their problem early,” Whitehead said. “If I can intervene before that incident happens to get them the help they need to prevent that incident, that’s a good thing — I enjoy that.”

As much as he said he enjoys when his day is going smoothly, it isn’t always as such. To Whitehead, there is no “average” day in the life of a first sergeant.

“As a first sergeant, there is no structure to your day,” he said. “You don’t know what’s going to happen — you can have an agenda of what you would like to try to accomplish, and then the phone rings and it takes you in a totally different direction.

“You are on duty 24/7, year-round,” he added. “Leave is not as easy to take as a normal job that is not as demanding as a first sergeant. We have to try and give our (on-call) phone up to somebody if we want to take leave or just have a weekend off, so you have

to have a backup.”

This dedication to the job can bleed over into personal lives as well.

“You have to have a balance between work and family,” Whitehead said. “Sometimes it can be a hard teeter totter to balance home life with the work life, because the job can be very demanding at times.”

Despite the challenges he faces as a first sergeant in the squadron, Whitehead takes it on with a positive attitude, knowing it will prepare him better for the rest of his time as a first sergeant.

“I have really grown as a person, in how I handle situations both on duty and off duty,” Whitehead said. “How I look at the military is different now, because I’m not worried about getting assets out to the plane so it can take off, I’m more worried about making sure each individual person is good to go so they can go out and perform their duties.”

With a changed outlook and a renewed sense of Airmanship, Whitehead said he looks forward to his future as a first sergeant, wherever it may take him.

“It’s been a blast,” he said. “I couldn’t think of anywhere or any other unit to start with. Wherever I go from here will be a downhill ride, that’s for sure.”

Dispelling remotely piloted aircraft myths

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Public interest in remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) continues to grow thanks to increasing non-military uses and portrayal in popular culture. For the Air Force, remotely piloted aircraft are and will continue to be a vital mission set delivering vital airpower to combatant commanders throughout the world.

While the demands placed upon the Airmen charged with this mission are becoming better known, there are still myths strongly associated with this mission. Here's some "fact and fiction" about the very in-demand world of RPA operations.

Myth: *Because they are unmanned, RPAs are less safe than manned aircraft*

Fact: For every RPA, there is a pilot with a crew in continuous control of the aircraft, ensuring not only operational precision but complete ground and flying safety. Air Force RPAs have safety rates comparable to our manned aircraft. RPA systems have been getting safer as aircraft and communication technology and the institutional experience of operators mature. Historically, even during periods when there was an immediate requirement for extensive RPA operations in demanding operational environments, the mishap rate decreased over the long term.

Myth: *There is no demand from combatant commanders for RPA capability*

Fact: Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions continue to be the number one most requested capability of



US Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Christian Clausen
Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Mark A. Welsh III conducts an all-call with the men and women of the 432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing March 24, 2015, at Creech Air Force Base, Nevada. During the all-call, Welsh thanked and highlighted the successes of the men and women of Creech AFB and the importance of the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission.

combatant commanders at multiple locations throughout the world. RPAs are in demand and Air Force RPAs operate on a 24/7 basis. Thru December 2014, the Air Force has flown MQ-1B Predators and MQ-9 Reapers more than 2,208,985 hours (RQ-4 Global Hawk/MQ-1 equals 1,661,887 hours and MQ-9 equals 547,978).

Myth: *RPAs do not have to comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) re-*

quirements

Fact: RPA training flights within the U.S. are conducted under federal authorities granted to the service to train pilots and crew members preparing for real-world missions. This includes all Air Force pilots being trained to FAA instrument rating requirements. These missions are flown in accordance with federal law, executive orders, and Defense Department and Air Force instructions that balance the need for operational

readiness with protection of personal privacy. Unmanned aircraft that operate within the national airspace system are held to the same level of procedures and compliance, or higher, than manned aircraft.

Myth: *To achieve the RPA mission it only requires a crew of two – pilot and sensor operator*

Fact: For every RPA combat air patrol there are nearly 200 people supporting the mission in various capacities. This includes mission intelligence personnel; aircraft and communications maintainers; launch and recovery element personnel; and intelligence personnel conducting production, exploitation, and dissemination operations.

Myth: *RPAs only conduct ISR*

Fact: MQ-1Bs and MQ-9s are multi-role aircraft capable of conducting several mission sets beyond ISR. They perform numerous additional tasks to include support to combat search and rescue, dynamic targeting, close air support, air interdiction, and strike coordination and reconnaissance. The Predator and Reaper are unique, as they also provide precision-strike missions against carefully chosen targets, minimizing risk of collateral damage.

Myth: *Conducting an RPA mission is like playing a video game*

Fact: New pilots of RPAs undertake a very intense training program before they fly operational missions, making it the furthest thing from picking up a controller and playing a video game. This training curriculum lasts approximately one year, and many current Air Force RPA pilots and trainers have already completed undergraduate pilot training in manned aircraft as well.

AF implements automated evaluation, decoration processing via myPers

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Beginning in May, supervisors of active-duty Airmen will be able to initiate, process, track and sign officer and enlisted evaluations using myPers, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced May 15.

Additionally, beginning in June, supervisors of active-duty members will be able to use myPers to initiate and track decorations as well.

"Airmen can view their personnel records, update assignment preferences, update their record of emergency data and more on myPers through the 'Access AFPC Secure' link," said Christine Stingley, the military future operations branch requirements and testing chief. "Enabling Airmen to manage their personnel information and perform transactions elec-

tronically creates efficiencies all around."

Adding the automated evaluation and decoration processing piece through an app on myPers called the virtual Personnel Center (vPC) will further improve Airmen's access to personnel processes, she explained.

Once the automated process is activated in May for active duty, supervisors will be able to initiate Airmen's evaluations and route them through their respective reviewer and approval officials, much like the existing Evaluations Management System.

"Unlike the existing system, once the evaluation is signed by the ratee, the military personnel section will be able to receive and forward it to AFPC through myPers vPC for final processing into an individual's official record at the click of a button," Stingley said. vPC is a modified version of vPC Guard and Reserve, a

system used by the Air Reserve Personnel Center to support Reserve and Guard programs.

"The important thing about vPC is that there will be no bugs to root out or workarounds to implement," said Brig. Gen. Samuel Mahaney, the ARPC commander. "vPC is a tried and true application courtesy of the world-class development team at ARPC."

Electronic processing of awards and decorations will save members time since it will include prepopulated certificates and memorandums, online "Décor 6" forms, automatic updates to Military Personnel Data System and automatic transfers to official records.

Active-duty decorations will be initiated, processed and tracked through the vPC app dashboard. Initially, the award automation will include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air See AUTOMATED, Page 14

IP finds link to past at Columbus AFB

2nd Lt. Lauren Woods
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

In the hustle of day-to-day life, it is sometimes easy to forget the depth of history surrounding us every day as both Airmen and citizens. Memorial Day is a chance to remember this history and the sacrifice of those who paved the way for our future.

Here in Columbus, Mississippi, often considered the birthplace of the Memorial Day tradition, there is special value to taking time to reflect and honor the past. However for one family at Columbus Air Force Base, the past is more than just history; it's part of their heritage.

Capt. Daniel Bloom, a KC-135 pilot, arrived at Columbus AFB in July 2012 to take up an assignment as a T-6 instructor, only to discover his new assignment was the same place where his great-uncle had trained and flown.

He'd known his great-uncle, Charles L. Wiley, was a pilot, Bloom explained, but after his aunt sent him letters Wiley had written during pilot training, he saw 'Columbus Army Air Field' on the letterhead and realized it was the same place he was now stationed.

"[Wiley] was talking about how he was at Columbus, doing pilot training," Bloom said. "It was cool to read the letters and read about what he thought of pilot training in the 1940s."

The letters, carefully compiled by family, portray a young man excited to take to the skies.

"Flying is really great," Wiley wrote to his sister, Ruth, "and I'm going to try and keep up with it somehow after the war." This was 1943, one year after Columbus Army Flying School began its first training class, and two years before the end of World War II.

Pilot training in 1943 bore much similarity to the training



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Capt. Daniel Bloom, 37th Fighter Squadron Instructor Pilot, stands next to a T-6 Texan, one of the aircraft he flies. Bloom came to Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, in 2012 only to discover it was the same place his great-uncle had learned to fly in the Army Air Corps.

performed today, but back then instead of T-6s and T-38s in the sky, the air above Columbus Army Flying School was dotted with AT-10s, AT-9s, and AT-8s. Wiley flew on these trainers before graduating to his final airframe of B-24 bombers.

According to Carol Gifford, Wiley's niece and Bloom's mother, Wiley had a perfect record of flying B-24 bombing missions. Gifford estimates he flew 50 sorties or more while stationed in India.

Even in the midst of the war, his attitude remained positive. "I've been in a good mood lately, as I've been flying a lot,"

he wrote in a letter dated Jan. 15, 1945.

This perfect record would continue up until his very last mission.

"It was a mission he didn't have to fly. He had completed all his required missions with his squadron and was packing up to go home when he volunteered to fly one last mission," Gifford said. "He wasn't with his regular crew. His plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire that took out one of the engines. He went down in the dense jungle of Burma."

According to Gifford, days of searching yielded no trace of either aircraft or crew. All aboard were declared MIA, and a year later announced dead. It wasn't until Gifford began digging that the truth was revealed. Wiley, along with his crew, had been captured and handed over to the Japanese, where they were tortured and killed. Their remains, according to newly-declassified documents uncovered by Gifford, were thought to be cremated.

History, however, lives on. Four months after arriving in Columbus, Bloom's son was born, and was named after his great-uncle: Benjamin Charles Bloom. In a strange coincidence, the date on the letter Wiley wrote, Nov. 28, is the same date Bloom's son was born.

That letter now hangs on the wall in Benjamin's room, along with a photograph of Wiley and his crew.

"I'll tell my son about it when he gets old enough to understand," Bloom said. "I knew I wanted to name my son after [Wiley], because he was a pilot and I was a pilot, and we're the only two who flew in the military in my family."

When asked if he wanted his son to continue the tradition, Bloom laughed.

"I want him to do whatever he wants," he said. "He's only two, after all. But if he chose to fly for the military? That would be cool."

2014 Columbus AFB drinking water quality report

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Spanish (Espanol)

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua potable. Por favor lea este informe o comuniquese con alguien que pueda traducir la informacion.

Is my water safe?

We continually monitor our drinking water for contaminants. Our water is safe to drink. Columbus AFB did not receive any

drinking water violations from either Mississippi or the EPA. The Bioenvironmental Engineering element (BEE) is responsible for monitoring drinking water quality on Columbus Air Force Base. Since the base purchases its drinking water, the city of Columbus fulfills most of the EPA mandated monitoring requirements. In addition to the monitoring that is completed by the city of Columbus, BEE personnel sample for bacteriological contaminants, disinfectant and disinfectant byproduct contaminants, lead, and copper. BEE accomplishes this additional monitoring because each of these contaminants may be affected by the characteristics of the distribution system on the installation. The contaminants monitored only by the city are affected primarily by the quality of the source water and do not change as the water moves from the city's distribution system to the base's distribution system

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

The base water supply is treated and distributed by Columbus Light and Water Com-

pany (CL&W). The water is drawn from eight wells supplied by the Coker Aquifer, a groundwater source, and is stored in various places on base, e.g. water towers. No further treatment is done by base personnel.

Source water assessment and its availability

The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identify potential sources of contamination. This source water assessment can be found in the Columbus Light and Water July 2014 newsletter.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not

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necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact Columbus Light and Water at: 662-328-7192, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and ask for Steve Barksdale. If you want to learn more, please attend any of Columbus Light and Water's regularly scheduled meetings. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at 420 Fourth Avenue South (CL&W Main Office). Answers to questions about Columbus AFB water can also be directed to Bioenvironmental Engineering (BE) at 434-2285.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Columbus Air Force Base is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Fluoridation

To comply with the "Regulation Governing Fluoridation of the Community Water Supplies," Columbus Light & Water is required to report certain results pertaining to the fluoridation of the water system. The percentage of fluoride samples collected in the previous calendar year that was within the optimal range of 0.7-1.3 ppm was 100 percent.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires monitoring for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions beside the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfectant By-Products (There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.)								
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	2	1	4	2014	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	6.05	1.29	9.11	2014	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (as C12) (ppm)	4	4	1.40	0.20	2.90	2014	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.1553	NA		2012	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Antimony (ppm)	0.006	0.006	<0.0005	NA		2012	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Arsenic (ppm)	NA	0.010	<0.0005	NA		2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Beryllium (ppm)	0.004	0.004	<0.0005	NA		2012	No	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; Discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Cyanide (ppm)	0.2	0.2	<0.015	NA		2012	No	Discharge from steel metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Cadmium (ppm)	0.005	0.005	<0.0005	NA		2012	No	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; Runoff from waste batteries and paints
Chromium (ppm)	0.1	0.1	.00123	NA		2012	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Mercury (ppm)	0.002	0.002	<0.0005	NA		2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills, Runoff from cropland
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.0856	NA		2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Selenium (ppm)	0.05	0.05	<0.0025	NA		2012	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
Thallium (ppm)	0.002	0.002	<0.0005	NA		2012	No	Leaching from ore-processing sites; Discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	0.08	0.08	0.08	2014	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	1	1	0.02	0.02	0.02	2014	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Microbiological Contaminants								
Total Coliform (positive samples/month)	0	0	0	NA		2014	No	Naturally present in the environment
Radioactive Contaminants								
Uranium (ug/L)	0	30	0.41	NA		2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)	0	5	0.504	NA		2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	1.05	NA		2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Inorganic Contaminants							
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	<1.3	2013	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	<15	2013	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Unit Descriptions

Term, Definition

ug/L — ug/L: Number of micrograms of substance in one liter of water
ppm — ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb — ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/L)
pCi/L — pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
positive samples/month — positive samples/month: Number of samples taken monthly that were found to be positive
NA — NA: not applicable
ND — ND: Not detected
NR — NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions

Term, Definition

MCLG — MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL — MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

TT — TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL — AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions — Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

MRDLG — MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

MRDL — MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR — MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL — MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

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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.)

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 5 - 7 p.m. May 28. Please call 434-2790 in advance to register.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief will be 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. June 2. 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, 1 - 2 p.m. June 2, allows the VA contractors to explain to service members (whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran) what services the VA offers, what they are able to provide throughout the member's military career and how to apply for benefits. To register and for more information please call 434-2790.

Resume and Cover Letter

This workshop 9 – 10:30 a.m. June 3 gives you preparation for writing effective civilian resumes and cover letters. For more information or to sign up, call 434-2790.

Bundles of Joy

The workshop is 1 - 3:30 p.m. June 4 for active-duty families assigned to Columbus AFB who are expecting or have a child up to 4 months of age. This is an Air Force Aid Society program with informational presentations about topics such as Tri-Care, Child Care, Breastfeeding, Car Seat Safety, Nutrition & Fitness during and after pregnancy, and Labor & Delivery. To register please call 434-2790.

Smooth Move

This class is 10 - 11:30 a.m. June 10 and 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.

Troops To Teachers

This workshop is 10:30 a.m. - noon June 10. 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.

Spouse Deployment Class

The class is for spouses to learn what is in-

Independence Pool opens tomorrow



U.S. Air Force Photo/Airman Daniel Lie

Independence Pool will open at noon May 22. Seasonal pool passes are on sale now at Outdoor Recreation! Only day passes will be sold at the pool, cash only. Pool passes are included with Whispering Pines Golf membership. If you have an individual golf membership, you receive an individual pool pass and if you have a family golf membership, you receive a family pool pass. Visit Outdoor Recreation for your free pool pass or for more information, contact 434-2505.

Involved in a deployment. Several other agencies will give a short description of how their office can offer support to a spouse and family. The class will be 5:30 - 7 p.m. June 11 at the A&FRC.

First Term Officer's PFR

The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assignment personnel to their first station. The event will be 9 - 10 a.m. June 16 at the A&FRC. Call 434-2790 to sign up.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Temporary Jobs for the Summer

Job opportunities include: Clerical, Life-guard, Recreation Aid, Computer Clerk, General Laborer and others. Posting on USA Jobs began March 9 at usajobs.gov.

Base Community Organizations

Learn How to Read Your LES

Having a hard time understanding your Leave and Earning Statement? Need a refresher so that you can mentor your subordinates on their entitlements? Finance has you covered. If you would like for Finance to come to your next CC call or Professional Organization event, you can contact Master Sgt. Sabrina Spriggs at DSN 742-3068 or Senior Airman Julianna White at DSN 742-2715.

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

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.

FootGolf Coming Soon

FootGolf is coming soon to Whispering Pines Golf Course, so come 'kick' it with us. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Free Movies and Pre-Movie Bowling

Enjoy free movies and popcorn in the Kaye Auditorium May 21. Movies include: Cinderella (PG) at 6 p.m. and Get Hard (R) at 8 p.m. Candy and drinks available for purchase. Enjoy pre-movie bowl at the Bowling Center from 4 p.m. – close. Adults enjoy a cheeseburger or chicken tender combo and one game of bowling for only \$6; children enjoy a chicken tender, corn dog, or grilled cheese combo and one free game of bowling for only \$4.50. For more information, contact 434-2314.

Free Jumpers and Free Swimming

Independence Pool is offering free jumpers from 11 a.m. – noon and free swimming from noon – 7 p.m. May 22. The pool snack bar will be open for purchases. Purchase your season pass at Outdoor Recreation; daily passes may be purchased in cash at the pool. For more information about swim times and lessons, contact 434-2505.

Fight Night Frenzy

The Columbus Club presents Fight Night Frenzy May 23. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Pre-fight at 7 p.m. and featured fight at 8 p.m. Club members receive free admission, preferred seating, and food discounts; non-members admission is \$5 per person. This adult-themed entertainment is being held at the Bowling Center on the big screens; bowling will not be available.

Free Sewing Class

The Arts and Crafts Shop is offering “Intro to Sewing: Make Your Own Apron” at 10 a.m. May 30. The following items should be brought with you: a sewing machine, choice of fabric (1 ½ yards of primary color and ½ to 1 yard of accent color) and matching thread. Only ten spots available. Register by May 28 by calling 434-2594.

Super Sweet Scramble

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a 4-person, 18-hole golf scramble June 13 - 14. Cost is \$40 per person and includes cart, green fees, prize fund, and lunch both days; sponsored in part by Sweet Peppers Deli. Mulligans may be purchased for \$40 per team (one mulligan per person per

The Columbus Club Presents

WATCH ULTIMATE FIGHTING AT YOUR CLUB!

FIGHT NIGHT

Saturday, May 23

ENTER TO WIN A TRIP TO WATCH UFC LIVE IN VEGAS!

Doors Open at 1830

Pre-Fight at 1900 Featured Fight at 2100

Club Members Free Admission, Preferred Seating, Food Discounts

Non-Members Admission \$5

Food & Drink Specials

Door Prizes

Adult Themed Entertainment

Event Held @ The Bowling Center

(bowling will not be available)

For more information, 662-434-2310.

day). Win prizes for longest drive, closest to pin, or hole-in-one. Register by noon June 1 and receive one free round of golf with cart prior to the tournament. Must register no later than June 6 by contacting the Pro Shop at 434-7932.

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.

Tops In Blue

The Youth Center presents a free Tops in Blue performance “Freedom’s Song” at 5 p.m. June 20. Performance held at Rent Auditorium on the campus of Mississippi University for Women. Doors will open 4:15 p.m. for military ID holders; 4:30 p.m. for the general public. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Class

Free classes are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 p.m. The benefits include huge gains in

confidence, functional strength, flexibility, discipline, and overall physical conditioning. Mandatory equipment: BJJ Kimono (Gi); for ages 13 and up. For more information, contact 434-2772.

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.

United States Air Force

Freedom's Song

2015 World Tour

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From the Home Front to the Front Line

Free Event **Saturday, June 20 5:00pm**

Rent Auditorium

on the Campus of Mississippi University for Women

Doors Open 4:15 for Military ID Holders

4:30 for General Public

Sponsored in part by

2015 Vacation Bible School @ CAFB

Monday, June 1 – Friday, June 5

0900-1200

Ages: 5-12 years

Information & Registration

Call 434-2500

Volunteers Needed:

- Crew Leaders: 18 yrs and older
- Assistant Crew Leaders: 13 yrs and older
- Child Care is available for volunteer's infants/toddlers

The Warrior Ethos

Lt. Col. Sterling Pendleton

14th Flying Training Wing
Staff Judge Advocate

Former Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Moseley stated, “the warrior ethos exhibits a hardness of spirit, and moral and physical courage.”

We logically associate physical courage with the warrior ethos; yet, as Gen. Moseley understood, moral courage is just as important as physical courage to the warrior. Moral courage underpins who we are and what we stand for, guiding us in making difficult decisions.

Warrant Officer Hugh Thompson, Jr., displayed this courage during the Vietnam War. On March 16, 1968, U.S. soldiers entered a small village known as “My Lai” and killed hundreds of civilians, many of whom were rounded-up, herded to an irrigation ditch, and shot at point blank range. Some of the soldiers did not participate in the atrocities, yet no one on the ground did anything to stop the killings. Then Thompson surveyed the scene from his helicopter. Seeing the carnage, he immediately confronted the perpetrators and reported their actions.

That decision might seem obvious with the benefit of hindsight, but at the time he risked alienating his superiors and potential career advancement. It would have been much easier for Thompson to ignore the war crimes, like every-

one else. But he was driven not by popular sentiment or selfish interests; he was impelled to act because it was right.

Of course, moral courage is not limited to wartime. Many years before My Lai, before the founding of this country, John Adams exhibited such courage when he agreed to defend the British soldiers who carried out the Boston Massacre. These soldiers had just killed five colonists, enraging the populace. Although opposed to British tyranny, Adams agreed to represent the British soldiers knowing that taking the case would bring criticism and accusations of aiding the enemy. He also knew that taking the case might cause his practice to suffer or even put his family in danger. But he believed so strongly in the rule of law, as opposed to mob justice, he agreed to represent the soldiers. Like Warrant Officer Thompson, Adams chose to do the right thing, despite the costs.

These striking examples demonstrate the importance of moral courage. As they show, following the “moral compass” is not always easy, but we have not chosen an easy profession. At some point in your career, as an Air Force warrior you will be confronted with a situation requiring moral courage, such as politely speaking-up and disagreeing with a supervisor or intervening to prevent potential injury or misconduct. How will you respond? Will you embody the warrior ethos?

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.



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T-1A Jayhawk

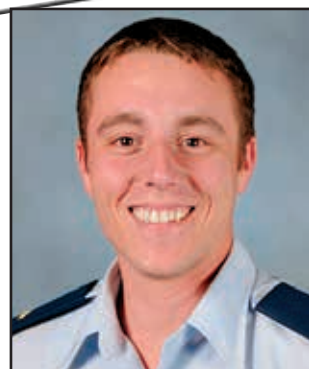
SUPT Class 15-09 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



1st Lt. Donald Clabaugh
Baltimore, Md.
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



1st Lt. Richard Hall
Glenville, N.Y.
KC-135R, MacDill AFB, Fla.



1st Lt. Lance Parra
Omaha, Neb.
KC-135R, Lincoln ANG, Neb.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-09 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. Max Marosko III, Commander, 325th Operations Group, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, 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. Ryan Kunce, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Kaley Jenkins, 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. Joseph Hollway, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Joshua Travis, 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. Ryan Kunce, T-38, 2nd Lt. Kaley Jenkins, T-1, and 2nd Lt. William Hafker, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 15-09.

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.

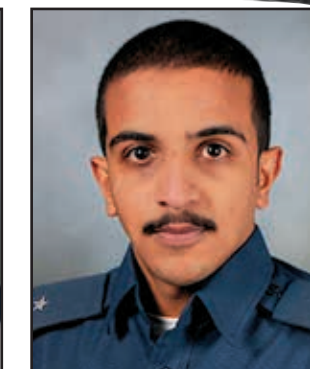
Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and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

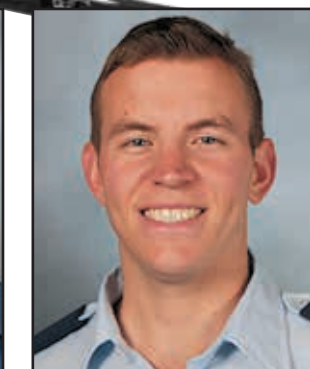
Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. The SUPT Class 15-09 pilot partner is Audubon Cove.



1st Lt. Andrew Smith
Albion, Ind.
KC-135R, Phoenix ANG, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Muhannad Alosaimi
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
F-15S, Saudi Arabia



2nd Lt. Philip Booth
Colleyville, Texas
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Peter Bruckner
Seattle, Wash.
C-5, Westover AFB, Mass.



2nd Lt. Abdulmohsen Dahmash
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
F-15S, Saudi Arabia



2nd Lt. Carey Davis
Lake Crystal, Minn.
C-130J, Ramstein AFB, Germany



2nd Lt. Michael Gonzalez
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Kaley Jenkins
Three Lakes, Wis.
C-17A, McCord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Daniel Jones
Madrid, Spain
C-17A, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Ryan Kunce
Phoenix, Ariz.
F-22, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Brock McGehee
Apex, N.C.
F-15C, Kingsley Field, Ore.



2nd Lt. Roland Neal
Brighton, Mich.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Fernando Antonio Orellana Rodriguez
La Ceiba, Honduras
F-5



2nd Lt. Jose Roberto Perez Vasquez
Cojutepeque, El Salvador
A-37



2nd Lt. Blake Renken
Atlanta, Ga.
C-17, Jackson ANG, Miss.



2nd Lt. James Simons
Ocean City, Md.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Jason Sweat
Perry, Ga.
C-130H, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



2nd Lt. Thomas Swinchoski
Waterville, Vt.
C-130J, Dyess AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Joshua Travis
Manchester, Mo.
C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark.