







Weather

Friday  Partly Cloudy High 91°F Low 68°F	Saturday  Thunderstorms High 88°F Low 67°F	Sunday  Partly Cloudy High 91°F Low 69°F
Monday  Thunderstorms High 91°F Low 68°F	Tuesday  Thunderstorms High 92°F Low 68°F	Wednesday  Partly Cloudy High 93°F Low 70°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Autocross

An Autocross event is scheduled for Aug. 15-16 on the SAC Ramp. All Team BLAZE personnel are welcome to participate in the vehicle course.

Senior NCO Induction Ceremony/Dinner

The Senior NCO Induction Ceremony and Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at Lion Hills to celebrate Columbus Air Force Base's newest master sergeant selects.

Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions ceremony is at 3 p.m. Aug. 31 in the Kaye Auditorium.

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Feature 8

The graduating SUPT Class 15-13 is highlighted in today's feature.



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

Staff Sgt. Sherring Goodwin, Columbus Air Force Base Honor guardsman, presents the folded American flag to Joe Partridge, brother of the late Capt. Frederick Partridge, Aug. 10 at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Full honors were presented by the honor guardsmen for Partridge to include a flag folding, firing party, color team and a bugle player who finished the ceremony with the playing of Taps.

Columbus AFB supports ceremony for 63-year MIA

Senior Airman Kaleb Snay

Twenty Columbus Air Force Base Honor Guardsmen and a four-ship of Columbus AFB T-38 Talons supported a Missing in Action ceremony Aug. 10 for a Mississippi hero, exactly 63

years after his aircraft crashed.

A native of Sumner, Mississippi, Capt. Frederick Partridge served in both World War II and in Korea in his eight years of service, until the morning of Aug. 10, 1952.

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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 (16-07)	2.15 days	-0.44 days	Sept. 3	48th (15-13)	0.00 days	1.47 days	Aug. 14	49th (15-KBC)	-0.16 days	-0.42 days	Aug. 24	T-6	1,005	970	25,075
41st (16-07)	6.85 days	3.20 days	Sept. 3	50th (15-13)	-0.53 days	1.77 days	Aug. 14					T-1	320	270	9,233
												T-38	344	328	7,604
												IFF	179	145	3,588

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Jesse Simmons, Jr. Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 37 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

Independence Pool hours changing

Starting Aug. 17 through Sept. 4, Independence Pool will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 – 7 p.m., and will be closed Tuesdays and Thursdays. Saturdays and Sundays will resume normal operations from noon – 7 p.m. Labor Day Weekend will be normal operations. Water Aerobics will no longer be available after Aug. 17. The only Lap Swim available will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 5 – 6:45 p.m.



Retiree Affairs Did you know...?

Retirees, did you know the Columbus Air Force Base Retiree Activities Office is now sponsoring tours through Information Tickets and Travel, specifically for retirees? Our first tours will be conducted Oct. 3, 10 and 17 to Indianola, Mississippi, to include a tour of the B.B. King Museum, Club Ebony and an evening of live Blues at the Blue Biscuit. The cost is only \$20. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505 or call your CAFB Retiree Activities Office at 434-3120.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
17	18	19	20	21	22/23	<p>Aug. 31: Enlisted Promotions</p> <p>Sept. 1: Wing Newcomers Orientation</p> <p>Sept. 3: ALS graduation</p> <p>Sept. 4: AETC Family Day</p> <p>Sept. 7: Labor Day</p> <p>Sept. 11: SUPT Class 15-14 graduation</p> <p>Sept. 18: Air Force Birthday Ball</p> <p>Sept. 22: Wing Newcomers Orientation</p> <p>Sept. 26: Retiree Appreciation Day</p> <p>Sept. 28-29: 14th FTW dissimilar photo</p> <p>Sept. 30: Enlisted Promotions</p> <p>Oct. 2: SUPT Class 15-15 Graduation</p> <p>Oct. 12: Columbus Day Holiday</p> <p>Oct. 20: Newcomers Orientation Brief</p> <p>Oct. 23: SUPT Class 16-01 graduation</p> <p>Oct. 27: Third Quarterly Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Oct. 30: Enlisted Promotions</p>
				Holly Springs AFJROTC visit	22nd - Water Works Run, 7:30 a.m. @ Dental Clinic	
				Senior NCO Induction Dinner, 6:30 p.m. @ Lion Hills	22nd-ALS barbecue, 11 a.m. @ Stennis Lock and Dam	
24	25	26	27	28	29/30	
IFF 15-KBC graduation, 4:49 p.m. @ 49 FTS				SUPT Class 15-14 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Kaye Auditorium		

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CEREMONY

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Partridge was the leader of a flight of two F-51 aircraft from the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, which departed Kimpo Air Base, South Korea, to perform a reconnaissance mission over North Korea during the Korean War. After an altercation with the enemy, puffs of smoke were observed coming from the engine of his F-51. He was notified of the emergency and subsequently informed his wingman he would attempt to reach friendly territory before bailing out.

“You know we use that word ‘hero’ a lot,” Lawson said. “Let me tell you what a hero is. A hero is somebody that signs the bottom of the blank check and says, ‘I will go to the ends of the earth and I will die for my country because I believe in the red, white and blue, and I believe in freedom.’”



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Lauren Woods
Senior Airman Justin Keller, Columbus Air Force Base Honor guardsman, plays Taps for a Missing in Action ceremony for Capt. Frederick Partridge Aug. 10 at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery. A native of Sumner, Mississippi, Partridge served in both World War II and in Korea in his eight years of service until he was shot down the morning of Aug. 10, 1952.

Partridge being a hero because of his actions.

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Lawson continued the ceremony by speaking of Partridge’s early life growing up and spoke of the freedom Partridge fought for during his time in service.

“Let me just remind you this morning that freedom is not free. It is paid for by the ultimate sacrifice, the kind of sacrifice that Captain Partridge made,” Lawson said. “What we have witnessed today is the honoring of a true American hero. May the peace of God go with each and every one of you.”

Full honors for Partridge were presented by the honor guardsmen during the ceremony, to include a flag folding, firing party,



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Daniel Lile
The number three aircraft initiates its pull up to begin the Missing Man formation flight tribute to Capt. Fredrick Partridge Aug 10 at the end of his memorial service at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The four-ship of T-38C Talons from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, performed the aerial salute to Partridge exactly 63 years after his disappearance during the Korean War.

color team and a bugle player, who finished the ceremony with the playing of Taps. After the song concluded, the four Columbus AFB T-38s flew a missing-man formation overhead as a last tribute to Partridge.

When Partridge went MIA, he left behind

a wife and three children. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross with one bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; the Air Medal with four bronze and one silver Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart for his service. Partridge has now reached High Flight.

Boy Scouts: recreational activity for youth

Lt. Col. Daniel Radulski

49th Fighter Training Squadron Instructor Pilot and Cub Master of Pack Nine in Caledonia

Boy Scouts of America is a national program for young men from 11-18 years old that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participatory citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

Many BLAZE members were once Scouts themselves. Within the local area, there are many opportunities for younger Team BLAZE members to join Boy Scouts and benefit from all the program has to offer.

"My son enjoys the outdoor activities; the camp-outs, shooting BB guns, archery and hanging around the campfires at night," said Col. Kurt Kayser, 14th Mission Support Group Commander. "He gets to hang out with boys that have similar interests. They just have a blast on camp-outs. I love helping him learn these skills and watching his confidence grow.

"It's so fulfilling as a father to see your son growing into a fun, respectful, outdoor-savvy and intellectually curious young man. Boy Scouts encourages and develops every one of these areas."

Local Boy Scout troops conduct weekly meetings and usually have a monthly outdoor recreational activity. The children get to plan and prepare for these monthly outings which usually involve camping out after a full day of hiking, fishing, swimming or even caving.

For younger children in grades one through five, there is Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts have weekly Den meetings of about five to six children. We work on achievements that will prepare them to eventually join Boy Scouts. The Cub Scouts also have a Pack meeting every other month, which is all of the Dens getting together.

Cub Scouts go camping twice a year. It is a family event that happens once in the fall and then again in the spring.

Both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are a great way to introduce youth to different outdoor activities in Mississippi. The program will help instill core values into youth and help prepare them for adulthood.

"Even if your son does not have a love of the outdoors or the gear to camp-out with, the Scouts will develop the skills and provide the gear," Kayser said.

"It offers a great opportunity for kids to get a break from their computer games and TVs, to explore cool new things in the outdoors. I promise they will have



Courtesy photo

Dylan, age 9, son of Lt. Col. Daniel Radulski, an instructor in the 49th Fighter Training Squadron and the Cub Master of Pack Nine in Caledonia, displays his prize fish at Camp Seminole. Within the local area, there are many opportunities for younger Team BLAZE members to join Boy Scouts and benefit from all the program has to offer.

a blast."

We try to work with the youth in Boy Scouts to try to instill values in them from an early age. I have really seen the children in my troop become more independent.

The motto of Boy Scouts is "Be Prepared." With those simple words they are able to become more self-sufficient. They can see a problem, understand it and come up with a solution by themselves. It teaches them lessons that can be applied to the rest of their lives.

If you or your children are interested in joining the Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts, please contact me at 434-1616 or at daniel.radulski@us.af.mil.

14th Medical Group Corner: Pharmacy services available for beneficiaries

Capt. Jamie Longmire
14th Medical Support Squadron Pharmacy Services Officer In Charge

The Columbus Air Force Base Pharmacy has many services that are available for active duty, dependents and beneficiaries outside of the normal dispensing capabilities.

These services include a cough and cold clinic, tobacco cessation counseling, non-formulary medication program, and an electronic prescription process.

If you are feeling a little under the weather, stop by the pharmacy and ask to be evaluated through the cough and cold clinic. After completing the check-in worksheet, patients meet with a pharmacist to discuss their symptoms and receive medication. Patients who have had symptoms for more than seven days, are under the age of 12, pregnant or breastfeeding, have a temperature greater than 101 degrees Fahrenheit, or are on flying status will be escorted to a primary provider at the clinic for evaluation.

Pharmacists are also available to meet with people who are trying to quit using any tobacco product. An appointment can be made by contacting the pharmacy to discuss tobacco cessation medications and other tools that can ease the cessation process. During the appointment, patients are screened to see if medications are an appropriate option for them and can receive a prescription from the pharmacist for these products. The appointments usually last 20 - 30 minutes and follow up appointments are available as needed.

In addition to the clinical services available at the pharmacy, staff members have been working to expand formulary options. Through the non-formulary medication program, certain prescriptions that were previously unavailable can be ordered for patients. When a prescription for a medication not typically carried at the pharmacy is presented, a pharmacist will screen the medication for any restrictions enacted by Tri-care and check the availability of the medication. If the medication is available and the patient meets the requirements, the medication can be ordered and ready within three to four business days. If the patient does not meet the criteria set by Tricare, pharmacy staff members will contact the provider to see if the medication can be changed to a formulary option.

The pharmacy has also started accepting electronic prescriptions from off-base providers. If you are using more than four prescription medications, have your doctor send them to the pharmacy through the ePrescribe system. Medications that are sent electronically are automatically processed and are available for next day pick up. ePrescribe medications help to decrease wait time for pharmacy users since medications are ready at arrival.

If you or your provider have any questions regarding the clinics or programs mentioned above, please contact a pharmacy staff member at 434-2168. The pharmacy is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and closes at noon the first and third Thursday of the month for training.

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Aug. 15
The Possum Town Triathlon is an annual endurance event held in Columbus at 7 a.m. located near Stennis Lock and Dam. Go to racesonline.com/events/possum-town-triathlon to register online before Aug. 13 at 10 p.m. There will be no race day registration.

Aug. 18-23
Gates open for the Columbus Ultimate Fair at 5 p.m. Aug. 18-21 and at 4 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Columbus Fairgrounds. Events include nightly pig racing, an

Ultimate Michael Jackson experience, American Idol CJ Harris, DJ Gary, GWF pro wrestling, rides, games and food booths.

Sept. 3
Columbus Main Street and the Columbus Arts Council partner to bring Art Walk Downtown where local artists are paired with downtown merchants for an evening of shopping fun from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Stroll the streets of downtown Columbus, shop in participating stores, purchase unique art and enjoy local entertainment.

Columbus-Lowndes **Habitat for Humanity**®

Volunteers Needed for Resale Store

Columbus Lowndes Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to help with our resale store that will be opening in September. Volunteers will need to help receive, display, and price donations to get ready for sale. Dates needed are 8/27 from 9-4, 8/28 from 9-4 and 8/29 from 8-2. Please call the office or e-mail for more information. 662-329-2501 or clhfh@cablone.net

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Miscellaneous

For Sale: Two IBM T61 Laptops with Intel 2.10ghz CPU, Windows XP, and 2gRam; asking \$145 for the 120ghd and \$135 for the 80ghd. For more information, call 386-6981.

Transportation

For Sale: 2005 Honda CBR 600 motorcycle, 4,500 miles. Comes with two medium-size helmets and a medium-size riding jacket. \$4,500 or best offer. For more information, call 497-2120.

Homes

For Sale: Four bedroom and two bathroom brick home at 349 Seed-tick Road in Caledonia. An open house is Saturday, Aug. 15, from noon to 5 p.m. For more information please see ad on Militarybyowner.com or call 803-651-0877.

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AF welcomes new vice chief of staff

Tech. Sgt. Dan DeCook

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Command Information

WASHINGTON — The Air Force welcomed an Airman to the rank of four-star general and announced the appointment of the new Air Force vice chief of staff during a ceremony at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C., Aug. 6.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III presided over the ceremony for Gen. David L. Goldfein in front of a crowd of more than 1,000 Airmen and distinguished visitors that included Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, several U.S. ambassadors, current and former members of the 720th Special Tactics Group, and first responders from the New York City Fire Department among others.

“General Goldfein knows this isn’t a reward, it’s a challenge,” Welsh said. “He respects the opportunity; he is not intimidated by it, and he also acknowledges the unbelievable privilege it represents. He deserves this promotion, and more importantly, the Air Force deserves his leadership.”

As the previous director of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, Goldfein assisted the chair-



U.S. Air Force photo/Scott M. Ash

Gen. David L. Goldfein is given the oath of office by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Edward “Marty” Dempsey during his promotion ceremony Aug. 6, 2015, in Washington, D.C. Goldfein will become the Air Force’s 38th vice chief of staff, and most recently served as the director of the Joint Staff.

man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in fulfilling his responsibilities as the principal military adviser to the president and secretary of Defense. He developed and provided strategic

direction, policy guidance and planning focus to the Joint Staff and fostered clear communication among the president, secretary of Defense, unified commands and

the services. With more than 4,200 flying hours since his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1983, Goldfein has flown combat missions in operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Northern Watch, Allied Force and Enduring Freedom.

During the ceremony, Col. J.J. Johnson, the commander of the 720th STG, made several presentations to recognize Goldfein’s history with the special operations unit that started nearly two decades ago behind enemy lines.

“For those of you who don’t know it, General Goldfein was shot down over Kosovo,” Johnson said. “Sixteen years, three months and four days ago (today), a rescue team from the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron went in, got him and brought him back. Every year on the anniversary of that day, he sends the unit a bottle of scotch. Today, we want to return the favor.”

After thanking those in attendance and remembering the heroes who helped him during his career, Goldfein ended the ceremony with a promise.

“It’s not about what we do, but who we are,” he said. “My promise to you, with this fourth star, is that I will do my best to be a better man, husband, father and a better officer for the Air Force.”

Maintainers extend life of T-38 Talon

Micah Garbarino

75th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah — The Air Force’s trusted trainer, the T-38 Talon, has a new lease on life thanks to a robust structural-modification program.

Technicians in the Ogden Air Logistics Complex’s 575th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, recently completed the first aircraft in the program and are currently working on 11 more.

“Today is a special day, because we get to recognize the efforts of a ton of work ... work that started several years ago,” said Brig. Gen. Carl Buhler, the Ogden ALC commander. “But, more importantly to me is the knowledge that this team has delivered and they met their commitment to our Air Force.”

“(It is) not only a commitment to create and stand-up this T-38 (Pacer Classic III) modification line, but a commitment to deliver production quality aircraft ... that will have their lifespan extended till the 2029 timeframe, which will ensure pilot training capacity for our Air Force,” Buhler said.

The program, tabbed “Pacer Classic III,” will extend the life of the T-38 Talon to 2029.

According to officials, it is the largest and most invasive structural modification ever performed on the Talon. Each aircraft takes approximately 8,900 man hours.

The Air Force Sustainment Center has invested nearly \$8 million in improving the program’s facilities at JB San Antonio-Randolph, which is a geographically separated unit under the Ogden ALC.

The unit installed 11 fixtures that stabilize the aircraft during maintenance and allow technicians to complete work on different sections of the aircraft simultaneously.

The 575th AMXS will bring in 17 more aircraft in fiscal year 2016 and plans to complete work on more than 150 T-38s by 2021. To accomplish this, officials said the unit, which started in 2010 with five employees and currently has 280 employees, will be hiring 340 more.

Air Education and Training Command uses the T-38 to train combat-ready pilots for “front-line” fighter aircraft like the F-15E Strike Eagle, F-15C Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon, B-1B Lancer, A-10 Thunderbolt II and F-22 Raptor.

Service life extension programs are essential for aging aircraft like the T-38, which entered Air Force Service in 1961. More than 1,100 T-38s were delivered to the Air Force by 1972, when production ended.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Stormy Archer

The first completed T-38 Talon from the Pacer Classic III program is unveiled July 31, 2015, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. Pacer Classic III represents the largest single structural modification ever undertaken on the T-38 and will extend the service life of the modified aircraft by 15-20 years.

“Our task — a tall one — is to take a 50-plus-year-old aircraft, take it down to just a skeleton and rebuild it better, stronger and safer,” said Rob Lewin, the 575th AMXS director.

Plastic: the good, bad, ugly facts

Michael Jago

14th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Element Chief

Project AWARE is all about what is happening to our waterways, beaches, reefs and oceans from a recreational diving perspective.

Their perspective is focused on recreational diving, but it is directly related to what we are doing here in Columbus, Mississippi, on dry land. Their biggest concern right now is with plastic.

Scientists and sailors throughout the world are seeing an astonishing sight while out at sea: “islands” of plastic in the calm eddies of the ocean. These “islands” are big enough to be seen in satellite imagery posted on the internet.

This is just a portion of the plastic material in the oceans. Much of the material has sunk or is suspended in the water column. Eventually this stuff will break down; unfortunately it is a very slow process and involves sunlight, abrasion, digestion, microbes and lots of fish swallowing and passing the material to break it down.

There is so much plastic now worldwide in the sediment layer, geologists have come up with a new designation of the permanent layer that has plastic in it, called plastiglomerate. That is our contribution and a marker forever, from the World War II period of 1960 to the present.

Up river, areas like Columbus, Mississippi, are contributing to the problem, not just sea side communities. Surprisingly, most of the world’s population lives within 60 miles of the world’s oceans. This is the most direct path for much of the plastic in the water.

Plastic trash gets blown in as shopping bags, high wind detritus, and debris from hurricanes and tsunamis. These natural forces have been bringing in massive amounts of materials. Most of the problem

could be avoided if not for human laziness, like not placing plastics in recycle bins for recovery and littering.

At Columbus we have none of the “seaside excuses,” or do we? While we don’t have tsunamis, we do have tornados and high winds that can scatter plastic for miles.

Litter -- there is plenty and if not picked up, recycled or trapped in mud, it will eventually wash into streams, rivers and wind up in the Gulf of Mexico. It takes far less time than you might suppose as plastic water and soda bottles can make it to the Gulf in just a few weeks, and unfortunately thousands do.

Several communities have banned plastic shopping bags because of the eyesore they create. In oceans, sea turtles confuse them for jellyfish and eat them. The plastic has no nutritional value and may cause intestinal blockages or get tangled on the sea turtle’s neck, fins and shell.

Many aquatic animals die at the expense of our carelessness. We are creating our own problem by not being responsible enough to recycle at the market bins or insisting on not using reusable baskets and bags.

So what can we do to help fix this? Volunteer for one of the road side clean-ups. They matter more than you think. Report littering as it is a crime. There is a nation-wide hotline, *47 on your cell phone will get the non-emergency dispatch for reporting littering you witness. They will want a description of the vehicle, plate number, location and other details. Be sure to pull over, please don’t text or call while driving. In all other cases you can call the Mississippi department of Environmental Quality at 601-961-5171.

Recycling is one answer to the plastic issue and at the base we accept the most common plastics, numbers one and two. Basically, if you drink from it, we recycle it. We need the bottles to be empty as

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE RECYCLING

On-Base Drop-Off

24 Hour Collection Facility
Location: Shoppette Parking Lot

Recyclable Items

- Carboard (Flattened)
- Aluminum cans (Empty)
- Plastics (#1 and #2, bottles must be empty)
- Glass (Bottles must be empty)
- Paper

Main Recycling Center
Location: Next to Outdoor Recreation

Hours of Operation

Mon-Fri: 0600-1500
Sat-Sun: Closed

Recyclable Items

- Cardboard (Flattened)
- White office paper
- Mix Paper (Newspapers, colored paper, junk mail)
- Aluminum cans (Empty)
- Plastic (#1) example: water bottles, Gatorade bottles, and soda bottles (Empty)
- Plastic (#2) example: milk jugs and detergent bottles (Empty)
- Glass bottles (Empty)
- Batteries (car, computer, UPS, cell phone, AA, etc)
- Scrap metal

Family Housing Pick-Up

Recycling Bin should be put out with regular Trash Bin for Wednesday morning pickup
A different type of recyclable will be collected each week

Rotation: Plastics (#1 and #2) and Shrink Wrap (Bottles must be empty)

Mixed Paper
Cardboard (Flattened)
Aluminum (Cans must be empty)

Comingled recyclables will not be accepted

3 Month Outlook*

	August 2015							September 2015							October 2015								
Recycling Key	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
Week 1- Plastics 1 & 2 and Shrink Wrap (Yellow)							1			1	2	3	4	5							1	2	3
Week 2- Mixed Paper (Green)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Week 3- Cardboard (Red)	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
Week 4- Aluminum (Grey)	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
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	30	31																					

*Hunt Military Communities is currently considering its residents’ concerns and evaluating options to improve recycling services in the future.

BLAZE Hangar Tails: MQ-1B Predator

Mission

The MQ-1B Predator is an armed, multi-mission, medium-altitude, long-endurance remotely piloted aircraft that is employed primarily as an intelligence-collection asset and secondarily against dynamic execution targets. Given its significant loiter time, wide-range sensors, multi-mode communications suite, and precision weapons, it provides a unique capability to perform strike, coordination and reconnaissance against high-value, fleeting, and time-sensitive targets. Predators can also perform the following missions and tasks: intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, close air support, combat search and rescue, precision strike, buddy-lase, convoy/raid overwatch, route clearance, target development, and terminal air guidance. The MQ-1's capabilities make it uniquely qualified to conduct irregular warfare operations in support of combatant commander objectives.

Background

The Predator system was designed in response to a Department of Defense requirement to provide to the warfighter persistent intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance information combined with a kill capability.

In April 1996, the secretary of defense selected the U.S. Air Force as the operating service for the RQ-1 Predator system. The "R" is the Department of Defense designation for reconnaissance aircraft. The "M" is the DOD designation for multi-role, and "Q" means remotely piloted aircraft system. The "1" refers to the aircraft being the first of the series of remotely piloted aircraft systems.

A change in designation from "RQ-1" to "MQ-1" occurred in 2002 with the addition of the AGM-114 Hellfire missiles, enabling reaction against intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, close air support, and interdiction targets.

The Predator remotely piloted aircraft system continues to provide required armed intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities to overseas contingency operations warfighters. In August 2011, the Predator surpassed one million hours of total development, test, training, and combat — a significant accomplishment for the U.S. Air Force.

General Characteristics

Primary Function: Armed reconnaissance, airborne surveillance, and target acquisition

Contractor: General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc.

Power Plant: Rotax 914F four-cylinder engine

Thrust: 115 horsepower

Wingspan: 55 feet (16.8 meters)

Length: 27 feet (8.22 meters)

Height: 6.9 feet (2.1 meters)

Weight: 1,130 pounds (512 kilograms) empty

Maximum takeoff weight: 2,250 pounds (1,020 kilograms)

Fuel Capacity: 665 pounds (100 gallons)

Payload: 450 pounds (204 kilograms)

Speed: Cruise speed around 84 mph (70 knots), up to 135 mph



Courtesy photo

An MQ-1 Predator armed with an AGM-114 Hellfire missile flies a training mission. The MQ-1's primary mission is interdiction and conducting armed reconnaissance against critical, perishable targets.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Brian Ferguson

An MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle takes off from Creech Air Force Base, Nevada, May 11, for a training sortie over the Nevada desert. In August 2011, the Predator surpassed one million hours of total development, test, training, and combat — a significant accomplishment for the U.S. Air Force.

Range: Up to 770 miles (675 nautical miles)

Ceiling: Up to 25,000 feet (7,620 meters)

Armament: Two laser-guided AGM-114 Hellfire missiles

Crew (remote): Two (pilot and sensor operator)

Unit Cost: \$20 million (includes four aircraft with sensors, ground control station and Predator Primary satellite link) (fiscal 2009 dollars)

Initial operational capability: March 2005

Inventory: Total force, 164

Compulsory School Attendance: Home School

The School Liaison Office would like to remind parents of the State of Mississippi law governing school attendance particularly as it pertains to families who Home School.

Under the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law, parents and guardians are required to enroll their children in a public, private or home school. This law applies to children who have reached the age of six and have not exceeded the age of seventeen by Sept. 1.

Children who have attained or will attain the age of five years on or before Sept. 1 and have enrolled in a full-day public kindergarten will also be under the Compulsory School Attendance Law.

Any parent or guardian who fails to comply with the Mississippi compulsory school attendance law may be punished in a court of law.

Parents who are teaching their children at home are required to complete a certificate of enrollment card each school year. You can complete this card at the Columbus Air Force Base School Liaison Office, located in building 730, suite 215.

Mississippi law requires this card to be completed prior to Sept. 15, 2015.

Please contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or via email at: slo@columbus.af.mil for an appointment to complete your registration.

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.

Air Force Readiness Programs

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

First Term Officer's PFR

The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assignment personnel to their first station. The event is held 9-10 a.m. Aug. 18. For more information or to register, call 434-2790.

Capstone

This class is scheduled for 8 a.m. – noon Aug. 20. 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.

Bundles of Joy

This workshop is 1 - 3:30 p.m. Aug. 25 for active-duty families assigned to Columbus Air Force Base who are expecting or have a child up to four months of age. This is an Air Force Aid Society program with informational presentations about topics such as Tri-Care, Child Care, Breastfeeding, Car Seat Safety, and Nutrition & Fitness during and after pregnancy, Labor, and Delivery. To register, please call 434-2790.

Medical Terminology

Starting Aug. 22 – Sept. 22, this workshop is designed to teach medical terminology for a possible career change. It will be held at A&FRC, on Tuesday and Thursday nights, taught by EMCC Work Force Development. No cost to participates, books furnished, but limited to eleven seats. For more information and to register 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 for attendees. This month the social will be from 5 - 7 p.m. Aug. 27. Location is to be determined, please call 434-2790 to register.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 7:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Sept. 1 and is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Columbus Club, for more information call 434-2839.

Team BLAZE members learn about education benefits



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin

Jackie Newton, East Mississippi Community College Representative, right, hands education information to attendees of the Education Center Open House Aug. 6 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The event offered information about on-base education options, the National Testing Center, Community College of the Air Force and more.

Military Life Cycle

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

Smooth Move

This class, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Sept. 2, 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.

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 de-

ploying 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 (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.

Base News

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

Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

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.

Team Cohesion Challenge

The Team Cohesion Challenge program is coming to Columbus Air Force Base at 6 a.m. Sept. 2. The cost is only \$10 per Military ID card holder. Each participant will complete various obstacles and team-building activities within a five-hour period, totaling between 7 - 10 miles. To sign up or for more information, contact the Fitness Center at 434-2772 or email joshua.chambers.9@us.af.mil.

100 Mile in a Month Challenge

The Fitness Center is offering a 100 Mile in a Month Challenge. The first 39 Columbus Air Force Base personnel to run or walk 100 miles in the month of August will receive a T-shirt. The miles must be documented with the Fitness Center personnel or on a smart phone app. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Bowl with the King of Rock and Roll

The Bowling Center is offering an Elvis Presley Impersonator Contest Aug. 14. Judging is held at 4:30 p.m. followed by cosmic bowling 5 - 8 p.m. Prize awarded for best dressed Elvis. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Family Fun Run

The Youth Center is offering a free family fun run at 8 a.m. Aug. 15. All ages welcome. The run begins and ends at the Youth Center parking lot. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Belgium Beer Pairing

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a Belgium Beer Pairing at 6 p.m. Aug. 20. The cost is only \$30 per person. The menu includes chargrilled peaches with Honey-Glazed Chicken paired with Ranger, Leafy Green Salad with goat cheese, orange wedges, and beer vinaigrette paired with Snapshot, Flank Steak served with stir fried peppers and onions on a bed of fragrant rice paired with Fat Tire, and Salted Caramel Apple Pie paired with 1554 Black Lager. Space limited to 40 participants. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Dog Days of Summer Fitness Run

The Fitness Center is offering a 5K run/walk at 7 a.m. Aug. 21. Bikes, strollers, and pets welcome. Commander's trophy points awarded. For more information, contact 434-2772.

U.S. Space & Rocket Center Family Trip

The Youth Center is offering a family trip to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, at 6:30 a.m. Aug. 22. Transportation is free. Purchase admission tickets upon arrival. You must register at the Youth Center. For more information, call 434-2504.

Free Movies at the Pool

Join us for free movies "Pitch Perfect 2" (pg-13) Aug. 28 and "Inside Out" (PG) Sept. 6 at Independence Pool. Doors open at 8 p.m.; movie at 8:30 p.m. Snack bar will be open. For more information, contact 434-2310.

Referees Needed

Referees needed for various sports at the Fitness Center. For more information or to sign up, contact 434-2772.

Nickelodeon Worldwide Day of Play

The Youth Center is offering free games and fun activities to celebrate Nickelodeon's Worldwide Day of Play. Youth ages 5 - 18



are invited from 4 - 5 p.m. Sept. 17 to the Youth Center's parking lot (weather permitting). For more information, call 434-2504.

Boys and Girls Club Day for Kids

The Youth Center is offering a free club day from 4 - 5 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Youth Center's parking lot if weather permits. All ages welcome. For more information, call 434-2504.

Superintendent's One Person Scramble

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a one person/two ball scramble Sept. 19. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost is only \$40 per golf member and \$50 per non-member. Cost includes green fees, cart, prize fund, lunch and door prizes. Each participant receives a sleeve of golf balls and a glove. Scramble flights based on number of entries. Prizes awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Before and After School Child Care Registration

Sign up now for before and after school child care at the Youth Center. The program is nationally accredited, with highly trained staff, exceptional supplies and equipment, and offers developmentally challenging programs. Cost based on annual household income. For more information, contact 434-2504.

GoPro Rental

Capture the moment by renting a GoPro Hero three from Outdoor Recreation. Cost is only \$10 for a two-day rental. Single Airmen may receive a two-day rental at no charge during Single Airman programming events. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Volunteers Needed

The Fitness Center is offering the third Annual Zombie Run Oct. 31. We want you to serve on the Zombie Run Planning Committee. Available opportunities include: check-in, set-up obstacles, zombie makeup artist, zombies, water stations, tear down obstacles, oversee adult run or kids run, and more. To volunteer or for more information, contact 434-2772.

Play Paintball

Book your next paintball event at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is \$15 per person for a party of 10 or more; \$20 per person for party of nine or less. You must purchase paint at Outdoor Recreation for \$45 per case of 2,000. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Free Pool Passes and FootGolf

Independence Pool Passes and FootGolf is included with Whispering Pines Golf Membership. If you have an individual golf membership, you receive an individual pool pass and FootGolf membership and if you have a family golf membership, you receive a family pool pass and FootGolf membership. Visit Outdoor Recreation for your free pool pass today. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Story Time

The Base Library is offering Story Time each Friday at 10:30 a.m. for all ages. For more information, contact 434-2934.

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.

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.

MyMC2 app

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



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Failure as motivation

Master Sgt. Rodel Sy
14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Superintendent

As a Filipino immigrant to the U.S. at the age of 18, I was fascinated by the red, white, and blue — what it signified, and what it would mean to me as a new resident.

Although there was much to learn and explore, my priority was finding a job and maintaining job security.

However, finding a job in a new country with limited English proved to be difficult. I worked odd-end jobs that barely paid the bills, and I knew there had to be something more out there for me.

One day as my younger brother and I were at the apartment with our father, he suggested we join the U.S. Air Force. We both thought that was a good idea and went to meet with a recruiter.

Once more, my limited English proved to be difficult when I had to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test. I had a tough time understanding the questions and ended up failing. I took the ASVAB two more times and failed each time. However, on my third attempt, the recruiter told me that my score was satisfac-

tory for the Navy. So off to the Navy recruiter's office I went with my test scores in hand.

And just like that, I was on my way to becoming a Seaman. In just a few months, I was at the Military Entrance Processing Station in Oakland, California, to do my physical examination. As I was doing my physical, my mind was on the Air Force, not the Navy. Did I really want to go through with this?

I wanted to be part of the world's greatest Air Force! So I decided to leave MEPS and return to San Francisco. If the Air Force was where I was meant to be, I knew it would happen in due time.

One year later at the age of 22, I was working in a hospital as a patient transport when my supervisor called everyone in to give us the bad news. The hospital was losing money and layoffs were imminent.

At that moment, it dawned on me that I needed to find something more promising. I no longer wanted to work odd-end jobs. I wanted a promising career that I could look back on and be proud of. That was when the idea of joining the U.S. Air Force crossed my mind once again.

I wanted to be part of the red, white, and blue. To me, it represented endless possibilities. I wanted to be part of something meaningful.

So after I received the bad news at the hospital that day, I drove straight to the Air Force recruiter's office for my fourth attempt at the ASVAB. This time, I passed with a score of 40. Just barely. But it was enough for me to drive back to the hospital with my two weeks' notice. My supervisor wished me luck and said the following words that continue to motivate me today, "Keep working hard for what you want and you'll go far in your career." And that was what I strived to do.

Thirteen years later since that day, with hard work and dedication (and lots of studying), I sewed on my master sergeant stripes. I am now entering my sixteenth year as a proud Airman of the world's greatest Air Force.

I began my military career seeking job security, but it has developed into something so much more than that. The Air Force has provided me with a career I am proud of, a military family that I value, and a life I could never imagine I would have 20 years ago. I continue to serve because I want to pass on my experiences and knowledge to the future leaders of the Air Force. My goal is to help young Airmen reach success in their careers. In the words of Winston Churchill, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts."

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.

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Trotter Convention Center
Friday, Sept. 18, 2015

Social hour begins at 6 p.m.
Dinner begins at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Richard M. Clark, Commander, Eighth Air Force
Day care is provided at both the CDC and Youth Center from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.



T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 15-13 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



Capt. Benjamin Appau
Torve, Ghana
A-29, Ghana



1st Lt. Tsubasa Hasegawa
Sapporo, Japan
U-125A, Japan



2nd Lt. Andrew Basanta
Lexington, Ky.
EC-130H, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-13 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Brig. Gen. Jesse Simmons Jr., Georgia Air National Guard 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. Joseph Stephenson, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Nichole Evans, 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. Richard Brown, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Sean Lucas, 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. Joseph Stephenson, T-38, 2nd Lt. Nichole Evans, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Eric Bloomquist, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 15-13.

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

flying.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 15-13 pilot partners are Fairfield Inn & Suites and Tampico Bay.



2nd Lt. Daniel Coffey
Andrews, N.C.
C-130H, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



2nd Lt. David Crowley
Latrobe, Pa.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



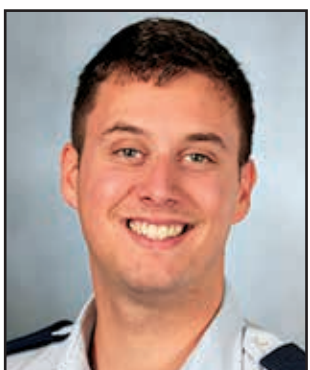
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T-6A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



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Phoenix, Ariz.
KC-135, Phoenix ANG, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Edward Leonard
Geneva, Ill.
MQ-9, Creech AFB, Nev.



2nd Lt. Sean Lucas
Robins, Iowa
C-17A, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Philip O'Sullivan
Mansfield, Mass.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. James Solis
Puyallup, Wash.
C-17A, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Joseph Stephenson
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2nd Lt. Eric Bloomquist
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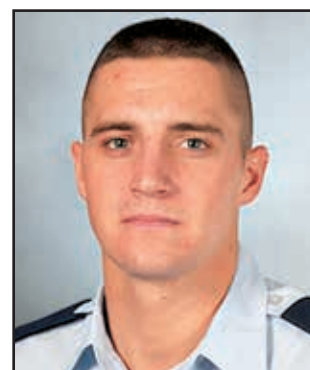
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B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Nichole Evans
Bolingbrook, Ill.
C-17A, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Luke Glader
St. Paul, Minn.
C-130, 182nd AW Peoria, Ill.



2nd Lt. Alex Grayson
Peachtree City, Ga.
MQ-9, Creech AFB, Nev.