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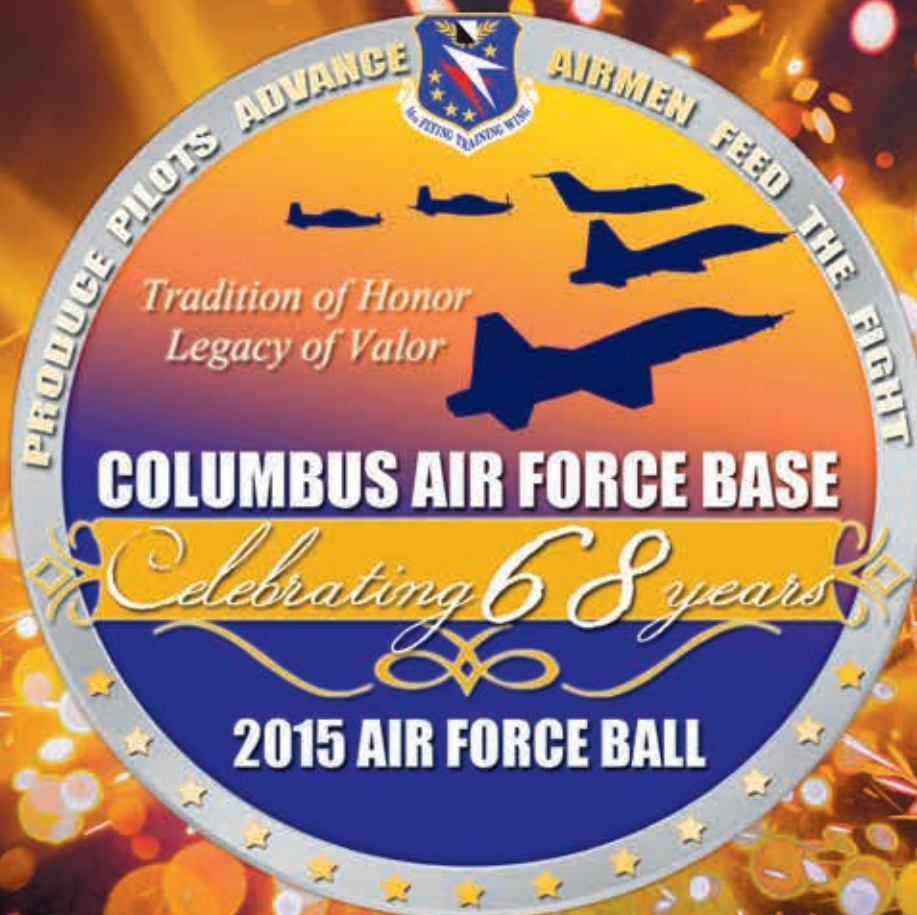
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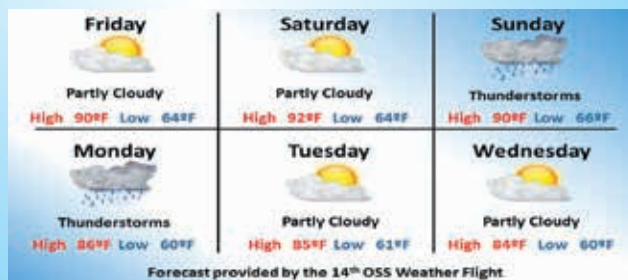


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## News Briefs

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sept. 22 in the Kaye Auditorium for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

### Retiree Appreciation Day

Retirees are invited to attend Retiree Appreciation Day 8 a.m. Sept. 26 at the Columbus Air Force Base fire station.

### Anheuser-Busch safety presentation

The 14th Flying Training Wing Safety Office is hosting a "Street Smart" event at 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Kaye Auditorium. The event is recommended for Airmen and dependents over the age of 14 and is designed to make young adults aware of the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, texting and/or emailing while driving, not wearing seat belts, and the trauma associated with these dangers.

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**Sept. 18**  
The Starkville-Mississippi State University Symphony Orchestra presents String Symposium II at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18 at the Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University for Women Campus. Admission is free. For more information, please call (662) 328-2787 or visit columbus-arts.org.

**Sept. 19**  
Mississippi State University vs. Northwestern State University. Game will be held in Starkville, Miss. at 3 p.m.

**Sept. 22**  
In honor of National Thank a Police Officer Day, the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau is hosting an event allowing community members to meet members of their local police department. Stop by Visit Columbus from 7:30-9 a.m. on Sept. 22 located at 117 Third St. S., for free coffee, to ask questions, or just to visit and get to know CPD members in an information setting.

**Sept. 24**  
Possum Town Tales Storytelling Festival will be held Sept. 24-27 at the Columbus Arts Council located at 501 Main Street, Columbus, Mississippi. For tickets and information please contact (662) 328-2787 or visit columbus-arts.org.

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# Manning encourages CAFB's newest aviators

**Airman 1st Class Daniel Lile**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Retired Col. Scott Manning, prior Commander of Yale Reserve Officer Training Corps, spoke during the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-14 graduation Sept. 11 in the Kaye Auditorium.

Manning began his speech by talking about the exciting opportunities that await the Air Force's newest aviators.

"Seeing new aviators today I see a wonderful career full of excitement in front of all of you because having this opportunity to fly airplanes is absolutely fantastic," Manning said. "You all have exciting careers in front of you. It is a wonderful job; I can't think of anything else I would have rather done. If any of you young people do not want to do this I will get back into physical training shape and will trade places with you."

Manning continued to stress not only the excitement but the seriousness of their training.

"I don't know what is in front of you, you're leadership doesn't know what is in front of you, but I promise you this, they have given you the basic tools and the basic skills," he said. "Now you're going to go and you're going to hone those a little bit further and you're going to use those to do whatever you have to do."

Even with all of the new pilots' new skills, Manning urged them to continue to be humble throughout their careers.

"The biggest thing I would like to stress is humility," Manning said. "Any pilot that is going through the program right now needs to keep humility at the forefront of their training process. There is a very distinct line between arrogance and confidence. If you are arrogant you are going to make mistakes. If you are confident that means you are doing things because you were trained properly and you will do them well."

With all of Manning's accomplishments, he explained to the graduates that he still feels he never arrived at the finish line.

"I don't feel like I have ever arrived anywhere," he said. "I



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Daniel Lile

**Retired Col. Scott Manning, prior Commander of Yale Reserve Officer Training Corps, speaks during Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-14's graduation Sept. 11 in the Kaye Auditorium on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Manning spoke about the new pilots' training, humility and basic tools and principles that will help the aviators throughout their careers.**

don't feel like I have ever walked into a unit and said 'hey I know everything.' I don't want you to do that when you arrive anywhere either. This entire journey you're on right now is a complete journey, but I don't know if there is a destination at the end of it. Because if you have some mystical place that is the end of this I think your focus is wrong."

Manning concluded his speech by giving the graduates

simple advice on how to navigate through their careers.

"I think what you need to do is go on this journey and just work as hard as you can, help your teammates out and always ask the question what can I do next," he said. "If you start feeling like you have arrived somewhere, start looking over your shoulder and see if anyone is there with you, if not you are probably in the wrong."

## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 40 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



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41st (16-08)	2.83 days	1.09 days	Sept. 28	50th (15-15)	-1.47 days	-0.28 days	Oct. 2					T-1	390	346	10,258
The graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-15 is Col. Scott Yancy.												T-38	413	401	8,561
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## International spouses mingle on CAFB



U.S. Air Force Photo/Melissa Doublin

The International Spouses Group hosted a Meet and Greet event Sept. 16 at the Chapel Annex on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The event gave the chance for new international spouses to meet current members of the International Spouses Group as well as members of the Columbus Spouses Club and Military Affairs Committee.

# Enjoy Mississippi fall outdoors, but watch for wildlife

**Mike Jago**  
Environmental Chief

Fall in Mississippi is excellent. Gone are the oppressive, muggy days of summer that suck the life out of you as soon as you leave the safety of air conditioning.

It is time to get outside. Clean up the yard, go canoeing, hike or camp! But while you're enjoying the fresh air, remember that other Mississippi "residents" are too.

The summer has been hot so trails and parks haven't seen a lot of activity. This has left the animals to run the place. The good news is this makes most creatures very cautious of people and they hide long before people approach them. The bad news is this makes some critters careless as they don't seem to know what a threat people are to them.

Skunks are a great example. On Columbus AFB, the running track was a wonderful nursery to several litters of baby skunks this summer. Every early morning the skunks were out, and so were several runners. There were reports of skunks running with the runners. Thankfully, no one had a bad incident! Entomology set traps and relocated them to the woods where they have stayed so far.

Skunks are playful, cat-like and eat dead stuff. If there is a disease or rabies breakout in the area, skunks will get it next. Skunks are not a threat as long as they are looking at you

with their tail down. Don't try to pet the skunks or startle them and you can observe them safely. A healthy skunk will not approach or charge, but a rabid one will.

Last fall as the evening was cooling, an orange corn snake was sunning itself on Perimeter Road. These are easily mistaken for copperhead snakes, but they are shy and just want to be ignored. Snakes are a big part of the eco system of Mississippi. If not for them we would be overrun with mice, squirrels, skunks and other rodents.

Deer like the sweet, well-manicured grass of the golf course. It is not unusual to see small herds of deer in the early morning or evening, traveling through housing to their dining area. Deer have lousy vision, easily over-estimate their own skills, and think they are safe no matter what they do. They overly rely on their sense of hearing and smell, which is excellent, to warn them of approaching predators. However, this leaves them vulnerable to human activities, since they don't smell vehicles coming and may not hear them in time.

Deer are a hazard to automobiles, hikers, hunters and cyclists. Deer are such a hazard to aircraft they have their own acronym: DASH, which stands for deer/aircraft safety hazard. Impacting a deer will ruin the propeller, collapse landing gear or make a real mess of a jet. And yes, it happens on the taxiway and runway, as most deer can't fly.

Fall is the time beavers get busy. They will be making dams, building lodges, and storing food for winter. As you hike, bike and camp around Mississippi and on base, beaver can be seen cutting trees, climbing trees (who knew?), and of course building dams. Beaver have been known to try to build in the airfield drains, dam the base streams and drainage ditches, and basically be a nuisance.

Beaver dams are not built well enough to walk on and beaver-related injuries are usually from falling through the dam and getting stuck or cut by a branch. However, people that stick to trails should have no worries. Beavers don't attack and generally flee to the safety of the water when danger approaches. Beavers can be destructive to property but aren't a danger to watch.

There is a small potential to meet bears in Mississippi. These are not grizzly bears, they are black bears. Occasionally one will get curious or hungry and get close enough to observe. There has never been a reported attack from this type of bear, but there have been collisions with them when they spook and run blindly away. A cyclist at Hurlburt Field in Northwest Florida was run over twice by fleeing black bears. He had road rash but no injuries from the bear.

So go out, canoe or do some yard work. Hike Columbus AFB's nature trail. Fear not the snakes, skunks and bears. Ticks, wolf spiders and mosquitoes are another story for later.

## Columbus AFB Top 3 spotlight



Category: Airman  
Nominee Name/Grade: Senior Airman Larry Roy  
Unit: 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Information:

1. Home Town: Texas
2. Time in the Air Force: 5 years
3. Time at Columbus AFB: 5 years
4. Career Short Term Goals: Make staff sergeant
5. Career Long Term Goals: Focus on my career to be a fire chief
6. Nominated by: Master Sgt. Marcel Brown
7. Nomination reason: Stepping up and being a leader, taking charge of emergency operations without being directed, and enforcing Air Force and firefighting standards.



U.S. Air Force photo/Sharon Ybarra

Master Sgt. Ryan Johnson, 14th Force Support Squadron Career Assistance Advisor, presents Senior Airman Larry Roy with a certificate for earning the Top 3 Spotlight. The Top 3 organization highlights an Airman on Columbus Air Force Base monthly with the award for their dedication to the Air Force core values.

## POW/MIA run



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Joseph Swafford

Service members participate in a Prisoner Of War/Missing In Action run at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Sept. 4, 2015. For 24 consecutive hours, Bagram service members kept the POW/MIA flag in constant motion in honor of American POWs and those MIA.



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## HERO

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practice.

"We always talked about it, you know, went through scenarios and things like that," Stone said of his life-time friends. "(It was) kid's stuff, zombie apocalypse, what are you going to do type scenarios, so you could say it was a dream of ours. Checked that box, and hopefully we don't have to do it again.

"I am very proud of (my friends), especially Anthony, because he doesn't have any military training at all and he was able to respond at the same level as me and Alek," Stone continued. "Both Anthony and Alek saved my life. I am really proud of them and I trust them with my life and we're going to be friends forever. We already were, but even more so now."

After the attacker was unconscious and tied up, Stone tended to a passenger's wounds, saving his life.

"(My training) helped me save Mark's life for sure. I would have probably panicked if I didn't have the training and (wouldn't have) known what to do," Stone said of his medical training. "That's the thing, you go into a lot of places and the main reason people are nervous is because they're not confident in what they are presenting, or what they are talking about or what they are doing. So having the medical training let me act the way I did, confidently, in that situation. I was afraid he was going to die. I have never seen anyone just die in front of me and I didn't want him to die in front of his wife. That would have been pretty traumatic for her."

Standing up, taking action and saving countless lives was only one way Stone has proven the core values of the Air Force live through him. His actions after the fact and how he has presented himself, and represented the Air Force, have proven time and again how integrity first, service before self and excellence in all you do aren't just a bunch of words.

"It hasn't really processed yet when people come up and tell me I'm famous and I'm a hero; I still don't believe them," Stone said. "My family keeps me in check. We kind of mess around sometimes, but it's not who I am to be boastful, I don't like to be, and I don't like other people who are. So, I just keep myself in check and make sure I maintain a good relationship with God and get checked by God and hopefully I'll stay the way I am."

Being in the news and gaining the attention of the world, Stone said he has learned a lot.

"I feel like I have grown up more in these past three weeks than the 22 years of my life," said the Sacramento, California, native. "There is definitely a lot of pressure to be or act a certain way, but I enjoy it. It's not going to be a negative on my life; it's going to be a positive. I am going to grow and become a stronger and smarter person."

Stone is set to receive the Airman's Medal, Purple Heart and is being promoted to staff sergeant in November after pinning on senior airman in October.

"I know I have to earn it. I know the rank was given to me, but I have to earn the respect of everyone else and I hope I can live up to what being a (noncommis-



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Whitney Stanfield

Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone answers question during an interview at the Air Force Association's Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition in Washington, D.C., Sept. 16, 2015. The conference brings together Air Force leadership, industry experts, academia and current aerospace specialists from around the world to discuss the issues and challenges facing America and the aerospace community today.

sioned officer) means," Stone said about his spot-promotion. "I just hope I can live up to what I am supposed to be as an NCO. I will probably be mentored for a while because I've only been in three years. I would hate to be the guy getting their (enlisted performance report) written by me, because I don't know anything about it right now. I gotta learn all that stuff first."

Throughout everything that has happened since the incident, Stone's family has been by his side every step of the way.

"They are just really, really proud. Going to New York the other day was the first time we all got to ride on a plane together as a family. It's just been a lot of firsts for all of us," Stone said. "It's been awesome just having my family with me; it's been a great support system. I wish everyone else going through anything in life — there's people that lose their legs, and major body parts and have all types of mental trauma and have the worst thing happen to them — and they don't get to have their family around. So I am just really fortunate to have them with me, and we are all just doing well."

Stone, Skarlatos and Sadler all participated in a parade in their hometown of Sacramento and could not have been more humbled by the experience.

"That is something money can't buy," Stone said. "That really meant a lot. My city coming out and supporting all three of us and showing how much love they have for us and how proud we made them all, it's just something you can't just buy."

Although he looks forward to settling down and getting back to work, Stone is keeping his options open for his future, but has a few words for his fellow Airmen.

"I am happy that I can make all of you guys proud. I just hope that if I needed help, everyone else would do the same and I believe they would," Stone said. "Maybe go out and take a Brazilian jiu-jitsu class. It helped me."





U. S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel Lile

Four T-38 Talons prepare to begin the missing man formation for a memorial service at the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Aug 10, 2015. Air Education and Training Command hosted an Advanced Pilot Training Industry Immersion event for the T-X at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Friday, Sept. 4, which allowed industry the opportunity to engage with AETC leadership as well as other U.S. Government representatives. Currently, 350 T-Xs are scheduled to replace 431 T-38s in Undergraduate Pilot Training and Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals

# More than a hero: An American Airman

Senior Airman Hailey Haux  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs Command Information

WASHINGTON — “I am an American Airman: wingman, leader, warrior. I will never leave an Airman behind, I will never falter, and I will not fail.”

The Airman’s Creed is recited from the very beginning of an Airman’s career. For one Airman, that creed became more

than words – it became a part of who he is.

“When you think about it, what would you rather do? Walk away and let everyone die, or would you want to die trying to save somebody?” said Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone, who thwarted an attack on a train bound for Paris. “There is no greater honor than saving someone else’s life or giving your life for someone else.”

Stone has been given praise from around the world and is recognized as an American hero, yet is still modest about his

actions.

“I am just really humbled by it all. I am very grateful of all the praise I am getting,” said Stone, who joined the Air Force to travel, help others and make a difference. “I don’t feel deserving of it, but I appreciate it all, it feels good.”

Friends since the age of 12 and 13, Stone, Anthony Sadler and Army Spc. Alek Skarlatos, never dreamed they would be thrown into that situation, however they had plenty of See [HERO](#), Page 13

## JBSA-Randolph hosts T-X immersion event

AETC Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The Air Force hosted an Advanced Pilot Training Industry Immersion event here for the T-X, Friday, Sept. 4.

The event afforded each registered vendor a session to engage with Air Education and Training Command and other government leadership on the APT program, also known as the T-X program.

The T-X is a replacement for the T-38 and will meet the Air Force’s advanced 5th generation pilot training needs for the next several decades. The T-X’s requirements focus on capability, adaptability, and affordability.

“The purpose of the Industry Immersion was to afford the new AETC Commander and his senior staff the opportunity to interact with the Advanced Pilot Training T-X vendors,” said Col. Philip Wielhouwer, chief of AETC’s capability requirements division. “The vendors previously participated in the May 2015 Pre-Solicitation Conference.”

The industry immersion event included a 45-minute session for each of the registered prospective prime vendors to meet and brief the Air Education and Training commander, AETC’S director of plans, programs, requirements and assessments, and other USG representatives.

The AETC commander, Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, said the event provided him with a better understanding of the T-X system.

“The Industry Immersion was an exceptionally informative event,” said Roberson. “As the incoming AETC Commander, I’ve now had the opportunity to engage with industry on T-X and I am better informed about what our prospective Advanced Pilot Training vendors plan to offer.”

The initial draft requirements were released in 2012, allowing industry to make more informed, early design decisions. T-X requirements identify

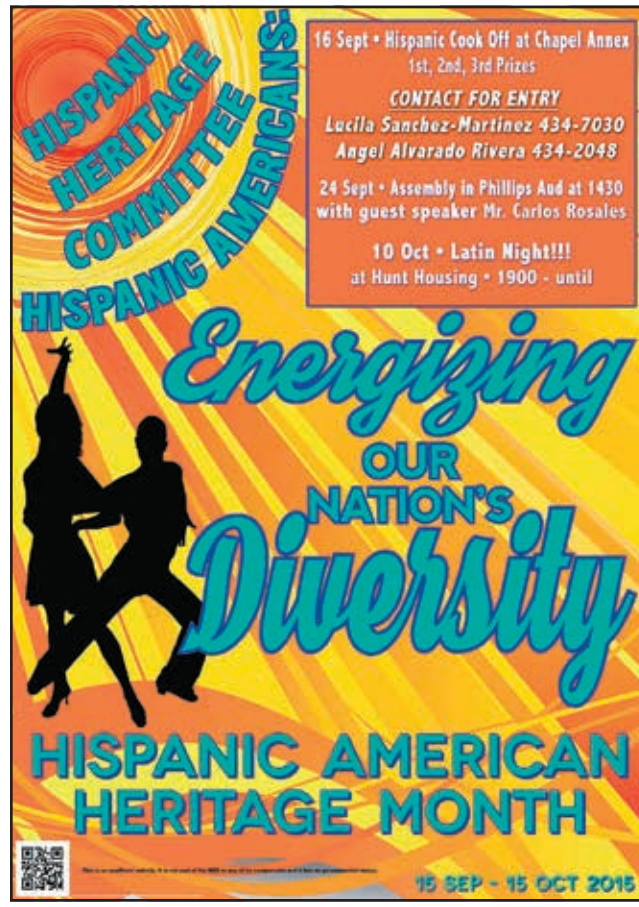
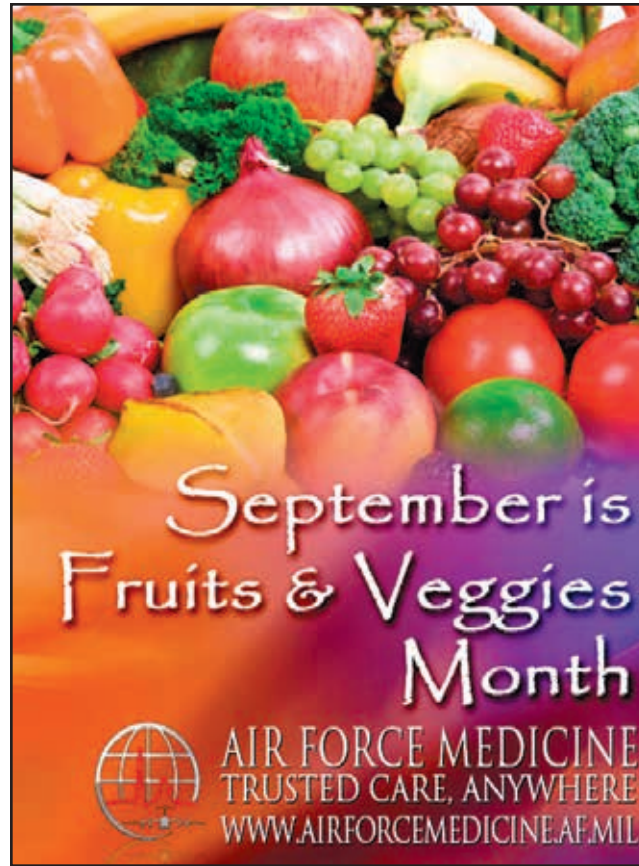
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three key performance characteristics for the APT mission. These include sustained G, simulator visual acuity and performance, and aircraft sustainment. While there are more than 100 requirements, these characteristics are the most critical to close training gaps and create strategic agility for the future.

Collaboration amongst all vested parties will shape a more capable and affordable pilot training system for the Air Force. The Air Force is making a concerted effort to maintain open dialogue with industry, allowing for clearer understanding of the cost impact of certain performance characteristics, as part of Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James’ Bending the Cost Curve initiative.

“In accordance with the Secretary of the Air Force ‘Bending the Cost Curve’ initiative, our dialogue with industry during this event will further our efforts toward delivering the Advanced Pilot Training T-X system with the best value that meets our requirements,” said Brig. Gen. Andrew Croft, AETC Director of Plans, Programs, Requirements and Assessments.

Currently, 350 T-Xs are scheduled to replace 431 T-38s in Undergraduate Pilot Training and Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals. The Air Force plans to finalize the T-X acquisition strategy later this year.



## BLAZE Hangar Tails: F-16 Fighting Falcon

Mission

The F-16 Fighting Falcon is a compact, multi-role fighter aircraft. It is highly maneuverable and has proven itself in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack. It provides a relatively low-cost, high-performance weapon system for the United States and allied nations.

Features

In an air combat role, the F-16’s maneuverability and combat radius (distance it can fly to enter air combat, stay, fight and return) exceed that of all potential threat fighter aircraft. It can locate targets in all weather conditions and detect low flying aircraft in radar ground clutter. In an air-to-surface role, the F-16 can fly more than 500 miles, deliver its weapons with superior accuracy, defend itself against enemy aircraft, and return to its starting point. An all-weather capability allows it to accurately deliver ordnance during non-visual bombing conditions. In designing the F-16, advanced aerospace science and proven reliable systems from other aircraft such as the F-15 and F-111 were selected. These were combined to simplify the airplane and reduce its size, purchase price, maintenance costs and weight. The light weight of the fuselage is achieved without reducing its strength. With a full load of internal fuel, the F-16 can withstand up to nine G’s -- nine times the force of gravity -- which exceeds the capability of other current fighter aircraft.

The cockpit and its bubble canopy give the pilot unobstructed forward and upward vision, and greatly improved vision over the side and to the rear. The seat-back angle was expanded from the usual 13 degrees to 30 degrees, increasing pilot comfort and gravity force tolerance. The pilot has excellent flight control of the F-16 through its “fly-by-wire” system. Electrical wires relay commands, replacing the usual cables and linkage controls. For easy and accurate control of the aircraft during high G-force combat maneuvers, a side stick controller is used instead of the conventional center-mounted stick. Hand pressure on the side stick controller sends electrical signals to actuators of flight control surfaces such as ailerons and rudder. Avionics systems include a highly accurate inertial navigation system in which a computer pro-



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Meneguini

An F-16 pilot from the 169th Fighter Wing, South Carolina Air National Guard, flies a training mission in the KIWI Military Operating Area airspace over the coast of North Carolina.



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

A U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft conducts a simulated show of force in support of the Diesel Weasel Exercise at Draughon Range, Japan, May 8, 2012. During the exercise, pilots practiced techniques like strafing targets, allowing them to hone their skills for global contingency operations.

vides steering information to the pilot. The plane has UHF and VHF radios plus an instrument landing system. It also has a warning system and modular countermeasure pods to be used against airborne or surface electronic threats. The fuselage has space for additional avionics systems.

General Characteristics

**Primary Function:** Multirole fighter  
**Contractor:** Lockheed Martin Corp.  
**Power Plant:** F-16C/D: one Pratt and Whitney F100-PW-200/220/229 or General Electric F110-GE-100/129  
**Thrust:** F-16C/D, 27,000 pounds  
**Wingspan:** 32 feet, 8 inches  
**Length:** 49 feet, 5 inches  
**Height:** 16 feet  
**Weight:** 19,700 pounds without fuel  
**Maximum Takeoff Weight:** 37,500 pounds  
**Fuel Capacity:** 7,000 pounds internal; typical capacity, 12,000 pounds with two external tanks  
**Payload:** Two 2,000-pound bombs, two AIM-9 and 1,040-gallon external tanks  
**Speed:** 1,500 mph (Mach 2 at altitude)  
**Range:** More than 2,002 miles ferry range (1,740 nautical miles)  
**Ceiling:** Above 50,000 feet  
**Armament:** One M-61A1 20mm multibarrel cannon with 500 rounds; external stations can carry up to six air-to-air missiles, conventional air-to-air and air-to-surface munitions and electronic countermeasure pods  
**Crew:** F-16C, one; F-16D, one or two  
**Unit cost:** F-16A/B, \$14.6 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars); F-16C/D,\$18.8 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars)  
**Initial operating capability:** F-16A, January 1979; F-16C/D Block 25-32, 1981; F-16C/D Block 40-42, 1989; and F-16C/D Block 50-52, 1994.  
**Inventory:** Total force, F-16C/D, 1,280



# Football club represents Columbus at 2015 Defender's Cup

**Maj. Oscar Corredor**  
14th Medical Operations Squadron  
Aerospace Medicine Flight  
Commander

Footballers from corner to corner of the United States flocked to San Antonio, Texas, from Sept. 4-7 to melee over the coveted Defender's Cup.

Columbus' varsity soccer team, Columbus Football Club, was among the 40 teams participating in the 2015 Defender's Cup Soccer Tournament. The tournament is open to teams from all branches of the Department of Defense and without doubt, it is the premier military soccer event in the nation.

Organized and hosted by Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base, tournament director Tech. Sgt. Fred Koeller, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, welcomed more than 700 athletes Thursday night, Sept. 3, at the coaches' meeting held at JB-SA-Lackland Gateway Club at which information about fields, rules and team brackets were distributed. Columbus F.C.'s 19-player squad drew the lottery for the final make up of 10 groups with four teams each and was placed on Group "I" along with EE Warren AFB, Fort Sill and Langley AFB.

Opening game for Columbus F.C. was EE.



The Columbus Football Club poses for a photo in front of a goal post during the 2015 Defender's Cup held Sept. 4-7 in San Antonio, Texas. The team was among 40 teams participating in the 2015 Defender's Cup Soccer Tournament.

Warren AFB at the state-of-the-art Star Soccer Complex on the northeastern corner of San Antonio, Texas, on Friday and the game ended in a 0-1 loss for Columbus. The team

performed incredibly well considering it was their second game playing together as a team, and they held one of the toughest opponents in the cup to a one goal loss. Games two and three on Saturday morning didn't go as expected though, and Columbus F.C. ended up giving up three goals versus Fort Sill for a 0-3 loss and one goal to Langley for a 0-1 loss.

The team seeded at #40 for the first round of single elimination to be played on Sunday and drew the #25 seed, Langley AFB, for a rematch. However, this time the tables were turned on them and Columbus F.C. came out with a 3-1 victory, propelling them vs. last year's champions, Fort Irwin, in the early afternoon. The game against Fort Irwin was critical for both teams with the score tied at 0-0 at the end of the half. Columbus F.C. regrouped during the half-time break, talked about what needed to be done and came after Fort Irwin rock-solid but unfortunately, the Texas humidity and intensity of play was too much. The team "ran out of gas," which Fort Sill capitalized on to put three goals on the back of the net for a final 0-3 loss.

The single elimination games continued throughout Sunday and Monday until Fort Sill defeated Hawaii in the final game (a repeat of last year's final). They lifted the De-

fender's Cup Trophy and were crowned the 2015 Champions.

Columbus F.C. extends its eternal gratitude to the Columbus AFB Spouses' Club for their financial support in these times of military budget constraints that allowed the team to pay for the majority of the tournament's entry fees, and Capt. Michael Pyles, 41st Flying Training Squadron, for providing the jerseys the team wore during the tournament. The team also thanks the family members and friends that came out to support them during the cup. While in San Antonio the team had the opportunity to attend a professional soccer game between the San Antonio Scorpions vs. Ottawa Fury F.C., visit the Alamo, walk the famous San Antonio River Walk and visit with old friends in the area.

For those interested in participating, the Columbus F.C. holds practices/scrimmage sessions on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 6 p.m. at the soccer field in between the 14th Security Forces Squadron and the 50th Flying Training Squadron, and practices are open to everyone. The team can be followed on its Facebook page: Columbus FC, or by contacting the coach, Maj. Corredor at oscar.corredor@us.af.mil.

## 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.)

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief will be from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sept. 22. 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 will be held from 1 - 2 p.m. Sept. 22. This workshop allows the VA contractors to explain to service members; whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers and what they are able to provide throughout the member's military career and how to apply for benefits. To register and more information please call 434-2790.

### Heart Link for Spouses

This event is from 8:30 a.m. - noon Sept. 23 and it is for spouses new to Columbus Air Force Base or the military lifestyle. The event is held at the Golf Course. It is a fun-filled spouse orientation program with info on protocol, finance, benefits, helping agencies, local conditions and prizes. It is a great way to meet others new to Columbus AFB. For more information, please call 434-2790.

### Linked-In Workshop

This workshop is taught by EMCC and will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sept. 28-30. Participants will learn how to establish and use a Linked-In account. Call 434-2790 to register.

### Marketing Yourself for a Job Fair

This workshop, held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sept. 30, provides information on preparing for the upcoming job fair, how to interview, and using marketing techniques. Prepare for the upcoming Job Fair, call 434-2790 to register.

### Resume and Cover Letter

This workshop will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 1 and will prepare participants for writing effective civilian resumes and cover letters. To sign up call 434-2790.

### Golden Triangle Employment Expo (GTEE)

GTEE 2015, Golden Triangle Employment Expo, will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 7 at the American Legion Building in Columbus, Mississippi. Go to <http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov/> for list of participating vendors. More than 40 employers will be offering jobs. For more information call 434-2790.

### Smooth Move

This class will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 14, 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.

### Troops To Teachers

This workshop will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Oct. 14. 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.

### Capstone

This class is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon on Oct. 15. The class 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

## Columbus kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month



Members of Columbus Air Force Base participate in the Hispanic Heritage Month Cook Off Sept. 16 at the Chapel Annex on the base in Mississippi. The base community was encouraged to bring a dish to be entered into the cook off. Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place dishes.

remaining period of service. It verifies if service members have/ have not met their Career Readiness Standards/Individual Transition Plan Checklist, DD Form 2958. The checklist, in conjunction with the ITP, will be used by the A&FRC to verify status of CRS completion. Call 434-2790 for more information.

### Pre-separation Counseling

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. The counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m. It takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

### Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

These briefings are mandatory briefings for active-duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. The briefings are held daily at the A&FRC. Pre-deployment is at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment is at 1:30 p.m. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

### 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](mailto:tim.griggs.1.ctr@us.af.mil).

## Chapel Schedule

Whether you are new to Columbus Air Force Base or have been around for a while, our parish communities welcome you to join us as we worship, fellowship, and encourage one another. For more information, please call 434-2500.

Starting Sept. 23, the Chapel is offering the following weekly programs:  
6 p.m. – AWANA, a religious education program for children ages three years old to 6th Grade  
6 p.m. – Adult Bible study on the Gospel of John  
6 p.m. – Youth Group

### 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  
**Wednesday:**  
11:30-12:30 p.m. – Holy Hour

### 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 Football Club's midfielder Capt. Michael Pyles, 41st Flying Training Squadron, takes a shot on the goal while playing against the soccer team from Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, during the 2015 Defender's Cup held Sept. 4-7 in San Antonio, Texas. Over 700 athletes participated in the 2015 Defender's Cup Soccer Tournament, which is open to all branches of the Department of Defense.



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.

Youth Center Renovation

The Youth Center will undergo several renovations beginning in the month of September. The Youth Center staff will work to keep you informed of any updates or changes. Renovations scheduled to be completed by mid-December. For more information, contact 434-2504.

New Pool Hours

The Pool is open noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday until Sept. 27. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Fall Soccer Registration

The Youth Center is offering fall soccer registration Aug. 17 to Sept. 18. The cost is \$35 per child ages 3 – 4 and \$40 per child ages 5 – 18. All games played on base. Physicals required at registration. Volunteer coaches needed. For more information, contact 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 flighted based on number of entries. Prizes awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. For more information, contact 434-7932.

White Wine Pairing

Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a White Wine Pairing at 6 p.m. Sept. 24. The cost is only \$25 per person. The menu includes fruit and cheese paired with Reisling, shrimp pinwheels and oven fried mushrooms paired with Pinot Grigio, chicken wings paired with Sauvignon Blanc, and grilled salmon paired with Chardonnay. Space limited to 30 participants. Sign up by Sept. 18. For more information, contact 434-7932.

End of Season Pool Party

Join Independence Pool for an End of Season Pool Party Sept. 26. This free event includes: music from 5 – 7 p.m., food available for purchase from 5 – 8 p.m. (burger, chips and drink \$5), jumpers from 5 – 7:30 p.m., and a movie at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Pooches in the Pool

Independence Pool is offering Pooches in the Pool from 5 - 7 p.m. Sept. 27. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505.

Whispering Pines Base Championship

The Golf Course is offering a base championship to all base golfers Oct. 3 and 4; 1 p.m. shotgun start each day. The cost is \$20 plus \$15 for cart for golf course members; \$40 plus \$15 for cart for nonmembers. Entry includes green fees, prize fund, sleeve of golf balls, golf glove and lunch both days. Prizes awarded for Base Champion, Club Champion, and Handicap Champion. Prizes awarded for Senior Division and Women Division (must have six or more entries to award). Each Flight awarded first, second and third place prizes. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Bench Press Club

The Fitness Center is offering a 125 and 300 Bench Press event at 6 p.m. Oct. 5. Each participant receives three attempts

Music by  
**Odum**  
5-7p.m.

**Food**  
5-8p.m.  
\$5 includes  
Burger, Chips,  
& Drink

**Jumpers**  
5-7:30p.m.

**Family  
Movie**  
7:30p.m.

**FREE  
EVENT**

**End of Season  
POOL PARTY**  
at Independence Pool

**Saturday  
September 26**

**5-9:30 p.m.**

Snack Bar will be open, no outside food/beverage

**For More Information**  
**434-2505**

to achieve a clean bench press. Each successful participant will receive a 300 Club T-shirt and picture on the 300 Club wall. For more information, contact Brandy Richardson (662) 434-2772 or Felix Montes (347) 693-3262.

National Science Day

The Youth Center is offering 4-H National Science Day from 3:45 – 5 p.m. Oct. 7 for ages 5 – 18. Explore the physics of motion and distracted driving. Limited space available; first come basis. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Mississippi State Fair Trip

The Youth Center is offering a trip to the Mississippi State Fair in Jackson Oct. 17. Free transportation; must purchase ticket upon arrival. Register no later than Oct. 14. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Lights On After School

The Youth Center is offering Lights on After School from 4 – 5 p.m. Oct. 22 for ages 5 – 18. Learn about programs, safety, and the benefit of after school community care. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Youth Center Open House and Membership Drive

Stop by the Youth Center between 4 – 5 p.m. Oct. 22 and learn more about base youth programs and becoming a Youth Center member. Free refreshments provided. For more information, contact 434-2504.

3rd Annual 5K Zombie Run

The Fitness Center is offering the 3rd Annual 5K Zombie Run Oct. 31 at the graveyard on Independence Avenue. Check in at 9 a.m.; run 10 a.m. All paid participants receive a medal, T-shirt and food. The cost is \$20 for single airmen and \$25 for active-duty military and DoD employees. Registration required by Oct. 2. The

cost to the public is \$35 per person or \$25 each for teams of four or more; register at active.com. For rates for kids or more information, contact 434-2772.

Referees Needed

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

GoPro Rental

Capture the moment by renting a GoPro Hero 3 from Outdoor Recreation. Cost is only \$10 for a 2-day rental. Single Airmen may receive a 2-day rental at no charge during Single Airman programming events. For more information, contact 434-2505.

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.

Volunteers Needed

The Fitness Center is offering the 3rd 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.

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.

Recruiter Airman pleads guilty during court-martial

14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

*(Editor's note: Courts-Martial are a matter of public record and can be found at [ajag.af.mill/docket](http://ajag.af.mill/docket). From this article onward all court-martial stories will contain the name, rank, and squadron of the accused and the individuals involved if necessary.)*

On Sept. 8, Senior Airman Matthew Rice pled guilty to several charges against him in a court-martial proceeding.

Rice was charged with failure to obey a lawful order and dereliction of duty in violation of Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice; as well as impersonating a NCO and an Officer in violation of Article 134, UCMJ.

While working as a recruiter in Louisville, Kentucky, in the 332nd Recruiting Squadron, Rice lied, on several occasions and over a period of several months, to a number of applicants attempting to join

the U.S. Air Force.

He lied to one applicant who didn't meet the Air Force weight requirements. Rice told the applicant he was ready to "ship out" for basic training and that he would be receiving a \$10,000 bonus. Another applicant had been disqualified for service due to childhood Attention Deficit Disorder. After requesting the applicant provide the necessary medical documents to request a waiver, Rice also lied to this applicant by telling him that he was medically cleared, and that he had ship out dates, which were repeatedly delayed. Rice also told this applicant that he was entitled to a \$10,000 signing bonus.

In fact, the medical clearance paperwork was never filed, and the airman was never cleared for active duty. Relying on Rice's lies, the applicants quit their jobs and depleted their savings in preparation to start basic military training, but they were never able to ship out.

During the process of lying to these two

applicants Rice began texting the individuals from his personal cell phone, pretending to be his flight chief, Tech. Sgt. Kori Stafford, in order to make the lies more believable. After several months of lying to the applicants, eventually Rice couldn't keep the lies up and he told them the truth.

He stated he had deceived these individuals in order to avoid getting any complaints against him and getting into trouble. Rice had been previously punished under Article 15 for falsifying applicants' enlistment documents and worried about getting any additional complaints.

As part of being punished under Article 15, Rice had been punished with forfeiture of pay. When Rice's wife noticed missing funds from his pay, he lied and said that it was a mistake on the part of finance. Through e-mails, Rice posed as his commander, Lt. Col. Richard Mendez, and as a Staff Sgt. from finance, and tried to make it appear the missing payments would

be corrected. Rice stated he did this to avoid stressing out his wife who was going through a difficult pregnancy at the time.

At the court-martial, Rice requested trial by judge alone and pled guilty. He was sentenced to a reduction in rank to the grade of E-1 and a bad conduct discharge from the Air Force. Rice then made a personal apology to all the applicants, Airmen, and families to whom he lied.

"We see in this case a classic example of an Airman who started down the path of misconduct, lying and falsifying documents, and then that misconduct grew and snowballed until it became a problem and a crime punishable under the UCMJ," said Capt. Luke McPherson, 14th Flying Training Wing Deputy Staff Judge Advocate and the Government Trial Counsel in the case. "This is why living the Air Force Core Values on a daily basis is so important, so that we never start down that path of misconduct."

VIEWPOINT

Mark your calendars: Air Force Birthday Ball is coming

Master Sgt. Angela Schlosser

Columbus Air Force Base First Sergeant

The Columbus Air Force Base leadership invites all Airmen to join in celebration of the 2015 Air Force Birthday Ball this Sept. 18 at the Trotter Convention Center in Columbus, Mississippi.

This year's ball, marking the Air Force's 68th anniversary, celebrates the heritage and history of the Air Force with its theme, "A tradition of honor; a legacy of valor."

With the tone of the Air Force Ball being a celebration, military attendees will dress up in their most formal Air

MORE INFORMATION

- **WHAT:** 2015 Air Force Birthday Ball
- **WHERE:** Trotter Convention Center, downtown Columbus
- **WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 18 — Social hour begins at 6 p.m., Dinner begins at 7 p.m.

Force uniform while the civilian attendees will wear tuxedos for men or formal gowns for women. The evening will include a three-course meal followed by entertainment from the local band, the Poor House Bound Band. This year's celebration will feature Maj. Gen. Richard Clark, 8th Air Force Commander, as the guest speaker.

The Air Force Ball is an annual celebration paying tribute to the past and reaffirming a commitment to build on what was started. On Sept. 18, 1947, W. Stuart Symington became the first Secretary of the Air Force, marking the official beginning of the Air Force as its own branch of service. Since then millions of Americans have donned the 'Air Force Blue' and proudly built the world's finest Air Force, creating a tradition of honor that we continue to uphold today.

Commander's Action Line

434-1414

The Commander's Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Commander's Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command. The Commander's Action Line phone number is 434-1414. Callers should leave their name and phone

number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

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



# 14th FTW command structure:

# A look at your wing



Col. Imelda Reedy  
Group Commander



Chief Master Sgt. Brandi Thomas  
Group Chief



Col. James Boster  
Group Commander



Chief Master Sgt. Michael Thomas  
Group Chief



Col. James Fisher  
14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander



Col. John Nichols  
14th Flying Training Wing Commander



Chief Master Sgt. Rita Felton  
14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief



Col. Kurt Kayser  
Group Commander



Chief Master Sgt. Allen L. Markle  
Group Chief



Lt. Col. Marc Deshaies  
14th Flying Training Wing Director of Staff



14th FTW Maintenance  
Mr. William Harner  
Division Manager

## 14th Medical Group



14th Medical Support Squadron  
Lt. Col. Maria Graves  
Commander



14th Medical Operations Squadron  
Lt. Col. Andrew Cruz  
Commander

## 14th Operations Group

Lt. Col. Robert Mozeleski  
14 OG Deputy Commander



14th Student Squadron  
Lt. Col. Travis Inger  
Commander



37th Flying Training Squadron  
Lt. Col. Jason Loe  
Commander



43rd Flying Training Squadron  
Lt. Col. Larry George  
Commander



49th Fighter Training Squadron  
Lt. Col. David Bickerstaff  
Commander

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Allison  
14 OG Deputy Commander



14th Operations Support Squadron  
Lt. Col. Matthew Baugh  
Commander



41st Flying Training Squadron  
Lt. Col. Kirby Ensser  
Commander



48th Flying Training Squadron  
Lt. Col. Paul Baker  
Commander



50th Flying Training Squadron  
Lt. Col. Jason Hilburn  
Commander

## 14th Mission Support Group

Lt. Col. Jenny Christian  
14 MSG Deputy Commander



14th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Maj. Antonio Salazar  
Commander



14th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Lt. Col. Elizabeth Harwood  
Commander



14th Security Forces Squadron  
Maj. Shawn Redmond  
Commander

Lt. Col. Michael Watson  
14 MSG Deputy Commander



14th Communications Squadron  
Maj. Austin Hood  
Commander



14th Force Support Squadron  
Maj. Daniel Akeredolu  
Director



14th Contracting Squadron  
Maj. Miranda Lashinski  
Commander

## Wing Staff Agency

Chapel  
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Wing Chaplain

Staff Judge Advocate  
Maj. Todd Tilford

14th Comptroller Squadron  
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Commander

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Lt. Col. Gerrod McClellan

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Lt. Col. James Owen  
Chief of Safety

Equal Opportunity  
1st Lt. Shelia Butler

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Master Sgt. Michael Trekas

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## L-3 Communications Vertex Logistics Solutions

