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Weather

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News Briefs

Fire Prevention Week

National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 4-10. A parade at 9 a.m. Oct. 3, through base housing, will kick off the week. The parade will be followed by an Open House, live auto extrication, and live aircraft fire at 10 a.m. at the McCallister Fire Station. On Oct. 6, Sparky will visit the Child Development Center at 9 a.m. and will visit the Youth Center at 4:30 p.m. On Oct. 7, the commanders will take on the first sergeants in a fire muster at 1 p.m. at the Fire Station. The week will conclude with a Base Fire Expo at 11 a.m. Oct. 8 in the Base Exchange parking lot.

Tailgating cooking contest and party

The fourth annual “Get Your Grill On” Tailgating Cooking Contest and Party is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 10 in the Commissary Parking Lot. Prizes will be awarded to the best cooked dish and tailgating decorations. For rules and entry form, please see page 6.

Latin Night

The Hispanic Heritage Month Committee is hosting a “Latin Night” at 7 p.m. Oct. 10 in Hunt Housing. Come show off your dance moves with guest DJ Felix Montes.

Inside



Feature 8

SUPT Class 15-15
graduates 10 a.m. today in
Kaye Auditorium.



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

The Columbus Air Force Base official website has received changes much like Headquarters Air Education and Training Command’s website migration. Now that it has fully migrated, it conforms to the new style resembling Air Force Link.

Columbus AFB website gets Air Force makeover

Senior Airman Kaleb Snay

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Columbus Air Force Base website has finished its migration to the new standard design.

The migration process for the website was completed Oct. 1, changing the layout of the website almost entirely.

The web page now resembles the Air Force’s main site, also known as Air Force Link. The changeover creates a more uniform experience among Air Force web pages in both form and function.

The “Hotbar” at the top of the website lists out the main

pages of “Home,” “News,” “About Us,” and “Contact Us.”

The “Home” page now sport several new improvements such as an image slideshow that can link you to both Columbus AFB and the Air Force’s current events. Along with that is a listing of the base’s current and future events calendar. This page is also home to many helpful tools, links and information about the base for both newcomers and general visits. The page still holds all the useful information from the last website as well.

Next up is the “News” section which contains all the latest articles, commentaries, photos and art from Columbus

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (16-09)	1.04 days	-0.32 days	Oct. 22	48th (15-15)	-5.93 days	0.19 days	Oct. 2	49th (16-ABC)	3.53 days	5.88 days	Oct. 20	T-6	2,639	2,805	28,934
41st (16-10)	2.10 days	1.31 days	Nov. 17	50th (15-15)	0.00 days	1.09 days	Oct. 2					T-1	741	777	10,667
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The graduation speaker for SUPT Class 15-15 is Col. Scott Yancy, Vice Commandant of Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

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AFB. These tell the story of Team BLAZE and its Airmen throughout the base and more with a plethora of media options.

In the "About Us" section you will find detailed information about Columbus Air Force Base to include leadership biographies, aircraft fact sheets, and unit information. Here you can learn about the base history or discover something new about a squadron on base.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us through the "Contact Us" section. In this section you will be able to reach the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office directly by phone and e-mail. It also contains information on the Freedom of Information Act and Frequently Asked Questions.

All Air Education and Training Command installation and wing websites are to be converted to the standard design throughout 2015.

Visit the site today at columbus.af.mil. For more information about the site migration, call 434-7068.

First sergeants spice up morale with steak burn



U.S. Air Force photo/ Elizabeth Owens

Team BLAZE members enjoy a meal cooked by the First Sergeants Association Sept. 25 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The funds gained through the event are used to support Operation Warmheart that helps Airmen and their families during the holiday season.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
5 Bench Press 125 & 300 Club, 6 p.m. @ Fitness Center	6 Sparky visits CDC, 9 a.m. @ CDC Sparky visits Youth Center, 4:30 p.m. @ Youth Center	7 Fire Prevention week Commanders vs. First Sergeants, 1 p.m. @ Fire Station	8 Base Fire Expo, 11 a.m. @ BX	9 SUPT Class 16-01 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Kaye Auditorium	10/11 10th: Tailgating cooking contest and party, 10 a.m. @ Commissary parking lot 10th: Latin Night, 7 p.m. @ Hunt Housing	Oct. 20: Newcomers Orientation Brief Oct. 20: IFF 16-ABC graduation Oct. 23: SUPT Class 16-01 graduation Oct. 30: Enlisted Promotions Oct. 30: Third Quarterly Awards Ceremony Oct. 30: Costume Dorm Dinner Oct. 31: Zombie Run Oct. 31: Halloween Trick or Treat Nov. 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 7: Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony Nov. 11: Veterans Day Nov. 12: International Spouses Luncheon Nov. 17: Newcomers Orientation Brief Nov. 18: IFF 16-BBC graduation Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Nov. 27: AETC Family Day
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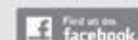


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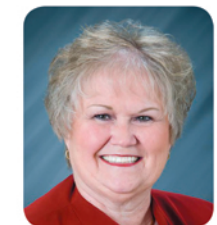
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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Oct. 3

The United Way of Columbus presents Little Hands, Big Trucks from 9 a.m. to noon at the Columbus Soccer Complex. It is \$4 for an all-access pass to all vehicles and proceeds support the United Way. There will be tractors, industrial vehicles, construction equipment, a police car and a fire truck at the event.

Oct. 3

Arts for All events, for ages 6-18, takes place at the Columbus Arts Council's Rosenzweig Arts Center, 501 Main St., on the first Saturday of the month through

December. From 10 a.m.-noon Oct. 3, enjoy "Violins" for \$8 per class, and pre-registration is required. Call 662-328-2787, or visit columbus-arts.org for more information.

Oct. 7

A Luke Bryan- Farm Tour 2015 concert begins at 7 p.m. at Holtcamp Farms in Starkville, Mississippi.

Oct. 9

Miranda Lambert will perform at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi, at 7:30 p.m.

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



Team BLAZE enjoys wing picnic, sports day



U.S. Air Force photos/Sharon Ybarra

Team BLAZE members enjoy a wing picnic and sports day Sept. 30 at Freedom Park on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The picnic started soon after the monthly Enlisted Promotions ceremony followed by a thank-you speech from Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Five of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotions ceremony Sept. 30 at the Columbus Club.

Five enlisted Airmen promoted at ceremony

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Five of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotion ceremony Sept. 30 at Freedom Park.

Promoted during the month of September were:

Senior Airman Christopher Garay, 14th Operations Support Squadron
Senior Airman Jacob Hoeltje, 14th OSS
Senior Airman Taylor Schultz, 14th Medical Operations Squadron
Staff Sgt. Kyle Ellis, 14th OSS
Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth McDowell, 14th MDOS



Team BLAZE members play 5-on-5 basketball during a wing picnic and sports day Sept. 30 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Members were also able to participate in other events such as volleyball, kickball and a tug-o-war.

Columbus AFB hosts Retiree Appreciation Day

Senior Airman Stephanie Englar
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Over one hundred retirees from the local area came to Columbus Air Force Base for Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 26. The guest speaker for the event was John Merkle, Acting Director of the Tuscaloosa Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The event started off with briefings from Columbus AFB senior leadership and organizations, free flu shots, and a fish fry.

Following lunch, the attendees were able to take a bus tour of Columbus Air Force Base to see the mission first-hand. The tour took them to the 14th Medical Operations Squadron Aerospace Physiology building where the Airmen showed them various simulators and the altitude chamber.

After Aerospace Physiology, the tour group went out on the flight line where they were able to see the 14th Flying Training Wing aircraft up close. The retirees were encouraged to take photos and climb up onto the planes to get a closer look.

Retiree Appreciation Day happens every year. For more information about Retiree Affairs, please contact James Poe at 434-3120.



U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Stephanie Englar
Maj. Gabe Fleming, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Aerospace Operations and Physiology Flight Commander, explains the capabilities of the altitude chamber to local retirees during a base tour during Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 26 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The tours itinerary also included a display of Columbus AFB aircraft.



James Poe, Director of the Columbus Air Force Base Retiree Affairs Office, highlights the team behind the Retiree Appreciation Day event held Sept. 26 at the Fire Station on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Over 100 retirees from the local area came out to listen to guest speakers, meet members from local organizations and base units, get a flu shot, and attend a free fish fry.

CFC kicks off at Columbus AFB



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Lauren Woods
Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, stands with Linda Steinhäuser, Mignon Bouchon and Maj. Neil Gregory, Combined Federal Campaign managers, Sept. 30 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplaces on behalf of approved charitable organizations. The mission of the CFC is to support and to promote voluntary donations to charity focused on federal employees giving them the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. For more information contact your unit POC.

Street Smart comes to Columbus



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Lauren Woods
Greg McCarty, Founder of Street Smart, and Ralph Jimenez, Co-Founder of Street Smart, talk to Columbus Air Force Base Airmen about driving safely at the Anheuser Busch safety presentation Sept. 28 in the Kaye Auditorium on Columbus AFB, Mississippi. The event was 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.

Air traffic controllers bring order to England skies

Senior Airman
Christine Halan
100th Air Refueling Wing
Public Affairs

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England — Air traffic controllers with the 100th Operations Support Squadron sit high above the flightline at all times, acting as the eyes and ears on the ground for those in the skies above.

Senior Airman Drew Kalina, A 100th OSS air traffic controller, is one of many service members who provide pilots a safe and expeditious service.

Those on the night shift don't have the advantage of daylight that others working the day shift may take for granted. Daylight provides ATCs the ability to see aircraft much further away, whereas the nightshift team has to rely on radar to aid them in bringing pilots safely to the ground.

"In terms of sequencing and keeping the aircraft separated, it's a little more challenging," Kalina said. "We have a radar display in the tower which pinpoints their exact location, as well as providing the exact mileage and altitudes, and that helps. If our radar isn't working, we coordinate with RAF Lakenheath radar approach control, which controls about 60 miles of airspace; they tell us how far out the aircraft is. That's the biggest different at night time -- just knowing where your aircraft are."

The tower manages about a 3-mile radius of airspace up to 2,000 feet. It's the responsibility of those in the tower, via radio contact, to assist in directing the aircraft from their parking spots, taxiing them out to the runway and ensuring they arrive and depart safely.

"We provide order to chaos in the skies," Kalina continued. "Many people don't realize there is a lot of aircraft flying overhead all the time, especially in England. It's such a small place, but the volume of traffic is enormous."

From their "eyes in the sky," the controllers see the bigger picture of both the airfield and the skies, and use that information to safely allow the pilots to get on with their mission quickly and



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christine Halan
Senior Airman Drew Kalina, a 100th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, demonstrates how to use a light gun in the air traffic control tower Sept. 21, 2015, on Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England. A light gun is used when there is no way of communicating with pilots via radio.

efficiently.

"The ATC has the bird's eye view of what's going on, so pilots listen to and trust us, because we know what we're doing," Kalina said. "We're very well-trained up here."

Training is a never-ending process for these Airmen and they must undergo a specific amount of training before actually taking on ATC responsibilities at their new base, regardless of their rank. Much of their training is undertaken at their duty station, and when leaving from one base to another, the controllers are required to be recertified all over again. The training, which is vital as they constantly handle different types of aircraft and runways, can take up to two months to complete.

Kalina explained there are two different parts to working in the ATC tower — radar, which can take up to two years to train, and tower, which is anywhere from eight months to a year.

"Once you know how to talk to aircraft and be a controller, the rest is just understanding how everything else works," he said.

Being in this career field, he believes those wanting to work in the tower

need a specific personality type to be able to handle the everyday stressors of being an ATC.

"I think you have to be a little bit more 'Type-A' than most," Kalina said. "You have to be extremely confident because the moment your voice cracks, you make it sound like you don't know what you're doing on the radio and that's when pilots lose faith in you. So, one of the first things I teach our trainees is that confidence is everything."

Whether it's bird strikes on police helicopters late at night to civilian gliders that have had altitude failure and need to land on the runway, ATC Airmen are there to protect and guide pilots safely and expeditiously on the flightline.

"Our Airmen are qualified and respected throughout the world," said Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Sollers, the 100th OSS ATC chief controller. "We use International Civil Aviation Organization standards in our training, as well as Federal Aviation Administration and Air Force Instruction guidance, which we are certified in. That's what gives the U.S. Air Force ATCs credibility and gains the trust of pilots around the world."



U.S. Air Force photo/Jeff Fabara
A KC-46 Pegasus took to the skies for its first flight at Paine Field in Everett, Wa., Sept. 25, 2015.

KC-46A tanker completes successful first flight

Daryl Mayer
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — A KC-46A Pegasus tanker (EMD-2) made history with its first flight Sept. 25 from Paine Field in Everett, Washington, landing a few hours later at Boeing Field in Seattle.

"The KC-46A will provide critical refueling capacity and enhanced capabilities to the warfighter," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. "This flight represents progress and brings us a step closer to fielding this much needed aircraft."

The EMD-2 completed its maiden flight as a KC-46A tanker, which will now begin flight testing in support of the next program milestone.

"Today is just the first flight of many for this aircraft as we deliver these next generation tankers," said Brig. Gen. Duke Z. Richardson, program executive officer for tankers at the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center. "Like the KC-135 (Stratotanker) and KC-10 (Extender) before it, this aircraft will be called upon for generations to come to deliver capability, whether support equipment, supplies, medical aide, or personnel. However, its primary mission will always be to fuel the fight. The team at Boeing has done a remarkable job creating an entirely new aircraft that will soon become the backbone of our ability to project power anywhere in the world."

The Air Force contracted with Boeing in February 2011 to acquire 179 KC-46A refueling tankers to begin recapitalizing the aging tanker fleet. This flight is an important step toward meeting the required assets available date — a milestone requiring 18 KC-46A aircraft and all necessary support equipment to be on the ramp, ready to support warfighter needs by August 2017.

"Today's flight is the call to duty for this new aircraft," said Col. Christopher Coombs, KC-46 system program manager. "EMD-2 will be conducting the heavy lifting of testing in demonstrating the capabilities of this aircraft and leading the program down the path toward its Milestone C decision."

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.)

Golden Triangle Employment Expo (GTEE)

GTEE 2015, Golden Triangle Employment Expo, will be held from 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 and 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 pursing 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 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.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief will be from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Oct. 20 and 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.

First Term Officer's PFR

The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assignment personnel to their first station. The event will be from 9-10 a.m. Oct. 20. Call 434-2790 to sign up.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Oct. 20, and allows the Veterans Affairs contractors to explain to service members, whether first term, separating,

Columbus AFB pooches enjoy base pool



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Stephanie Englar

Columbus Air Force Base Airmen and their furry companions enjoy time in the base pool at the Pooches in the Pool event Sept. 27 on Columbus AFB, Mississippi. The event marked the end of the pool season on base.

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 or for more information please call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program is from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Country Pumpkin. Hearts Apart 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. Call 434-2790 to register.

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. from Nov. 2 to Nov. 6. The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Workshop has Seminars on: Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, Mississippi Dept. of Employment Security, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP, Dept. of Labor TAP portion. Pre-separation counseling is required before attending. It is recommended that Airmen eight to 12 months prior to separation/retirement attend this workshop. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register call 434-2839.

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.

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

Alley Cats racecar makes pit stop at Exchange



U.S. Air Force photos/Elizabeth Owens

A special racecar bearing the 48th Flying Training Squadron "Friday patch" visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Sept. 25 at the Exchange. 48th FTS Instructors worked with car driver Mr. Jamie Sudduth to get the patch put on the hood.



Col. James Fisher, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander, and several other Team BLAZE members take a firsthand look inside the racecar sponsored by the 48th Flying Training Wing instructor pilots Sept. 25 at the Exchange on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. More than 100 Team BLAZE members got a chance to see the car close up during its visit. The car raced at Magnolia Motor Speedway in Columbus Sept. 26, getting 6th place overall.



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Hispanic American Heritage Month facts

1. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated every year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. For the 2015 observance, the National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers has chosen the theme “Hispanic Americans: Energizing Our Nation’s Diversity.”
https://www.deomi.org/downloadableFiles/DEOMI_Special_Observance_Themes_20150518.pdf
2. Each year, Americans observe Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on Sept. 15 and ending on Oct. 15.
hispanicheritagemonth.gov
3. Joseph Marion Hernández was the first Hispanic to serve in Congress and the first delegate from the territory of Florida. He was born in St. Augustine, Florida, on Aug. 4, 1793, when it was still a Spanish colony. When the territory of Florida was established in 1822, Hernández transferred his allegiance to the United States and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served until March 3, 1823.
loc.gov/rr/hispanic/congress/hernandezj.html
4. The Hispanic population of the United States was 54 million as of July 1, 2013, making people of Hispanic origin the nation’s largest minority. Hispanics constituted 17 percent of the nation’s total population. Only Mexico has a larger Hispanic population of roughly 120 million.
census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2014/cb14-ff22.html



Fire & Emergency Services Fire Prevention Week

Columbus AFB Fire & Emergency Services is opening its doors for the 2015 Fire Prevention Week. We have put together an entertaining day filled with activities which will promote fire safety for kids of all ages to attend. Live demonstrations along with learning stations will provide interactions with Columbus AFB's finest. The day begins on Saturday Oct. 3 with our fire truck parade (route shown below) at 9 a.m., followed by our open house right after the parade until noon.

This Year's Theme:
"HEAR THE BEEP WHERE YOU SLEEP"

Free Lunch

Info: nathan.deline@us.af.mil

Parade Begins 9 a.m. at the Fire Station



Magnolia State Capitol

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.

4th Annual
"Get Your Grill On"
Tailgating Cooking Contest & Party
October 10 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Commissary Parking Lot (Rain or Shine)

Enter your best tailgating decoration and/or cooking dish in the contest to win great prizes! Enter as individual, family, office or squadron.

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Prizes for Best Cooking & Decoration

Tailgating Decorations

- Turn in this form to the Commissary or BX or email to gregory.runyon@deca.mil by October 2nd.
- Food and decoration set-up is from Oct 9 at 7 p.m. thru Oct 10 at 9 a.m.
- Judges will consider creativity on decorations and presentation & taste on cooking dishes.
- No loud music while others are being judged and no alcohol allowed.
- Judging will start after the 10 a.m. kickoff, decorations will be judged first.
- For more information call Gregory Runyon at 434-7109 ext. 4210 or FSS Marketing at 434-2337.

Cooking Contest

Tailgating DECORATING Contest Form—DUE OCTOBER 2!

No loud music/noise while others are being judged.

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____
(Name of individual, family, office or squadron team)

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

E-MAIL _____ CELL PHONE _____

DECORATION THEME (EX: MSU, ALABAMA, OLE MISS, NFL, ETC.) _____

DECORATED ENTRY (EX: TABLE, CAR, TRUCK, ETC.) _____

Tailgating COOKING Contest Form—DUE OCTOBER 2!

A participant from your group MUST attend a mandatory health meeting. You will be notified of the date and time of this meeting. Be creative, judges will consider the look, smell and presentation of each dish.

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____
(Team Name of individual, Family, Office or Squadron)

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

E-MAIL _____ CELL PHONE _____

NAME OF FOOD ENTRY _____

INGREDIENTS (MUST LIST ALL INGREDIENTS USED DUE TO FOOD ALLERGIES/NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED)
All food used MUST be purchased thru an approved source such as a grocery store (no wild game). Visit or contact the Commissary, at 434-7109 for info about these sources.

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. 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.

Thursday Night Football

The Bowling Center will offer NFL games on Thursday nights. On Oct. 1, the Baltimore Ravens vs. Pittsburgh Steelers; Oct. 8, Indianapolis Colts vs. Houston Texans; Oct. 15, Atlanta Falcons vs. New Orleans Saints; Oct. 22, Seattle Seahawks vs. San Francisco 49ers; and Oct. 29, Miami Dolphins vs. New England Patriots. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and game starts at 7:25 p.m. Free event, no bowling will be available during football games. The Bowling Center closes at 2 p.m. on game day and re-opens at 6:30 p.m. You could win a \$50 FSS Gift Card at each game and enter to win tickets to a regular season NFL game of your choice. Catch the action at the Bowling Center and have a chance to win big. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Blazin' Trails Running Club

The Blazin' Trails Running Club is offering a 5K group run/walk at 7 a.m. Oct. 3 and Oct. 17. The run begins and ends at the Fitness Center. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Russell at 434-2875.

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 but must have six or more entries to award. Each Flight awarded first, second and third place prizes. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Fight Night Frenzy

The Columbus Club presents Fight Night Frenzy Oct. 3. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Pre-fight at 7 p.m. and featured fight “Cormier vs Gustafsson” at 9 p.m. Club members receive free admission, preferred seating, and food discounts; non-member admission \$5 per person. This adult themed entertainment is being held at the Bowling Center on the big screens; bowling will not be available. For more information, contact 434-2310.

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 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 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.

Fourth Annual Tailgating/Cooking Contest

Enter your best tailgating decoration and/or cooking dish Oct. 10 and win great prizes. Categories include individual, family,

Presented by the Columbus Club at the Bowling Center during Club renovations...

UFC 192

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WORLD LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

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office or squadron. Sign up no later than Oct. 2. This free event held in the Commissary parking lot. For more information, email gregory.runyon@deca.mil.

Scotch & Cigars

The Golf Course will host a Scotch and Cigars Night at 6 p.m. Oct. 16. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Tannehill Trade Day

Outdoor Recreation is offering a trip to Tannehill Trade Day in Bessemer, Alabama Oct. 17.

Depart from Outdoor Recreation 8 a.m. The cost is \$30 for transportation. The admission cost is \$3 ages 12 and up, \$2 Senior Citizen, \$1 ages 6 – 11, ages 5 and under free. Register no later than Oct. 12. For more information, contact 434-2505.

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.

Beer Pairing

The Golf Course will offer a Beer Pairing at 6 p.m. Oct. 22.

The cost is \$30 per person. Register by Oct 15 by contacting the Golf Course. For more information or to sign up, call 434-7932.

Introduction to Woodworking

Arts & Crafts will offer an Introduction to Woodworking class from 10 a.m.- noon Oct. 24. The cost is \$10 to participate. For more information, contact 434-7836.

Free Ant-Man Movie

Enjoy a free movie at the Bowling Center Oct. 24. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the movie, Ant-Man, starts at 6 p.m. Drink and food specials available. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Magic Mike & Margaritas

The Golf Course will host a Ladies Night Out at 6 p.m. Oct. 30. Enjoy margaritas, food, and fun while watching the movie Magic Mike XXL. The movie is free movie with margaritas and food available for purchase. Sign up by Oct. 29. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Third Annual 5K Zombie Run

The Fitness Center is offering the Third 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 airman 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.

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 9 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.

Roads close as hunting season begins



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Charles Dickens

Shotgun Road closed to all pedestrian traffic Oct. 1 for safety reasons due to hunting season. During this time there will be alternative routes for runners such as Perimeter Road and the nature trails.

The Airman’s Creed

I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior.
I have answered my nation’s call.

Guardian of freedom and justice,
My nation’s sword and shield,
Its sentry and avenger.

I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight, and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage.
A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.

I defend my country with my life.


I am an American Airman.
Wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind.
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.

VIEWPOINT

Core values require credibility

Maj. Billy Dye

41st Flying Training Squadron
Assistant Director Of Operations



When I think about our Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence in All We Do, I can’t help but think there is one word that sums all of these up: credibility. Merriam Webster defines credibility as the quality of being believed or accepted as true, real, or honest. We use our core values to inspire and challenge us to be our very best, but its our credibility from their practical application that ultimately defines mission success.

Integrity first: Everyday we carry out our unit’s mission in a way that is honest and morally right. At the end of the day when we take time to reflect, we know whether or not we did all that we could do and if we put in an honest day’s work. We also know that, despite our best efforts to do the right thing, a part of life is making mistakes. As a T-6 Instructor Pilot in the 41st Flying Training Squadron I see and debrief students on common mistakes daily.

Learning to become a pilot is challenging and mistakes are part of that process. Successful students are able to admit

and recognize mistakes made during training sorties and then apply the lessons learned to future flights. Instructors make mistakes too, and whether or not the student flying with the instructor says something, you can bet they are aware of the mistake and are watching to see how the instructor handles it. Having the personal integrity and being humble enough to admit your own mistake is just as important because it reflects on the credibility of our instructor force.

Service before self: In the military we have the sworn responsibility to serve. We sacrifice a lot in the defense of this great nation and often times we are called upon to put our work and the mission before personal satisfaction. This means occasionally being away from home on weekends, birthdays, holidays and other significant events because it is what each of us has volunteered to do. While not always easy, we must keep the service aspect in perspective and have faith in the system.

Credibility comes into play as we also have the responsibility to serve the people we command and or supervise. We should never ask our people to do something we are not willing to do or participate in ourselves because if we do that, our people will see that we are putting ourselves first or using others to advance our own personal agenda. When this happens, not only do we jeopardize our personal credibility, we also create a toxic environment that is not conducive to effectively executing the mission.

Excellence in all we do: Every Airman and organization that makes up Team BLAZE shares in the responsibility of carrying out the wing’s mission to “Produce Pilots, Advance

Airmen and Feed the Fight.” Regardless of rank, Air Force Specialty Code, or duty title, it is everyone’s responsibility to be competent and credible in his or her respective craft. This means being the subject matter expert and adhering to Air Force Instructions, technical orders, regulations and procedures. There is always someone else either in your unit or from another that is depending on you to provide them with accurate information, service or instruction. Being personally accountable and credible enhances excellence, which directly correlates to mission success.

It amazes me the credibility the uniform of the United States Air Force carries with it around the world. On my first day as a forward deployed Director of Operations at an Air Operations Center in the Central Command Area of Responsibility, I was asked by the Host Nation leadership to assist with a time critical issue. I had not even logged into the computer or had a chance to meet everyone, but within minutes I was making phone calls and working with other Air Force personnel and assets to remedy a situation. When I presented a recommended course of action to the Host Nation leadership they did not hesitate to act on it.

Later on after things had calmed down they made it a point to let my team and myself know that they trusted us because as they put it, “the Air Force knows what they are doing.” That show of faith is a huge testament to the integrity, service and excellence of the Airmen that filled that role before us and is what makes our Air Force a credible commodity around the world.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Melissa Sheffield

A line of C-130 Hercules aircraft prepare to depart Ramstein Air Base, Germany, March 5 for mass tactical training. The training allows 86th Airlift Wing aircrews to maintain proficiency in large formation flying and airdrop operations.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Hector Garcia

A C-130 Hercules from the North Carolina Air National Guard’s 145th Airlift Wing equipped with the modular airborne firefighting system takes off from McClellan Airfield, California, on a firefighting support mission. A continuing heat wave and an ongoing need for aircraft to support ground firefighters will likely keep Department of Defense aircraft very busy for the foreseeable future in support of the national wildland firefighting effort.

BLAZE Hangar Tails: C-130 Hercules

Mission
The C-130 Hercules primarily performs the tactical portion of the airlift mission. The aircraft is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and is the prime transport for airdropping troops and equipment into hostile areas. The C-130 operates throughout the U.S. Air Force, serving with Air Mobility Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, Air Combat Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Pacific Air Forces, Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve Command, fulfilling a wide range of operational missions in both peace and war situations. Basic and specialized versions of the aircraft airframe perform a diverse number of roles, including airlift support, Antarctic ice resupply, aeromedical missions, weather reconnaissance, aerial spray missions, firefighting duties for the U.S. Forest Service and natural disaster relief missions.

General Characteristics
Primary Function: Global airlift
Contractor: Lockheed-Martin Aeronautics Company
Power Plant:
C-130H: Four Allison T56-A-15 turboprops
C-130J: Four Rolls-Royce AE 2100D3 turboprops
Length: C-130E/H/J: 97 feet, 9 inches (29.3 meters)
Height: 38 feet, 10 inches (11.9 meters)
Wingspan: 132 feet, 7 inches (39.7 meters)
Cargo Compartment:
C-130E/H/J: length, 40 feet (12.31 meters); width, 119 inches (3.02 meters); height, 9 feet (2.74 meters). Rear ramp: length, 123 inches (3.12 meters); width, 119 inches (3.02 meters)
Speed:
C-130E: 345 mph (Mach 0.49) at 20,000 feet (6,060 meters)



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Daniel C. Perez

Silhouetted by the setting sun, a C-130 Hercules aircraft prepares to land during a 10-ship air drop exercise. The aircraft is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and is the prime transport for airdropping troops and equipment into hostile areas.

C-130H: 366 mph (Mach 0.52) at 20,000 feet (6,060 meters)
C-130J: 417 mph (Mach 0.59) at 22,000 feet (6,706 meters)
Ceiling:
C-130J: 28,000 feet (8,615 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload
C-130H: 23,000 feet (7,077 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload.
C-130E: 19,000 feet (5,846 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload
Maximum Takeoff Weight:
C-130E/H/J: 155,000 pounds (69,750 kilograms)

Maximum Allowable Payload:
C-130E, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)
C-130H, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)
C-130J, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)
Maximum Normal Payload:
C-130E, 36,500 pounds (16,590 kilograms); **C-130H,** 36,500 pounds (16,590 kilograms); **C-130J,** 34,000 pounds (15,422 kilograms)
Range at Maximum Normal Payload:
C-130E, 1,150 miles (1,000 nautical miles)
C-130H, 1,208 miles (1,050 nautical miles)
C-130J, 2,071 miles (1,800 nautical miles)
Maximum Load:
C-130E/H/J: 6 pallets or 74 litters or 16 CDS bundles or 92 combat troops or 64 paratroopers, or a combination of any of these up to the cargo compartment capacity or maximum allowable weight.
C-130J-30: 8 pallets or 97 litters or 24 CDS bundles or 128 combat troops or 92 paratroopers, or a combination of any of these up to the cargo compartment capacity or maximum allowable weight.
Crew:
C-130E/H: Five (two pilots, navigator, flight engineer and loadmaster)
Unit Cost:
C-130E, \$11.9, **C-130H,** \$30.1, **C-130J,** \$48.5 (FY 1998 constant dollars in millions)
Date Deployed:
C-130A, Dec 1956; **C-130B,** May 1959; **C-130E,** Aug 1962; **C-130H,** Jun 1974; **C-130J,** Feb 1999
Inventory: Active force, 145; Air National Guard, 181; Air Force Reserve, 102



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

SUPT Class 15-15 earns silver wings



Capt. Christina Norbygaard
Texada Island, Canada
KC-135, Mildenhall AFB, England



Capt. Robert Sherlock
Cocoa Beach, Fla.
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



Capt. Ryan Whitehead
Denver, Colo.
AC-130W, Cannon AFB, N.M.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-15 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. Scott Yancy, Vice Commandant or Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, 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. Daniel Hagler, T-38, and Capt. Ryan Whitehead, 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. Daniel Hagler, T-38, and 1st Lt. Sam Ellett, 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. Daniel Hagler, T-38, Capt. Ryan Whitehead, T-1, and 1st Lt. Andrew Lucchesi, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 15-15.

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

flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

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

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

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

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

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 76.4 hours in the T-1A.

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

partners. SUPT Class 15-15 pilot partners are The CPI Group and Main Street Columbus.



1st Lt. Robert Poisson
Plainville, Mass.
T-1, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Abdulhadi Abdulhadi
Saudi Arabia
Tornado/F-15/Eurofighter



2nd Lt. William Adams
Richmond, R.I.
MQ-9, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Jake Galli
Fayetteville, Ga.
MQ-Reaper, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Daniel Hagler
Stockbridge, Va.
F-15E, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Daniel King
Warrenton, Va.
KC-135R, Andrews AFB, Md.



2nd Lt. Steven La Rue
Hortonville, Wis.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



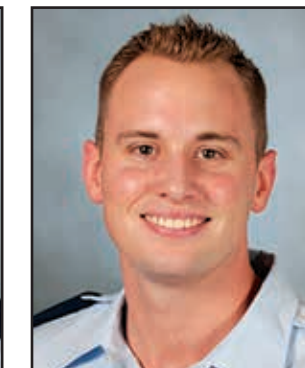
2nd Lt. Andrew Lucchesi
Easthampton, Mass.
C-17, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Nicole McCallister
Denver, Colo.
KC-135, Eielson AFB, Alaska



2nd Lt. Austin McCann
Foothill Ranch, Calif.
KC-135, March AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Jacob Randolph
Decatur, Ala.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



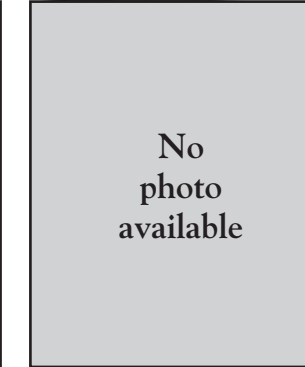
2nd Lt. Cason Soat
Beavercreek, Ohio
A-10, Davis-Monthan, Ariz.



1st Lt. Michael Ceci
Marietta, Ga.
C-130J, Ramstein AB, Germany



1st Lt. Thomas Ellett
Natchez, Miss.
KC-135R, Key Field ANG, Miss.



1st Lt. Andre Petersen
Fort Walton Beach, Fla.
E-8 JSTARS, Robbins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Taylor Blair
Phoenix, Ariz.
KC-135, Eielson AFB, Alaska



2nd Lt. Rachael Blakeman
Napoleon, Ohio
KC-135, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Jeffrey Corthell
O'Fallon, Ill.
RC-130, Offutt AFB, Neb.