

## Weather



## News Briefs

### Columbus Day Holiday

Most base organizations are closed Oct. 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Oct. 20 in the Kaye Auditorium for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

### SUPT Class 16-01 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-01 is graduating at 10 a.m. Oct. 23 in the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force Photo/Melissa Doublin

Col. Scott Yancy, Vice Commandant of Air Command and Staff College on Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, receives a shadowbox signed by the new pilots of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-15 from Capt. Robert Sherlock, SUPT Class 15-15, during their graduation ceremony Oct. 2 in the Kaye Auditorium at Columbus AFB, Mississippi. Yancy told the class following graduation, the learning never stops, as they will be expected to become experts in how to employ their aircraft as a weapons system.

## Yancy tells graduates: learning never stops

Senior Airman Stephanie Englar

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Vice Commander of Air Command and Staff College on Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, Col. Scott Yancy, spoke to Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 15-15 during their graduation ceremony on Oct. 2 here in the Kaye Auditorium.

"You guys have a lot to be proud of today," Yancy said. "Today represents a milestone many of you have been marching toward for the better part of your lives. Whether that was crawling around in an airplane at an air show or looking up while you hear an airplane scream overhead and daring to dream big dreams that someday you too could do that."

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The graduation speaker is Col. Jerome Hayes, Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Division Chief, Air Force Senate Liaison Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.



## 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.

### YANCY

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Yancy told the newly graduated pilots they would get the chance to see how all the weapon systems fit together to produce air power and make the U.S. Air Force the most respected air force in the world.

“The memories from this year will propel you forward for the rest of your career, but be careful, the learning never stops,” Yancy said. “As you transition to your follow-on aircraft, you’ll become experts in not only how to fly the aircraft, but to employ it as a weapons system. That is what separates the Air Force and military aviation necessarily from any other type of flying.”

Yancy graduated from pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base in 1996. He said when he first came through the main gate 21 years ago he was wide-eyed and scared to death. Following his graduation he went on to fly the F-15C at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and over the course of his career, has lived at numerous bases stateside and overseas.

“It’s wonderful to visit Columbus after so many years,” Yancy said. “Seeing Class 15-15 earn their wings is special – it melted the years away, as I remember fondly the day I earned my wings, and embarked on

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a rewarding career. I’m grateful for the opportunity to witness our newest graduates, and encourage them to keep charging as they move on to accomplish great things for our nation.”

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## 14th FTW commander holds open house



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

Attendees converse and enjoy snacks provided under a tent outside during the Commander's Open House Oct. 3 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The event was held to strengthen community relations between the base and the Columbus community.



Columbus Mayor Robert Smith has a conversation with Erin and Joey Bragg, Columbus Chamber of Commerce president, while watching football on TV during the Commander's Open House Oct. 3 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Attendees enjoyed music, food and the company of several base and city community members.

## 14th MDG Influenza plan for 2015

Influenza vaccines are shipped Air Force wide every fall to each Military Treatment Facility. The 14th Medical Group recently received a partial shipment.

In order capture most of our population, vaccination lines at the Chapel Annex and Phillips Auditorium will be conducted.



### Vaccination Schedule 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

- **14th MDG:** Visit the Immunization clinic by close of business Oct. 8
- **14th MSG/WSA:** Oct. 29 at the Chapel Annex
- **14th OG:** Oct. 30 at the Phillips Auditorium
- **School Aged Children/Beneficiaries:** 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Oct. 21 and 28 at the Koritz Clinic

### Services offered:

- Flu Vaccine (shot and mist)
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## Support community, serve country with CFC

**Maj. Neil Gregory**

37th Flying Training Squadron

The 2014 Combined Federal Campaign kicked off Oct. 1 this year with the campaign theme of "Serving our Country and Supporting our Community."

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# 14th Medical Group Corner: The RAC and Team BLAZE's mission

**Capt. Jennifer Arce**

14th Medical Operations Squadron  
Officer In Charge

torium, which is between the 41st Flying Training Squadron and the 37th FTS, so those on flying status can quickly be returned, decreasing the time they are away from the mission, and separating the healthy from the sick.

The RAC is conducted twice daily from 7 to 7:30 a.m. and 1 to 1:30 p.m., and is conducted by a flight medicine technician and flight surgeon. Post-Deployment Health Assessments three, four, and five can also be completed at the RAC, if you have contacted Public Health and your online DHA is complete.

RAC is not sick call and acutely ill patients have dedicated appointment slots at the 14th Medical Group throughout the day. If a patient has a concern that does not include returning to flying status, airsickness, or CAP they can call 434-CARE (434-2273) to make an appointment in the Flight Medicine Clinic.

The Flight Medicine Clinic is located in the Koritz Clinic and provides direct patient care to individuals on flying and controlling status, their spouses, and Airfield Flight Equipment members.

**Oct. 9**

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

**Oct. 15**

The Columbus Downtown Historic Walk is scheduled for 5:30 - 8 p.m. Learn neat historic facts about participating

downtown businesses. There will also be a door prize drawing for eligible participants.

**Oct. 15**

West Point Pickers was modeled after the TV show American Pickers and features Christmas decorations, street signs up for silent auction, and lots of other things to purchase, even a few free items.

The event starts at 7:30 p.m. with the live auction for an original block print 1979 Prairie Arts Festival poster and a 1980 hand-drawn map of the festival. Food and beverages will be available. Admission is \$5.

**Oct. 30, 31**

The Columbus Police Department

is hosting a Haunted House at 6 p.m. at the Trotter Convention Center. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and proceeds benefit injured local policemen as well as the Firefighter's Scholarship & Disability Fund. They are also looking for volunteers to help provide scares. For more information, contact by email at rsanders@columbusms.org.

## BARGAIN LINE

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## AETC SF chief tours Columbus AFB defender facilities



U.S. Air Force photo/ Elizabeth Owens

Airman 1st Class Lavar Gerard, 14th Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms Instructor, explains the CATM operational maintenance procedures for the M4 to Col. Brian Barthel, Chief of Security Forces for Air Education and Training Command, during his visit to Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. While on base, Barthel also toured several other 14th SFS organizations such as the Military Working Dog Kennels, Mobility Warehouse, Investigations, Visitor Center and the East and South Gates.

## Hispanic American Heritage Month facts of the week

1. St. Augustine, Florida, and Santa Fe, New Mexico, were Hispanic cities founded before Plymouth, Massachusetts. As early as 1526, Spanish settlers attempted to colonize the coastal areas of what is now South Carolina. By the mid-1800s, most of the Spanish lands in North America were occupied as states and territories of the United States. However, a Hispanic population remained, most notably in the Southeast and the Southwest.

[gru.edu/diversity/hhm/facts.php](http://gru.edu/diversity/hhm/facts.php)  
<http://www.nps.gov/fodo/upload/Hispanics-in-Civil-War-8x8-booklet-lowres.pdf>

2. Susana Martinez was born in El Paso, Texas, in 1959. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1986, then moved to New Mexico, where she became the District Attorney in 1997. In 2010, she became the first female Governor of New Mexico and the first Hispanic female governor in the United States.

[governor.state.nm.us/Meet\\_Gover\\_nor\\_Martinez.aspx](http://governor.state.nm.us/Meet_Gover_nor_Martinez.aspx)

3. The term "Hispanic or Latino" refers to a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin. Hispanic origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. People who identify their origin as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be any race.

[census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c\\_2010br-02.pdf](http://census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c_2010br-02.pdf)

4. David G. Farragut is perhaps the best-known Hispanic Civil War hero. He served in the Union Navy and later became the first Admiral in the U.S. Navy. Congress created the rank and awarded it to him after his Aug. 5, 1864, victory in the Battle of Mobile Bay.

[pewhispanic.org/files/reports/17.3.pdf](http://pewhispanic.org/files/reports/17.3.pdf)

5. Dr. Ellen Ochoa, a four-time astronaut and the first Latina to go to space, launched into the next era of her stellar career. She became the first Hispanic and second female director of NASA's Johnson Space Center.

[nblatino.com/2013/01/23/from-first-latina-in-space-to-head-of-the-johnson-space-center/#s:ellenochoa](http://nblatino.com/2013/01/23/from-first-latina-in-space-to-head-of-the-johnson-space-center/#s:ellenochoa)

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# Airmen, aircraft set up in Turkey to support recovery ops in Syria, Iraq

**Airman 1st Class  
Cory W. Bush**  
39th Air Base Wing  
Public Affairs

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — U.S. Air Forces Central Command has begun staging small detachments of aircraft and airmen at Diyarbakir Air Base in southeast Turkey to enhance coalition capabilities to support personnel recovery operations in Syria and Iraq.

Diyarbakir is a Turkish base home to the Turkish air force's 8th Air Wing. Turkey and the U.S. are longtime NATO allies and the U.S. Air Force has a long history of working alongside its Turkish counterparts. This deployment will enable Airmen to better assist with recovery of coalition partners should they need assistance in Syria or Iraq.

"We will be guests of the government of Turkey at Diyarbakir Air Base; there are no plans for a permanent U.S. presence at this location," said Gen. Philip Breedlove, NATO's supreme allied commander and the U.S. European Command commander. "This marks yet another successful cooperative effort between the Turkish and U.S. militaries."



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Cory W. Bush  
**Two HC-130J Combat King II's sit on the flight line in preparation for cargo unload at Diyarbakir Air Base, Turkey, Sept. 28, 2015. The aircraft is deployed to Diyarbakir in an effort to enhance coalition capabilities and support personnel recovery operations in Syria and Iraq.**

## Fire prevention week: 'Hear the beep where you sleep'

**Air Force Civil Engineer Center Public Affairs**

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — The fire emergency services division at the Air Force Civil Engineer Center is leading the Air Force for National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4-10, a national event hosted by the National Fire Protection Association.

This year's theme is "hear the beep where you sleep," a call to have a working smoke alarm in every room in the house.

"People should be fire safe throughout the year, but fire prevention week specifically gives us a time to focus on it," said Air Force Fire Chief James Podolske. "We do a lot of activities with the kids to build safety awareness in the next generation."

The week is an opportunity for installation fire departments to put Airmen's focus on fire safety.

AFCEC personnel said their goal is to make a safer Air Force.

"At AFCEC, our goal is to directly support base level fire departments during Fire Prevention Week however we can," said Master Sgt. Niels Roorda, the fire emergency services program manager at AFCEC. "It's an opportunity for the departments to showcase and educate the community they serve by sharing life-saving information. Our ultimate goal is to always ensure that our customers feel safe. We achieve this through proactive interaction every day, but Fire Prevention Week is a great avenue for highlighting this even more so."

For updates on National Fire Prevention Week, visit the AFCEC Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/AirForceCE](http://www.facebook.com/AirForceCE) or the NFPA event website at [www.fire-preventionweek.org](http://www.fire-preventionweek.org).



Courtesy image

**National Fire Prevention Week, hosted by the National Fire Protection Association and held Oct. 4-10 this year, is an opportunity for installation fire departments to put Airmen's focus on fire safety. This year's theme, "hear the beep where you sleep," is a call to have a working smoke alarm in every room in the house.**



U.S. Air Force photo

The T-6A Texan II is a single-engine, two-seat primary trainer designed to train Primary Pilot Training, or PPT, students in basic flying skills common to U.S. Air Force and Navy pilots. PPT began in October 2001 at Moody AFB, Georgia, and is currently at Columbus AFB, Mississippi; Vance AFB, Oklahoma; and Laughlin and Sheppard AFBs in Texas.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

Garry Argent, a maintenance contractor, prepares a T-6A Texan II aircraft for one of the last joint training missions between the 52nd Expeditionary Flying Training Squadron and the Iraqi air force Squadron 203 Sept. 4, 2011, at Camp Speicher, Iraq. The 52nd EFTS turned over flight operations to the Iraqi air force Sept. 5. The Iraqi training squadron has 11 instructor pilots trained and ready to carry the torch.

# BLAZE Hangar Tails: T-6A Texan II

### Mission

The T-6A Texan II is a single-engine, two-seat primary trainer designed to train Primary Pilot Training, or PPT, students in basic flying skills common to U.S. Air Force pilots.

### Background

Before being formally named in 1997, the T-6A was identified in a 1989 Department of Defense Trainer Aircraft Master Plan as the aircraft portion of the Primary Aircraft Training System, or PATS. The system includes a suite of simulators, training devices and a training integration management system.

On Feb. 5, 1996, Raytheon was awarded the PATS acquisition and support contracts. The first operational T-6A arrived at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, in May 2000. The full rate production contract was awarded in December

2001. Air Force production of the aircraft was completed in 2010.

The T-6A is used to train PPT students, providing the basic skills necessary to progress to one of three training tracks: the Air Force fighter-bomber, the Air Force airlift-tanker, the Air Force turboprop track and the Air Force helicopter track.

Instructor pilot training in the T-6A began at Randolph AFB in 2000. PPT began in October 2001 at Moody AFB, Georgia, and is currently at Columbus AFB, Mississippi; Vance AFB, Oklahoma; and Laughlin and Sheppard AFBs in Texas.

### General Characteristics

**Primary Function:** Entry-level trainer in joint primary pilot training

- Builder:** Raytheon Aircraft Co.
- Powerplant:** 1,100 horsepower Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A-68 turbo-prop engine
- Wingspan:** 33.5 feet (10.19 meters)
- Length:** 33.4 feet (10.16 meters)
- Height:** 10.7 feet (3.23 meters)
- Speed:** 320 miles per hour
- Standard Basic Empty Weight:** 6,500 pounds (2,955 kilograms)
- Ceiling:** 31,000 feet (9448.8 meters)
- Range:** 900 nautical miles (1,667 kilometers)
- Crew:** Two, student pilot and instructor pilot
- Armament:** None
- Date Deployed:** May 2000
- Unit Cost:** \$4.272 million
- Inventory:** Active force, 446

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# Fire prevention starts with you

**Rick Songer**

Fire Emergency Services Fire Chief

As Fire Prevention Week ends, my thoughts turn toward the men and women who risk their lives day in and day out to protect our community.

These brave individuals are ready to help at a moment's notice often with little regard for their own safety. I am proud to serve with them and am honored to be their Fire Chief.

While we should definitely take the opportunity to thank them for what they do, we should remember what Fire Prevention Week is truly about and that is you.

You are the ones who prevent fires. You are the ones who teach your children not to play with matches. You are the one who encourages coworkers to empty trash cans and keep rags away from ignition sources. You are the ones that do not allow trash in butt cans. It starts with you.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, four out of five fire-related deaths occur in the home. There are five areas of particular concern in the home. They are:

- Lighted tobacco products are the leading cause of fatal fire in homes causing between 700 and 900 deaths every year.

Typically, abandoned or carelessly discarded smoking materials ignite trash, bedding or upholstered furniture. Most fatal smoking-related fires start in the living room, family room or den, rather than the bedroom. Bedrooms are required to have smoke detectors not living rooms. The only people who have the ability to prevent these types of incidents is you.

- Cooking fires normally happen because people can get distracted. At least two-thirds of these fires involve the range, especially the cooktop. Typically, cooking oil or other flammable liquids, fat or grease is what first catches fire. Two-thirds of home cooking fires started within the first 15 minutes of cooking. It is important to remember when things are getting out of hand to pay attention to what is happening around you.

- Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires, and third leading cause of home fire deaths. Two out of three heating-related fires can be traced to improperly used space heaters. Space heaters most often cause fires when something combustible was left too close. Read the instructions, understand the hazards and teach your family having a space heater is dangerous. Space heater safety starts with you.

- Some people may say they use candles because they like the scent, and others enjoy the mood they create, but in one out of three fatal candle fires in the home, the candle was used for light because the power was out. Always ensure candles are away from combustibles and consider using flashlights instead of candles during power outages. You can choose a safer alternative.

- Arson is the leading cause of property damage in the United States and two-thirds of intentionally set fires are never even reported to police. Most fire-setters are either youngsters or pyromaniacs; more than half those arrested for arson are younger than 18. Children need to know not to play with fire. Fire has real and deadly consequences and it is our responsibility to teach these lessons. You must continue to teach your children right from wrong and report all fires regardless of how they start.

So, as we celebrate Fire Prevention Week know this: day in and day out, you prevent fires in your homes and at work, you teach your kids right from wrong, you test your smoke detectors monthly and you have a family evacuation plan. It starts with you and you are doing a great job, thank you.

## 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.

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# Airmen in C-130 crash identified, memorialized

455th Air Expeditionary Wing

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — The six Airmen assigned to the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing who died Oct. 2 when their C-130J Super Hercules crashed shortly after takeoff from Jalalabad Airfield, Afghanistan, were identified Oct. 3 by the Defense Department.

Killed in the crash were: Capt. Jordan Pierson, Capt. Jonathan Golden, Staff Sgt. Ryan Hammond, Senior Airman Quinn Johnson-Harris, Senior Airman Nathan Sartain and Airman 1st Class Kcey Ruiz. Pierson, Golden, Hammond and Johnson-Harris were deployed from the 317th Airlift Group at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, while Sartain and Ruiz were deployed from the 66th Security Forces Squadron at Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts.

The wing held a morning fallen comrade ceremony to honor the Airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice while doing their duty on the combat frontier and to allow their wingmen to pay their respects and mourn their loss.

After a brief prayer from a wing chaplain, the fallen Airmen's squadron commanders were given the opportunity to address the gathered service members and offer their thoughts.

Lt. Col. Mitchell Spillers, the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron commander, offered condolences and a message to support those grieving, while reminding all to stay focused on the mission at hand to honor the sacrifices of the lost Airmen.

"We've taken a blow, but I'm proud of the way we've come together and supported each other. That must continue," Spillers said. "We're a tactical airlift unit that provides a lifeline to our forces (that no one) else can. Our mission will continue and we must carry on. Jordan, JJ, Ryan and JH all loved what we do, and would expect nothing less."

Maj. Met Berisha, the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commander, echoed that the fallen Airmen loved what they did, and added they did their duty without regard for their own safety to deliver airpower capabilities here. He emphasized that Airmen must stay strong and continue the mission.

"We must mount up and get back to our posts, get back to our patrols, and get back in those aircraft and continue to do what we do best: project combat airpower for our nation," Berisha said. "We all know deep in our



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Cierra Presentado  
Maj. Met Berisha, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commander, shares his condolences for six fallen Airmen during a fallen comrade memorial ceremony Oct. 3, 2015, at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. The Airmen lost their lives when their C-130J Super Hercules crashed shortly after takeoff from Jalalabad Airfield in Afghanistan, Oct. 2, 2015. Capts. Jordan Pierson and Jonathan Golden, Staff Sgt. Ryan Hammond and Senior Airman Quinn Johnson-Harris were pilots and crew members. Airman 1st Class Kcey Ruiz and Senior Airman Nathan Sartain were security forces fly away security team members.

hearts, defenders, that's exactly what Sartain and Ruiz would have wanted."

Spillers later said his lost Airmen were some of his finest.

"This was one of my best crews; they had a positive impact on everyone around them," Spillers said. "They served honorably and will forever be remembered as true tactical airlifters. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and we will do everything in our power to comfort them during this time of loss."

Berisha added that Sartain and Ruiz were the type of Airmen every commander sought to have on their team.

"I knew that without a doubt, that when our nation sent an aircraft into harm's way into an unsecured and dangerous Afghan

airfield that the aircrew and aircraft were defended by the finest security forces Airmen our Air Force could possibly deliver," Berisha said. "Simply put, Ruiz and Sartain loved securing and projecting combat airpower for our nation. Their families not only raised fine American patriots, but they raised heroes that we all had the humble honor and phenomenal privilege to serve alongside with here."

Chief Master Sgt. Matt Grengs, the 455 AEW command chief, said Airmen across the wing grieve for the lost Airmen, but reminded everyone to pull together and continue the mission to honor their sacrifice.

"Today, we paused to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice as part of the Vulture Nation," he said. "We can only hope

that the anguish of the families of these fallen heroes is tempered with the knowledge that their loved ones died doing what they loved for the nation they loved. They did not die in vain. It is our duty to finish the work of these fallen comrades."

Brig. Gen. Dave Julzadeh, the 455th AEW commander, said today was about honoring those whose lives were cut short and not forget their sacrifices.

"Today was a tough day for the Vulture Nation. We mourned with the families of Jordan, JJ, Ryan, JH, Nathan and Kcey," he said. "We owe it to these warriors to complete the mission for which they gave their lives, to protect and defend the freedoms upon which our great nation was built. We must never forget them or the sacrifices they made."

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**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 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.

**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, 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.

**Blazin' Trails Running Club**

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

**Tannehill Trade Day**

Outdoor Recreation is offering a trip to Tannehill Trade Day in Bessemer, Alabama, Oct. 17. Departs from Outdoor Recreation at 8 a.m. The cost is \$30 for transportation. The admission cost is \$3 for ages 12 and up, \$2 for senior citizens, \$1 for ages 6 – 11, and ages 5 and under are 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 from 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 on Oct. 24. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the Ant-Man movie 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 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 at 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.

**Story Time**

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

**Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Class**

Free classes are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 p.m. The benefits include huge gains in confidence, functional strength, flexibility, discipline, and overall physical conditioning. Mandatory equipment: BJJ Kimono (Gi); for ages 13 and up. For more information, contact 434-2772.

**Wood Shop Self Help**

Do you need to complete a wood project? The base wood shop is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for only \$4 per hour. For more information, contact 434-7836.

**RV Storage Lot**

Don't clutter your home space, park with us. Outdoor Recreation offers a great place to store your RV year around. You will have 24-hour access and can pay monthly or yearly. For more information, call 434-2505.

**Green Plate Special**

The Pro Shop at Whispering Pines Golf Course offers a special for lunch Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 434-7932 or check us out on Facebook at Columbus AFB Living or Twitter @CAFBLiving!

**Instructional Classes at Youth Center**

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

**Fitness on Request**

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

**Space A Lodging**

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

**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.)*

**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 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 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, 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

**Squadron commander luncheon**

U.S. Air Force photo/Sharon Ybarra

**Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, pauses for a photo during his quarterly squadron commander luncheon Oct. 7 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The luncheon provides an informal forum to discuss issues relevant to the command team.**

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 Cen-

ter. 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

# Columbus AFB recognizes Fire Prevention Week



U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Stephanie Englar  
Staff Sgt. Joshua Kenney, Senior Airman Nathan Deline and Jason Kislow, all from the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department, battle a blaze during the live plane burn at the Fire Prevention Week Open House Oct. 3 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The plane was set on fire multiple times while a large crowd watched the 14th CES Fire Department demonstrate how quickly and efficiently they can put out a jet engine fire.



Sparky the Firedog and friends wave at Columbus Air Force Base Airmen and their families during the Fire Prevention Week parade Oct. 3 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The parade kicked off the start of Fire Prevention Week events which included an Open House, a live burn, an auto extrication demonstration, a base expo at the Base Exchange and Sparky reading to children at the Youth Center.



Senior Airman Mario Jaquez, Senior Airman Larry Roy and Airman 1st Class DeAngelo Wallman-Sims, all from the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, pull a door off of an automobile during the auto extrication demonstration Oct. 3 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The object of the extrication is to remove the car from around the body to ensure no more damage is done to the individual trapped inside.



Sparky the Firedog interacts with children at the Fire Prevention Week Open House Oct. 3 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Open House took place right after the parade and featured an auto extrication demonstration and a live burn.



Master Sgt. Rodel Sy throws candy to kids during the Fire Prevention Week parade Oct. 3 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep," emphasizing the need for a home to have a working fire detector.