

## Weather

<b>Friday</b>  <b>Thunderstorms</b> High 76°F Low 62°F	<b>Saturday</b>  <b>Thunderstorms</b> High 64°F Low 45°F
<b>Sunday</b>  <b>Cloudy</b> High 63°F Low 49°F	<b>Monday</b>  <b>Partly Cloudy</b> High 66°F Low 51°F

Forecast provided by the 14<sup>th</sup> OSS Weather Flight

## News Briefs

### Veterans Day Parade

The Columbus Veterans Day parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. Nov. 7 starting at the Columbus Municipal Complex going through Main Street.

### Veterans Day Ceremony

The Columbus Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. Nov. 7 at the Lowndes County Courthouse. Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, is keynote speaker for the event.

### Veterans Day Holiday

Most base organizations are closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. See page 4 for closures.

## Inside



### Feature 8

Military discounts are highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Andy Stephens

**Maj. Gen. James B. Hecker, Commander, 19th Air Force, speaks on the benefits of LVC training (Live, Virtual, Constructive) at the Military Flight Training USA conference held at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph on Oct. 28, 2015. He said new developments in flight simulator training, combined with the potential of the new T-X aircraft, can improve the quality of flight training while reducing costs.**

# 19th AF Commander speaks on future of military flight training

### Master Sgt. Andy Stephens

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Each year, U.S. Air Force and allied students complete pilot training under the banner of 19th Air Force. On Oct. 28, the numbered air force commander spoke to an audience of 120

military and industry members on future training mission requirements and what tomorrow's pilot can expect.

"Airpower for the Air Force really starts here," said Maj. Gen. James B. Hecker, 19th Air Force commander and keynote speaker for the industry-military event organized by Military

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (16-11)	2.66 days	2.29 days	Dec. 14	48th (16-03)	3.85 days	4.34 days	Dec. 14	49th (16-BBC)	5.59 days	8.13 days	Nov. 18	T-6	374	305	3,171
41st (16-10)	2.63 days	3.27 days	Nov. 17	50th (16-03)	-0.37 days	1.27 days	Dec. 14					T-1	129	135	1,025
												T-38	123	110	1,051
												IFF	54	64	478

The graduation speaker is Col. James Fisher, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander.

## Military Personnel New Hours

Begins November 9

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursdays 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For More Information, contact 434-2626



## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 26 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.



## FUTURE

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Flight Training USA. "We are looking at what flight training is going to look like 30 years from now."

Key to that future training is the T-X, which is expected to provide many new capabilities currently unavailable to the modern undergraduate pilot trainee.

Hecker explained that new aircraft will better prepare pilots for high-speed maneuvers, and be able to comprehend data reflecting the aircraft's operations, making it a more reliable training platform for next-generation aircraft. With better aircraft availability, combined with flight simulators employing the most advanced technology, the new flight training plans will be better tailored to the future mission requirements of the pilot trainees.

Currently, AETC is researching two options for the future of Air Force undergraduate pilot training, he said. The merits of generalized training and specialized training are both being considered, looking for an optimum balance between effectiveness and cost. Specialized undergraduate pilot training differs from generalized training primarily in the advanced phase.

Hecker also said that the simulators of today allow not only for comparative quality training to the actual airframe itself, but for formation flying and night-time flying, both of which are challenges in current T-38 training. All of these benefits are for a fraction of the cost and time. The potential of live virtual constructive training is beneficial for both the pilot and the pocketbook, he said.

"Virtual training can reduce the number of actual sorties required to one-sixth of current training capability," he said. "Pilots can focus on executing tactics, not sensor management, while trainers can be more observant to details and playback virtual training sessions."

Hecker said increasing the efficiency of training the pilot at the controls would also allow for more time to develop the officer in the uniform, including the Air Force's RPA pilots. He stated the establishment of the 18X career code – unique to officers designated as RPA pilots – has allowed for greater force development and established career paths that will become more evident in forthcoming months.

"An 18X commander will be coming soon," he added. "We are already seeing more deliberate career choices and our attrition rates have declined sharply."

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9	10	11 Veteran's Day F-105 static display dedication, 9 a.m. @ Veterans Memorial Park, Tupelo	12 International Spouses Luncheon, 11 a.m. @ Old Waverly Clubhouse	13 Mississippi State University AFROTC Tour	14/15 14th - MSU vs. Alabama T-38 flyover	Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Holiday Nov. 27: AETC Family Day Dec. 15: Newcomers Orientation Brief Dec. 18: SUPT Class 16-03 graduation Dec. 24: AETC Family Day Dec. 25: Christmas Holiday Dec. 29: CT fly day Dec. 31: AETC Family Day
16 Female All Call, 10 a.m., 3 p.m. @ Phillips	17 Col. Milam T-6 visit Newcomers Orientation Brief, 8 a.m. @ Kaye Ole Miss AFROTC Tour Native American Food Tasting, 11 a.m. @ Chapel Annex	18 IFF 16-BBC graduation	19 Great American Smoke Out Dormsgiving, 5:30 @ Chapel Annex	20 Top-3 Meeting, 2:30 p.m. @ Golf Course NAF Warehouse Sale, 7 a.m./A.D., 8 a.m./All @ Outdoor Recreation	21/22	Jan. 1: New Year's Holiday Jan. 4: Safety Day Jan. 6-7: CSAF All-Call Jan. 22: SUPT Class 16-04 Graduation Jan. 29: Fourth Quarterly Awards Ceremony Feb. 5: Annual Awards Ceremony

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# 2015 COLUMBUS VETERANS' DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY



*In honor of those who have fought for our freedom*

**Saturday, 7 November 2015**  
Parade begins at 10 a.m.  
at Columbus Municipal Complex (1501 Main Street)  
and proceeds down Main Street

Join us at 11 a.m. for a wreath-laying ceremony at  
the Lowndes County Court House (502 2nd Ave N)



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin

Seven of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotions ceremony Oct. 30 at Kaye Auditorium.

# Seven enlisted Airmen promoted at ceremony

14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Seven of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotion ceremony Oct. 30 at Kaye Auditorium. Promoted during the month of October were:  
Airman 1st Class Cole Gastel, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Gust Long, 14th Operations Support Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Vashard Armand, 14th Security Forces Squadron  
Staff Sgt. Sarah Bruce, Wing Staff Agency  
Staff Sgt. Terrell Phillips, 14th Contracting Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Bryan Alfred, 14th Medical Support Squadron  
Tech. Sgt. Adrian Galcik, 14 OSS



# Buckle up! It's the law.

## 2015 Intramural Flag Football Standings




#	Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties	Forfeits	Total Games Played	%	Offensive Points Scored	Defensive Points Allowed	Offensive Avg. Points Scored / Per Gm.	Defensive Avg. Points Allowed / Per Gm.	Point Diff.
1	Rapcon	7	0	1		8	0.875	245	102	30.63	12.75	143
2	48th	6	0	1		7	0.857	180	75	25.71	10.71	105
3	49th/50th	4	3	1		8	0.500	169	180	21.13	22.50	-11
4	STUS	4	3	0		7	0.571	182	120	26.00	17.14	62
5	CS/CE	4	3	0		7	0.571	149	131	21.29	18.71	18
6	37th/41st	3	3	1		7	0.429	169	112	24.14	16.00	57
7	FSS/CPTS	1	5	1		7	0.143	95	222	13.57	31.71	-127
8	Tower	1	7	0		8	0.125	78	229	9.75	28.63	-151
9	MDG	0	6	1		7	0.000	67	162	9.57	23.14	-95

As of Nov 3, 2015

\*\*Two forfeits = elimination from the league

1 Forfeit

2 Forfeits







U.S. Air Force Photo/Melissa Dublin

The third quarterly awards winners or their representatives pause for a photo on stage at Kaye Auditorium Oct. 30. The ceremony honored the wing's outstanding professionals for the months of July through September whose drive, determination and dedication have earned them this recognition.

## Quarterly awards ceremony distinguishes great performers

14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing's best of the best were showcased during the third quarterly awards ceremony Oct. 30 at the Kaye Auditorium.

The Team BLAZE third quarter award winners are:

**Airman of the Quarter:** Senior Airman Roger White, 14th Operations Group

**NCO of the Quarter:** Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Marino, 14th OG

**SNCO of the Quarter:** Master Sgt. Tisha Everett, 14th Medical Group

**CGO of the Quarter:** Capt. Marshall Ziemanski, 14th OG

**FGO of the Quarter:** Lt. Col. Michael Cancellare, Wing Staff Agency

**Honor Guard of the Quarter:** Airman 1st Class Reynaldo Rodriguez, 14th OG

**Flight Commander of the Quarter:** 1st Lt. John Oms, WSA

**IP of the Quarter:** Capt. Ryan Bagby, 81st Fighter Squadron

**Cat. 1 Civilian of the Quarter:** Mr. Michael Meggs, 14th Mission Support Group

**Cat. 2 Civilian of the Quarter:** Mrs. Kristina Conwill, 14th OG

**Volunteer of the Quarter:** Senior Airman Kwadwo Dankyi, 14th MDG



## Veterans Day Holiday hours

Airman & Family Readiness Center .....	Closed Nov. 11
Arts & Crafts, Wood Shop .....	Closed Nov. 11
Back Gate.....	Closed Nov. 11
Bowling Center. ....	Closed Nov. 11
Child Development Center .....	Closed Nov. 11
Columbus Club.....	Closed for renovations
Commissary .....	Open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Nov. 11
Exchange .....	Open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Nov. 11
Fitness Center .....	Open 24/7 (register at front desk)
Golf Course .....	Open Nov. 11
Medical Group .....	Closed Nov. 11
Military Personnel and Finance.....	Closed Nov. 11
Multimedia .....	Closed Nov. 11
Outdoor Recreation .....	Closed Nov. 11
Shoppette .....	Open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Nov. 11
Visitor's Center .....	Closed Nov. 11
Youth Center.....	Closed Nov. 11

## 14 MDOS participates in breast cancer awareness run



Courtesy photo

The 14th Medical Operations Squadron participated in a 14th Medical Group 4A/ MSC Appreciation Week Breast Cancer Awareness walk/run Oct. 30 in Columbus, Mississippi. The week convened Oct. 26-30, 2015, and was in appreciation of enlisted Medical Administration Technicians and Medical Service Corps officers.

## Stone promotes to senior airman, staff sergeant

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Spencer Stone, the airman first class who helped prevent a gunman's attack on a French train in August, promoted to the rank of senior airman at Travis Air Force Base, California, Oct. 30, 2015.

Following this promotion, Stone was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant, effective Nov. 1, by order of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III. Stone was promoted to staff sergeant for the leadership and courage he showed when he and two friends thwarted a potential terrorist attack on the train traveling to Paris.

"It is an honor to be promoted to staff sergeant, and I am extremely thankful for the opportunity to lead my fellow Airmen," Stone said. "I am ready for the growth and challenges that are ahead of me."



U.S. Air Force photo/Ken Wright

Master Sgt. Tanya Hubbard and Staff Sgt. Roberto Davila, both assigned to the 60th Medical Group, tack staff sergeant stripes onto Spencer Stone, a 60th Medical Operations Squadron medical technician, during a promotion ceremony at Travis Air Force Base, California, Oct. 30, 2015. Stone was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant, effective Nov. 1, by order of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III. Stone was promoted to staff sergeant for the leadership and courage he showed in August when he and two friends thwarted a potential terrorist attack on a train traveling to Paris.

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### Garage Sale

Sale: Oakdale Park Community neighborhood garage sale 6 a.m. – noon, Nov. 7.

## NEWS AROUND TOWN

### Nov. 7

The Columbus Veterans Day Parade is free and open to the public. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the Columbus Municipal Complex and marches down Main Street, ending at the Court House. The wreath laying ceremony begins 11 a.m. at the Lowndes County Courthouse and will feature Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, as a keynote speaker.

### Nov. 9, 12, 16

Columbus YMCA is looking for volun-

teers to evaluate the Upward Youth Basketball League, 5 - 6:30 p.m. Interested parties should contact Jeff Reeves at 328-7696. Additional volunteer opportunities exist for coaches, referees, scoreboard workers, and more.

### Nov. 11

A Veterans Day ceremony and F-105 dedication begins at 9 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in Tupelo, Mississippi. The rain location is at the Tupelo Aquatic Center.

## Security and policy review

Did you know that as a military member you must coordinate all information relating to speeches, presentations, academic papers, multimedia visual information materials and information proposed for release to a publicly accessible Worldwide Website, with exception of Air Force publications, through the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office? For more information contact the 14th FTW/PA at 434-7068.

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# Combat Shield ensures Strike Eagles ready for war

Senior Airman Aaron J. Jenne  
4th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. — Electronic warfare Airmen tested the radar capabilities of fighter aircraft to see if equipment is battle ready as part of the Combat Shield program from Oct. 19-23.

The 4th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base hosted members of the 16th EW Squadron from Eglin AFB, Florida, for the annual inspection, which provides operational combat units in the Air Combat Command a system-specific assessment for their aircraft's radar warning receivers, electronic attack pods and integrated EW systems.

The Combat Shield mission keeps the unit's Airmen busy and constantly in transit across the U.S. and overseas to evaluate the Air Force's fighter aircraft. A Combat Shield team is in some form of travel about 185 days per year, and teams drive about 14,000 miles per year as they evaluate more than 20 Air Force wings.

"The goal of Combat Shield is getting information to higher level decision makers so they can decide what changes need to be made -- funding, training, equipment — to ensure that we're putting the best equipment forward," said Maj. Kyle Schlewinsky, the 16th EWS assistant director of



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Aaron J. Jenne  
**Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hoover, a Combat Shield crew leader assigned to the 16th Electronic Warfare Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, monitors a USM-642 Raven signal generator during Combat Shield, Oct. 20, 2015, at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina. Hoover used the USM-642 to simulate real-world radar emissions and test the sensitivity of the threat detection systems of an F-15E Strike Eagle.**

operations. "Really, the end result is some guy strapping that jet on and flying into combat. We want to give our pilots the

greatest odds possible of coming home."

With that goal in mind, Air Force Instruction 10-707, "Spectrum Interference Resolution Program" mandates every major command have an independent EW systems evaluation program.

According to Schlewinsky, Combat Shield is ACC's answer to this requirement. He also explained the risks facing aircrews may drastically change in the near future, and the airframes must be prepared.

"For the past decade or more, we've been focused on Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, which is uncontested close-air support," Schlewinsky said. "In uncontested airspace, our aircrews aren't really worried about radar-guided surface-to-air and air-to-air threats."

He added the cost for failure is too high to be overlooked and complacency now could cause lives to be lost in any future contested conflict.

To make sure the 4th Fighter Wing's aircraft are mission ready, regardless of the type of threat, the 10-man Combat Shield maintenance team tested the F-15E Strike Eagles' ALR-56C Radar Warning Receiver System, the aircraft's primary threat detection system, by assessing its sensitivity and ability to detect incoming enemy threats.

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# 'Black Widows' arrive at Bagram for final F-16 deployment

Tech. Sgt. Robert Cloys  
455th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Airmen assigned to the 421st Fighter Squadron arrived Oct. 28 for its last F-16 Fighting Falcon deployment in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and NATO's Resolute Support mission as the unit begins to shift to a newer aircraft.

During their six-month tenure at Bagram Airfield, the squadron from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, will assume the responsibility of providing overwatch and close air support for ground units in Afghanistan.

"We are incredibly excited to be here," said Lt. Col. Michael Meyer, the 421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron commander. "This is what we train for. We are here to support the ground commander's intent, wherever and whenever they ask, save lives on the ground and help transition Afghanistan to a stable and self-sufficient government."

The 421st FS, known as the "Black Widows," is one of three fighter squadrons assigned to the 388th Fighter Wing at Hill AFB. The unit operates night-capable, advanced targeting pod-equipped F-16CMs. It deploys worldwide to conduct day and night

air superiority, precision strike, and forward air controller sorties employing laser-guided and inertially-aided munitions during contingencies and combat.

This will be the 15th and final F-16 deployment to the area of responsibility since 1990, as they begin the transition to the new F-35A Lightning II, the Air Force's latest fifth-generation fighter, Meyer said.

The F-35 will replace the Air Force's aging fleet of F-16s and A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, which have been the primary fighter aircraft for more than 30 years, and bring with it an enhanced capability to survive in the advanced-threat environment in which it was designed to operate.

The 421st FS last deployed to Bagram from July 2009-January 2010, flying over 1,800 sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Now flying fully modified Common Configuration Implementation Program F-16CMs, equipped with night vision goggles, Harm Targeting System, and the Advanced Targeting Pod, the squadron continues its combat heritage as a premier multi-role fighter squadron.

The 421st EFS will take the reins from the 555th EFS, known as "Triple Nickel," from Aviano Air Base, Italy.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Joseph Swafford  
**Capt. Tyler McBride, the 421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron chief of safety, deployed from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, shakes hands with Airman 1st Class Christian Lamb, a 555th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, deployed from Aviano Air Base, Italy, before flying his first combat sortie in an F-16 Fighting Falcon at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Oct. 30, 2015. The 555th EFS, deployed from Aviano AB, is nearing the end of its six-month deployment at Bagram and will hand the reins over to the 421st EFS.**

# Command Cyber Readiness Inspection coming to Columbus

14th Communications Squadron

Inspectors from the Defense Information Systems Agency will visit Columbus Air Force Base Dec. 14-19, 2015, to conduct a Command Cyber Readiness Inspection.

The CCRI evaluates the base community's cyber security posture and is mandated by Department of Defense security standards to ensure Air Force networks are effectively secured.

As part of the week-long inspection, the DISA team will evaluate network and physical security, validating network infrastructure perimeter defense, wireless technologies, and the client systems vulnerability status. Inspectors will also validate compliance with information assurance policies, as well as the base community's ability to provide security for its unclassified and classified computer systems.

"This is a major inspection and its success depends on the level of attention base personnel pay to cyber security," said Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander. "This is not a communications squadron inspection; this is a base-wide inspection. I am asking all of Team BLAZE to take a personal interest in the CCRI."

The 14th Flying Training Wing can follow these practices

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to be postured for cyber readiness:

- Log off and reboot your unclassified machine daily to ensure security patch compliance.
- Properly label removable media and have proper classification markings on communications equipment (computers,

monitors, phones, etc.).

- Properly safeguard classified systems and information.
- Remove your Common Access Card from your computer system any time you leave sight of it – even if only for a moment.
- Verify security clearances and need to know prior to allowing access to classified areas and information.
- Escort unauthorized personnel in controlled or restricted areas as well as work areas.
- Know your unit security manager and Information Assurance Officer and how to contact them.
- Never bring portable or wireless electronic devices within three meters of a classified system.
- Use document cover sheets and face your monitors away from your doors and windows.
- Never plug any sort of electronic devices like thumb drives, external and portable hard drives, portable media players or cell phones into a unclassified or classified machine unless you have an approved exemption letter.
- Be suspicious of any emails from unknown sources, especially if they contain attachments.

For more information on other ways to maintain cyber readiness, contact your unit Information Assurance Officer.

## Columbus AFB chiefs visit Airbus facility



Courtesy photo  
**Chief Master Sgt. Rita Felton, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief, and the Columbus Air Force Base Chiefs Group visited the Airbus Helicopters facility as part of their monthly meeting Nov. 3 in Columbus, Mississippi. The Columbus Facility produces the UH-72A Lakota light attack helicopter for the U.S. Army.**





Photo courtesy of Tupelo Park & Recreation and Denny Waite  
The F-105 Thunderchief was the largest single engine attack aircraft in history and flew over 20,000 sorties with 382 lost in the Vietnam War. Volunteers have worked for more than two years to prepare F-105D-25RE 61-0199 for static display in Veterans Memorial Park, Tupelo, Mississippi. The aircraft display will be formally dedicated at 9 a.m. on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, to local former POWs Col. Smitty Harris and Lt. Colonel Gene Smith who both were shot down over North Vietnam in an F-105.

# BLAZE Hangar Tails: Republic F-105 Thunderchief

## Mission

The Republic F-105 Thunderchief was a supersonic fighter-bomber used by the United StatesAir Force. The Mach 2-capable F-105 conducted the majority of strike bombing missions during the early years of the Vietnam War. Originally designed as a single-seat, nuclear-attack aircraft, a two-seat Wild Weasel version was later developed for the specialized Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD) role against surface-to-air missile sites. The F-105 was commonly known as the “Thud” by its crews.

## Features

The F-105 was armed with missiles and a six-barrel 20 millimeter Gatling-style cannon; however, its design was tailored to highspeed, low-altitude penetration carrying a single nuclear weapon internally. First flown in 1955,

the Thunderchief entered service in 1958. With an internal bomb bay load of 14, 000 lbs, the F-105 could deliver a greater bomb load than some American heavy bombers of World War II such as the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and Consolidated B-24 Liberator. The F-105 was one of the primary attack aircraft of the Vietnam War; over 20,000 Thunderchief sorties were flown with 382 aircraft lost including 62 operational (non-combat) losses (out of 833 produced).The Thunderchief was the largest single-seat, single-engine combat aircraft in history, weighing approximately 50,000 pounds (23,000 kg). It could exceed the speed of sound at sea level and reach Mach 2 at high altitude; the F-105 featured four under-wing and one centerline pylon for bombs, missiles or fuel tanks in addition to the internal bomb bay.

## 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.



## Save the Date

Wednesday, November 11th, 2015  
9:00am

Veterans Memorial Park  
792 North Veterans Blvd  
Tupelo, MS

Veteran’s Day Ceremony  
&  
F105 Dedication

\*Rain location is at the Tupelo Aquatic Center



## General characteristics

**Manufacturer:** Republic Aviation  
**Power plant:** 1 × Pratt & Whitney J75-P-19W afterburning turbojet  
**Thrust:** 35,000-pound  
**Wingspan:** 34 ft 11.25 in (10.65 m)  
**Length:** 64 ft 4.75 in (19.63 m)  
**Height:** 19 ft 8 in (5.99 m)

**Weight:** 50,000 pounds (23,000 kg)  
**Maximum takeoff weight:** 52,546 lb (23,834 kg)  
**Payload:** 14,000 lb (6,700 kg) of weapons  
**Speed:** mach two  
**Ceiling:** 48,500 ft (14,800 m)  
**Crew:** 1 (2 for F-105C/E/F/G variants)

## 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.)

## Career Technical Training

This transition event is held 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nov. 9 – 10. The workshop explores technical careers for post military personnel using VA Educational benefits. It is conducted by CALIBRE, private company contracted by DVA. Prior registration is required, company requires 10 days notification and must have minimum of eight participants to make, to register and more information call 434-2790.

## Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop is from 9 - 10:30 a.m. Nov. 10. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search, using USAJobs, Call 434-2790 to register.

## Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

This workshop will be held 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nov. 12 – 13. The Entrepreneurship workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested in starting up and operating their own business, to register and more information call 434-2790.

## Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Nov. 17. It is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Kaye Auditorium, for more information call 434-2839.

## Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle brief is 1 - 2 p.m. Nov. 17. This workshop allows the VA contractors to explain to service members, whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers and what they are able to provide throughout the member’s military career and how to apply for benefits. To register and more information please call 434-2790.

## Heart Link For Spouses

This event is 8:30 a.m. - noon Nov. 18. It is for spouses new to Columbus Air Force Base or the military lifestyle and is held at the Golf Course. It is a fun-filled spouse orientation program with info on protocol, finance, benefits, helping agencies, local conditions and prizes. It is a great way to meet others new to Columbus AFB. To register and for more information, please call 434-2790.

## 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

## Nichols holds Commanders Calls



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class John Day  
Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, held commander’s calls Oct. 29 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Topics included the results of a Defense Equal Opportunity Climate Survey, the Combined Federal Campaign, annual flying hour program and more.

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 pro-

viders. Counselors can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC, call 662-364-0504.

## Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center. We have volunteer opportunities located throughout the base for a one-time event, special events, or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Golf Course, Medical Clinic, the Chapel, Airman Attic, Thrift Store, the Retiree Activities office and many others. For more information please call A&FRC at 434-2790.

## Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

The Recovery Coordination Program streamlines and improves the way care and support are delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmen and their families. The RCP provides the support of a Recovery Care Coordinator who guides the Airman and family along their road to recovery. Those eligible include wounded, ill and injured Airmen who: (1) have a serious illness or injury (2) are unlikely to return to duty within a specified amount of time (3) may be medically separated from the military. Additional details are available by contacting the Columbus AFB RCC at DSN: 493-3399, Office: 334-953-3399 or tim.griggs.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

## Base News

### Learn How to Read Your LES

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

## DRMO

Recycle first by using the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office as your facility’s source of supply. Authorized personnel may retrieve property free of charge if the property is still physically located here in Base Supply and marked at DRMO facilities. Other DRMO processing is available via the web at [www.drmo.dla.mil](http://www.drmo.dla.mil). Cost of shipping will apply. Please call Inspection at 434-7231 to review DRMO property or Stock Control at 434-7197 with questions or concerns you may have. Parking and assistance is available in the back of building 158.

## 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:


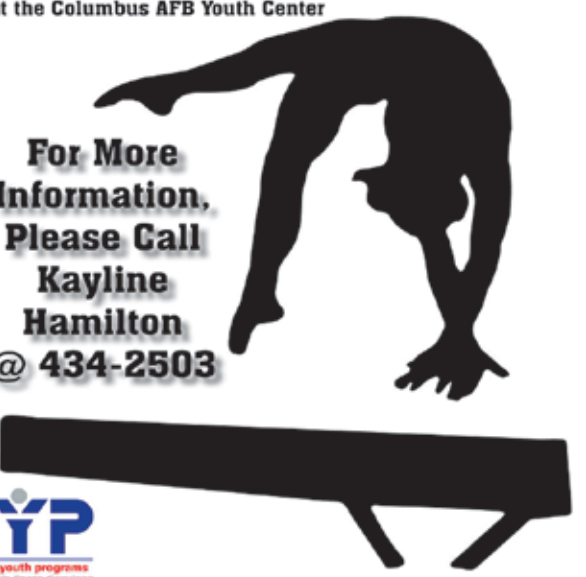
- 4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal



### Gymnastics Instructors Needed!

at the Columbus AFB Youth Center

**For More Information, Please Call Kayline Hamilton @ 434-2503**



**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.

**Thursday Night Football**  
The Bowling Center will offer NFL games on Thursday nights at 7:25 p.m. Catch all the action Nov. 12, Buffalo Bills vs. New York Jets. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This is a 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. For more information, contact 434-3426.

**November FootGolf Special**  
Come kick with Whispering Pines Golf Course every Sunday in November. Special includes 9-holes of FootGolf with a hamburger and drink for only \$7.50 per person. For more information, contact 434-7932.

**Dodgeball Tournament**  
The Fitness Center is offering a Dodgeball Tournament at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 10. To sign up or for more information, contact 434-2772.

**Veterans Day Golf Special**  
Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering a Veterans Day golf special Nov. 11. The cost is only \$15 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, hamburger and a drink. No rain checks. For more information, contact 434-7932.

**Free Lunch for Veterans**  
Whispering Pines Golf Course is honoring Veterans Nov. 11. All veterans enjoy free hamburgers on the patio from

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; while supplies last. For more information, contact 434-7932.

**NAF Warehouse Sale**  
Come out and get great deals on used furniture, televisions and more Nov. 20 at Outdoor Recreation. Active duty may shop from 7 a.m. – 8 a.m.; anyone with base access 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cash only; some items are limited to 2 items per customer. For more information, contact 434-1583.

**Healthy Holiday Challenge**  
The Fitness Center is offering a healthy holiday challenge. Commit to stay fit during the holiday season. Weigh in at the Fitness Center before Nov. 20 and again during the week of Jan. 4 – 8 with the goal of not gaining weight between weigh ins. Participants will receive weekly emails with holiday-related fitness tips. For more information, contact 434-2772.

**Cold Turkey Trot Fitness 5K Run/Walk**  
The Fitness Center is offering a 5K run/walk at 7 a.m. Nov. 20. This event begins and ends at the Fitness Center. Commander's trophy points awarded. For more information, contact 434-2772.  
**Southaven Outlet Mall Day Trip**  
Outdoor Recreation is offering a shopping trip to the Southaven Outlet Mall Nov. 21. The cost is only \$35 per person. Depart from Outdoor Recreation at 8 a.m. For more information, contact 434-2505.

**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.

**Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed**  
Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? For more information, contact 434-7836.

**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 9 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

## YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

**\$35**  
for ages  
3-4

**Nov 2 - Dec 1**  
Ages 3-18

**\$40**  
for ages  
5-18

*Save \$5 during early registration week: Nov 2-6*

**COACHES NEEDED!**  
All games played on base.  
Physicals Required at Registration.  
*Call 662-434-2504 for more information!*



is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for only \$4 per hour. For more information, contact 434-7836.

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

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

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

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

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

**Ride in Style**  
If you don't want to leave your car at the airport over a vacation, we can help you out. Outdoor Recreation offers a shuttle service to the airport of your choice. Transportation one way is \$175 for Birmingham and \$50 for Columbus. Call 434-2505 for more information.

# We don't compete – instead we just care more!

**Maj. Daniel Akeredolu**  
14th Force Support Squadron Commander

We've experienced a huge paradigm shift in the Air Force culture with regard to how we deliver personnel services across the board.

We merged the former Mission Support and Services Squadrons to create synergies and efficiencies at taking care of people. While this may have bought us time it has also garnered mixed results.

A second wave of budgetary pressures forced continuous services transformation circa 2012. At that time, there was an Air Force decision to take more risk in those former "Services" functions. Specifically, the removal of appropriated fund support to activities forced an emphasis to a business-model approach, instead of the service-provider precedent.



petitors outside the gates

However, one thing certainly has not changed. We cared back then as we certainly do today.

Anyone who is familiar with business principles will recognize terms such as economies of scale, cost of labor, cost of goods, margins, etc. These principles are inescapable in a free-market based society.

The issue at hand is how are your "profits" measured? For us, the answer is clear, our ability to build ready and resilient Airmen and families. Our so-called competitors perhaps take a differing approach.

I'd submit their margins are set to return maximum value to their business, end of story. It's the American way and we do not dispute its virtue.

We however are loyal to you. Every dollar spent in your Force Support entities is returned to you in some form or fashion. In fact, we are actually prohibited from "making too much" as well as operating "in the red."

When I say we care more, it's because we do. We know you have choices and are certainly free to bowl, golf, or use other services off-base, but just know where that dollar goes. In fact when it comes to providing you goods and services, you might equate us to the hog and them as the chicken in the famous ham and eggs sandwich analogy. They're "involved" but we're "committed."

The bottom line here is, let us be your first choice because it's your money, it's your MWR fund, and it's your services.

### COLUMBUS SPOUSE'S CLUB

# CHILI COOKOFF

**AWESOME PRIZES!**

**NOVEMBER 19TH**

## BYOB, chili, and an appetite!


**Bonfire and s'mores to follow!**

**The CSC will provide water and chili toppings. You do not HAVE to bring chili to attend. Please indicate in your RSVP if you are bringing chili or not.**



## National American Indian Heritage Month

November 2015



Crow beaded bridle ornament, ca. 1880. Photo by Ernest Anderson. Photo of NMAI north facade by Robert C. Lauderman.

### National Museum of the American Indian



# Columbus community shows appreciation on Veterans Day, year round

**Airman 1st Class John Day**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The community surrounding Columbus Air Force Base supports the members of the base and local veterans in many ways.

Businesses of all sorts offer discounts to both currently serving service members and to veterans.

Some of these businesses also offer special discounts to both parties on Veterans Day.

## Veterans Day specials

**Alarm One:** Free upgrade for military customers

**Ashley furniture home store:** 25 percent discount off on any cash purchases or 20 percent discount on any purchase if financed for 12 months same as cash

**Audubon Cove:** Lease signed week of Nov. 7-15 receives \$350 off first month's rent

**Belk:** 20 percent discount Nov. 8 - 11

**Brickerton Day Spa :** 20 percent off all regular merchandise

**The Courtyard Columbus:** \$89 rate

**Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers:** \$5 off any service

**Krispy Kreme:** Free coffee and a doughnut

**Mississippi University for Women's Barnes & Noble:** 20 percent discount on one transaction and food service, Sodexo, will provide a free lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Sprint Mart:** Free 12 oz. coffee

**Viola Charm Boutique:** 15 percent discount

**Wingate by Wyndham Columbus Hotel:** \$60 rate



Many restaurants offer generous year-round discounts to military families with dine-in or carryout orders.

### Restaurants

**Applebee's:** 10 percent discount

**Back Yard Burgers:** 20 percent discount

**Buffalo Wild Wings Columbus:** 20 percent discount

**Buffet City:** 10 percent discount on dinner

**Café on Main:** 10 percent discount

**Captain D's:** 10 percent discount

**Chili's:** 10 percent discount

**CJ's Pizza:** 10 percent discount

**Coffee House on 5th:** 10 percent discount

**Huddle House:** 10 percent discount

**Krispy Kreme:** 10 percent discount

**Little Dooney's:** 20 percent discount

**Mi Hacienda:** 10 percent discount

**Papa Johns:** 25 percent discount on pizzas and cheese sticks, delivery on base

**Pops Bar B Que:** 10 percent discount

**Ryans:** 10 percent discount after 4 p.m.

**Tampico Bay:** 10 percent discount

**Umi's:** 10 percent discount

**Zacharys:** 15 percent discount

Various temporary and permanent lodging businesses offer discounts to military members.

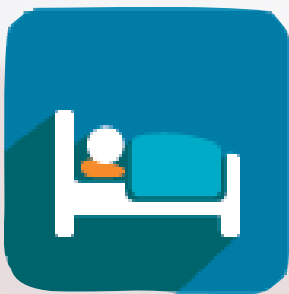
### Lodging

**Amzi Love/Lincoln Home Bed and Breakfast:** 15 percent discount

**Columbus Hyatt Place:** military rate

**Falcon Lair:** 10 percent discount off monthly rent and no deposit or application fees

**Ramada Inn Columbus:** \$69 rate (holidays only)



Aside from food discounts, much of the local shopping in town also supports service members.

### Shopping

**Ashley furniture home store:** 15 percent discount

**BancorpSouth Mortgage:** Does not charge Veterans tax service (\$77) or underwriting fee (\$595)

**Beard's antiques:** 10 percent discount

**Beautiful Hair Boutique:** 15 percent discount

**Bella Interiors:** 10 percent discount

**The Bride & Groom/House of Tux:** 10 percent discount

**Callaway Orthodontics:** 10 percent discount to all service members and their children

**The Colom Law Firm:** 10 percent discount

**Columbus Vacuum and Sewing Center:** 15 percent discount (November-December)

**Curtis Optometry:** 20 percent discount

**Deep South Pout:** 15 percent discount

**Enterprise Rent-A-Car:** 10 percent discount

**Exceed Technologies Inc.:** 10 percent discount for in-house PC repair

**Fashion Barn:** 10 percent discount

**Ford Motor Company:** active duty \$500 rebate for any new purchase or lease on any new Ford or Lincoln

**Gary's Pawn and Gun:** 10 percent discount on most items, Glock, Smith & Wesson and Ruger firearms are between 8 percent - 12 percent discount

**Grassroots Natural Candle Company:** 10 percent discount

**Lighting Unlimited:** 10 percent discount (additional 10 percent discount during November)

**Mom-2-BE:** 15 percent discount

**Mother Goose Birthday Parties:** 10 percent discount

**Palmer Thrift Store:** 10 percent discount

**Park Place Boutique & Salon:** 10 percent discount

**Party & Paper:** 10 percent discount

**The Purple Elephant:** 10 percent discount

**Magnolia Directory Company:** 10 percent discount

**Rae's Jewelry:** 10 percent discount



**Rejuvenation:** 10 percent discount

**Rooks Wine Cellar:** 10 percent discount

**The Suitcase:** 15 percent discount

**Sunstruck Tanning:** 10 percent discount

If military members and their families wish to go relax or visit the gym, some health and wellness stores in the area also have military discounts.

### Health and Wellness

**Bella Derma Organic Skin Spa:** 10 percent discount

**Brickerton day spa:** 10 percent discount

**Core Fitness:** 10 percent discount

**Eden MediSpa and Laser:** 10 percent discount

**Max Muscle Sports Nutrition:** 5 percent discount off food items and 10 percent discount off most other items

**The Fitness Factor:** 10 percent discount

**YMCA:** Family= no joining fee, \$23 off monthly rate & \$290 off annual rate

Single= no joining fee, \$18 off monthly rate & 232 off annual rate

Golf courses around Columbus AFB also offer discounts and membership deals.

### Golf

**Elm Lake Golf Course:** 20 percent discount to active duty & 10 percent to retired military

**Lion Hills Golf Course:** \$200 off annual membership

**Old Waverly Golf Club:** \$7,200 off initial membership, \$148 off monthly membership, free admission to ISPA Women's Handa Cup Sept. 26 - 28

Columbus AFB has great community support that allows members of Team BLAZE to take advantage of discounts and deals to help save money. The listing of military discounts in Columbus can be accessed on SharePoint under the Public Affairs tab.

