

Weather

Thursday  Sunny High 50°F Low 26°F	Friday  Partly Cloudy High 57°F Low 32°F
Saturday  Sunny High 49°F Low 28°F	Sunday  Partly Cloudy High 50°F Low 28°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Bishop Neal Buckon Visit

The Most Reverend Neal Buckon is scheduled to visit Columbus Air Force Base Feb. 12 – 13.

George Washington's Birthday Holiday

Most base organizations are closed Feb. 15 in observance of George Washington's Birthday Holiday.

SUPT Class 16-05 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-05 is graduating at 10 a.m. Feb. 19 in the Kaye Auditorium.

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Feature 8

The Annual Award Winners are highlighted in this week's feature.



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

The winners of the Team BLAZE 2015 Annual Awards pose for a photo Feb. 5 at the Columbus Club on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The 14 Annual Award winners are Columbus AFB's "best of the best" for the past calendar year.

Moore congratulates Annual Award winners

Senior Airman Stephanie Englar
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Every year, Airmen of Columbus Air Force Base strive to participate in the prestigious Annual Awards Banquet which awards civilian, enlisted and officer Airmen for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Retired United States Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Thomas "Tango" Moore, former Deputy Commander, United States Central Command, spoke at the Columbus Air Force Base Annual Awards Ceremony Feb. 5 at the Columbus Club on Co-

lumbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

During his speech, Moore told the story of former Prisoner Of War, George Everett "Bud" Day, who Moore describes as a "Warrior's warrior." Moore told the audience that we stand taller because we stand on the shoulders of men like Bud Day.

"I want to thank all of you who have been recognized tonight for your excellence," Moore said. "It's one of the values of the United States Air Force; excellence in each and everything that you do every day."

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (16-13)	1.37 days	1.04 days	Feb. 16	48th (16-05)	-0.53 days	1.91 days	Feb. 19	49th (16-EBC)	-0.71 days	-0.95 days	Mar. 3	T-6	924	1,158	10,150
41st (16-14)	3.64 days	3.63 days	Mar. 10	50th (16-05)	0.89 days	2.65 days	Feb. 19					T-1	251	347	3,425
												T-38	300	366	3,396
												IFF	146	163	1,467

The graduation speaker is Col. Timothy G. Sumja, 23rd Fighter Group Commander, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 50 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.

George Washington's Birthday Holiday hours

Airman & Family Readiness Center	Closed Feb. 15
Arts & Crafts, Wood Shop	Closed Feb. 15
Back Gate.....	Closed Feb. 15
Bowling Center	Open Feb. 15, noon – 6 p.m.
Child Development Center	Closed Feb. 15
Columbus Club.....	Closed Feb. 15
Commissary	Closed Feb. 15 - 16
Exchange	Open Feb. 15, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Fitness Center	Open 24/7 (register at front desk)
Golf Course	Open Feb. 15, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Medical Group	Closed Feb. 15
Military Personnel and Finance	Closed Feb. 15
Multimedia	Closed Feb. 15
Outdoor Recreation	Closed Feb. 15
Shoppette.....	Open Feb. 15, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Visitor's Center	Closed Feb. 15
Youth Center.....	Closed Feb. 15

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
15 Washington's Birthday Holiday, most base offices closed	16	17	18 UAS Education Seminar, 6 p.m. @ GTR MOAA Dinner meeting, 6 p.m. @ Hilton Garden Inn, Starkville Daedalians, 6 p.m. @ Hucks	19 Black History Month 5K, 7 a.m. @ Fitness Center SUPT Class 16-05 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	20/21	Feb. 29: Enlisted Promotion Ceremony Feb. 29: Air Force Assistance Fund begins Mar. 3: IFF Graduation Mar. 8: Wing Newcomers Orientation Mar. 11: SUPT Class 16-06 Graduation Mar. 25: 16-07 Assignment Night Mar. 25: Air Force Assistance Fund ends Mar. 25: Happy Irby Golf Tournament Mar. 29: Wing Newcomers Orientation Mar. 29: Women's History Lunch Mar. 31: Enlisted Promotion Ceremony Apr. 1: IFF Graduation Apr. 8: SUPT Class 16-07 Graduation Apr. 15: 16-08 Assignment Night Apr. 19: Wing Newcomers Orientation Apr. 29: First Quarterly Awards Ceremony
22 Japanese Air Self Defense Force Visit Feb. 22-Mar. 24: Airman Leadership School @ CAFB	23	24	25 Black History Month Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Club	26	27/28	

Feb. 14

Sweet '16 Valentine's Day Comedy Show at 7 p.m. at The Southern. Venue is located at 513 Main Street. Tickets are \$15 and complimentary wine will be served. Show will feature Red Squirrel, Ira Coleman, The Truth and Mike Larry. More information can be found at www.sweet16ms.eventbrite.com.

Feb. 18

Wild Game Dinner and information expo hosted by Fairview Baptist Church, begins at 5:30 p.m., with a special guest, professional fisherman Randy Howell, speaking at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and must be purchased by Feb. 14. Tickets and information available from Fairview Baptist Church, 127 Airline Rd., or by calling 328-2924.

Feb. 19

The 32nd Annual Columbus Arts Council Auction and Gala "Art in Wonderland" is from 6 p.m. until midnight. Live and silent auctions, food, and live music are features of this fundraising event. For more information contact the Columbus Arts Council at 328-2787.

March 3 - 5

Enjoy three days of hot Mississippi Blues in honor of Blues legend Willie King! Live performances at the Rosenzweig Arts Center start at 7 p.m. on Thursday and feature The Bill Abel Band, The Nellie Mack Project and Big Joe and the Black Prairie Blues Band. For more information on Blues for Willie Festival 2016, visit columbus-arts.org or call 328-2787

BARGAIN LINE

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For Sale: Electric Shark floor cleaner with extra pad, \$5. Call 328-3977 for more information.
For Sale: Proform Whirlwind dual action stationary bike. Used very

little, \$150. Call 328-3977 for more information.
For Sale: Health rider (total body aerobic fitness). Very good condition, \$200. Call 328-3977 for more information.
For Sale: EZ Bole regal 3 wheel adult bike with basket. Hand brakes, 3-speed, used very little, \$250. Call 328-3977 for more information.
For Sale: Two 100-count cassette

holders, 25" X 19 1/2 X 4." Removable shelves. \$10 for both. Call 328-3977 for more information.
For Sale: Six-shelf book case, 60" X 22" X 7 3/4." \$30. Call 328-3977 for more information.
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in honor of Dental Health Month in February
Open to students kindergarten - 12th grade.

Guidelines:
• Art work does not have to be dental health related.
• Art work must be 8"x 10" or larger
• Name, grade, & school on back
• Deadline to enter is noon Friday, Feb. 19.



Artwork can be dropped off at the Pediatric Dental Clinic or mailed to us at 300 Hospital Drive, Columbus, MS 39705
Questions: contact Susan at the Pediatric Dental Clinic 662.327.0995 or pediatricdentistry@drdkcurtis.com

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AWARDS

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During the 2015 Columbus Air Force Base Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 5, Airmen were named the best of the best in 14 different categories based on how Columbus

AFB Produces Pilots, Advances Airmen and Feeds the Fight.

"We take great pride in celebrating [the winner's] accomplishments as well as their families, their supervisors and friends tonight," said Chief Master Sgt. Rita Felton, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief.

2016 Tax Center hours

The Columbus AFB Tax Center is located on the first floor of the Personnel Center, bldg. 926, room 105.

If you are an active duty member, retiree, or dependent with a combined family income under \$58,000, then you may qualify for this free tax preparation service.

The hours of operation are:
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday by Appointment only (Friday afternoon scheduling varies upon volunteer availability)
Walk-in hours are from 8 a.m. - noon on Mondays for simple 1040 returns.

Dorm residents may also contact Master Sgt. Jeffrey Randolph at 434-2392 to schedule on-site tax preparation with him.

The scope of our tax preparation is limited. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call the updated Tax Center number at 434-7030.

Columbus AFB Airmen donate blood



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Lauren Woods
Airman 1st Class Victoria McMillan, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Aerospace and Operational Physiology Flight, right, has her blood pressure taken Feb. 10 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, in preparation for a blood donation with the Keesler AFB, Mississippi, branch of the Armed Services Blood Program. The Armed Services Blood Program collects blood from Department of Defense-affiliated personnel and sends it overseas for use by service members in deployed environments.

23rd FG commander to speak at SUPT 16-05 graduation

Team BLAZE welcomes Col. Timothy G. Sumja, 23rd Fighter Group Commander, as the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-05's graduation.



Sumja commands the 23rd FG, "Flying Tigers," at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia.

He directs the flying and support operations of the largest A-10 operational fighter group consisting of two combat-ready A-10C Thunderbolt II squadrons, and an operations support squadron — the 74th and 75th Fighter Squadrons, and the 23d Operations Support Squadron.

Sumja received his commission in 1994 from the United States Air Force Academy while earning a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering. He completed undergraduate pilot training at Columbus AFB, Mississippi, and A-10 replacement training unit at Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona.

Sumja has served in various flying positions with units including the 74th Fighter Squadron at Pope AFB, North Carolina, the 25th Fighter Squadron at Osan AB, South Korea, the 81st Fighter Squadron at Spangdahlem AB, Germany, and the 74th and 75th Fighter Squadrons at Moody AFB. He completed the Weapons Instructor Course in 2002 and

was assigned to the 81st Fighter Squadron.

Sumja subsequently held a joint staff position with Joint Special Operations Command. Most recently, he was the commander of the 25th FS at Osan AB followed by a tour on the Air Staff at the Pentagon, and SDE at the Eisenhower School.

Sumja is a command pilot with over 2,800 flying hours, including 478 combat hours and 148 combat support hours.

EDUCATION

1994 Bachelor of Science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
2000 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2006 Air Command and Staff College, in correspondence, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2006 Master of Science in Management, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
2011 Air War College, in correspondence, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2014 Master of Science in National Resource Strategy, The Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. August 1994 - August 1995, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Mississippi
2. February 1996 - June 1996, Student, A-10 Pilot Training, 357th Flying Training Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
3. August 1996 - April 1999, Training Officer, A-10 Flight Lead, 74th Fighter Squadron, Pope AFB, North Carolina

4. April 1999 - May 2000, A-10 Instructor Pilot, Wing Scheduler, Flight Commander, 51st Operational Support Squadron, 25th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, South Korea
5. July 2000 - January 2003, Chief Fighter Group OA-10 Flight Evaluator, Flight Commander, 23d Fighter Group, 74th Fighter Squadron, Pope AFB, North Carolina
6. July 2002- December 2002, A-10 USAF Weapons Instructor Course Student, 57th Wing, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
7. January 2003 - March 2005, Squadron Weapons Officer, Chief A-10 Wing Weapons, 81st Fighter Squadron, 52nd Operational Support Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany
8. May 2005 - June 2006, Student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
9. June 2006 - July 2009, Chief of Close Air Support, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
10. July 2009 - May 2011, Director of Operations, 74th and 75th Fighter Squadrons, Moody AFB, Georgia
11. June 2011 - June 2013, Commander, 25th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, South Korea
12. July 2014 - July 2014, Deputy Division Chief, Air Superiority, AF/A5RC, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
13. July 2014 - July 2015, Student, Eisenhower School, National Defense University, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C.
14. August 2015 - Present, Commander, 23d Fighter Group, Moody AFB, Georgia

Columbus AFB Airman speaks during 2016 Mississippi CAP Cadet Conference



Photo courtesy of Sage Bender

Lt. Col. Bob Mozeleski, 14th Operations Group Deputy Commander, speaks at the 2016 Mississippi Wing Civil Air Patrol Cadet Conference Jan. 17 at Camp Tiak-O'Khata in Louisville, Mississippi. Mozeleski focused on Air Force Core Values during his speech. CAP senior members and cadets from three states attended the conference.

Be ready for tornadic weather

Senior Airman Jessie Ewing
14th Civil Engineer Squadron
Readiness and Emergency
Management

MORE INFORMATION

- **ONLINE:** Visit beready.af.mil
- **APP:** Download Be Ready Mobile App

Although tornado season is generally March through April, tornadoes can occur at any time of the year, as we learned last week when tornado warnings were issued for Columbus and the surrounding areas.

But what exactly is a tornado warning? And what about tornado watches?

A tornado WATCH is issued when conditions are favorable for the formation of tornadoes. A tornado WARNING is issued when a tornado has been indicated by weather radar or has been sighted.

This leads to what actions to take before, during and after these watches and warnings. Before the weather conditions deteriorate, it is vital to have a pre-established room or lo-

cation in your house that will serve as the safe place. The safe place should be on the lowest floor, avoiding exterior walls and windows.

During a tornado warning, seek shelter in the designated safe place, if home. If outdoors or in a vehicle, seek the nearest shelter immediately. If shelter is unavailable, lie in a ditch or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Never try to outrun a tornado. After a tornado, check for injuries and provide first aid if needed. Be aware of the surroundings; pay close attention for broken glass and fallen power lines.

For more information, visit beready.af.mil or download the Be Ready Mobile App available for both Android and Apple.

Voting via absentee ballots

Voting Assistance Office

All military service members and their families are encouraged to complete election forms in early 2016.

The Federal Post Card Application ensures you are registered to vote, and requests an absentee ballot for all federal elections in 2016.

FVAP.gov offers an online assistant to walk through completion of the form, and provides a blank fillable form. Once com-

pleted, do not forget to print and sign the form before submitting it to your local election office. Don't forget to follow up with election officials to ensure registration was received.

Voting is a personal choice. Voting assistance is available to help provide the tools and resources needed to successfully vote absentee.

For additional assistance, contact the Unit Voting Assistance Officer or the Installation Voting Assistance Officer at 434-3680 or via email at vote4@us.af.mil.



Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

“CANDLE WITH CARE”

- » Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- » Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

IF YOU DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you...

- » Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- » Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- » Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- » Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- » Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- » Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.



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NFPA NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Candles and Kids

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.



FACTS

- ! **December** is the peak time of year for home candle fires.
- ! Roughly **one-third** of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- ! More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

www.nfpa.org/education

CCAF breaks record for 6th consecutive year

Airman 1st Class Alexa Culbert
42nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — The Community College of the Air Force awarded 23,206 associate of applied science degrees in 2015, breaking the record for number of graduates for the sixth consecutive year.

“CCAF had an amazing year in 2015. We think CCAF is more relevant and more popular than ever before,” said Lt. Col. Nathan Leap, the CCAF commander. “The education helps our Airmen form better habits of mind, improve critical thinking skills, increase their diversity of thought and become more innovative.”

CCAF is the largest community college in the nation with 2,000 courses and more than a quarter of a million students.

Every CCAF degree makes Airmen more proficient and increases their performance within their primary Air Force specialty, Leap said. These degrees are earned through Air University, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The prestigious accreditation means that they meet the same strict standards as other SACS schools such as the universities of Georgia and Florida.

Over the years, CCAF has adapted to better serve Airmen by adding programs like Air Force Credentialing Opportunities On-Line, which enables Airmen to earn industry-recognized certifications.

“One of the most exciting developments within CCAF in 2015 was the emergence and expansion of the AF COOL program. We stood up AF COOL last year and made available nearly 1,000 new certifications to our enlisted Airmen,” Leap said.

The Air Force is also in the process of changing its policy to allow enlisted Airmen to obtain an unlimited number of credentials, books and prep material as long as the overall cost doesn't exceed a lifetime cap of \$4,500.

In 2015, CCAF improved the speed at which it loaded civilian credit to student's records by 60 percent. This was achieved by embracing new technologies and improving processes.

Despite the improvements, Leap admitted that it still takes too long to load civilian course credit to student's records.

“Our civilian employees have worked an enormous amount of overtime during the past seven months,” Leap said. “Despite the progress we made, we know we still have room for improvement and we're looking for innovative ways such as electronic transcripts and a new student information system to continue to provide better support to our students.”

Looking back, CCAF awarded 9,276 degrees in 1987. Since then the numbers of graduates have more than doubled despite the fact that there were almost 100,000 more enlisted Airmen back then.

“The success of our CCAF graduates last year epitomizes the Air Force's emphasis on the deliberate development of our enlisted members,” said Chief Master Sgt. Andrew Hollis, the CCAF vice commandant. “We distinguish ourselves as the most capable enlisted force in the world because generations of senior leaders prioritized our development and CCAF is an extraordinary instrument of that.”

Comm Airmen keep \$84M network running

Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Rau
455th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — With hundreds of thousands of megabytes of data whizzing along miles of fiber optic wire, only stopping briefly to be digested by a network computer before blazing off to its next destination, managing this cyber domain requires a skilled team of expertly trained individuals; in the case of a deployed network, it takes two teams.

Airmen from the 455th Expeditionary Communications Squadron Network Operations and Client Systems sections have the critical responsibility of ensuring that the systems required for command and control, accountability, and more are functioning properly and are adequately protected from cyber threats.

“We manage the \$21 million network control center, the brain of the \$84 million network,” said Master Sgt. Ernest Dinolfo, the network operations section chief. “Today, everyone relies on the network and it's a vital piece of the mission. We use it for everything from email to mission planning. It needs to be accessible to everyone so we can do our jobs.”

Monitoring the fidelity of more than 200 specialized servers that facilitate the use of nearly 6,000 unique individual and organizational accounts keeps network operations manned almost all hours of the day. They are tasked with making sure the systems are up to date with the newest protection and operating software, sometimes a challenge in and of itself.

“I'd say one of the biggest headaches we have while deployed is getting patches to work properly,” Dinolfo explained. “Sometimes computers won't accept them, or they will, and it will break them. That's why we have special test systems here to vet each patch before it is pushed



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Rau

Senior Airman Andrew Dawson, a 455th Expeditionary Communications Squadron Client Systems technician, updates a computer system before its return to the cyber network at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Jan. 13, 2016. The 455th ECS Network Operations and Client Systems sections have the critical responsibility of ensuring that the systems required for command and control, accountability, and more are functioning properly and are adequately protected from cyber threats.

out to the user. Often times we even have to manually install it to an individual user system.”

When it comes to troubleshooting and assisting those individual computer systems that just won't take an update, the client systems technicians are there.

“We are kind of like ‘Geek Squad,’” said Senior Airman Andrew Dawson, the 455th ECS Client Systems technician. “We are responsible for keeping everything from the desk to the wall working. We install all the software and make sure it runs properly.”

In addition to the computers on the network, client systems technicians also fix telecommunication devices, printers, and other hardware accessories. Since arriving in 2015, they have improved processes, updated older devices, and helped increase efficiency in units all across Bagram Airfield. While any given problem

“We manage the \$21 million network control center, the brain of the \$84 million network,” said Master Sgt. Ernest Dinolfo.

could have a simple solution, these Airmen are tied into the more intricate bigger picture.

“When I fix something, I know that it is really important. I get to see what that system does and who uses it,” Dawson said. “I know when I helped the rescue squadron I improved their response time in saving lives. I feel a direct impact to the mission and it makes me feel good.”

Biking brings hope to wounded, recovering veterans

Senior Airman Christian Clausen
432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christian Clausen

A recovering U.S. veteran rides his custom mountain bike as part of a Ride 2 Recovery program event Feb. 2, 2016, at Blue Diamond, Nevada. The program is dedicated to helping wounded and recovering veterans by bringing the veterans together to lift their spirits and even provide custom made bikes for the disabled free of charge.

he said. "I can't let one of my brothers or sisters in the arms stand by feeling lost, we've lost too many due to suicide to not go out and help somebody."

For one remotely piloted aircraft enterprise Airman, the program has helped him in ways he didn't know possible.

"I'm just happy to be alive and be out here because I spent a lot of time depressed," said retired Master Sgt. Chris White. "To be out here, it puts all the negativity out of my head and for that time I'm happy to be with my friends. We're brothers in arms and I'm in my element with people who are like minded, and just want to escape the daily grind of having their struggles and be around people who understand what it's like. We just go out and have a great time with each other with no judgement and everyone helps each other."

White was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2011. The disease is an incurable neurodegenerative disorder and causes tremors,

slowed movement, rigid muscles, impaired posture and balance, loss of automatic movements, speech changes, and writing changes due to a loss of dopamine in the brain.

White served 18 years in the Air Force, first as an F-16 Fighting Falcon crew chief, and finished his career as a maintenance production superintendent for the MQ-9 Reaper at Holloman AFB, New Mexico. While serving at Holloman AFB, White spent time at Creech AFB to gain experience on the MQ-9 Reaper for a new squadron being stood up. During this time, he began to develop his Parkinson's disease.

"I started developing Parkinson's earlier than I let on; it was about 10 years ago when I first started noticing symptoms," White said. "At that time I didn't want to say anything because I barely had 15 years in and I knew my career would be over, so I decided to hide it for a while."

Because of the high stress situation of working 16-hour days as the

only production superintendent at a new base, White was pushed to a breaking point and was forced to face reality.

"Needless to say, there was a moment when I had my clipboard in one hand and radio in the other, crying on the flight line and I had to go to my commander... for the first time in my career I had to admit that I couldn't do it anymore," he said.

It was at this point that White began the medical board process. The Air Force granted White with the equivalent of a 30-year retirement and paid for his deep brain stimuli surgery, a procedure used to treat disabling neurological symptoms by blocking electrical signals from the areas in the brain that cause them.

"It took three years before I was finally moved out of the Air Force but there was a couple good things that came out of it because there's no way I would have been able to do my job," White said. "I had a good career and they paid for my surgery. Without that surgery I wouldn't be here today, but I'm here able to ride my bike."

For White, even walking or sitting still seems an incredible challenge, but the bike is his sanctuary. When he rides, his symptoms dissolve as if he doesn't have the disease. This is true for nearly all the riders despite their ailments.

Even though White was a mountain biker for decades before his disease, he bikes today as part of his therapy to keep his muscles from becoming too stiff. He may not be able to set goals as high as he used to, but said he is thankful that he can still use his hobby as an escape.

"I always tell everyone that if I could ride my bike through life, Parkinson's would have no hold on me," he said.

White also said that even though the physical challenges can be difficult, they are easy compared to the mental challenges.

"The mental toll is what is really challenging, and this organization is about healing on a mental lev-

el and doing it with a crowd that feels your pain," he said. "When I was laid up, I started feeling badly, feeling suicidal honestly and if those feelings go on too long or you don't see that light, it can end badly. What kept me going was being able to get back on my bike."

Most veterans knew a life before their injuries, making readjusting to life difficult for them.

"R2R is a groundbreaking veterans program that saves lives by restoring hope and purpose," said Joe Coddington, the R2R events director. "Sounds easy but what we really do is reach out to veterans through cycling as a therapy for injuries, PTSD, traumatic brain injuries and really create a family for them to be a part of again."

The opportunity to come and train together distracts the veterans from their struggles and allows them to open up with others.

Even though the veterans are recovering in one way or another, they are all unique. It's a challenge to get every veteran back on the bike due to their distinct ailments, but the program is committed to getting everyone riding again no matter what.

"Some wounds are easy to see and some aren't," Coddington said. "One thing we say is that not everyone can participate in the same way, but everybody deserves to participate."

Because every veteran's injury is different, the R2R program has mechanics that can make custom bikes so each and every one can ride no matter what their condition.

After a new rider sits down with the mechanic, countless hours are spent figuring out how to best suit the veteran despite their injury. Once a bike has been fabricated, it is donated to the veteran for free.

The R2R which is made possible by its volunteers and support is able to build and donate custom bikes and in some cases even provide free transportation to events and meals.

(Editor's note: One of the last names in this story has been removed for security reasons.)



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

Airman 1st Class Victoria McMillan, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Aerospace and Operational Physiology Flight, talks to the Lowndes Young Leaders group Feb. 9 about the effects of hypoxia on the human brain and how to diagnose the symptoms during a tour of the Aerospace and Operational Physiology unit on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The group toured various organizations on base including Aerospace and Operational Physiology, the Air Traffic Control Tower, the newly-renovated Columbus Club, and 14th Flying Training Wing aircraft firsthand.

Lowndes Young Leaders

E.J. Griffiths

Columbus Air Force Base
School Liaison Officer

A nine-month leadership program for high school sophomores, Lowndes Young Leaders is designed to develop an energetic and diverse group of informed and qualified young leaders who will become our business and community leaders of tomorrow.

The program currently allows students to explore varying aspects of business and

economic development, education, law and criminal justice, health care, quality of life, and government.

Activities are designed to develop skills in teamwork and collaboration, problem solving, communication, organization and planning, ethics, networking, personal development and leadership skills. Participants gain an increased awareness of how leadership affects all aspects of life. To apply, go to clchamber.org/LYL.

2015-2016 deer hunting season closes

Frank Lockhart

14th Civil Engineer Squadron

The Mississippi hunting season officially closed Jan. 31.

Thirty-four hunters from Columbus Air Force Base participated in the 42-day hunting season on-base.

A total of 21 deer were harvested on Columbus AFB: seven bucks and 14 does. Shuqualak hunting produced one buck and three does.

Hunters aren't the only ones who benefited from this year's harvest. Controlling the deer population on-base significantly reduces the probability of deer entering the airfield area where they could endanger our pilots and aircraft. Robert Gable, 14th Contracting Squadron, was the leader this season by taking five deer.

Don't worry if you missed out this deer hunting season. The latest deer survey by the USDA biologist indicated between 35 and 50 deer remain on-base and continually enter from off-base property. The 2016-2017 hunting season will open Oct. 1.

BAH Rates for 39710				
Grade	2015		2016	
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O-10	\$1,482.00	\$1,974.00	\$1,386.00	\$1,743.00
O-9	\$1,482.00	\$1,974.00	\$1,386.00	\$1,743.00
O-8	\$1,482.00	\$1,974.00	\$1,386.00	\$1,743.00
O-7	\$1,482.00	\$1,974.00	\$1,386.00	\$1,743.00
O-6	\$1,467.00	\$1,956.00	\$1,359.00	\$1,728.00
O-5	\$1,452.00	\$1,935.00	\$1,284.00	\$1,713.00
O-4	\$1,320.00	\$1,734.00	\$1,227.00	\$1,566.00
O-3	\$1,155.00	\$1,449.00	\$1,071.00	\$1,359.00
O-2	\$987.00	\$1,224.00	\$918.00	\$1,140.00
O-1	\$735.00	\$888.00	\$780.00	\$858.00
O-3E	\$1,233.00	\$1,578.00	\$1,143.00	\$1,455.00
O-2E	\$1,077.00	\$1,437.00	\$1,011.00	\$1,347.00
O-1E	\$996.00	\$1,329.00	\$930.00	\$1,239.00
W-5	\$1,332.00	\$1,686.00	\$1,242.00	\$1,533.00
W-4	\$1,254.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,161.00	\$1,440.00
W-3	\$1,152.00	\$1,452.00	\$1,068.00	\$1,365.00
W-2	\$1,011.00	\$1,347.00	\$939.00	\$1,260.00
W-1	\$927.00	\$1,236.00	\$861.00	\$1,149.00
E-9	\$1,149.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,065.00	\$1,419.00
E-8	\$1,050.00	\$1,398.00	\$978.00	\$1,308.00
E-7	\$984.00	\$1,311.00	\$915.00	\$1,224.00
E-6	\$924.00	\$1,233.00	\$858.00	\$1,143.00
E-5	\$723.00	\$846.00	\$735.00	\$819.00
E-4	\$696.00	\$792.00	\$651.00	\$801.00
E-3	\$696.00	\$792.00	\$651.00	\$801.00
E-2	\$696.00	\$792.00	\$651.00	\$801.00
E-1	\$696.00	\$792.00	\$651.00	\$801.00

2016 brings BAH changes for Columbus AFB

Maj. Rickey Lott

14th Comptroller Squadron
Commander

Columbus Air Force Base's Basic Allowance for Housing rates have changed for 2016.

Very few Columbus AFB members will be affected. The vast majority will be "grandfathered" to the 2015 rate.

Members who are already receiving Co-

lumbus AFB BAH will remain at the rate they were entitled to last year. Members who have a change in status, such as moving from base housing or the dorms to off-base facilities, or have a change in rank or dependency status, will receive the new rate. Newcomers to Columbus AFB will also get the new rate.

For more information, please call 434-3068.

BLAZE Hangar Tails: B-2 Spirit

Mission

The B-2 Spirit is a multi-role bomber capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear munitions. A dramatic leap forward in technology, the bomber represents a major milestone in the U.S. bomber modernization program. The B-2 brings massive firepower to bear, in a short time, anywhere on the globe through previously impenetrable defenses.

Features

The B-2 provides the penetrating flexibility and effectiveness inherent in manned bombers. Its low-observable, or "stealth," characteristics give it the unique ability to penetrate an enemy's most sophisticated defenses and threaten its most valued, and heavily defended, targets. Its capability to penetrate air defenses and threaten effective retaliation provides a strong, effective deterrent and combat force well into the 21st century.

The revolutionary blending of low-observable technologies with high aerodynamic efficiency and large payload gives the B-2 important advantages over existing bombers. Its low-observability provides it greater freedom of action at high altitudes, thus increasing its range and a better field of view for the aircraft's sensors. Its unrefueled range is approximately 6,000 nautical miles (9,600 kilometers).

The B-2 has a crew of two pilots, a pilot in the left seat and mission commander in the right, compared to the B-1B's crew of four and the B-52's crew of five.

Background

The first B-2 was publicly displayed on Nov. 22, 1988, when it was rolled out of its hangar at Air Force Plant 42, Palmdale, California. Its first flight was July 17, 1989. The B-2 Combined Test Force, Air

Force Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base, California, is responsible for flight testing the engineering, manufacturing and development aircraft on the B-2.

The combat effectiveness of the B-2 was proved in Operation Allied Force, where it was responsible for destroying 33 percent of all Serbian targets in the first eight weeks, by flying nonstop to Kosovo from its home base in Missouri and back. In support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the B-2 flew one of its longest missions to date from Whiteman to Afghanistan and back. The B-2 completed its first-ever combat deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, flying 22 sorties from a forward operating location as well as 27 sorties from Whiteman AFB and releasing more than 1.5 million pounds of munitions. The aircraft received full operational capability status in December 2003. On Feb. 1, 2009, the Air Force's newest command, Air Force Global Strike Command, assumed responsibility for the B-2 from Air Combat Command.

General characteristics

Primary function: multi-role heavy bomber

Contractor: Northrop Grumman Corp. and Contractor Team: Boeing Military Airplanes Co., Hughes Radar Systems Group, General Electric Aircraft Engine Group and Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc.

Power plant: four General Electric F118-GE-100 engines

Thrust: 17,300 pounds each engine

Wingspan: 172 feet (52.12 meters)

Length: 69 feet (20.9 meters)

Height: 17 feet (5.1 meters)

Weight: 160,000 pounds (72,575 kilograms)

Maximum takeoff weight:



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott H. Spitzer

The B-2 Spirit approaches the boom of a McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, KC-10A Extender during a Capstone orientation flight. The B-2 brings massive firepower to bear, in a short time, anywhere on the globe through previously impenetrable defenses.

336,500 pounds (152,634 kilograms)

Fuel capacity: 167,000 pounds (75,750 kilograms)

Payload: 40,000 pounds (18,144 kilograms)

Speed: high subsonic

Range: intercontinental

Ceiling: 50,000 feet (15,240 meters)

Armament: conventional or nuclear weapons

Crew: two pilots

Unit cost: Approximately \$1.157 billion (fiscal 1998 constant dollars)

Initial operating capability: April 1997

Inventory: active force: 20 (1 test); ANG: 0; Reserve: 0



U.S. Air Force photo by Bobbie Garcia

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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, held 10 - 11:30 a.m. Feb. 16, is a class providing 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.

Capstone

This class is scheduled for 8 a.m. - noon Feb. 18. The Capstone is required for all separating/retiring personnel and should occur no later than 90 days prior to anticipated separation/retirement; however, if a member has less than 90 days left in the military, the member should attend as soon as possible within their remaining period of service. It verifies if service members have/have not met their Career Readiness Standards/Individual Transition Plan Checklist, DD Form 2958. The checklist, in conjunction with the ITP, will be used by the A&FRC to verify status of CRS completion. Call 434-2790 for more information.

Military Saves Week 2016

The 2016 Military Saves Week is Feb. 22-27. Its slogan is "Start Small, Think Big" and the theme for 2016 is "Make Saving Automatic." The goals of Military Saves Week are to increase participation, foster partnerships, and increase financial readiness and stability. For more information call 434-2790.

Military Saves - Thrift Savings Plan

A Military Saves Thrift Savings Workshop is held 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Feb. 22. It encourages the military community to Build Wealth, Not Debt. Learn how to start saving for retirement early, call 434-2790 for more information and to register.

Bundles of Joy

This workshop is held 1 - 3:30 p.m. Feb. 24, and is for active-duty families assigned to Columbus AFB who are expecting or have a child up to 4 months of age. It is an Air Force Aid Society program with presentations about topics such as Tricare, child care, breastfeeding, car seat safety, labor and delivery and more. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Career Technical Training

This transition event is held March 7-8, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. 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 8 partic-

Columbus Club hosts Super Bowl party



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

Fans cheer on their favorite team during the Super Bowl 50 party Feb. 7 at the newly-renovated Columbus Club on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Denver Broncos defeated the Carolina Panthers 24-10 to earn their third Super Bowl title.

ipates to make, to register and more information call 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief will be on March 8, 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. it is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Kaye Auditorium, or Columbus Club, for more information call 434-2839.

Pre-separation Counseling

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

Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

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

Survivor-Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor

Benefit Plan. As with all good decision-making, you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision, and be wary of anyone telling you they can offer you a better deal. Always get the true facts about the SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling (662) 434-2720.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

The MFLC counselors provide non-medical counseling to help Airmen (both single and married), their spouses and other family members to cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health providers. Counselors can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC, call 662-364-0504.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center. We have volunteer opportunities located throughout the base for a one-time event, special events, or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Golf Course, Medical Clinic, 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.

Learn How to Read Your LES

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

Chapel Schedule

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

The Chapel offers 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

- Friday:** Feb. 12 - March 18 (every Friday) 5 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
- Saturday:** Feb. 13 5 p.m. - Mass and Confirmation with Bishop Buckon
- Sunday:** Feb. 14 Confession by appointment only 3:45 p.m. - No Religious Education, grades K-9 4 p.m. - No Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary) 5 p.m. - No Mass

Protestant Community

- Sunday:** 9 a.m. - Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library) 10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service
- Tuesday:** 5 p.m. - Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)
- Wednesday:** 4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter at @columbusafbliving, MyAirForceLife App on any smart phone or visit our website at columbusafbliving.com to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base. Check out the calendar on the website for important Airman and Family Readiness Center events. For more information, contact 434-2337.

Sweetheart Golf Outing and Dinner

The Golf Course is offering a Sweetheart Golf Outing and Dinner Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. The cost is only \$50 per couple; includes 9 holes of golf, cart rental, and a steak dinner with a rose for the ladies. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Youth Pre-Valentine Day Dance

The Youth Center is offering a Pre-Valentine Day dance Feb. 13 from 6 – 10 p.m. for ages 9 – 18. Enjoy music, refreshments, and lots of fun. The cost is only \$5 per person. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Valentine's Day Brunch

The Columbus Club is offering Valentine's Day Brunch Feb. 14 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Reservations required. Brunch prices: Adults: Club Member \$17; non-member \$20; children (5 – 11) \$8; under 5 free. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Wee Babies

The Base Library is offering Wee Babies Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. This program is for 0 – 4 years old and promotes rhythm, kinesthetic and body awareness using song, dance and activities. For more information, contact 434-2936.

Youth Photography Competition

The Youth Center is offering a Youth Photography Competition Feb. 18 from 3 – 6 p.m. for ages 6 – 18. Categories include: culture and tradition, surroundings, portraits, and one of a kind. Submit photographs by Feb. 16. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Black History Month 5K Fitness Run

The Fitness Center is offering a 5K fitness run/walk Feb. 19 at 7 a.m. in honor of Black History Month. Visit the Black History Month Displays provided by the Black History Committee. Commander's trophy points awarded. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Glo ball Tournament

The Golf Course is offering a glo ball tournament Mar. 4 at 6 p.m. The cost is only \$35 plus cart per member; \$45 plus cart per non-member and includes 18 holes of glo ball golf and chili dinner prior to play. Must have 24 participants paid by Feb. 29 at noon to offer. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Monte Carlo Cosmic Bowling

The Bowling Center is offering Monte Carlo Cosmic Bowling the first and third Saturday of each month. Bowl for a chance to win \$200. The cost is only \$20; early bird, \$17. Bowling starts promptly at 6 p.m. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Base Library Relocation

The Base Library has relocated to the Education Center, building 916. Hours of operation are as follows: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and Sundays 1 – 5 p.m. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Story Time at the Library

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



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\$20
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Columbus Club Reopens

We are excited to announce that your Columbus Club is open. Lunch is available Monday - Friday 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Monday - Chef Special, Tuesday- Italian or Mexican Buffet, Wednesday – Pizza and Wings Buffet, Thursday- Southern Buffet, Friday – Catfish and Spaghetti Buffet. Lunch Prices: Chef Special \$6; Buffet \$8.95. Club members receive \$1 discount. For more information, contact 434-2419.

Cosmic Bowling Special

The Bowling Center is offering Cosmic Bowling for only \$12 per person every Friday and Saturday night from 5 – 8 p.m. You also may purchase individual games for \$3 per game with purchase of \$1.50 shoe rental. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Lawn Mower Repair

Lawn mower repair is now available at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is only \$40 per hour plus parts; pickup and delivery available. For more information, contact 434-2507.

Gymnastics Instructor Needed

Gymnastics Instructors needed at the Youth Center. For more information, contact Kayline Hamilton at 434-2503.

Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed

Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? For more information, contact 434-7836.

Volleyball Open Play

The Fitness Center offers volleyball open play every Sunday 1 – 3 p.m. For 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.

Free Pool Passes and FootGolf

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

Story Time

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

Make Your Shopping Easier

Force Support Squadron gift cards are available in increments of \$5 to fit any budget. They can be used at most Force Support Squadron facilities at Air Force installations worldwide and they never go out of style. Purchase your gift card at one of the following locations: Bowling Center, Golf Course or Youth Center. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Class

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

Wood Shop Self Help

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

RV Storage Lot

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

Green Plate Special

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

Instructional Classes at Youth Center

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

Fitness on Request

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

Space A Lodging

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

Ride in Style

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

MyMC2 app



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



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Feb. 25 & 26, 2016

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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- Identify the amplified transition challenges that impact mobile military-connected students with exceptional needs
- Analyze processes that support transitioning children with exceptional needs
- Design methods to ease transitions for military children with exceptional needs

Register here:

www.MilitaryChild.org/training

For more information about this training, other professional development opportunities, or support, please contact:

Myriam Virella at (254) 953-1923 x 1119 or Myriam.Virella@MilitaryChild.org

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There is no cost to participants

Upon completion of the training (**12 clock hours**) participants may apply for continuing education credits for a fee of \$25.00. CE credit applications must be received within 12 months from the completion of the training.

For additional information visit: www.MilitaryChild.org/professionals/programs/continuing-education-graduate-credit



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2015 Wing Annual Award Winners



Maj. Nathan Preuss
Wing Staff Agency
Field Grade Officer of the Year



Maj. Carmella Essien
14th Medical Group
Flight Commander of the Year



Capt. Richard Stead
14th Operations Group
Company Grade Officer of the Year



Capt. Ryan Bagby
14th Operations Group
Instructor Pilot of the Year



Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Arce
14th Operations Group
Senior NCO of the Year



Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Hoffman
14th Medical Group
NCO of the Year



Senior Airman Jessie Ewing
14th Mission Support Group
Airman of the Year



Senior Airman Dimitri Munoz
14th Medical Group
Honor Guardsman of the Year



David Ross
14th Medical Group
Civilian Category I of the Year



Kristina Conwill
14th Operations Group
Civilian Category II of the Year



Master Sgt. Nesha Willis
Wing Staff Agency
Volunteer of the Year



Master Sgt. Noe Torres
14th Medical Group
First Sergeant of the Year



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Wing Staff Agency
C3 Team of the Year



Rowdy Smith
14th Mission Support Group
Flight Chief of the Year