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Sunday

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High 63°F Low 37°F

Monday

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High 66°F Low 43°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

ALS Graduation

Airman Leadership School Class 16-3 will graduate at 7 p.m. March 24 at the Columbus Club. Social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the prices for buffet will be \$26 for Club members and \$28 for nonmembers.

AFAF Final Week

The Air Force Assistance Fund is set to end March 25 for Columbus Air Force Base. If you are interested in donating, contact your unit or group POC.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. March 29 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

Inside

Feature 8

The outdoor scenery of Columbus AFB is highlighted in this week's feature.

Fire chiefs from local region meet at Columbus AFB

Robert "Bunky" Goza, Monroe County Emergency Operations Director, speaks with William O'Meara, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Inspector, during the Regional Fire Chief Meeting March 17 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Attendees came from several locations to meet. While they were on base they were able to view the fire station, various static displays of aircraft and emergency vehicles, and they received mission brief before going to a luncheon.

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 (16-15)	1.54 days	2.59 days	Apr. 1	48th (16-07)	-0.60 days	2.21 days	Mar. 25	49th (16-FBC)	-1.35 days	3.27 days	Apr. 1	T-6	1,508	1,429	13,305
41st (17-01)	4.71 days	2.39 days	Apr. 25	50th (16-07)	1.16 days	0.95 days	Mar. 25					T-1	516	407	4,414
												T-38	489	527	4,374
												IFF	228	175	1,828

The Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-08 graduates on April 8.



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.

Team BLAZE teaches CAP students about Columbus, flying, safety



Photo courtesy of Civil Air Patrol Cadet 2nd Lt. Cynthia Collette

Capt. Jason Greer, 14th Flying Training Wing Flight Safety Officer, briefs Columbus Air Force Base flying operations to over 40 Civil Air Patrol from the Tuscaloosa and Bessemer, Alabama, CAP Squadrons March 15 at the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport. Greer was joined by Lt. Col. Nathan Smith, 14th FTW Chief of Safety, Maj. Nathan Pruess, Wing Flight Safety Officer, and Capt. Jesse Rosal, 37th Flying Training Squadron Chief of Safety, to present the Mid-Air Collision Avoidance presentation to the group.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
21	22 Enlisted Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Annex	23	24 ALS Graduation, 6:30 p.m. @ Club	25 Air Force Assistance Fund ends Happy Irby Golf Tournament, noon @ Golf Course	26/27 27th - Easter Brunch	Apr. 5: Retired Chiefs Luncheon Apr. 8: SUPT Class 16-07 Graduation Apr. 15: 16-08 Assignment Night Apr. 19: Wing Newcomers Orientation Apr. 21: 48th FTS Change of Command Apr. 22: 43rd FTS Change of Command Apr. 29: First Quarterly Awards Ceremony Apr. 29: Enlisted Promotions Ceremony Apr. 29: SUPT Class 16-08 graduation May 6: 16-09 Assignment Night May 10: Wing Newcomers Orientation May 13: CCAF Graduation May 14: BLAZE fest May 20: SUPT Class 16-09 graduation
28	29 Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 am. @ Club	30 Women's History Lunch, 11:30 a.m. @ Club	31 14th STUS Change of Command, 9:14 a.m. @ Fire Station Enlisted Promotion Ceremony, 3 p.m. @ Club	1	2/3 2nd - Spring Pilgrimage Half Marathon/5k, 7 a.m. @ TN Williams Welcome Center 2nd-Mayor's Unity Picnic, 4 p.m. @ Riverwalk	

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they make a decision.

“Upon entry into a hostile environment, we must constantly monitor the threat levels,” Bullard said. “So we’re constantly evaluating to see where we can open an airfield and make some modifications to the process to allow people to be transported out.”

To make modifications, it is necessary for the U.S. military to have

a good working relationship with government leaders in the host nation.

“The wonderful thing about the South Korean government is that in a wartime environment, their civil aircraft can nationalize and those aircraft then become part of (the South Korean air force),” Bullard said. “We can then utilize those in the appropriate threat environment to carry passengers and cargo.”

Not only will the assistance from

the host nation help, but it will also make it easier and faster to escort noncombatants out of the war zone.

“Air mobility is the glue that holds everything together. It’s a lot of fun to work because it’s very dynamic,” Bullard said. “One of the great things about Air Mobility Command is that it’s just a very rewarding job. We work behind the scenes in such a variety of missions and it’s essential to the entire process.”

NEWS AROUND TOWN

March 21

Mississippi University for Women is the site for a Guest Artist Masterclass with Kenneth Bozeman, tenor, starting at 3 p.m. The Masterclass will be held in Poindexter Hall’s Connie Sills Kossen Auditorium. Contact the MUW Department of Music for more information.

March 24

The Columbus Arts Council will host Hinamatsuri & Chado - Japanese Doll Festival and Tea Ceremony, 5:30 - 7 p.m. This will showcase a mini-exhibit of Japanese and international dolls to celebrate this Japanese doll festival. Japanese artist and instructor Chieko Iwata will decorate dolls and discuss their cultural significance; MSU’s Japanese Club will perform traditional dances, and a Japanese tea ceremony will follow. Visit columbus-arts.org or call 662-328-2787 for more information.

March 28

Visit Columbus kicks off Spring Pilgrimage with a crawfish and shrimp boil and Blues music on the Tennessee Williams Home and Welcome Center lawn from 5 - 8 p.m. Teen guitar virtuoso and Clarksdale native, Kingfish, will perform. Enjoy an afternoon of great food and live music to herald the start of Columbus’ 76th Annual Spring Pilgrimage. For more information, call Visit Columbus at 800-920-3533 or 662-329-1191.

March 29

The Columbus Arts Council will host Discover Japan: Land of the Rising Sun, an educational presentation that takes attendees on a journey through Japan. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Rosenzweig Arts Center and admission is free. Visit columbus-arts.org or call 662-328-2787 for more information.

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The three contracts are the Base Information Transfer Center, Base Network & Telephone System and the Cable One cable TV contract.

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1. Draft an email giving the date and time of the incident resulting in the complaint, your organization, office symbol, building number, full name, phone number, nature of the complaint. Also, include the who, what, when, where and how specifics relating to the complaint.

2. Email this information to 14cs.workflow@columbus.af.mil.

Necessary actions will be documented by the Contractor Officer Representative and a response will be returned to the customer.

If you have any specific questions with regards to 14th Communications Squadron contract operations please contact the 14th CS Operations Flight Chief at 14cs.sco@columbus.af.mil.

Team BLAZE members win AETC awards

Congratulations to Capt. Danielle Varwig for earning the 2015 Air Education and Training Command Inspector General Award, the Lieutenant General Howard W. Leaf Award, Category IV.

Congratulations to Capt. Ryan Bagby for earning the 2015 Air Education and Training Command Flying and Technical Training Annual Award, the Maj. Gen. Profit Award (Officer Instructor of the Year).

Congratulations to Capt. Andrew Kline for earning the 2015 Air Education and Training Command Flying and Technical Training Annual Award for Flying Training Flight Commander of the Year.

HOLY WEEK AT CAFB CHAPEL



HOLY THURSDAY: March 24
Protestant: 5 p.m.
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GOOD FRIDAY: March 25
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EASTER SUNDAY: March 26
Protestant: 6:30 and 10:45 a.m.
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SOAR offers active-duty education opportunity

Laurence Brooks

14th Force Support Squadron Education
and Training Chief

The Scholarships For Outstanding Airmen program offers active-duty enlisted personnel the opportunity to earn a commission.

The program is for junior Airmen who can complete all bachelor degree and commissioning requirements in two to four years as an Air Force ROTC cadet.

SOAR packages should be sent electronically to the major command functional management no later than Sept. 15. Packages that are incomplete or ineligible will be rejected.

Applicants are ultimately responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their package. The Base Education Center may assist the members in an advisory capacity.

For program information, applicant requirements, selection process, eligibility, and the application process, visit the Air Force ROTC website au.af.mil/au/holmcenter/AFROTC/EnlistedComm/SOAR.asp.

Columbus Spring Pilgrimage volunteers needed

The Columbus Spring Pilgrimage 2016 is scheduled to run March 28 - April 9. If you are interested in volunteering as a host in the antebellum mansions during the tours please email Marla Fisher at hostsforpilgrimage@gmail.com. Time period clothing will be available for volunteers.

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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.

Voting via absentee ballots

Voting Assistance Office

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

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

14th FSS offers FAA testing

The 14th Force Support Squadron offers Federal Aviation Administration testing, or FAA testing, conducted at the Education Office Mondays at 8 a.m. or Thursdays at 1 p.m. To schedule an FAA Exam, please e-mail europonda.stone@us.af.mil.

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Total force team moves the mission in defending South Korea

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Wilson
7th Air Force

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — In an effort to deter aggression, fighter aircraft routinely fly while troops on the ground mobilize and train to defend South Korea. However, there still lies another piece to the puzzle.

That puzzle piece is none other than the 607th Air Mobility Division.

"We control air refueling, air drops, air resupply, and essentially any kind of movement as far as cargo, supplies, people and fuel," said Brig. Gen. Steven P. Bullard, the 607th Air Operations Center director of mobility forces and Kentucky Air National Guard chief of staff. "We're looking primarily at in-air refueling missions. We need to be able to resupply everything from reconnaissance aircraft to fighter and cargo jets."

The mobility division is responsible for keeping people, aircraft and cargo in flight.

"In addition to tankers, we also consist of airlift planners and aeromedical evacuation technicians," said Capt. Danny Velo, the Air Mobility Division deputy chief. "One of our biggest challenges is getting noncombatant evacuees off of the peninsula and out of harm's way."

The last thing U.S. and South Korean armed forces want

"We would evacuate civilians to safe havens off peninsula and the United States," Bullard said. "That's a real challenge in a dynamic threat environment. So we're looking at all of our options to see how we can make that happen."

is for civilians to be caught between crosshairs of a potential war with a dangerous adversary in an austere environment. So in a wartime scenario, all civilians would either move or be escorted south and air mobility's job would be to fly those individuals out.

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When members in the 607th AMD review their options, there are several safety precautions they must evaluate before

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U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nick Wilson
Lt. Col. Kevin Krauss, the 607th Air Mobility Division assistant director of mobility forces, takes notes as Brig. Gen. Steven Bullard, the 607th AMD director of mobility forces, discusses potential airlift operations during exercise Key Resolve 16 at Osan Air Base, South Korea, March 8, 2016. When the 607th AMD reviews airlift options, there are several safety precautions that must be evaluated before making a decision.

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SECAF visits Luke

Tech. Sgt Luther Mitchell Jr.
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Arizona — Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James visited Luke Air Force Base March 9 and 10, to meet with Airmen and gain a better understanding of its mission with a focus on F-35 Lightning II operations, and its maintenance and training facilities. During her first visit to the base, James held an all-call where she took time to thank Airmen and give her impressions of Luke. “Wow, what a great total force story we have going on here,” said James. “We have active duty, the Reserve component, civilians, and fantastic contractor support working side-by-side with our international partners. That is the broadest of the broad total force story, and I’m impressed with it.” Most of James’ day involved briefings about F-35 operations and touring F-35 facilities. James spoke about how impressed she was with the leadership team with respect to F-16 and F-35 training, as well as her tour of different parts of base and interacting with Airmen in their work centers. “When it comes to the F-35 program, this is a program that has really taken off,” James said. “Pilots and maintainers are being trained, sorties are being flown and challenges

are being overcome. There is a “can-do” spirit here.” The SECAF’s visit included stops to the Academic Training Center, a state-of-the-art training center for fighter pilots, and the 61st Fighter Squadron and 61st Aircraft Maintenance Unit, the first squadrons to fly and maintain the F-35 at Luke. During her tour, James discussed everything from flight equipment, the performance of ALIS, the F-35’s autonomic logistics information system, the next generation F-35 helmet and Luke’s partnerships with other nations training here. James voiced how impressed she was of the support she has seen for the 56th Fighter Wing’s mission to train the world’s greatest F-35 and F-16 fighter pilots from Arizona leaders such as Governor Doug Ducey and community groups like Luke West Valley Partnership. She also remarked how the work that Luke Airmen are doing to accomplish that mission will give America aerial victory in the future. “I’m truly blown away by all you are accomplishing here,” James said. “You truly are making the future of our Air Force happen here today. The crucial training capabilities that you are providing will allow the United States to prevail in any kind of fight, particularly that high-end type of fight: the anti-



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Devante Williams
Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James, receives instruction from Lt. Col. Rhett Hierlmeier, 56th Training Squadron director of operations on a flight simulator, March 10, 2016, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. James toured the Academic Training Center and received briefings on the progress of F-35 Lightning II operations, pilot training, and simulators.

cess, area-denial hard fight.” During her speech, James made points on global security, a smaller Air Force, the need to modernize the force and increase overall readiness, as well as discussing her priorities for the Air Force. James fielded a few questions from the audience before departing, but not before giving Luke one last thank you. “Team Luke, you are doing a fantastic job,” James said. “These are critical capabilities for today, as well as for the future of our Air Force, and you are going to make it happen for us all.”

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tions superintendent. The ops director will work with the wing operations center to ensure all logistical necessities are in place in order to complete the specific mission order. “Mission planning in a new area of responsibility can be intense and require additional documentation such as airspace control plans, air operations directives, air tasking orders, and rules of engagements,” said Lt. Col. Ronnie, the 42nd Attack Squadron’s ops director. “It would be my job as well as other shops to disseminate these documents. I’m also responsible for ensuring the squadron is fully manned and ready to operate in combat 24/7/365.” The director is also accountable for the weapons and tactics shop, scheduling, training, plans and programs, and squadron aviation resource managers. According to Ronnie, all these shops, while different, each ensure the mission completion by validating that proper weapons are chosen to meet mission requirements, crews have proper training to use those weapons, and the correct aircrew is flying and has the necessary flight requirements. “Before we can even plan a mission, we first have to figure out where we’re going to get the manpower needed to fly the aircraft,”

said Maj Steven, the 432nd Wing’s operations center deputy director. “After that we have to coordinate a launch and recovery site, the ground control stations, and get planes to the location.” Once the mission’s logistics are good to go, intelligence Airmen must ensure the aircrew has the necessary qualifications and information to fly in the region. “When we go into a new (area) we have to first make sure the aircrew is qualified to operate in that location,” said Senior Airman Aaron, a 432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing intelligence evaluator. “After that’s done, then we can begin to gather the necessary information to fly a successful mission.” At this point, a mission support analyst collects information to have situational awareness of the overall environment. Information included is the type of mission, possible targets, combatant groups, common practices and beliefs of said groups, the terrain, and overall geographic familiarization and more. With this information, the analyst briefs the pilot, sensor operator, and mission intelligence coordinator, to ensure the aircrew is aware of anything specific to the operating environment that could hinder or help mission success. “We, as (intelligence personnel), must make sure that the aircrew and supported units flying the mission are completely aware of everything that could hurt or help the mission so we can get

the job done,” Aaron said. Also in this briefing, a mission control element made up of the pilot, sensor operator, and mission intelligence coordinator, discuss information provided by the analyst as well as tactics, techniques and procedures, and safety checklists. They ensure everyone in the control element is physically and emotionally able to fly the mission. Once the mission is planned, weather Airmen step in to gather the latest weather data to determine if it’s safe for the aircraft to fly. According to Senior Master Sgt. Ken, the 432nd Operations Support Squadron weather flight superintendent, compared to a fighter, bomber or airline aircraft, RPAs can be more susceptible to inclement weather. With the mission planning portion of the CAP complete, Airmen across five career fields and even more shops have been involved in starting a patrol. Each one adding their own instrumental piece to the puzzle that makes global RPA operations a reality, ultimately eliminating enemy combatants and saving American and coalition lives downrange. (Editor’s note: Some last names have been removed for security reasons.)

20th Special Operations Squadron CV-22 visits Columbus AFB



A CV-22 Osprey assigned to Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, visited Columbus AFB, Mississippi, March 16 for a short static display and to generate interest in flying the aircraft for student pilots. The Osprey’s mission is to conduct long-range infiltration, exfiltration and resupply missions for special operations forces.

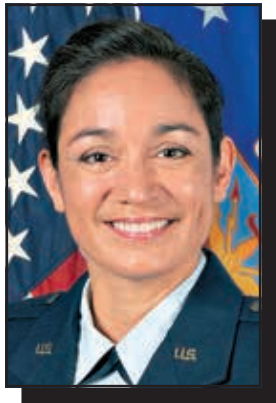


U.S. Air Force photos/Airman 1st Class John Day
A CV-22 Osprey assigned to Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, departs Columbus AFB, Mississippi, March 16. The CV-22 can perform missions that normally would require both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft.

VIEWPOINT Train like an Olympian

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

As the Summer Olympics come closer and you pick your favorite competitors, have you ever wondered what it takes to train like an Olympian? As a former athlete I can tell you their training regimen is very similar to ours. My years at the Olympic training center incorporated the same training tools the Air Force utilizes in Comprehensive Airman Fitness. My coach not only focused on my daily physical regimen, but we also incorporated mental training, social obligations and spiritual wellbeing. The success of your Air Force career and your ability to adapt and overcome daily challenges begins with you and your training regime. First and foremost, an athlete focuses on their area of expertise and a coach ensures they train to be at their top competitive shape. You should also train your body and mind to



be at your best competitive shape. I tell my Airmen you never know when you will be notified of a tasking and where you will go, but being in shape and knowing your job well makes a big difference when you go down range. As many of you can attest, deployments are not only tasking mentally and emotionally, but physically. The better you prepare your body, the better you are able to handle the long hours, the extreme temperatures, and the physical exhaustion you may experience. Also knowing your area of expertise is essential because you never know what job you will be placed at when you deploy. Weekly sessions with a psychiatrist to develop mental control is not uncommon for an athlete. We were always trained that being a successful athlete required 90 percent mental strength and only 10 percent physical ability. I truly believed that statement as I faced many of my greatest challenges as a winner because I utilized my wit instead of strength. During my time as an athlete the top athletes in my sport were from China. We quickly learned a majority of their initial training started with visualization versus actual physical training. I am sure many of you have experienced success just because your mind believed you could achieve your goal. I challenge you to write and develop a picture of what your goals are and watch as you come closer to your goal because

you see it every day. Any successful leader shows their appreciation to their staff, to the community and even to their beliefs by giving back. No one can be successful alone. My coach ensured we worked together and provided support and even the friendly banter that pushes each athlete on our team beyond their comfort zone. We also were encouraged to volunteer within the community. Because of our efforts I saw how we inspired young athletes to strive for more, but also brought the community closer to our mission. I have never seen walls fall faster than a group of international athletes working together to achieve a goal. Find your passion and give back. You will find yourself building new friendships and enjoying any community the military may send you and your family to. Finally, no athlete can succeed unless they have a strong spiritual sense of wellbeing. Spiritual wellbeing is not just religious beliefs, it is your purpose and perspective of life. A great coach ensures their athletes have purpose and encourages strong self-worth. The Air Force has the Core Values and the Airmen’s Creed; read them, take in their meaning, and see how you fit into the overall vision these words invoke. Anyone can become successful especially when they understand and incorporate their purpose in the overall vision of their organization. So now you have the tools to be a great athlete. The first step is yours to take. Will you take it?

BLAZE Hangar Tails: RQ-4 Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

Mission

The RQ-4 Global Hawk is a high-altitude, long-endurance, remotely piloted aircraft with an integrated sensor suite that provides global all-weather, day or night intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capability. Global Hawk's mission is to provide a broad spectrum of ISR collection capability to support joint combatant forces in worldwide peacetime, contingency and wartime operations. The Global Hawk provides persistent near-real-time coverage using imagery intelligence, signals intelligence and moving target indicator sensors.

Features

Global Hawk is currently fielded in three distinct blocks and is flown by a Launch and Recovery Element and a Mission Control Element. The LRE is located at the aircraft base and functions to launch and recover the aircraft while en route to and from the target area. The MCE controls the Global Hawk for the bulk of the ISR mission. Like the LRE, the MCE is manned by one pilot, but adds a sensor operator to the crew.

Command and control data links enable complete dynamic control of the aircraft. The pilot workstations in the MCE and LRE are the control and display interface providing aircraft health and status, sensors status and a means to alter the navigational track of the aircraft. From this station, the pilot also communicates with outside entities to coordinate the mission such as air traffic control, airborne controllers, ground controllers, and other ISR assets.

The sensor operator workstation provides capability to task the sensor, dynamically update the collection plan in real time, initiate sensor calibration and monitor sensor status. The sensor operator also assists the exploitation node with



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Nichelle Anderson/released
A U.S. Air Force RQ-4 Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle flies over Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The Global Hawk's mission is to provide a broad spectrum of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance collection capability to support joint combatant forces in worldwide peacetime, contingency and wartime operations.



U.S. Air Force photo
A U.S. Air Force RQ-4 Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle waits for its takeoff time before its first launch from an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, Nov. 27, 2010. The RQ-4 carries the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node which acts as a persistent gateway, bridging diverse tactical data links and voice communications to improve battlefield communications.

image quality control, target deck prioritization and scene tracking to ensure fluid operations.

The system offers a wide variety of employment options. The unmatched range and 30+ hour endurance allow tremendous flexibility in meeting mission requirements. In 2014, an RQ-4 Block 40 flew a 34.3 hour flight, setting the endurance record for longest unrefueled flight by a U.S. Air Force aircraft.

Background

Global Hawk began as an Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration in 1995. The system was determined to have military utility and provide warfighters with an evolutionary high-altitude, long-endurance ISR capability. The Global Hawk has been deployed operationally to support overseas contingency operations since November 2001.

In the RQ-4 name, the "R" is the Department of Defense designation for reconnaissance and "Q" means unmanned aircraft system. The "4" refers to the series of purpose-built remotely piloted aircraft systems. The "E" in EQ-4 delineates the communication configuration of the BACN equipped aircraft.

The Global Hawk is operated by the 12th Reconnaissance Squadron at Beale Air Force Base, California, and the 348th Reconnaissance Squadron at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota, but aircraft are rotated to operational detachments worldwide. The 1st RS at Beale AFB provides formal training for all RQ-4 pilots and Block 30 sensor operators, while the 348 RS formal training unit at Grand Forks AFB provides training for

all Block 40 sensor operators.

General Characteristics

- Primary function:** high-altitude, long-endurance ISR
- Contractor:** Northrop Grumman (Prime), Raytheon, L3 Comm
- Power Plant:** Rolls Royce-North American F137-RR-100 turbofan engine
- Thrust:** 7,600 pounds
- Wingspan:** 130.9 feet (39.8 meters)
- Length:** 47.6 feet (14.5 meters)
- Height:** 15.3 feet (4.7 meters)
- Weight:** 14,950 pounds (6,781 kilograms)
- Maximum takeoff weight:** 32,250 pounds (14,628 kilograms)
- Fuel Capacity:** 17,300 pounds (7,847 kilograms)
- Payload:** 3,000 pounds (1,360 kilograms)
- Speed:** 310 knots (357 mph)
- Range:** 12,300 nautical miles
- Endurance:** more than 34 hours
- Ceiling:** 60,000 feet (18,288 meters)
- Armament:** None
- Crew (remote):** three (LRE pilot, MCE pilot, and sensor operator)
- Initial operating capability:** 2011 (Block 30); 2015 (Block 40)
- Inventory:** active force, 33 (three more Block 30s purchased, to be fielded in 2017)

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TAAC-Air work with Afghan AF to build sustainable force

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

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — A small group of Train Advise Assist Command-Air advisors make up the 441st and 442nd air expeditionary advisory squadrons at Kandahar Airfield. Both squadrons are focused on working shoulder to shoulder with the Afghan Air Force to develop a professional, capable and sustainable air force.

In order to achieve this, TAAC-Air groups support NATO's Resolute Support mission with maintenance and operations squadrons providing valuable insight to the newly reborn Afghan Air Force.

"The Kandahar Air Wing's primary mission is casualty evacuation, personnel transport and resupply using the Soviet-made Mi-17 Hind and U.S.-made Cessna 208B Grand Caravan," said Maj. Bryan Florio, the 442nd AEAS commander.

In the maintenance squadron, a group of professional and dedicated air advisors is comprised of nearly 140 total personnel. Of those, a small portion is maintenance military advisors who supplement approximately 100 U.S. and Ukrainian maintenance contractors supporting the Afghan Air Force assigned to Kandahar Air Wing's maintenance group.

As the primary contractor for the Mi-17 and C-208, Lockheed Martin's workforce is primarily responsible for maintenance and providing formal instruction to the Afghans while the U.S. Air Force plays a larger role in advising senior leadership on maintenance and logistics management.

"Essentially we're trying to work ourselves out of a job," said Tech. Sgt. Richard Embrey, a TAAC-Air Intermediate Maintenance Squadron Mi-17 advisor. "We are trying to make a sustainable program for the Afghans so when we leave they can keep going. We are giving them the confidence they need to be self-sustaining. I think we are on the right track, these guys, day in and day out, do awesome stuff. They work



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Robert Cloys
Tech. Sgt. Richard Embrey, a Train Advise Assist Command-Air Mi-17 Intermediate Maintenance Squadron advisor, advises an Afghan Air Force member during a 100-hour inspection on a Mi-17 at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, March 2, 2016. As a functional command, TAAC-Air assists our Afghan partners to develop a professional, capable and sustainable force.

really hard."

Though Embrey can only speak about his 10 months deployed to Kandahar Airfield, Ashna, a translator assigned to the group, has seen the progress over a longer period of time and sees positive trends as well.

"One of the things that we've worked on really hard and they've really improved here in the past couple of years is the safety and quality of work," he said.

Following along with the 442nd AEAS's mantra of "Afghans in the lead" the squadron is continually training and graduating maintainers to be able to train their own. Most recently, graduating a group of C-208 maintainers to level 1 and 2 skillsets, which are the highest ratings, and creating more Afghans who are able to train their own.

Piecing the puzzle together, RPAs provide crucial combat air patrol capabilities

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

CREECH AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — Remotely piloted aircraft don't fly themselves as autonomous super machines. They also don't require only a single pilot and sensor operator to function.

The RPA enterprise of MQ-1 Predators and MQ-9 Reapers is maintained or operated by Airmen from more than 30 Air Force career fields, each one playing a key role in supporting every combat air patrol. The patrols enable combatant commanders access to intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities at all times.

A combat air patrol is essentially having an aircraft in the air, providing joint combatant commanders with dominant ISR and real-time munitions capability. Today, the RPA enterprise flies a total of 60 CAPs in a 24-hour period requiring thousands of Airmen from pilots and sensor operators to maintainers, intelligence personnel and weather forecasters.

Planning the mission

Before the RPA capability can be utilized, an authorization order must first be given from a joint combatant commander. From there, the order falls down the chain of command until it reaches a squadron operations director or operator. See RPAS, Page 12



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Nadine Barclay
In order to support remotely piloted aircraft missions around the world, every RPA combat air patrol requires the dedication of nearly 200 Airmen in various capacities.

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.

The Overrun Now Open Evenings
The Overrun is open each Wednesday and Thursday 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Friday 4:30 p.m. until midnight. Bar Menu includes chicken wing basket, chicken tender basket, club wrap, or buffalo chicken wrap. For more information, contact 434-2419.

Free Open Karaoke
Join the Columbus Club for free Open Karaoke every Thursday in March from 6 – 10 p.m. Food and drink specials available. For more information, contact 434-2489.

March Madness NCAA Tournament
Watch the NCAA tournament games at the Columbus Club. For more information and event times, call 434-2489.

St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest
The Columbus Club is offering a St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest March 18 from 4:30 p.m. until midnight. Enjoy All You Can Eat Shepherd's Pie and Corned Beef and Cabbage. Food available at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 for club members; \$12 non-members. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Basewide Spring Fling and Egg Hunt
The Youth Center is offering their annual Basewide Spring Fling and Egg Hunt March 19 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at Freedom Park. Free egg hunt for all ages. Enjoy food, games, parent/child contests, and lots of fun. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Golf Course Spring Open House
Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering Spring Open House March 20 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Specials include free green fees for golf and footgolf, half off golf cart rental, and 50 cent hot dog, chips, or drink. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Easter Brunch
The Columbus Club is offering Easter Brunch March 27 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Reservations required. Brunch prices are: club member, \$17; non-member, \$20; children (5 – 11), \$8; 4 and under, free. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Supply Drive for St. Jude and Baptist Hospitals
The Youth Center is collecting donations for St. Jude Children's Hospital and Baptist Memorial Hospital. Drop off school supplies at the Youth Center Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. April 1 – 30. For more information and a complete list of items needed, please contact 434-2504.

Free Breakfast for Club Members
The Columbus Club is offering free breakfast for club members April 4 from 6:30 – 8 a.m. Non-members pay \$8 per person. Become a Club Member and eat for free plus enjoy all the benefits of being a member. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet Specials
The Columbus Club is offering a lunch buffet Monday - Friday 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Monday – Mexican Buffet, Tuesday- Italian Buffet, Wednesday – Pizza and Wings Buffet, Thursday- Southern Buffet, Friday – Catfish and Spaghetti Buffet. Cost of buffet is only \$7.95 for club members and \$8.95 for non-members. For more information, contact 434-2419.

SAVE THE DATE

WHISPERING PINES GOLF COURSE

Spring Open House

SUNDAY, MARCH 2010 AM - 7 PM

SPECIALS

- FREE Green Fees for Golf & FootGolf
- 1/2 off Golf Cart Rental
- 50 Cent Specials Hot Dog, Chips or Drink

Sign up for our Annual Green Fees Program by 31March and receive a 10% discount on your annual green fees.

For More Information, 434-7932

Monthly Family Dining
The Columbus Club is offering monthly family dining. Enjoy All You Can Eat Buffet Apr. 7 from 5 – 8 p.m. The cost is only \$12 for members; \$14 non-members; \$5 ages 5 – 11; 4 and under free. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Base Library Relocation
The Base Library has relocated to the Education Center, building 916, rooms 3, 4, and 6. 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.

Bowling Center Party Specials
The Bowling Center is offering two options for all your party needs. Option 1 includes two hours of unlimited bowling and shoe rental for only \$8.50 per person. Option 2 includes two hours of unlimited bowling, shoe rental, and a child meal for only \$11.50 per person. Choice of meal includes chicken tenders, hot dog, corn dog, or grilled cheese served with fries and drink. You may bring in a cake, cupcakes, and ice cream. No other outside food and drinks allowed. For more information, contact 434-3426.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

Air Force Readiness Programs

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790.)

Wing Newcomers Orientation
This brief is from 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. March 29 and is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Columbus Club, for more information call 434-2839.

First Term Officer's PFR
The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assignment personnel to their first station. The event is 9 - 10 a.m. March 29. Call 434-2790 to sign up.

Military Life Cycle
The Military Life Cycle workshop, 1 - 2 p.m. March 29, 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.

Hearts Apart,
The Hearts Apart Social program 5 - 7 p.m. March 24, is a monthly event to provide community bonding, fun and appreciation for the families of active duty personnel who are deployed, remote, or on an extended TDY. Food and activities are provided. Call 434-2790 to register.

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop
This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 4 - 8. The Transition Assistance Program Workshop For Senior Leadership is for entrance at the corporate level based on education and/or experience. It is reserved for officers and senior NCOs. It has seminars on: Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, MS Dept of Employment Security, Dept of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP, Dept of Labor TAP portion. Pre-separation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance 8 – 12 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register call 434-2839.

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

Columbus AFB hosts Wingmen reception



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class John Day

Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Wingmen and Airmen watch a video during a reception March 10 in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters lobby. Col. John Nichols, 14th FTW Commander, invited the Wingmen to the base to interact with them and to give a short brief on the current events planned for the wing.

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 RCC 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.

Personal Financial Readiness
Make the most of your money. Contact Ms. Delores Sherman, Personal Financial Counseling, for appointment, 426-2527, or 434-2790, ColumbusAFB-PFRC@MFLC.Zeiders.com. She can help manage finances, resolve financial

problems, and reach long-term goals such as getting an education, buying a home and planning for retirement.

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. 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.

Catholic Community
Sundays:
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
Tuesdays:
11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass
Wednesdays:
11:30-12:30 p.m. – Adoration

Protestant Community
Sundays:
9 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library)
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service
Tuesdays:
5 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)
Wednesdays:
4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

Ecumenical services
Wednesdays:
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

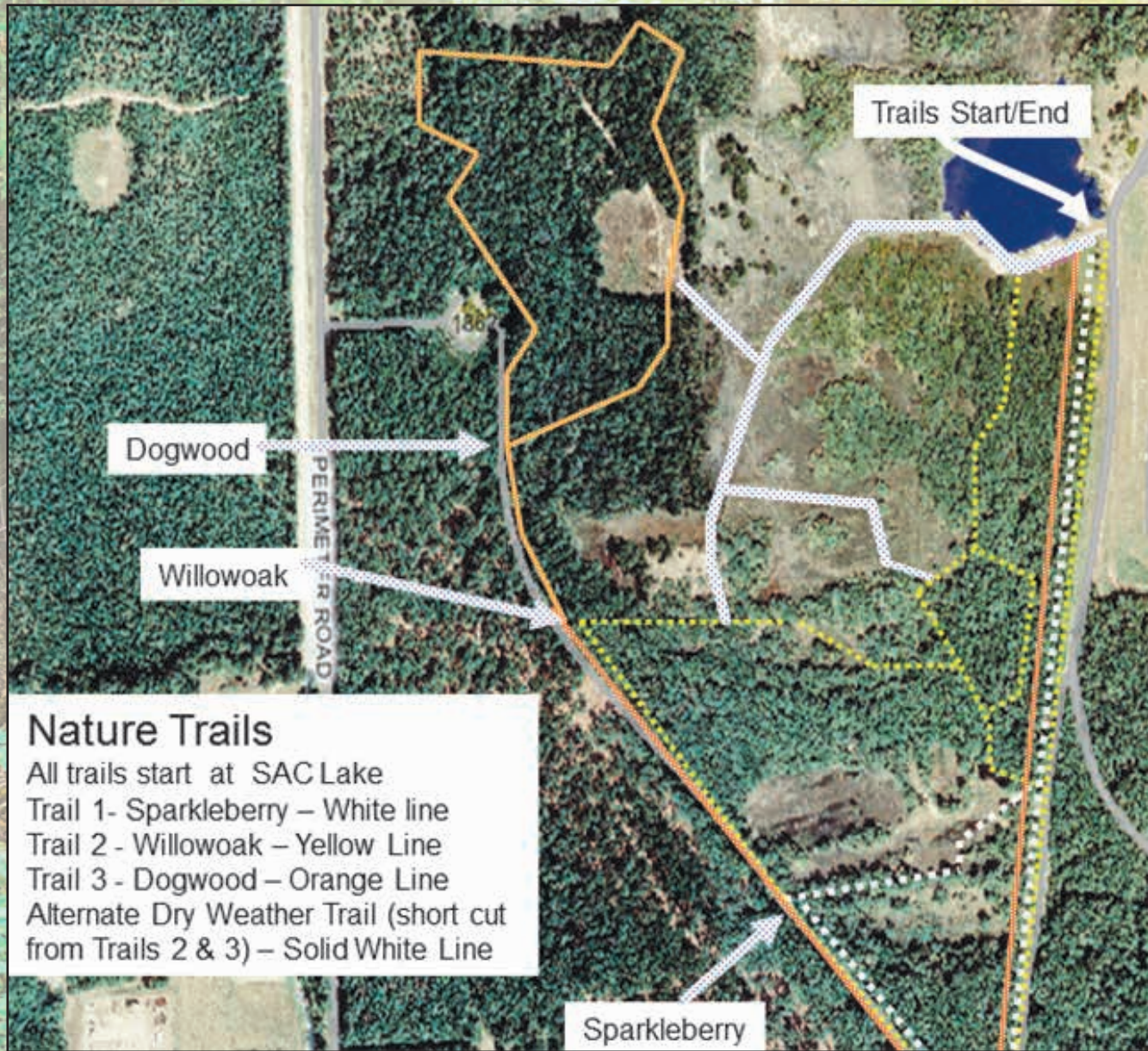


Three trails, Dogwood, Willowoak and Sparkleberry, offer unique wildlife along their respective paths on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The hike includes a self-guided tour with a trail book outlining the types of native plants found at the marked signs.



The nature trails on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, are available for walking, running, biking or even horseback riding. Trails are open year-round, even during hunting season, as the trails are an off-limits area to gun hunting.

The outdoor scenery of Columbus AFB



Nature Trails
All trails start at SAC Lake
Trail 1- Sparkleberry – White line
Trail 2 - Willowoak – Yellow Line
Trail 3 - Dogwood – Orange Line
Alternate Dry Weather Trail (short cut from Trails 2 & 3) – Solid White Line

Columbus Air Force Base Nature Trail map

Courtesy Graphic



SAC Lake is located near perimeter road on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. There are two picnic areas on Columbus AFB; one at SAC Lake and another along the willow oak trail.

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Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, is home to Freedom Park, a large wooden playground for children to play on. The original Freedom Park was built in 1976 and was rebuilt into the current form in 1996.



Freedom Park on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, is often used to host events such as barbeque grill outs and walk-a-thons on the track encircling the park. Buried in the park are two time capsules to be opened in 2026 and 2046.