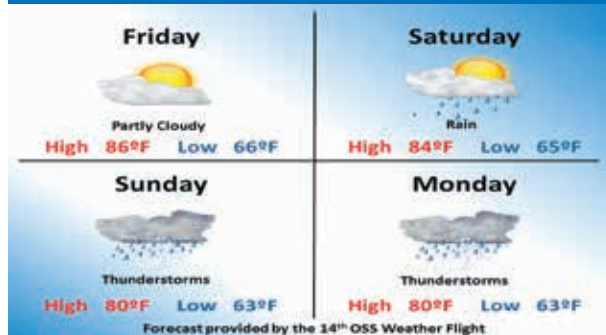


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News Briefs

Holocaust Memorial Events

A Vigil Walk in remembrance of the lives lost during the Holocaust is scheduled to start 6 p.m. May 5 at the Chapel. The Holocaust Memorial starts at 10 a.m. May 6 at the Columbus Club.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. May 10 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

CCAF Graduation

Thirty-one Team BLAZE members are graduating with their Community College of the Air Force degree 3 p.m. May 13 at the Columbus Club.

Commissary Case Lot Sale

The Columbus Air Force Base Commissary is having a case lot sale May 13 -14 during normal business hours. For more information visit online at commissaries.com.

Inside



Feature 8

SUPT Class 16-08 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



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

John Lindell, 14th Flying Training Wing Safety Office, speaks to Team BLAZE motorcycle drivers gathered together during one of two safety briefings April 22 in the Kaye Auditorium at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Air Education and Training Command used the briefings to help push Airmen to be more vigilant with their driving habits and focused on several recent fatalities involving motorcyclists who were speeding.

Team BLAZE motorcycle drivers attend safety briefings

Senior Airman Kaleb Snay

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Each briefing opened up with Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, giving his thoughts as to why motorcycle safety is important to him, the base, and the Air Force as a whole.

"I want you to have a great weekend, but make sure you stay

safe," Nichols said. "We want to see you Monday morning, the day after and we need you safe in the long run so we can continue the mission."

The hour-long briefings, run by John Lindell, 14th Flying Training Wing Safety Office, also contained a slideshow with details of the recent fatalities, suggestions for what could've been done to avoid them, and an open forum for questions.

"This is to impress upon our motorcycle riders [that] bad decision making, risk taking, and lack of discipline can cause accidents and fatalities," Lindell said. "Hopefully they will look at the risks they are accepting getting on those vehicles and perhaps alter their behavior so they take less risks while driving."

For more information about motorcycle safety, call 434-2522 or 434-2528.

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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												IFF	348	354	2,361

The SUPT Class 16-08 guest speaker is Col. John Trnka Jr., Commander, 940th Wing, 10th Air Force, Beale Air Force Base, California.

Grant spends lunch with Team BLAZE international students



U.S. Air Force photo/Sharon Ybarra

Heidi Grant, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, Washington, D.C., gathers with Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, volunteers, base leadership and their spouses and Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training students participating in international flying training programs after a luncheon April 23 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Grant came to see the robust international training program of Columbus AFB currently hosting 58 students from 24 different countries. During her visit, Grant also met with downtown partners in the International Spouses' Group, which supports internationally-born spouses of Columbus AFB personnel.

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9	10 Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club Veterans Family Day, 11 a.m. @ AFRC	11	12	13 CCAF Graduation, 3 p.m. @ Club	14/15 14th - BLAZE Fest Fun Run, 8 a.m. @ Freedom Park 14th - BLAZE Fest, 11 a.m. @ Freedom Park	

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Combating trafficking in persons

Curtis Donald

14th Force Support Squadron
Combat Trafficking in Persons
manager

Trafficking in persons is the second largest criminal activity in the world.

It is defined as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by means of threat, use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse or exploitation.

TIP is a grave violation of human rights and a worldwide criminal threat to security, civil rights and stability as well as a direct

threat to our national foreign policy goals. Due to the seriousness of the crime, the egregious results in terms of human tragedy, and the disabling impact on our military readiness, the AF has established a zero tolerance for trafficking in persons.

While local threat assessments indicate the threat of TIP is low, all Airmen should identify and report suspicious behavior indicating TIP activities through your chain of command, security forces, Air Force OSI, or the Inspector General Office.

For more information about TIP-related issues contact Curtis Donald, 14th Force Support Squadron, at 434-2516.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED



As of press time, 48 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.

What is BLAZE Fest?

Senior Master
Sgt. Joseph Arce
14th Operations Support
Squadron

Everyone with base access is invited to the first ever 14th Flying Training Wing BLAZE Fest, scheduled for 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. May 14 at Freedom Park. The free event offers entertainment for both families and single Airmen such as live bands, refreshments and carnival food. A family 5K fun run/walk is also scheduled for 8 a.m. that morning. Leadership has worked hard to keep the cost nominal; the only cost is for food and beverages. Additionally, shuttles will run from the 14th Operations Group parking lot and from both Capital and Magnolia housing so you can enjoy yourselves without worrying about the drive home. End this school year and begin the summer with a BLAZE.



Activities Scheduled:

Helicopter landing and static display	Fair type children swings
Military working dog display	Fair type pirate boat
Fire department displays	Carnival type games
Petting zoo	Family involved races
Pony rides	AAFES gift card prizes
Water slide inflatables	Four live bands (both Country & Rock genres)
Non-water slide inflatable	Arts and crafts booths

Food and refreshments:

Funnel cakes	Hot dogs	Chicken fingers
Fried cookies	French fries	Popsicles
Burgers	Cotton candy	Soda and beer

Note: Activities and food are subject to change.

Three Team BLAZE Airmen to feature in AETC First Faces

Senior Airman Kaleb Snay

An Air Education and Training Command video series, called First Faces, will feature three Team BLAZE Airmen.

A team of Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, Public Affairs broadcasters are scheduled to interview 2nd Lt. Lauren Woods, Senior Airman Jean Amani, and Senior Airman Michael Anderson who were nominated by their commanders and chaplains to tell their stories.

First Faces began several years ago with chaplains from throughout AETC nominating “unsung hero” Airmen from individual wings. The series focuses on members’ careers and obstacles they overcame to infuse hope and build resilience in a powerful way. Today, the program has expanded and includes a partnership between the Chaplain corps and



public affairs offices, in order to reach a wider audience through social media and more.

“As a chaplain assistant, while we’re out doing visitation we can’t help but find people with an amazing history,” said Master Sgt. Christopher Thompson, 14th Flying Training Wing Chaplain Assistant. “We hope that through First Faces, we can instill hope and strengthen faith-filled resilient Airmen with those stories.”

National Prepareathon Day is April 30

Senior Airman Christopher Tarantino
14th Civil Engineer Squadron

At the direction of President Barack Obama, Federal Emergency Management Agency has launched the America’s Prepareathon Annual Campaign.

This campaign provides an opportunity for Columbus Air Force Base to be involved in the culture of being prepared and helping Air Force families to learn more about the hazards that threaten the local community.

National Prepareathon Day is April 30 and Team BLAZE should know about the available resources to stay prepared. The biggest natural threat facing this area of Mississippi are severe storms and tornadoes. You can be prepared by staying informed by monitoring local weather reports provided by WCBI or Jackson national weather service. The base also provides alerts via the “Giant Voice” system and our own military system called known as AtHoC to help keep the base population aware of emergency situations.

Do you have a communication plan?

Severe storms can knock out communi-

cations, such as internet and cell phones, in an instant. It’s important to have a plan and communicate with your family where you are going to meet up in case of an emergency.

Do you know where in your home is best for protection against a severe storm?

Find a spot in your home you feel is the strongest structurally against high winds and storms. Locate a place away from windows and doors in case glass breaks into the surrounding areas. Have a flashlight or candles on hand in case the power goes out.

Do you have a preparedness kit?

In case of a power outage or severe weather, it is advised to have a small three-day supply of non-perishable food and water on hand in case you cannot go outside safely. Keep important documents you may need on a USB flash drive or in a waterproof container to start any recovery efforts post disaster. The Air Force even has the Be Ready App for download in the Android and Apple store to help assist with emergency preparedness.

For more information visit online at beready.af.mil.

VA

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Tuscaloosa Veterans Affairs Medical Center

VETERANS FAMILY DAY

May 10, 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.

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- * How to enroll for VA service
- * Mental Health Services
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- * Rural Veteran Programs

- * Primary Care Services
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Buckle up! It’s the law.

April 29

The Mississippi University for Women Jazz Ensemble Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Mississippi University for Women Kossen Auditorium in Poindexter Hall. The event is free and open to the public. For more information visit online at visitcolumbusms.org.

April 30

Columbus Choral Society concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist. The concert is free and honors Memorial Day and those who have served.

May 6

Mississippi University for Woman Choral

Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. in the MUW’s Poindexter Hall, Kossen Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. For more information visit online at visitcolumbusms.org.

May 6-7

The 21st Annual Market Street Festival is in downtown Columbus. For more information

contact Main Street Columbus at 328-6305.

May 9

Grand Opening of the Farmers Market season starts and is open throughout the growing season: Mondays, 4-6 p.m.; Thursdays, 7-10 a.m.; and Saturdays, 7-10 a.m. For more information contact Main Street Columbus at 328-6305.

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Miscellaneous

For Sale: White Kenmore chest freezer with power light, sliding basket and in excellent condition; must sell, \$195. For more information call 356-4511.

Several items for sale: Pro form whirlwind dual action stationary bike for \$150; Health rider for \$200; EZ Bole Regal three wheel adult bike \$250; Shark floor cleaner mop with two pads for \$8; six shelf book case \$20. All items are in good shape, for more information, call 328-3977.

For Sale: CM two horse trailer with saddle compartment and bumper pull, two axles; \$2,800. For more information please call 356-6555.

Transportation

For Sale: 1978 Triumph Spitfire with extra parts and hard top, \$3,000. For more information call 549-5188 or 434-7317.

For Sale: 2007 BMW Z-4 3.0 SI silver convertible with leather, 93,000 miles and well kept, \$13,500. For more information call 889-3974.

Pets

For Sale: Two male and two female Great Pyrenees dogs, 18 weeks old; shots and worming up to date; raised with goats and sheep \$150 each. For more information, call 617-5049.

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Goldfein nominated as 21st CSAF

Staff Sgt. Alyssa C. Gibson
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced April 26 that the president has nominated Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein to be the 21st chief of staff of the Air Force, succeeding Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, who has served in the position since 2012.

“I’m extremely humbled by the nomination to serve as the Air Force’s 21st chief of staff. If confirmed, I pledge to serve our Airmen and their families unwaveringly and honor our remarkable heritage and legacy of integrity, service and excellence,” Goldfein said. “I also look forward to joining my fellow service chiefs as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Mark and Betty Welsh continue to be exceptional stewards of our service, and Dawn and I are honored to follow in their footsteps.”

Goldfein entered the Air Force in June 1983 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has been assigned to numerous operational, command and staff positions. He currently serves as the vice chief of staff, where he presides over the Air Staff and serves as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Requirements Oversight Council and Deputy Advisory Working Group. “I am pleased to support the nomination of General David Goldfein as our next chief of staff,” said Air



Gen. David L. Goldfein

Force Secretary Deborah Lee James. “General Goldfein possesses the experience and vision needed to address dynamic global challenges and increasing military demand. He knows how to build and sustain key partnerships, has important warfighting experience, and will exercise the critical judgement required to balance our manpower and resources as we shape tomorrow’s Air Force. There is not a better person to lead our Airmen into the next century of airpower dominance.”

Prior to his current position, Goldfein was the director of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., where he assisted the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in fulfilling his responsibilities as the principal military adviser to the president and secretary of defense.

“Dave Goldfein is an Airman who epitomizes warrior leadership, and that’s exactly what our Air Force deserves,” Welsh said. “He connects deeply with Airmen, he supports their families relentlessly, and he absolutely recognizes the criticality of our service’s mission. Most importantly, he and Dawn understand the remarkable privilege they’ve been afforded in serving the nation.”

Goldfein is a command pilot with more than 4,200 flying hours in the T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon, F-16C/D Fighting Falcon, F-117A Nighthawk, MQ-9 Reaper, and MC-12W. He has flown combat missions in operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Allied Force, and Enduring Freedom. Goldfein has received numerous awards for his military service including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor device and oak leaf cluster.

Operationalizing Professionalism Development Tools

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Air Force Airmen gathered here April 13-14 to discuss Airmen professionalism development.

Close to 40 representatives from all the Major Commands joined stakeholders from Headquarters Air force, Air University, U.S. Air Force Academy and the Air Force Guard and Reserve for two days to learn what new tools the Profession of Arms Center of Excellence, or PACE, has to offer. This is the third professionalism summit hosted by PACE, the Air Force’s office dedicated to developing the men and women of the Air Force with a

sense of what it means to be a professional Airman.

“Foremost, the purpose of PACE’s Professionalism Summit is to show all MAJCOMs PACE’s new professionalism development tools and how to use them,” said Jerry Perez, PACE’s deputy director.

According to Perez, colleagues from across the Air Force observed ways to build better people, Airmen, and leaders in our profession of arms.


Participants were offered talks on current PACE enterprises and the office’s proactive approach to building a more professional, core value-centered environment. Discussion included best practices, new strategies and stretched outside the borders of the active duty force. The group was also encouraged to

share their own ideas and plans.

“An important takeaway from this summit is PACE’s request for MAJCOMs and their units to share their professionalism development products so PACE can showcase their tools with the rest of our One Air Force team,” said Kevin Smith, PACE analyst and event coordinator.

To share a professionalism development initiative, contact PACE at aetc.pace.projectmgtworkflow@us.af.mil.

The PACE organization has scheduled the next professionalism development for December 7-8, 2016, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. For more information on PACE and their current initiatives, visit www.airman.af.mil.



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Upcoming EVENTS

CPR Classes are offered at Baptist Golden Triangle, 6 p.m., in the Patient Tower. Pre-registration is required. May classes will be held on the 9th and 23rd. Call the Education Department at (662) 244-2498 or 800-544-8762, ext. 2498.

Baptist Cancer Center offers **FREE prostate PSA screenings** for men over 40. PSA screenings will be held in Starkville on Friday, May 27, from 9am–11:45am. Make an appointment by calling at 244-4673 or 800-544-8767, ext. 4673.

Amanda Coleman, LPC, Baptist Behavioral Health will discuss “**Mental Health in Older Americans**” at Baptist Golden Triangle’s free community education luncheon Friday, May 27, noon-1p, rooms 4 & 5 PT, near the Gift Shop. Lunch provided. Seating is limited; call 662-244-1132 to register by May 18.

Baptist Cancer Center will begin a **support group for cancer survivors** and their families the third Friday of every month from noon-1pm. The May 20 meeting will take place in room 4 PT, just past the Gift Shop. For information call 244-2900 or 800-544-8767, ext. 2900.

Join us for a weekly education/support group meeting for people with **congestive heart failure** at Baptist Golden Triangle. Program runs on a 6-week cycle, you may begin at any time. Held each Thursday, 11am-noon, Outpatient Pavilion Board Room. For information call 244-1953 or 244-2132.


Baptist Golden Triangle offers **childbirth classes** each month. Classes are held on each Tuesday night at 6 p.m. To pre-register call the Education Department at 244-2498 or 800-544-8762, ext. 2498.

Diabetes Self Management Education Class meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Baptist Golden Triangle Outpatient Pavilion Conference Center. Physician referral is required. For information call 662-244-1596 or 800-544-8767, ext. 1596.

BMH-GT Diabetes Support Groups - day classes are the 3rd Wed. each month, 10-11 am, and evening classes are the 2nd Thurs. each month, 6-7 pm, rooms 4 & 5 PT. For information call 662-244-1596 or 800-544-8767, ext. 1596.

Baptist Golden Triangle is seeking caring, compassionate people to join an elite group of volunteers to help in a variety of hospital settings. For more information, call 662-244-1165.

For more information contact the numbers listed above or email info.goldentriangle@bmhcc.org.



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BLAZE Hangar Tails: AC-130J Ghost rider

Mission

The AC-130J Ghost rider’s primary missions are close air support and air interdiction. Close air support missions include troops in contact, convoy escort and point air defense. Air interdiction missions are conducted against preplanned targets or targets of opportunity and include strike coordination and reconnaissance. The AC-130J provides ground forces an expeditionary, direct-fire platform that is persistent, ideally suited for urban operations and delivers precision low-yield munitions against ground targets.

Features

The AC-130J is a highly modified C-130J aircraft that contains many advanced features. It contains an advanced two-pilot flight station with fully integrated digital avionics. The aircraft is capable of extremely accurate navigation due to the fully integrated navigation systems with dual inertial navigation systems and global positioning system. Aircraft defensive systems and color weather radar are integrated as well. The aircraft is capable of Air Refueling with the Universal Air Refueling Receptacle Slipway Installation system. To handle power requirements

imposed by the advanced avionics and aircraft systems, the AC-130J is equipped with 60/90 kilo volt amp generators that provide increased DC electrical output. In anticipation of IR countermeasure installation, it is provisioned for LAIRCM installation.

Additionally, the AC-130J is modified with a precision strike package, which includes a mission management console, robust communications suite, two electro-optical/infrared sensors, advanced fire control equipment, precision guided munitions delivery capability as well as trainable 30mm and 105mm weapons. The mission manage-

ment system fuses sensor, communication, environment, order of battle and threat information into a common operating picture.

Background

The AC-130J is the fourth generation gunship replacing the aging SOF fleet of 37 AC-130H/U/W gunships. AC-130 gunships have an extensive combat history dating to back to Vietnam where gunships destroyed more than 10,000 trucks and were credited with many life-saving close air support missions. Over the past four decades, AC-130s have deployed constantly to hotspots throughout the world in support of special operations and conventional forces. In South America, Africa, Europe and throughout the Middle East, gunships have significantly contributed to mission success.

General Characteristics

Primary Function: Close air support and air interdiction with associated collateral missions

Builder: Lockheed Martin

Power Plant: Four Rolls-Royce AE 2100D3 Turboprops

Thrust: 4,591 shaft horsepower

Wingspan: 132 feet 7 inches (39.7 meters)

Length: 97 feet 9 inches (29.3 meters)

Height: 38 feet 10 inches (11.9 meters)

Speed: 362 knots at 22,000 feet

Ceiling: 28,000 feet with 42,000 lb payload

Maximum Takeoff Weight: 164,000 lbs

Range: 3,000 miles

Crew: Two pilots, two combat systems officers, and three enlisted gunners

Armament: Precision Strike Package (PSP) - 30mm GAU-23/A cannon; 105mm cannon and SOPGM (Standoff Precision Guided Munitions) ie. GBU-39 Small Diameter Bomb and the AGM-176 Griffin missile

Date Deployed: TBD

Unit Cost: \$109 million (fiscal 2010 dollars)

Inventory: Active force, 32 by fiscal 2021



U.S. Air Force photo/Sara Vidoni

The newly created AC-130J Ghost rider takes to the air during its first official sortie Jan. 31, 2014, at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. The Air Force Special Operations Command MC-130J arrived at Eglin in January 2013 to begin the modification process for the AC-130J, whose primary mission is close air support, air interdiction and armed reconnaissance. A total of 32 MC-130J prototypes will be modified as part of a \$2.4 billion AC-130J program to grow the future fleet.

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- a (frequent/moderate/rare/non) reader of the Silver Wings.

I prefer...

- getting my local news from (Silver Wings/Columbus AFB webpage/social media/other)

- reading the Silver Wings (physical/digital/neither) newspaper.

- to see more (local/Air Force wide/off-base/other) news.

- to read a (smaller/larger/no change) newspaper.

- to see (less/more/no change) advertisements in the newspaper.

The PA office...

- does a (great/decent/poor) job with the Silver Wings.

- does a (great/decent/poor) job covering local events.

- does a (great/decent/poor) job providing online content.

In the future, I would like to see more _____.

In the future, I would like to see less of _____.

In my opinion, _____.


How to turn in:

1. Scan, type, or take a photo of your responses and e-mail them to us at Silverwings@us.af.mil. Ensure the image text is legible.
2. Drop it into Base Distribution labeled 14 FTW/PA Silverwings
3. Bring it by the office located left of the main lobby in the Headquarters building
4. Give us a call at 434-7073 or 434-7068

A ‘major’ change in my life

Maj. David Williams
14th Student Squadron Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-05

I grew up seeing the wonder of aviation as a boy through my father who was an Air Force maintainer.
Watching an aircraft slip to the skies has always been majestic and incredible to witness and I knew I wanted to experience it.
In college, I joined Reserve Officer Training Corps and looked at becoming a pilot. Unfortunately, I found out my eye sight would prevent it. However, I did manage to qualify as a navigator. Although not quite what I wanted, this was a step closer to my dream, so I took it.
While in navigator training at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, I received 20 hours of private civilian flying. I paid for the rest and obtained my private pilot license. After graduating training, I headed to Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, as an E-3 navigator. In my spare time, I furthered my civilian flying by obtaining an instrument and commercial rating using my G.I. Bill. I also obtained an eye sight waiver and applied to a Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training board as a navigator; I didn't make it.
Despite not making it in, my hard work thus far opened the door of Remote Piloted Aircraft and I proudly walked through it. Yet another step closer to being a military pilot. I was one of approximately 106 navigators to cross the bridge into the RPA world. I worked hard as an RQ-4 pilot, furthering its mission to the best of my abilities.
In 2012, I switched to a full time reservist, still flying the RQ-4. In 2013 my reserve unit got news it was switching to KC-135 and my boss asked if I wanted to try for SUPT. At the age of 37 and as a major. If I did nothing, I was guaranteed nothing; I submitted a package yet again, hoping for the best.
This time my package and waiver had to go up to a lieutenant general at Air Force headquarters, just shy of Gen. Mark Welsh. In December 2014 I received his response, telling me due to all the hard work I put into my career, I earned going to SUPT. Working hard and never giving up led me to my dream and the new set of wings I proudly wear today.



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AtHoc Self-Service Actions

Find the AtHoc icon “Purple Globe” at the bottom right corner of your desktop screen.

Right Click on the “Purple Globe”

Select ‘Update My Info’

After selecting your CAC certification (and inserting CAC pin), the AtHoc Self-Service link will display.

Select the “My Profile” then select “Edit”

Fill in your information in the following sections:

• **Basic Info**
First & Last Name, Display Name
Organizational hierarchy (Mandatory)
All mandatory selection/entries (*)

Note: To open the organizational hierarchy option, click on the / icon.

• **Numbers**
Phone Numbers (work, mobile, home)
Text Messaging
Active duty (work/on after hours contact)
Civilians/Contractors mobile/home listing is strictly voluntary

• **Online Addresses**
Work Email Address

• **Base Specific Information**
Wing/Unit specific information

Select “Save”

Member’s contact information is now saved into the base AtHoc database system in order to receive emergency mass notifications.

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Two F-22 Raptors from the 95th Fighter Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, fly over the Baltic Sea on Sept. 4, 2015. Like the F-22 deployment last year, two F-22s deployed to Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania. While in Europe, U.S. Air Force aircraft and Airmen will conduct air training with other Europe-based aircraft.

F-22 Raptors arrive in Romania

Tech. Sgt. Ryan Crane
U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU AIR BASE, Romania — Two F-22 Raptors and one KC-135 Stratotanker arrived at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base on April 22.

The F-22s and approximately 20 supporting Airmen are from the 95th Fighter Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. The KC-135 is from the 916th Air Refueling Wing deployed from Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina.

“Today, I would like to highlight this deployment as a demonstration of our promise to support Romania and the rest of our NATO allies,” Lt. Gen. Timothy Ray, the Third Air Force commander, said during a press conference. “Romania is one of our strongest allies.”

This is the largest F-22 deployment to Europe to date and is partially funded by the European Reassurance Initiative, which provides support to bolster the security of our NATO allies and partners in Europe while demonstrating the U.S. commitment to regional and global security. The F-22s will remain at Mihail Kogalniceanu AB for a brief period of time before returning to Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, to continue their training deployment.

“Today, we rapidly deployed these aircraft, along with a KC-135 Stratotanker, here to showcase our flexible response and our range of capabilities,” Ray said. “These aircraft have the ability to project air dominance quickly, at great distances, to defeat any possible threat.”

The F-22 deployments to RAF Lakenheath and Mihail Kogalniceanu AB prove that European bases and other NATO installations can host fifth-generation fighters while also affording the chance for familiarization flight training within the European theater.

“It’s important we test our infrastructure, aircraft capabilities, and the talented Airmen and allies who will host these aircraft in Europe,” said Gen. Frank Gorenc, the U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa commander. “This deployment advances our airpower evolution and demonstrates our resolve and commitment to European safety and security.”

This F-22 forward deployment is conducted in coordination with Romanian allies and is a demonstration of the United States’ continued commitment to the collective security of NATO and dedication to the enduring peace and stability of the region.

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 Thursday 4:30 – 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.

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.

Summer Day Camp Registration

The Youth Center is now taking registration for Summer Day Camp. Registration is open until all slots are filled. Cost based on family income. For more information, contact 434-2504.

New Library Hours of Operation

Beginning May 2, the Base Library hours of operation are: Monday – Friday 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Sundays 1 – 5 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays closed. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Free Breakfast for Club Members

The Columbus Club is offering free breakfast for club members May 2 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.

Cinco De Mayo Family Buffet

The Columbus Club is offering an All You Can Eat Mexican Buffet May 5 from 5 – 8 p.m. The cost is only \$10 for members; \$12 non-members; \$5 ages 5 – 11; 4 and under free. For more information, contact 434-2489.

National Fitness Month Fitness Run

The Fitness Center is offering a 5K fitness run May 6 at 7 a.m. This event will kick off National Fitness Month. Commander's trophy points awarded. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Mom Bowls Free

The Bowling Center is offering free bowling for mothers May 7 in honor of Mother's Day. Shoe rental not included. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Mother's Day Brunch

The Columbus Club is offering Sunday Brunch in honor of Mother's Day, May 8, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Make your reservations today. Brunch prices: club member \$17; non-member \$20; children (5 – 11) \$8; 4 and under free. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Bowl with the Pros

The Bowling Center is offering the free bowling camp Bowl like a Pro May 13 at 6 p.m. for ages 15 and up and Youth Bowling Camp May 14 at 9 a.m. for ages 7 – 15. Pro Bowlers Parker Bohn and Sean Rash will conduct these camps. 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.

Fitness Center Programs

MAY IS NATIONAL FITNESS AND BIKE MONTH

May 6
Fitness Run

May 16-20
Bike to Work Week

May 9
3 on 3 Basketball Challenge

May 23
Disc Golf Challenge

May 13
Fitness Expo

May 25
Senior Health & Fitness Day

May 16
Dodge Ball Challenge

30 Day Incentive Program
• Walking Challenge
• Running Challenge
• Biking Challenge

**For Program Times & Additional Details Contact
The Fitness Center at 434-2772**

Fitness Mini Expo

The Fitness Center is offering a Fitness Mini Expo 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. May 13. This is a free event which includes vendor exhibits from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., fitness activities, and health screenings. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Community Services Open House

The Community Services Flight is hosting an open house May 14. Schedule of events include: free youth bowling camp with the professionals for ages 7 -15 from 9 – 11 a.m., free golf/footgolf and \$10 cart rental from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Golf Course, free paintball target practice from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation, free art projects for kids from 1 – 3 p.m. at Arts and Crafts, and free refreshments from 3 – 5 p.m. at SAC Lake. Stop by each facility and discover what the Community Services Flight has to offer. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Thursday Night Nine-Pin No-Tap League

The Bowling Center is offering Thursday Night Nine-Pin No-Tap League sign up. The cost is only \$10 per person per week. League begins 6 p.m. May 19. Sign up as an individual or a team. For more information or to sign up, contact 434-3426.

Youth Bowling League

The Bowling Center is offering Youth Bowling League sign up. The cost is only \$6 per child a week. League begins 3 p.m. June 4. For more information or to sign up, contact 434-3426.

America's Kids Run

The Youth Center is offering the America's Kids Run 8 a.m. May 21 at the Youth Center parking lot. This is a free event for all ages. Register online at americaskidsrun.org. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Independence Pool Opens

The Independence Pool at the Columbus Club will open at noon May 27. The pool will be open daily from noon – 7 p.m. Pool passes available for purchase at Outdoor Recreation beginning April 15. Book a pool party for your next event, birthday party, or squadron activity. For more information, contact 434-2505.

British Soccer Camp

The Youth Center is offering British Soccer Camp June 13 – 17. Cost varies according to age and special session. Ages 3 – 18 may register online at challengersports.com. For more information, contact 434-2504.

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.

Story Time at the Library

The Base Library is offering Story Time every Friday at 10:30 a.m. for all ages. The library is located in 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.

Bowling Center Party Specials

The Bowling Center is offering two options for all your party needs. Option 1 includes 2 hours of unlimited bowling and shoe rental for only \$8.50 per person. Option 2 includes 2 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.

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 Three from Outdoor Recreation. The Cost is only \$10 for a two-day rental. Single Airmen may receive a two-day rental at no charge during Single Airman programming events. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Play Paintball

Book your next paintball event at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is \$15 per person for a party of 10 or more; \$20 per person for party of nine or less. You must purchase paint at Outdoor Recreation for \$45 per case of 2,000. For more information, contact 434-2505.

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.)

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. May 2-6. The Transition Assistance Program Workshop has seminars on: Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, Mississippi Dept. of Employment Security, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP, Dept. of Labor TAP portion. Pre-separation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance is 8 – 12 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Career Technical Training

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

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. May 10 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 or to register call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop from 1-2 p.m. May 10 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. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Troops To Teachers

This workshop is 10:30 a.m. - noon May 11. It is an informational workshop for members pursuing or interested in a teaching career after the military. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Veterans Family Day

Starting 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. May 10, this event informs veterans about services available through the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center and the Birmingham Vet Center. In addition the Lowndes County Veterans Services Officer and Dept. of Veterans Affairs contractor will be available to answer questions. Grilled hot dogs, chips & water will be provided. This is a great chance to ask questions about benefits available. For more information, call 434-2790.

Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop starts 10:30 a.m May 11. It is

Poirson hands 43rd FTS reigns to Drown



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin

Col. Charlan Poirson, 340th Flying Training Group Commander, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, Air Force Reserve Command, passes the 43rd Flying Training Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Brent Drown, the new 43rd FTS Commander, during a change of command ceremony April 22 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

on writing resumes, applications, and job searches using USAJobs. For more information or to register, call 434-2790.

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

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

First Term Officer's PFR

The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assigned officer personnel at their first station. The event is 9 - 10 a.m. May 12. For more information, call 434-2790.

Linked-In Workshop

The Linked-In workshop is 2 - 5 p.m. May 23-24. You can learn how to establish and use a Linked-In account. To register and for more information, please call 434-2790.

Pre-separation Counseling

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. The counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m. It takes approximately 60 minutes.

Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

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

Survivor-Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan. As with all good decision-making, you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision, and be wary of anyone telling you they can offer you a better deal. Always get the true facts about the SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling (662) 434-2720.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

The MFLC counselors provide non-medical counseling to help Airmen (both single and married), their spouses and other family members to cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health pro-

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

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

Chapel Schedule

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

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



T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

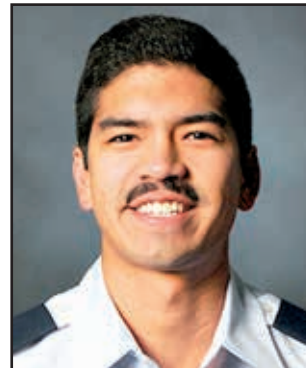
SUPT Class 16-08 earns silver wings



Maj. David Williams
Rocklin, Calif.
KC-135, Beale AFB, Calif.



1st Lt. John Nickerson
Elk Grove, Calif.
MQ-1, Whiteman AFB, Mo.



2nd Lt. Michael Arakawa
Los Angeles, Calif.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-08 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. John Trnka Jr., Commander, 940th Wing, 10th Air Force, Beale Air Force Base, California, is the graduation guest speaker.

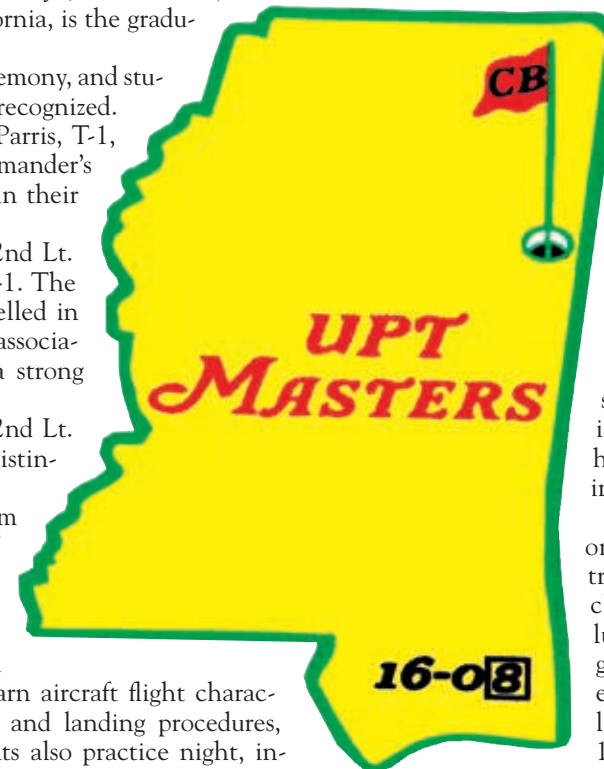
Students will receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

2nd Lt. Andrew Palmier, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Andrew Parris, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Benjamin Evrard, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Gregory Flannery, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

2nd Lt. Andrew Palmier, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Andrew Parris, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 16-08.

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



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

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

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

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

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

Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. The SUPT Class 16-08 pilot partner is Trinity Place Retirement Community.



2nd Lt. Daniel Boerckel
Peoria, Ill.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Michael Constable
Moraga, Calif.
C-130J, Channel Islands ANG, Calif.



2nd Lt. Benjamin Evrard
Wendell, N.C.
B-1, Dyess AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Gregory Flannery
San Diego, Calif.
C-130J, Channel Islands ANG, Calif.



2nd Lt. Julianne Germain
Alpena, Mich.
KC-135, Kadena AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Nicolas Hamm
Murrells Inlet, S.C.
U-28, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Andrew Palmier
Milton, Ga.
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Andrew Parris
Cookeville, Tenn.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Joseph Rippe
Carmel, Ind.
C-130J, Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Jason Royko
Denver, N.C.
F-16, Holloman AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Benjamin Shipley
Knoxville, Tenn.
F-16, Holloman AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Robert Smith
Collierville, Tenn.
C-130H2, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



2nd Lt. George Waddell
Marietta, Miss.
MQ-1, Whiteman AFB, Mo.



2nd Lt. Casey Lhamon
Upland, Ind.
T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Patrick Lobo
Miami, Fla.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Evan Menchen
Winchester, Ky.
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.