





Weather

Friday  Partly Cloudy High 95°F Low 69°F	Saturday  Partly Cloudy High 97°F Low 72°F
Sunday  PM Thunderstorms High 96°F Low 71°F	Monday  PM Thunderstorms High 96°F Low 71°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OWS Weather Flight

News Briefs

SUPT Class 16-10 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-10 graduates at 10 a.m. June 10 at Kaye Auditorium.

SCCA Autocross

The Sports Car Club of America is hosting an Autocross June 11 - 12 at the SAC Ramp. Safety inspection start at 9 a.m.

14th MSG Change of Command

The 14th Mission Support Group is hosting a Change of Command ceremony at 9 a.m. June 16 at the Fire Station.

Wing All Calls

Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, will hold Wing Commanders Calls at 7 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. June 21 in the Kaye Auditorium.

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



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

Mike Immler, Deputy Director of Army & Air Force Exchange Services, speaks with local Base Exchange employees June 10 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Immler visited Columbus AFB, Redstone, Maxwell Air Force Base-Gunter Annex, Alabama, and Fort Rucker, Alabama, to assess the needs of each AFFES location and to meet its employees.

AAFES deputy director focuses on making Airmen's lives better at Columbus AFB

Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE – Army & Air Force Exchange Service Deputy Director Mike Immler is making it his mission to ensure the Exchange is doing all it can to serve Airmen at Columbus Air Force Base.

“The Exchange is dedicated to making Team BLAZE a community, ensuring Airmen, retirees and their families have a place to shop and dine that they can be proud of,” Immler said.

To better understand how the Exchange can best meet the

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (17-04)	3.54 days	0.82 days	June 30	48th (16-10)	0.00 days	0.13 days	June 10	49th (16-IBC)	-6.48 days	-2.36 days	June 28	T-6	803	846	21,294
41st (17-05)	2.01 days	1.87 days	June 22	50th (16-10)	0.00 days	-0.53 days	June 10					T-1	270	336	7,115
												T-38	276	322	7,140
												IFF	118	128	2,904

* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Patrick Mordente, 18th Air Force Vice Commander.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 49 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.

EXCHANGE

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needs of the community, Immler toured the Main Exchange, food court, mall and Express during his June 7 visit to Columbus. He met with Col. James Fisher, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander; Chief Master Sgt. Rita Felton, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief; Col. Kurt Kayser, 14th Mission Support Group Commander; Lt. Col. Jenny Christian, 14th Mission Support Group Deputy Commander; and Chief Master Sgt. William Whitt, 14th Mission Support Group Superintendent, to address how the Exchange can customize support for Team BLAZE.

The Exchange is focused on making improvements to deliver a contemporary shopping experience. Last year, the Columbus Exchange re-energized its PowerZone area with new fixtures for a more modern look. New walk-in coolers were added to the main store as well. At the Express, new flooring, counters, coolers, an air station and a digital fuel price monument were added.

The Exchange is dedicated to bringing top national products, such as Michael Kors, Go-Pro and Lucky to store shelves.

"We are committed to helping make Columbus AFB a great place to live and work," Immler said. "The Exchange remains focused

on bringing terrific brands and great value to Airmen."

If Airmen can't find the products they need in the Columbus Exchange, they can go to shopmyexchange.com, which has been improved to make shopping and order fulfillment easier, Immler said.

"The Exchange online store is continually being updated to ensure the best brands are just a click away," he said. "Being able to shop the Exchange online for an expanded product assortment is a key part of our efforts to provide a consistent experience on the Internet or on the installation."

Every time Airmen shop at the Exchange or shopmyexchange.com, they are generating funds to help make life better at Columbus AFB.

"For every dollar earned, historically 67 cents comes back to the military community through the Air Force Services dividend," Immler said. "Last year, sales at the Columbus AFB Exchange generated more than \$226,500 on behalf of Services programs. Every time shoppers buy from the Exchange, they are improving their community."

Immler is the first civilian deputy director of the 120-year-old organization, which employs approximately 35,000 associates worldwide. In addition, 35 active-duty service members are assigned to the Exchange.

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June 18

The United Way of Lowndes County 5K begins at 8 a.m. in the Outpatient Pavilion parking lot of Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle in Colum-

bus. Registration starts at 7 a.m., or register online at racesonline.com/events/5k-the-united-way. \$25 in advance; \$30 on site.

June 23

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20	21	22	23	24	25/26	
Vacation Bible School, @ Chapel	Wing Commander all call, 7 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m. @ Kaye Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club		Mississippi State Trans Institute Base Tour	16-11 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club	25th - Color Run, 8 a.m. @ Fitness Center Aberdeen Veterans Parade, 10 a.m. @ Main Street	

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F-35A AFE Airmen are pioneers in flight equipment

Senior Airman Andrea Posey
33rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Helmet and oxygen mask parts lay scattered across blue padded tables as aircrew flight equipment specialists carefully inspect each component for flaws. While reconstructing the gear, these Airmen search for changes that can be made to improve the performance and usability of each item.

This is the thought process day-in and day-out for Aircraft Flight Equipment Airmen at the 33rd Operations Support Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The team here is the leading AFE shop for the F-35A Lightning II program, making them pioneers for fifth generation equipment improvements.

With this title comes the responsibility of ensuring action reports and joint technical data are created and refined so other F-35 units across the services will have access to the most up-to-date maintenance instructions.

“We have been responsible for over 241, and counting, action reports that pave the way for other F-35 AFE shops,” said Tech. Sgt. Edwin Portan, 33rd OSS aircrew flight equipment non-commissioned officer in charge. “We’ve provided in-house training and laid the groundwork for Luke, Nellis and Hill’s quality assurance program, AFE continuation training program and many other programs within AFE.”

The need for updated technical data is rooted in the fact that flight equipment for the F-35 is unlike anything used in legacy inventory. Not only is the gear specifically designed for the Air Force’s newest jet, but each piece is custom fit for each pilot.

F-35 flight equipment has gone through many changes compared to its legacy counterparts including an integrated arm restraint system that prevents arm movement upon ejection, a pilot interface connector that centralizes connections for the oxygen breathing hose, anti-G suit inflation, and communication cord making it a single connection point for the pilots as they enter the aircraft.

“Our AFE troops have done an outstanding job learning these new systems and becoming experts on how it functions with the jet,” said Maj. David Nagle, 33rd OSS wing weapons officer. “It is through their rigorous flight gear inspection process [that they] find and fix issues to ensure all fighter pilots are safe on every sortie. Their tireless efforts help maintain smooth flying operations.”

According to Portan, experience and expertise acquired



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Andrea Posey

Staff Sgt. Kevin Grayer, 33rd Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment technician, inspects an F-35A Lightning II helmet-mounted display at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, Feb. 29, 2016. The F-35 display projects information onto the pilot’s visor to provide maximum situational awareness while in flight. In legacy aircraft, this information is presented on a screen in the cockpit. Flight equipment technicians at the 33rd Fighter Wing are the leading AFE shop for the F-35 program making them responsible for creating action reports, joint technical data and updating fifth generation flight equipment.

on different aircraft have played an integral part in writing guidance for the F-35 program.

“Everyone brings a different perspective on how things

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could be done or improved,” said Portan. “Some of us with experience with [the] F-15’s Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System had the advantage of knowing how to custom fit display visors on the helmet and work with helmet display systems. Some of those with heavies experience brought diversity, parachute packing and post ejection insight.”

Among these experienced Airmen is the first and only F-35 AFE Airman, Senior Airman Sean Gregory, 33rd OSS F-35 AFE technician, at the 33rd Fighter Wing, who pipelined from technical school directly into the F-35 unit.

Gregory says that coming straight from technical training to the F-35’s AFE shop, she is able to bring a fresh perspective to the program.

“[I’m] able to think on my own or outside of the box, rather than through previous Air Force processes, said Gregory.

The work of 33rd FW AFE Airmen is based on their mission to support flight operations and ensure pilots have safe equipment in case of ejection. Portan says, in the future, their shop will continue to be on the front lines of flight equipment development as they receive and test gear.

“I feel privileged to be a part of history,” said Portan. “It’s a good feeling to come to work knowing we work on the world’s leading edge of fighter pilot equipment...and the best thing about it is our inputs make a difference.”

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Team BLAZE competes with dodgeball for Air Force Birthday Ball



Courtesy photo

Col. James Fisher, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander, stands with the winning team of the Air Force Birthday Ball Dodgeball Challenge June 3 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The challenge was set up to help fund the 2016 Air Force Birthday Ball scheduled for Sept. 16. The winning team was comprised of several members of the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Boster hands 41st FTS reigns to Oakley



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin)

Col. James Boster, 14th Operations Group Commander, passes the 41st Flying Training Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Derek Oakley, the new 41st FTS Commander, during a change of command ceremony June 9 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

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Air Force ROTC accepting instructor applications for summer 2017

Kat Bailey
Air Force Personnel Center
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Air Force officials have

announced 95 projected Air Force ROTC detachment instructor vacancies for summer 2017.

Eligible officers include active-duty first lieutenants, captains or majors in the line of the Air Force competitive category. Ad-

ditional eligibility criteria must be met; rated officers and Guard and Reserve officers are not eligible to apply.

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Wheels up: Hill shop improves F-35 tire change process

Todd Cromar
75th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah — For years, the wheel shop at Hill Air Force Base has disassembled, inspected, repaired, built, and delivered reliable tires and wheels for F-16 Fighting Falcons. That reliability and 24-hour turnaround service will remain intact as the base’s operational mission transitions to the F-35A Lightning II.

Three active-duty Airmen and an air reserve technician work in the 388th Maintenance Squadron’s wheel and tire shop, providing wheels for aircraft.

“We have been building tires for the F-16 for decades, which means that the tools and processes used to accomplish this task are proven,” said Tech. Sgt. Astolfo Mercado Cruz, the shop’s NCO in charge. “For the F-35, things are getting started, so we have to use our hands-on knowledge and experience to ensure the process is streamlined and efficient.”

The F-35 tire change process has become more efficient thanks to an innovation devised by the shop’s Airmen.

In conjunction with the first F-35s arriving to Hill AFB last year, the wheel shop received a new tire changing machine — a hydraulic tool used to separate tires from rims — for exclusive use with the F-35. Although the new tool is adequate, the shop’s Airmen immediately recognized inefficiencies.

Four workers are required to lift an F-35 wheel onto the new machine, while only one worker is needed to roll a wheel into the shop’s legacy tire changing machine and another to operate the tool. Additionally, the new machine employs a hand-operated pump as opposed to the automatic pump used on the legacy machine.

Drawing on years of experience changing F-16 tires, the shop’s Airmen felt they could make the process of changing F-35 tires better if the legacy tire changing machine could be used. After studying the legacy machine, it was determined the tool would work with F-35 wheels if its bead breaker — a compressing component which actually pushes on the tire, separating it from its rim via hydraulic pressure — could be adapted for use.

After coming up with a solution, they provided their design modification proposal to the 388th MXS’s metals technology shop. There, Airmen fabricated a ring-shaped compressing component and the braces necessary for adapting it to the legacy tire changing machine.



U.S. Air Force photo/Todd Cromar
Tech. Sgt. James Speicher, right, an air reserve technician with the 419th Maintenance Squadron, rolls an F-35 Lightning II wheel into a tire changing machine May 20, 2016, while Senior Airman Joseph Sprowls, of the 388th Maintenance Squadron, looks on in the wheel and tire shop at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. The machine depicted is a legacy tool which has been adapted via a fabricated bead breaker to be used in changing F-35 tires.

“Using the legacy machine means that we can load the F-35 tires by rolling them on instead of lifting them on as we have to do on the newer, manual machine,” Mercado Cruz said. “This saves a lot of time because only two personnel are involved, not four. By using the automated process, it takes half the time, which allows us to provide assets to the warfighter a lot quicker.”

Aircraft engineers recently verified the modified bead breaker for use on the legacy tire changing machine and joint technical data is being updated so that the setup can be used on all F-35 variants, benefiting not only Hill’s F-35s but those throughout the Defense Department as well as international partners.

This success will continue, according to Mercado Cruz, who noted that other tool modifications are in the works.

“The innovations keep on coming,” he said. “As more F-35s arrive, we’ll continue looking for ways to do things better.”



U.S. Air Force photo/Todd Cromar
Tech. Sgt. James Speicher, an air reserve technician with the 419th Maintenance Squadron, and Senior Airman Joseph Sprowls, of the 388th Maintenance Squadron, load F-35 Lightning II wheels into a parts washer May 20, 2016, at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

New C-130J contract to save DOD millions

Brian Brackens
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The Air Force Life Cycle Management Center's Mobility Directorate signed a multiyear contract with Lockheed Martin to procure 78 C-130J Super Hercules with the option to buy up to 83 over the next five years.

The agreement is the second multiyear contract for the C-130J and it saves the Defense Department about \$680 million and provides the Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard with important airlift capabilities.

"This contract is significant because it provides the taxpayer with the best bang for their buck and allows our customers, including the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force Special Operations Command, and Air Force Mobility Command, to save money and use it for other requirements," said Joseph Fountain, a supervisory contract officer with the Mobility Directorate and lead negotiator on the contract with Lockheed.

Acquisition experts from the Mobility Directorate negotiated for three years to finalize the details of the contract which will provide new aircraft to replace legacy C-130H models and add to the J models currently in the

Air Force fleet.

The J model is an improvement on previous models in that it brings enhanced avionics and propulsion systems to the fight, providing additional aircraft range, higher maximum speed and shorter takeoff distance.

According to Fountain, the benefit of multiyear contracts versus year-to-year contracts is that they provide stability and cut costs. It allows Lockheed to sign long term supplier agreements and commitments, and invest in new equipment to produce the aircraft.

The contract also funds an affordability program in which Lockheed receives \$35 million up front and agrees to \$65 million in labor reductions over the life of the contract, which according to Fountain will allow the company to assemble the aircraft more efficiently.

Kevin Buckley, the program executive officer for the Mobility Directorate, said that the contract is an example of the directorate's commitment to providing the warfighter with vital airlift capabilities at an affordable cost.

"The men and women on our team are motivated by the fact that the work we do directly impacts the warfighter," Buckley said. "I'm extremely proud of the team and I know we will continue to provide war-winning weapon systems."



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jeremy McGuffin
A C-130J Super Hercules assigned to the 19th Airlift Wing takes off from Camp Robinson, Ark., May 13, 2016.

Nominations sought for 2016 Sijan Award

Kat Bailey
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The Air Force Personnel Center is currently accepting nominations through Aug. 31 for the 2016 Lance P. Sijan U.S. Air Force Leadership Award. The award recognizes the accomplishments of Total Force officers and enlisted leaders who demonstrate the highest qualities of leadership in the performance of their duties and personal conduct.

Nominees will be rated in several areas to include their scope of responsibility, professional leadership and leadership image. The award categories are senior officer, junior officer, senior enlisted and junior enlisted. The award period is July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016, and each major command, forward operating agency or direct reporting unit may submit one nomination in each of the four categories.

The Sijan Award, established in 1981, is named in honor of the late Capt. Lance P. Sijan, the first Air Force Academy graduate to receive the Medal of Honor. A combat pilot,

Sijan was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his determination while evading capture by the North Vietnamese and during his subsequent captivity as a Prisoner of War after being shot down Nov. 9, 1967.

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BLAZE Hangar Tails: P-38 Lightning I

Mission

The versatile P-38 Lightning I performed many different missions during World War II, including dive bombing, level bombing, bombing through clouds, strafing, photo reconnaissance and long range escort. It first went into large-scale service during the North African campaign in November 1942, where the German pilots named it Der Gabelschwanz Teufel ("The Forked-Tail Devil"). When the Lightning began combat operations from England in September 1943, it was the only fighter with the range to escort bombers into Germany.

Background

The P-38 was originally conceived as an advanced, high-performance twin-engine interceptor. On Feb. 11, 1939, Lt. Ben Kelsey set a coast to coast record of 7 hours, 48 minutes in the sleek prototype Lightning, but crashed while landing. Despite the accident, development continued and the first of 13 service test YP-38s flew on Sept. 16, 1940. Early model P-38s experienced turbulent airflow over the tail and problems at

high dive speeds, known as compressibility, but later modifications corrected these difficulties.

The first major production version was the P-38E, which had a 20mm cannon rather than the earlier 37mm cannon. Production of the E began in September 1941 and 210 were built. The next version, the P-38F, introduced pylon racks that could carry either bombs or droppable fuel tanks, greatly extending its range. Production of the G began in August 1942, followed by the P-38H in May 1943, which had a more powerful version of the Allison V-1710 engine.

The P-38J, introduced in August 1943, was considerably improved over earlier models. It had better cockpit heating (a notable problem on earlier models), more efficient cooling for its engines, a flat bulletproof windscreen, additional fuel in the wings, and increased maneuverability.

Features

The Lightning truly shined in the Pacific theater; seven of the top eight scoring USAAF aces in the Pacific flew the P-38. On

April 18, 1943, the long range of the P-38 enabled USAAF pilots to ambush and shoot down an aircraft carrying Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, who was the planner of the Pearl Harbor raid and the commander of the Imperial Japanese Navy. The P-38 became the standard USAAF fighter in the Pacific theater until the closing months of WWII.

The final production version was the P-38L, which could carry two 300-gallon drop tanks. Deliveries of the L began in June 1944 and continued until August 1945. Of the 10,038 P-38s built, 3,923 were P-38Ls.

General characteristics

Armament: Four .50-cal. machine guns and one 20mm cannon

Engines: Two Allison V-1710s of 1,475 hp each

Maximum speed: 414 mph

Cruising speed: 275 mph

Range: 1,300 miles

Ceiling: 40,000 ft.

Span: 52 ft.

Length: 37 ft. 10 in.

Height: 12 ft. 10 in.

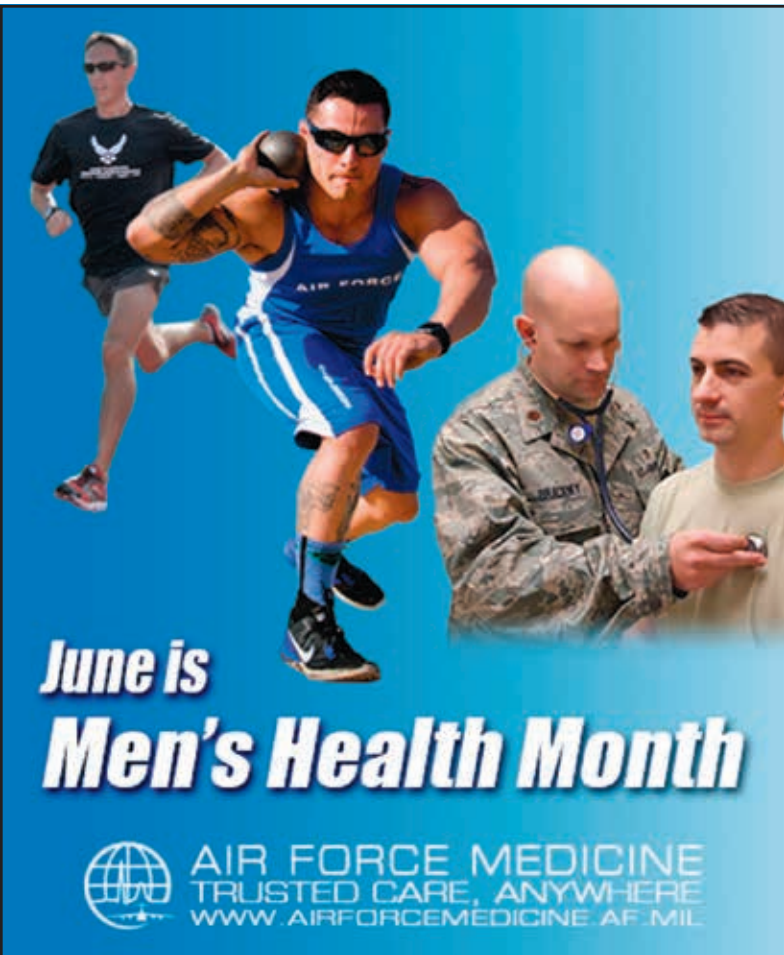
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Courtesy photo/John Rossino
A Lockheed P-38L cockpit sits open at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, Ohio. When the Lightning began combat operations from England in September 1943, it was the only fighter with the range to escort bombers into Germany.



U.S. Air Force photo
A P-38 Lightning 1 does an aerial demonstration over the audience during the Wings Over Columbus: Heritage to Horizons Open House and Air Show Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. An estimation of over 45,000 people attended the weekend festivities which included 10 aerial acts featuring the Air Force Thunderbirds and 30 ground exhibits.



June is
Men's Health Month

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I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight, and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage.
A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman.
Guardian of freedom and justice,
My nation's sword and shield,
Its sentry and avenger.
I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman.
Wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind.
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.



FREE FIREWORKS SHOW

FRIDAY, JULY 1ST

5:00 - 10:00 P.M.

EAST BANK OF THE STENNIS LOCK & DAM
WILKINS-WISE ROAD, OFF HIGHWAY 45 NORTH

FOOD AND DRINK VENDORS • CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES • LIVE MUSIC

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS
NO PETS OR PERSONAL FIREWORKS PLEASE!

Air Force Readiness Programs

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

Smooth Move

This class, 10-11:30 a.m. June 14, provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. You learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billing, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and A&FRC. Please call 434-2790 to register.

Troops To Teachers

This workshop is 10:30 a.m. - noon June 15. It is an informational workshop for members pursuing or interested in a teaching career after the military. For more information or to register call 434-2839/2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. June 21 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 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop is from 1-2 p.m. June 21 and allows 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 for more information please call 434-2839/2790.

Bundles of Joy

This workshop is from 1 - 3:30 p.m. June 22, and is for active-duty families assigned to Columbus Air Force Base who are expecting or have a child up to four months of age. It is an Air Force Aid Society program with presentations about topics such as Tri-Care, Child Care, Breastfeeding, Car Seat Safety, and Labor & Delivery. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program from 5- 7 p.m. June 23 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. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. July 11-15. 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 por-

14 MSG, MDG Honorary Commanders get Team BLAZE immersion



U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Doublin

Leadership from the 14th Medical Group and 14th Mission Support Group pause for a photo with their Honorary Commanders during their immersion into each group June 6 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Honorary Commander Program invites leaders from the surrounding community to one of each of the groups or squadrons on base. They are invited to tour their respective squadron to get a better understanding of the mission and how things operate on base.

tion. Preseparation 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.

Pre-separation Counseling

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

Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

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

Survivor-Benefit Plan

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

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

The Recovery Coordination Program streamlines and improves the way care and support are delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmen and their families. The RCP provides the support of a Recovery Care Coordinator who guides the Airman and family along their road to recovery. Those eligible include wounded, ill and

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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 De-lore's Sherman, Personal Financial Counselor, for an appointment at 426-2527, or 434-2790. 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.

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

Vacation Bible School

9 a.m. - noon, June 20-22

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.

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.

LPGA Expo
The Golf Course is offering a LPGA Expo with LPGA Pro Mindy Moore June 10 – 12.
Events include: June 10 – Junior Clinic, 9 a.m., Lunch and Golf Course Etiquette, 11:30 a.m., Showtime at the Range, 1 p.m.; June 11 – Breakfast with Q&A, 7:30 a.m., Beat the Pro closest to the hole and win a \$20 gift certificate, 9 a.m., Lunch N’ Learn, 11:30 a.m., Showtime at the Range, 1 p.m., Play nine holes, 3 p.m.; June 12 – Putting Clinic, 10:30 a.m., Full Swing Clinic, noon, Burger Burn, 1:30 p.m., nine-hole scramble, 3 p.m. For more information, contact 434-7932.

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.

Missoula Children’s Theater Presents Pinocchio
The Youth Center is offering Missoula Children’s Theater June 13 – 18. First meeting for all participants will be held at 10 a.m. June 13 at the Youth Center. For all youth in grades 1 – 12. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Super Sweet Scramble
Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering their Annual Super Sweet Scramble June 18 and 19 at 1 p.m. This 4-person, 18-hole scramble is open to the public. The cost is only \$40 per person; includes cart, green fees, prize fund, and lunch both days. A hole-in-one wins a lease to a brand new car from Premier Ford. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Dads Bowl Free
The Bowling Center is offering free bowling for dads June 18 in honor of Father’s Day. Shoe rental not included. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Slip ‘N Slide Kickball
Outdoor Recreation is offering Slip ‘N Slide Kickball at 4 p.m. June 25 at the enlisted dorms field. This event is for ages 18 years and up. Sign up at Outdoor Recreation by June 22. Limited to the first six teams to sign up with nine players per team. Complete game rules available at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, contact 434-2505.

5K Color Run/Walk
The Youth Center is offering their annual color run at 8 a.m. June 25. This event is open to the public. Event is free to base identification card holders; \$10 per person of the public. Check in at 7 a.m. at Lil BLAZER Park; for ages two to adult. For more information, contact 434-2504.

4th Annual Columbus AFB 5K
Wet n Wild
Color Run
at Lil Blazer Park
Open to the Public
June 25
8:00 a.m.
Register by June 20
\$10 per person
FREE to Military ID Holders
This is a one of a kind experience that is less about speed and more about enjoying a color crazy day with your friends and family!
Information sheets may be picked up at the CAFB Youth Center or Fitness Center!
• Check-in at 7:00 a.m.
• Ages 2-adults, all fitness levels
• You may walk or run
• White shirt dress code at the official start line
• Non-Military ID holder register at active.com by June 20
• Military ID holders register free at the Fitness Center or Youth Center by June 20
For More Information
434-2504

Pearl River Resort Casino Trip
Outdoor Recreation is offering a monthly casino trip to Pearl River Resort. Upcoming dates are June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17. The cost is only \$25 per person; includes \$20 in play credit at casino and transportation. Outdoor Recreation bus departs Exchange/Shoppette parking lot at 1:30 p.m. Any party of 10 or more may book transportation to casino anytime for \$25 per person. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Swimming Lessons
Outdoor Recreation is offering swimming lessons. Mom and tadpoles sessions for ages 3 and under July 5 – 8. Cost is \$35 for club members; \$45 non-members. Preschool and Beginner/Intermediate Session for ages 4 – 12 years June 13 – 24. Cost is \$50 for club members; \$60 non-members. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Free Breakfast for Club Members
The Columbus Club is offering free breakfast for club members from 6:30 – 8 a.m. July 11. 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.

Summer Reading Program
Kick off the summer with the Base Library’s Summer Reading Program. Win prizes and enjoy weekly activities. Closing ceremony will be held July 28 at 1 p.m. For more information, contact 434-2934.

The Overrun Now Open Friday Nights
The Overrun is open Fridays 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.

New Library Hours of Operation
The Base Library hours of operation are Mondays – Fridays 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Sundays 1 – 5 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays closed. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet Specials
The Columbus Club is offering a lunch buffet Tuesday - Friday 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Taco Tuesday includes tacos and nachos for only \$5 per club member and \$6 per non-member; Wednesday has pizza and wings, Thursday is southern, and Friday is catfish and spaghetti. Cost of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday buffet is only \$7.95 for club members and \$8.95 for non-members. For more information, contact 434-2419.

Story Time and Circle Time at the Library
The Base Library is offering Story Time every Friday at 11 a.m. for all ages. Circle Time is offered each Wednesday at 11 a.m. for ages up to 4 years old. 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. Self-help bicycle repair is also 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.

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.

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.

Plan your transition

Col. Kurt Kayser
14th Mission Support Group Commander

As I transition into the civilian business world after a 25-year military career, I wanted to pass along some fresh lessons learned to aid others pursuing a similar journey – whether retiring or separating.

Start Early – Do lots of research but start at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. They have lots of resources. Don’t wait until you are only a few months out. I recommend starting at least two years prior to your planned or potential end in service.

Get Familiar with Networking – I used LinkedIn which is a very powerful professional networking tool to establish contacts to get questions answered on companies, jobs, salaries, benefits, interviewing and anything else you need information.

Have Stories to Illustrate Skills/Experiences in an Interview – Civilian interviewers will remember stories better than stats and facts only. Most job resources recommend the STAR (Situation, Task, Action, Response) technique for interview responses. Make yourself memorable to them.

Leadership Sets Us Apart – The leadership experiences offered by the military are virtually unparalleled in the civilian business world. Don’t undersell your experiences in leading.

Don’t Use Military Jargon/Acronyms – Most interviewers won’t understand what you’re talking about. Whether in your resume, which you should have reviewed by as many non-military people as possible, or in your interviews, you will not go far if your civilian interviewer has no idea what TDY, AETC or CAFB is.

It’s been a great honor to wear our Air Force uniform and serve alongside such an awesome military and civilian professional workforce. God speed and thanks for the memories.


Commander’s Action Line

434-1414

The Commander’s Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Commander’s Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command.

The Commander’s Action Line phone number is 434-1414. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the Wing Headquarters building, BLDG. 724, suite 210. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.



Have you joined the Air Force yet?

Master Sgt. Carmina Beedle
14th Operations Support Squadron

I enlisted into the Air Force in February of 1997, but I didn’t join the Air Force until March of 1999.

No, I’m not talking about the Delayed Enlistment Program, either. I’m talking about really joining the Air Force.

When I was in high school, there was no doubt in my mind that afterward, I would attend college; however, not having applied for any scholarships and realizing I didn’t have any money to spend on an education, the Air Force sounded like a good idea. Where else could I get a free education and get to travel? And go to school and travel, I did!

After I arrived at my first duty station, I hit the ground running and tried to learn all that I could. I wanted to contribute to my unit as much as possible and hurry through upgrade training so that I could start school. I hadn’t even completed my CDCs when I began my first college class.

Because of a new squadron policy, I knew I wouldn’t be able go anywhere until I had completed my CDCs and had a year of experience in my section. I could learn some useful skills, concentrate on my off-duty education, and finish my degree before my four-year enlistment was up. I thought: this Air Force thing was all right!

Of course, the time came for my first deployment, and I couldn’t have felt more ready! Online classes weren’t available yet, so I thought I would take a “break” from school during my 60-day deployment. Who knew, maybe I could get a CLEP in or something?

That deployment happened to be to Osan Air Base, Korea. I was working the night shift late one evening when the NCO In-Charge came in to tell us that we needed to pack up all of the equipment needed to support half of our pilots and prepare that equipment for shipping. The NCOIC told us that the pilots were leaving within 24 hours and

What I realized during that little moment of clarity was simply this: there is a job and there is a mission. We all have a job to do to accomplish the mission. I had been taught my job and had been preached to about the mission, but I hadn’t internalized either one.

three of us might return to our home station.

It was at that moment I knew our aircraft were immediately needed elsewhere. Our pilots were not to simply pass go or collect two hundred dollars, but were going to put boots on the ground in Italy the very next day. Incidentally, this was when the trouble brewing over Kosovo finally began to erupt: March of 1999.

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As I was packing up my pilots’ full-pressure suits and preparing the paperwork, this realization was setting in. My wants may not have necessarily been the same as the Air Force’s needs, but that night I knew what I was there to do, and that was “to serve.” We, as Airmen, are part of something so much bigger than ourselves and any personal agendas that we may have. Certainly, the Air Force will allow and encourage us to further our educations and see the world, but never forget what each of us has agreed to do for the Air Force and our country in return.

So I ask you ... have you joined the Air Force yet?



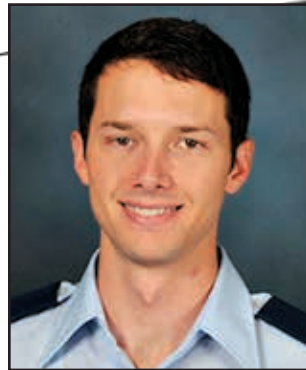


T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

SUPT Class 16-10 earns silver wings



1st Lt. Davis Gray
Newnan, Ga.
F-15C, Kingsley Field, Ore.



1st Lt. Zachary Marx
Portland, Ore.
KC-135, Kadena AB, Japan



1st Lt. Joshua Mote
Birmingham, Ala.
T-1A, Columbus AFB, Miss.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-10 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Brig. Gen. Patrick Mordente, 18th Air Force Vice Commander, 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. Mohammed Alahmari, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Clayton Gressett, 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. Braxton Baker, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Riley Snowden, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who ex-

celled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

2nd Lt. Mohammed Alahmari, T-38, 2nd Lt. Clayton Gressett, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Josh Snider, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 16-10.

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. SUPT Class 16-10 pilot partners are Cadence Bank and Cadence Mortgage.



2nd Lt. Jordan Allen
Rochester, N.Y.
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



2nd Lt. Abdullah Alqaet
Saudi Arabia
Panavia Tornado, Saudi Arabia



2nd Lt. Braxton Baker
Royal Center, Ind.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Aaron Ray Bolton
Salem, Ill.
KC-135, March ARB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Clayton Gressett
Madison, Miss.
C-17A, Jackson ANG, Miss.



2nd Lt. Thomas Lyles
Knoxville, Tenn.
KC-135, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom



2nd Lt. Ryan May
Cortland, Ill.
T-38C, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. William Kyle Mullins
Pelham, Ala.
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Kevin Rudisill
Harpers Ferry, W.Va.
C-17A, Sheppard Field ANG, W.Va.



2nd Lt. Cameren Sholl
Columbus, Ohio
B-1B, Dyess AFB, Texas



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



2nd Lt. Josh Snider
Dayton, Ohio
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Riley Snowden
Cincinnati, Ohio
C-21, Scott AFB, Ill.



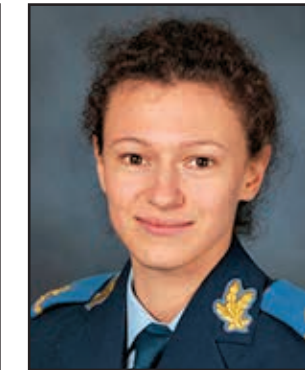
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FA-50PH, Philippines



2nd Lt. Taylor Wasson
Martinsburg, W.Va.
C-17A, Sheppard Field ANG, W.Va.



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E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



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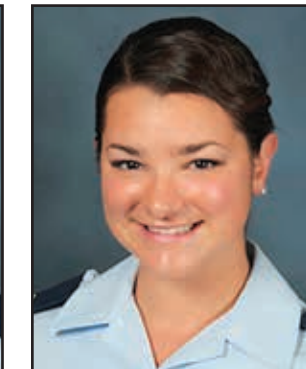
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Saudi Arabia
Eurofighter Typhoon, Saudi Arabia



2nd Lt. Lawrence Bria II
Durham, N.C.
AC-130U, Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Nicholas Casini
Peachtree City, Ga.
C-17A, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Kristian Lynne Ciampa
Bourne, Mass.
MQ-1, Whiteman AFB, Mo.



2nd Lt. Daniel Eichler
Providence, R.I.
U-28, Hurlburt Field, Fla.