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Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. June 21 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel.

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.

14th CES Change of Command

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron is hosting a Change of Command ceremony at 9:14 a.m. June 28 at the Fire Station.

Inside



Feature 8

The 50th FTS is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, passes the 14th Mission Support Group guidon to Col. Anthony Sansano, the new 14th MSG Commander, during a change of command ceremony June 16 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Sansano takes command of 14th MSG

Senior Airman Kaleb Snay

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

A change of command ceremony held in the Fire Station commemorated Col. Anthony Sansano taking command of the 14th Mission Support Group June 16 at Columbus Air Force Base.

Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, handed the guidon for the 14th MSG to Sansano signifying a formal transfer of authority and responsibility for a unit which ensures the unit is never without official leadership and also

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The graduation speaker is Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander.

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July 7-9

The Crawford Cotton Boll Festival annual community event features an array of live entertainment, speakers, a step show and more. This year's festival honors the late Blues legend, Big Joe Williams. For more information call 272-5164.

July 7, 21

The Sounds of Summer free concert series at the Columbus Riverwalk features Charlie Burgin & Southbound Train on July 7 and The Bouncing Betty on 21 July from 7-9 p.m. Concessions available; lawn chairs, blankets encouraged. No pets or coolers. For more information, contact Main Street Columbus, 328-6305.

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signifies an allegiance of soldiers to their unit's commander.

In this capacity he assists and provides military advice to the Wing Commander on the development and implementation of goals, plans, policies and procedures to accomplish all wing support activities. As commander, he provides essential services with a 750-person workforce and \$38 million budget, operates and maintains facilities and infrastructure for a 6,013-acre pilot training base and provides law enforcement, supply, transportation, fire protection, communications, education, recreation, and personnel management for 10,000 people.

Sansano was previously serving as the Deputy Director of Airman and Family Care, Air Force Personnel Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.

Sansano entered the Air Force in 1994 as a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy. He has served in a wide variety of assignments to include base level, major command, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Staff, and command.

Sansano is married to Amanda and they have seven children, Rachel, Lauren, Ryan, Brady, Glory, Sean, and Hope.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class John Day
Brig. Gen. Patrick Mordente, 18th Air Force Vice Commander, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, speaks at the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-10 graduation June 10 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Aside from being the keynote speaker at graduation, Mordente also came to celebrate 28 years from the exact day he graduated from UPT at Columbus AFB.

Mordente welcomes new pilots home

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

Brig. Gen. Patrick Mordente, 18th Air Force Vice Commander, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, as the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-10's graduation June 10.

Mordente entered the Air Force in 1987 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and earned his pilot wings in 1988. His operational assignments include duty as a T-37 and C-130 instructor pilot and C-130 evaluator. Mordente has commanded an airlift squadron, expeditionary airlift squadron, operations group and air expeditionary wing.

Not only was the day special for the graduates of SUPT class 16-10, but also for Mordente.

"Good morning and thank you for allowing me to be here today to share in this momentous occasion," Mordente said. "Today is a special day for me also; 28 years ago today, I walked across this very stage and received my wings right here at Columbus Air Force Base."

Mordente began by thanking the graduate's families for helping them get to this point and spoke of the challenges the graduates would face in the years to come. Mordente charged the graduates to change their mindset and to focus on being the best pilot and officer possible.

"Today is a huge milestone in your life," Mordente said. "You have earned the prestigious wings of an Air Force pilot. Never forget the privilege that you have been given and never, never stop learning. When I graduated from pilot training, my mindset was to be the best pilot I could be, and throughout my career that evolved into

being the best officer I could be. All this to say the best piece of advice would be to bloom where you are planted. Don't focus too much on the future and it will all fall into place."

He encouraged the new pilots to never forget they were trained by the best of the best and to give back by doing the same.

"Once you have mastered the art and science of aviation, it's time to give that gift to the next generation," Mordente said. "You owe it to those who did the same for you, and you owe it to this nation to ensure we continue to have the best Air Force the world has ever known."

Mordente closed with a final congratulations and a welcome home.

"To most people, the sky is the limit," Mordente said. "To those who fly, the sky is home. Congratulations Class 16-10; welcome home."

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Columbus Police Chief to give Saint Leo University commencement address

Mary McCoy
University Writer and Media Relations

The Columbus Education Center Saint Leo University will host a commencement ceremony for 10 local students 10 a.m. June 18 at the Rosenzweig Arts Center, 501 Main St., Columbus, MS, 39701.

The commencement speaker is Saint Leo alumnus Chief Oscar Lewis III, who graduated from the university in 2011, and is the chief of the Columbus Police Department.

Earning their degrees are Lycisia Craddieth, Tabitha Hamilton, Charles Thompson, Joyce Washington, Teresa Ann Carter, Adrienne Childs, James Shelton, Christopher Berryhill, Teresa Brooks, and Jacqueline Mitchell.



Chief Oscar Lewis III

Guest speaker Chief Oscar Lewis III served in the U.S. Air Force in from 1987 to 1998, and his last duty station was Columbus Air Force Base. After leaving the Air Force, he worked a short time as a police officer at the Mississippi University for Women.

He was hired by the Columbus Police Department in September 1998 and served as a patrolman and a narcotics agent with the department. He was promoted to lieutenant in June 2004. He then assumed the role of chief of police for the City of Waynesboro, MS, in April 2014.

In January 2016, he was rehired by the City of Columbus as the chief of police and officially took command of the Columbus Police Department on February 22, 2016.

Saint Leo University's Columbus Education Center is located on the Columbus Air Force Base, 680 Seventh St., Building 926, Suite 120. Saint Leo operates the center on the base for local residents and base personnel who wish to further their education. Dew White is the center director. For information about the Columbus Education Center, call 434-8844.

Team BLAZE drivers participate in second SCCA Autocross



Columbus Air Force Base Autocross participants wait for the Autocross to start June 12 on the SAC Ramp at Columbus AFB, Mississippi. The Mississippi Region of the Sports Car Club of America holds the event on base several times a year.

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EDWARDS
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the operator in the cockpit,” Poliakov said.

The electronic warfare data collected during this testing will be shared with partner nations as part of an agreement signed last year between the U.S., Canada, U.K. and Australia. The agreement is called the Multinational Test and Evaluation Program.

“This agreement provides an unprecedented access to the partnering nations’ EW trials and data,” Poliakov said. “The CC-130J trial at the BAF is the first time the agreement has been used since it was officially signed in 2015. We invited representatives from the U.K. and Australia to witness this trial and will share all of the results with our allies.”

Poliakov added the agreement eliminates a lot of repetitive testing and road blocks and allows the partner nations to discuss directly with their allies in the test community about system capabilities and deficiencies. The countries share data and test planning.

“This agreement allows the allies to work together and contribute to the common goal of increasing crew and aircraft survivability in a potential threat environment,” Poliakov said.

During a meeting last year, Poliakov said Mario Dorado of the 772nd TS invited the Canadians to Edwards Air Force Base to conduct EW testing on the CC-130J, thus initiating the first action of the joint program.

The CC-130J brought to Edwards AFB is from 8 Wing located at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, Ontario. Canada purchased 17 CC-130Js with the last one delivered in 2012.

On the outside the CC-130J looks almost identical to the legacy CC-130H Hercules, but internally the J model is essentially a completely new aircraft that can fly faster, higher and farther, while carrying heavier loads with better fuel economy.

While this is the first time an RCAF plane has come to test in the BAF, Poliakov hopes it won't be the last.

“We have had a fantastic experience at the BAF. We were able to complete all planned test objectives and collect data, which we don't normally have access to,” Poliakov said. “This facility provides the missing link between systems testing in the lab and flight trials at a range. I hope we'll be able to integrate the BAF into our regular DEWS test cycles for all fleets in the RCAF.”

The CC-130J team is expected to complete testing this week.

No limits: Airman pushes past near death experience

Sean Kimmons
Air Force News Service

BETHESDA, Md. — Staff Sgt. Sebastiana Lopez Arellano was riding a motorcycle when an animal scurried onto the road, causing her to swerve and hit a curb. As she high-sided over her bike, the momentum catapulted her body into a tree. The impact severed her right leg.

“I thought I was going to die,” the 25-year-old Airman said of the February 2015 crash in Charleston, South Carolina.

While at the hospital, she did briefly die twice before and during a coma that lasted for about a month.

The diagnosis was grim for Lopez, now a patient at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Besides an amputated leg, she had several broken bones, ripped arteries and organs, nerve damage and serious hand injuries that prevent her from fully opening them.

“This is a really bad nightmare,” she recalled telling herself when she regained consciousness. “I felt very hopeless.

I was thinking that I could never do anything again.”

Turning point

As she recovered, the former C-17 Globemaster III crew chief found comfort in sports and fitness. A year after her crash, she competed in the Air Force Trials for wounded warriors and gained confidence by earning invitations to the Invictus and Warrior Games.

“It showed me that I could do this,” she said. “That’s when the old me came out. It was a turning point for me.”

In early May, she captured two gold medals in rugby and hand cycling, and three silvers in shotput, discus and in another hand cycling event at the Invictus Games. She plans to add more hardware at the Warrior Games starting June 15.

Lopez contends in several other sports, such as wheelchair racing, hand cycling, shotput, shooting, and sitting volleyball — the most difficult sport for her to overcome.

In 2013 and 2014, she was selected to the All-Air Force volleyball team after playing college volleyball in her hometown of San Bernardino, California. But the extensive injuries have since prevented her from returning to form.

“It’s very frustrating to me because I can’t use my hands,” she said. “They are one of the most important things in volleyball.”

Lopez tries to keep a positive outlook as she progresses with physical and occupational therapy that help her improve in sporting events.

“It opened up a lot of doors for me,” she said of her participation in adaptive sports. “I feel that the opportunities are endless.”

Walter Reed’s Military Advanced Training Center, where Lopez and other amputees receive state-of-the-art care, uses a sports medicine model with various activities and exercise equipment as part of the rehabilitation process.

“I think sports are a great way to physically and mentally challenge yourself,” said Annemarie Orr, an occupational therapist at the center. “For a lot of our patients who are young, active and highly motivated individuals, it’s a way to push them to the next level in all aspects of their rehab.”

Orr and other therapists aim to inspire amputee patients by instilling a sense of independence after their traumatic experiences.

“Despite all of the challenges they are faced with, they continue to succeed,” Orr said, who also teaches basic daily living tasks to help amputees be self-sufficient.

Dancing the plight away

Hindered by her injuries, Lopez had to relearn small tasks like putting on her makeup, handwriting and even dressing.

“The small victories can add up to a huge victory,” she said, smiling.

Her therapy has now advanced to the dancefloor. In the



U.S. Air Force photo/Sean Kimmons

Staff Sgt. Sebastiana Lopez Arellano, a patient at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, learns some dance moves from volunteer Joe Kiballa on April 13, 2016. Lopez lost her right leg and suffered several other injuries in a motorcycle crash in 2015. She now uses sports and fitness as part of her physical and occupational therapy regimen.

back of the training center, Lopez and a dance instructor often practice moves that would be hard for many two-legged people.

The Mexican-American Airman is no stranger to either ballroom dancing or the lively beats of Latin dancing.

“Merengue is fun,” Lopez said of the festive Latin dance that heavily relies on hip motion. “It’s in my blood.”

Having fun is important to Lopez, who has struggled with anxious thoughts when out in public with her prosthetic leg.

“At first, I felt like everyone was judging me,” she said. “Now I don’t care.”

She also makes an effort not to dwell on what lies ahead in life. By staying in the present, Lopez said she and other amputees can conquer tasks that were once thought out of reach.

“Don’t overwhelm yourself thinking about the future,” she said. “Focus on your recovery and just take it one day at a time. As long as you put the hard work into it, you can do whatever you want.”



U.S. Air Force photo/Sean Kimmons

Staff Sgt. Sebastiana Lopez Arellano, a patient at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, does pushups during her therapy session at the center's Military Advanced Training Center, which provides amputee patients with state-of-the-art care, in Bethesda, Maryland, April 13, 2016. Lopez lost her right leg and suffered several other injuries in a motorcycle crash in 2015. She now uses sports and fitness as part of her physical and occupational therapy regimen.

A backseat view of combat airstrikes

Capt. Sybil Taunton
380 Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Throughout the month of May, the air coalition has been able to strike lucrative targets including: logistics lines, command and control and Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant financial resources through more than 1,800 strike sorties.

“My goal as the air component is to actually put pressure on (ISIL) wherever they are,” said Lt. Gen. Charles Q. Brown, the U.S. Air Forces Central Command commander, during a recent press briefing in Washington D.C. “I’m always pressing pretty hard to use our airpower as much as possible.”

The air coalition has an array of precision capability available to strike targets and defend the region.

Weapon systems officers assigned to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing discussed their combat role and the importance of teamwork when flying and employing precision ordnance from the vantage point of the two-seat F-15E Strike Eagle.

“The great thing about a two-seat aircraft is that we can divide out duties and be more effective,” said Capt. Dan, a WSO assigned to the 380th AEW. “The pilot in the front

seat can coordinate for airspace and refueling, while the WSO in the backseat can talk to the joint terminal attack controller on the ground, find a target and have a weapon ready to drop.”

Maj. Justin, also a WSO assigned to the 380th AEW, explained how various organizations work together to successfully destroy a target. JTACs determine target locations from strike cells, while unmanned aerial vehicles and intelligence personnel deliver imagery and situation updates. Weather personnel provide updated briefings, maintainers work day and night to prepare the jets to fly, and airfield management Airmen clear the airfield for appropriate munitions, according to Justin.

“The aircrew specifically will talk to a half-dozen agencies before even getting to an area where a strike can take place,” Justin said. “In the end it is a very complicated process that takes everyone doing their part to get the bomb on target.”

According to Dan, once in flight, a WSO has several things running through their mind in preparation for strike operations. There are a number of checklist items that must be calculated to ensure precision and accuracy.

“There are dozens of ‘what ifs’ you must



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech Sgt. Jeff Andrejick

An F-15 Eagle taxis on the flight line in an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. Throughout the month of May, the air coalition has been able to strike lucrative targets including: logistics lines, command and control and Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant financial resources through more than 1,800 strike sorties.

consider as well,” Dan said. “You must always be prepared and thinking ahead because it can go from zero to 100 in a split second.”

Justin also discussed the precision and care that is taken when employing targets.

“The targets I’m assigned to destroy have been vetted through the most professional members of our armed services, and (I know) that others are taking their jobs as seriously as I am,” Justin said.

Dan said destroying critical targets that diminish the capabilities of terrorist organizations and protecting ground troops are critically important mission areas.

“We are here to provide support to (indigenous) troops on the ground,” Dan said. “So it is a good feeling to know that we can help keep them safe.”

Editor’s note: Due to safety and security concerns, some names were removed.

Edwards testing facility hosts first Canadian air force plane

Kenji Thuloweit
412th Test Wing Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — For the first time ever, a Royal Canadian Air Force plane has entered the Benefield Anechoic Facility, a state-of-the-art center for electronic warfare testing.

A team of engineers, operators and defense scientists from Canada are wrapping up electronic warfare testing of a CC-130J Hercules transport plane.

Canada is updating its fleet of legacy CC-130H aircraft with the J model, which are the same as the U.S. Air Force C-130Js and used for tactical airlift of troops and supplies.

The team has conducted multiple tests in the past few weeks focusing on the ALR-56M radar warning receiver and its integration with the rest of the Defensive Electronic Warfare Suite and aircraft mission computer.

“The BAF is the closest thing to actually flying the aircraft in (a radio frequency) threat environment,” said Emil Poliakov, a Canada Department of National Defense radar warfare engineer. “The chamber allows us to execute multiple test objectives in a controlled-repeatable manner and collect data to evaluate the radar warning receiver’s technical performance and effectiveness.”



U.S. Air Force photo/Kenji Thuloweit

A Royal Canadian Air Force CC-130J tactical airlift aircraft sits in the Benefield Anechoic Facility on Edwards Air Force Base, California, undergoing electronic warfare testing. Canada purchased 17 CC-130Js with the last one delivered in 2012. The RCAF CC-130J fleet is currently going through a block 7 upgrade to the aircraft avionics.

The BAF, operated by the 772nd Test Squadron, is the largest anechoic chamber in the world and can fit pretty much any airplane inside. It provides a “free space” so electronic warfare tests can be conducted without radio frequency interference from the outside world. The chamber is filled with

polyurethane and polyethylene pyramids designed to stop reflections of electromagnetic waves. The size of the pyramids, which are painted dark blue or black, varies depending on the particular frequency and test procedure being conducted. Aircraft systems can be tested and verified that they work properly prior to actual flight test.

The isolation from outside interferences enables testers to determine the electromagnetic compatibility of the CC-130J’s systems.

“Our DEWS systems are often programmed and tested in isolation. We do not have a capability like the BAF, which would allow us to test the systems in an integrated fashion,” Poliakov said. “This program allows us to exercise the complete integrated suite before the aircraft goes through an expensive flight trial.”

The test team designed all the emitters the BAF is going to generate around a fictional threat area.

“We’ve set up our objectives to simulate a contested (radio frequency) environment and we’re going to see various early warning, air to air, long-range surface to air, and anti-air artillery threat systems come up to exercise the full capabilities of the radar warning receiver and provide relevant experience to

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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!
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- 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

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.

A cautionary tale of wills, bills

Mike Jago
14th Civil Engineer Squadron

(Disclaimer: this story was approved by the 14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate office before release.)

Recently in January, my 86-year-old mother-in-law passed away. She was a lovely lady, and a good friend; I feel like I won the mother-in-law lottery.

My father-in-law passed away in 2005. As a Texas resident, all of his worldly goods, accounts and property theoretically transferred to his surviving spouse -- sort of.

Although they had the foresight to pre-plan and pre-pay their funeral back in the 1970s, which saved us headaches and several thousand dollars, the estate was not as easy to settle. During these processes, I discovered a few pearls of wisdom to pass on.

My in-laws were lovely people, had modest jobs and a steady retirement. They lived in a small house in a working neighborhood in west Texas. This is to say they weren’t swimming in assets; treading water would be more like it.

My mother-in-law had a will, written before my wife was born. All the mentioned property, people, accounts, insurance and executors were gone. It became a worthless document. Just having a will is not the same as having a current valid will.

Which brings me to my first word of advice. File all important papers in an actual file. After my father-in-law passed away, I was handed a pile of papers and asked to deal with his estate. I dealt with what I was given. It was missing several key documents, certificates and policies that I didn’t find out about until 11 years later. There were insurance policies being paid during that time wasting \$1584 of my mother-in-law’s precious funds.

I never knew about them, so I couldn’t cancel them. They were tiny policies that showed up on a bank statement every month. I never found a certificate, bill or policy, and it took about six hours on the internet and a few phone calls to find the accounts and stop them.

What lessons did I learn from this? Have your parents run a transcript of their credit score. It will list all the credit needed to be shut down and paid off and will also list what other bank accounts might be out there. It will protect the accounts from fraud and help settle final expenses. Put a fresh copy with your will every couple of years and do not throw out all the old ones. They may contain clues needed later.

After her parents passed away, my wife was a mess, so I took on the task of clearing things

up. Despite this, I was not a direct family member, and there were still accounts I could not touch. Banking laws are set up to prevent fraud, which can make it very difficult to close or collect without proper probate or joint ownership. My wife had to deal with this, and it was very difficult on her.

Another important step is to check unclaimed accounts at the state comptroller’s office, and make a note to check it again annually for the next three years. Money stuck in accounts will eventually be reported but it might take up to five years for the audit at a financial institution to catch it. I found money in my father-in-law’s name 11 years after he passed.

Find and keep the latest bank statements, credit card statements and investments notifications. You only need to keep the last one or two, so piles of paper are not necessary. They have a ton of useful information if you know how to read them. Internet searches are your best bet for figuring out who to contact, claim, cancel or notify based on the paperwork that shows up.

Electronic accounts can be a problem. Put a copy of the passwords, account numbers, company name, address and phone numbers with the will and insurance documents. If you do business online, at least annually, update a hard copy of what accounts are active and note the ones inactive or closed. Make sure the paper copy gets in with the insurance and will.

It may feel a bit morbid, but while you are still working, it is a really great gift to your family to take care of nailing down the details of your funeral. As a veteran, the Department of Veterans Affairs will plant me in a VA cemetery and put a headstone on the spot. It isn’t fancy, but I paid the price already and I am fine with that. If you want something else, your family will be paying for it at a highly emotional time, and without proper planning, families tend to overspend.

Make a note of what, if any, VA benefits and military hours you or your parents want such as color guard, headstones, and more. Check out the VA website and make a couple of calls to see what you are eligible for. If you do not want it, say so.

Lastly, put all the aforementioned information in a safe place and let your executor, spouse, and other trusted family members know where that safe place is. A caution about using bank lock boxes, if renting one by yourself, do not use it as your safe storage place for a will. Your heirs will not be able to access it as quickly as needed. Learning from my experience, maybe you can help your family avoid some headaches during an already stressful time.

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

Mission

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

Features

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

Command and control data links enable complete dynamic control of the aircraft. The pilot workstations in the MCE

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

Background

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

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

General Characteristics

Primary function: high-altitude, long-endurance ISR

Contractor: Northrop Grumman (Prime), Raytheon, L3 Comm

Power Plant: Rolls Royce-North American F137-RR-100 turbofan engine

Thrust: 7,600 pounds

Wingspan: 130.9 feet (39.8 meters)

Length: 47.6 feet (14.5 meters)

Height: 15.3 feet (4.7 meters)

Weight: 14,950 pounds (6,781 kilograms)

Maximum takeoff weight: 32,250 pounds (14628 kilograms)

Fuel Capacity: 17,300 pounds (7847 kilograms)

Payload: 3,000 pounds (1,360 kilograms)

Speed: 310 knots (357 mph)

Range: 12,300 nautical miles

Endurance: more than 34 hours

Ceiling: 60,000 feet (18,288 meters)

Armament: None

Crew (remote): three (LRE pilot, MCE pilot, and sensor operator)

Initial operating capability: 2011 (Block 30); 2015 (Block 40)

Inventory: active force, 33 (three more Block 30s purchased, to be fielded in 2017)



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



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

Air Force Readiness Programs

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

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 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 portion. 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.

USAFA parents say farewell



U.S. Air Force Photo/ Staff Sgt. Stephanie Englar

Five Mississippi high school graduates who were appointed to the United States Air Force Academy pause for a photo with their families at a dinner held June 9 at the Columbus Club on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The dinner celebrated their selection to the U.S. Air Force Academy, where the students will study mathematics, English, Science, and Military History, while also participating in strenuous military training and athletic programs. After four years, the students will graduate and commission as second lieutenants in the United States Air Force. The state of Mississippi had eight high school graduates chosen to attend the Air Force Academy this year.

Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

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

Survivor-Benefit Plan

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

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

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

Personal Financial Readiness

Make the most of your money. Contact DeLores 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.

DRMO

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

Chapel Schedule

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

Catholic Community

Sundays:

3:45 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9 (Chapel Annex)
4 p.m. – Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary)
4 p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)
5 p.m. – Mass w/Children's Church

Tuesdays:

11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass

Wednesdays:

11:30-12:30 p.m. – Adoration

Protestant Community

Sundays:

9 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library)
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service

Tuesdays:

5 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)

Wednesdays:

4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

Ecumenical services

Wednesdays:

6 p.m. – AWANA, a religious education program for children ages three years old to 6th grade
6 p.m. – Adult Bible study on the Gospel of John
6 p.m. – Youth Group

Vacation Bible School

9 a.m. – noon, June 20-22

Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.

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.

Missoula Children's Theater Presents Pinocchio
The Youth Center is offering Missoula Children's Theater June 13-18. Performance held June 18 at 3 p.m. at the Youth Center. 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.

Family Movie at the Pool
The Base Pool is offering a family movie "Miracles from Heaven" (PG) June 18 at 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m. Pool pass or daily fees apply. Snack bar will be available. For more information, contact 434-2505.

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 BLAZE Park; for ages two to adult. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Free Family Fishing Tournament
The Youth Center is offering a free Family Fishing Tournament 7:30 a.m. July 16 at the Columbus Lake. Sign up no later than July 11 at the Youth Center. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Couples Nine and Wine
Whispering Pines Golf Course is offering Couples Nine and Wine 5 p.m. July 16. The cost is only \$30 per person; includes 9 holes of golf, cart rental, and hors d'oeuvres. Wine available for purchase. For more information, contact 434-7932.

FREE Slip 'N Slide Kickball
25 June 1600
Ages 18 and Up
Event held at the Enlisted Dorms Field

- Limited to first 6 teams (9 players per team)
- Sign up at Outdoor Recreation by 22 June
- Complete game rules available at Outdoor Recreation
- Coolers with ice available for use
- For more information, contact 434-2505

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. 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 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.

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.

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

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



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You can access this app by navigating to the native app store or market on your device and search for "MyMC2", or you can scan this QR code and it will take you directly to the download page in your phone.



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VIEWPOINT

Make every sortie count and be ready for anything

Capt. Zach Shuler
50th Flying Training Squadron Raptor Flight Assistant Commander

As an Undergraduate Pilot Training student back in 2010, I got used to operating under a syllabus. Everyone gets the same number of sorties with somewhat scripted profiles, and there is adequate time and sorties to learn what is required.

I never dreamed that two years later, as a young wingman in the F-15E, I would walk into the squadron and be told due to budget cuts from sequestration the squadron would be grounded for the next six months.

Flying is a perishable skill and there is nothing a young pilot needs more than hours and experience. Like many squadrons at the time, we sat while our skills atrophied waiting for funds to fly. When we finally began flying again, the squadron was a full year behind in training and upgrades and was scheduled to deploy in seven months. While most squadrons typically accomplish an extensive deployment spin-up which focuses heavily on the mission type conducted down range, we scrambled just to have our entire squadron combat mission ready by the time we left.

In the months leading up to the deployment, the squadron had to get creative to ensure everyone would be prepared. Every sortie we flew was an upgrade for at least one person and every available pound of gas was meticulously planned to accomplish as much training as possible. Despite our inexperience and the rapid spin-up, we felt confident going down range knowing we had done as much as we possibly could to get ready.

The first half of our deployment was fairly uneventful as the troop withdrawal from Afghanistan was in full swing. However, in late June 2014 when ISIS

crossed the border of Syria into Iraq, the squadron was called upon to fight an enemy we had not prepared for and knew very little about. Keeping track of hourly changes and rules of engagement, the squadron participated in missions to support operation Inherent Resolve.

We deployed as a squadron expecting to do close air support over Afghanistan, but ended up conducting intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, pre-planned strikes, and dynamic targeting over a completely separate area.

Prior to sequestration my attitude toward flying had become somewhat routine. While I always worked hard and tried to get better, I looked at flying as something guaranteed. That changed drastically after being grounded.

Every flight should be viewed as a precious opportunity to improve, even while still a student in UPT. In the future there are no guarantees for the military budget or the amount of flying hours pilots will get. In order for the U.S. Air Force to maintain its place as the most highly trained in the world, it is crucial everyone takes advantage of every opportunity to fly regardless of the type of airframe.

Additionally, as UPT students leave Columbus Air Force Base, they must be prepared for the unexpected. I was always told to treat every flight as potentially the last training flight you will have before going to war. While our squadron had months to prepare for the deployment, it was still a challenge for both aircrew and maintenance. Despite our struggles as a squadron, we had great success during our deployment that can only be attributed to our maximum effort during spin up. In the future, make every sortie count and be ready for anything.

The Airman's Creed

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| I am an American Airman. | Guardian of freedom and justice, |
| I am a Warrior. | My nation's sword and shield, |
| I have answered my nation's call. | Its sentry and avenger. |
| I am an American Airman. | I defend my country with my life. |
| My mission is to fly, fight, and win. | I am an American Airman. |
| I am faithful to a proud heritage. | Wingman, leader, warrior. |
| A tradition of honor, | I will never leave an Airman behind. |
| And a legacy of valor. | I will never falter, |
| I am an American Airman. | And I will not fail. |

Snakes train combat pilots for America



The 50th Flying Training Squadron's past SUPT student patches hang on the wall June 10 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Patches from every class since 1972 are kept in the squadron.



The 50th Flying Training Squadron's mugs hang on the wall of their heritage room June 10 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Mugs hung upside down symbolize a pilot who was killed while serving as a pilot.

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When pilots complete their time in the T-6 Texan, they can track into either the T-1 Jayhawk or the T-38 Talon. Those who fly the T-38 will continue to train with the best of the best at the 50th Flying Training Squadron with the world famous 'Strikin' Snakes.'

The 50th has a long history dating back to 1941 as the 50th Pursuit Squadron before transitioning to a fighter squadron.

In 1942, the 50th Pursuit Squadron flew patrols on the west coast of America while a few years later in 1944, the 50th Fighter Squadron, provided air defense in Iceland. It was reactivated in 1972 in its current incarnation as a flying training squadron. The squadron has flown many aircraft over the years including the P-40 Warhawk, P-38 Lightning, AT-6 Texan and the T-38.

In concurrence with the 14th Flying Training Wing's mission of Producing Pilots, Advancing Airmen and Feeding the

Fight, the 50th FTS conducts phase III flight training and Produces Pilots for the Air Force.

"Once students finish T-6s, they can be tracked to come over here for the third phase of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training," said Lt. Col. Jason Hilburn, 50th FTS Commander. "During their time here, they will fly around 90 hours' worth of sorties before tracking into fighters, bombers or any other aircraft."

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"They start transitioning from the T-6, learning the basics to flying the T-38, then moving to flying using strictly instruments in the weather and finally going into formation flights," Hilburn said. "Formation flights are the real bread and butter of what we do here at the 50th."

This training prepares students to fly any type of aircraft and teaches the skills to per-



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form in an independent setting.

"We start all new students with what we call the firehose effect, to give them a ton of information about the aircraft upfront to absorb," said Capt. James LeBeau, 50th FTS Eagle Flight Commander. "That method is a rather strict and formal environment on purpose to teach them things like checklist discipline and the importance of maintaining aircraft control and how to analyze and correct problems. The experience they get on the ground is a lot different than what they get in the air where things are much more dynamic and we can show them exactly how to do a maneuver or explain a problem."

The training the 50th FTS provides helps ready pilots for the next phase of training after SUPT in either the B-Course for their specific aircraft or for Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals.

"The graduating students who receive a fighter assignment will attend IFF at the 49th or another base," Hilburn said. "We train them so that when they reach IFF, they already have the skills to fly the aircraft with proficiency so they can devote their attention to fighting and employing their aircraft as a weapon system."

Upon completion of this third phase of training with the Snakes, they are awarded with the aeronautical rating of pilot and their silver wings.

"It's neat to see in this fairly short syllabus just how much they grow," LeBeau said. "Very incredible to see them go from flying a forgiving propeller aircraft to a T-38 where the second you get complacent it can get dangerous. It's amazing to think that my first set of students are flying F-22s operationally; that progression is an awesome feeling."



The 50th Flying Training Squadron's bell awaits to be rung at the end of the duty day June 10 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The sound of the bell signals the end of the duty day for flying.

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