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Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

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News Briefs

14th CS Change of Command
The 14th Communications Squadron is hosting a Change of Command ceremony at 10:14 a.m. July 14 at the Club.

14th OG Change of Command
The 14th Operations Group is hosting a Change of Command ceremony at 9:14 a.m. July 15 at the Fire Station.

Wing Newcomers Orientation
A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. July 19 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel.

Inside

Feature 8
SUPT Class 16-11 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

Danika Potts, pop and country music singer, performs at the 2016 Fireworks on the Water July 1 at the Stennis Lock and Dam in Columbus, Mississippi. Potts’ performance lasted until the firework show started after dusk.

Columbus community celebrates freedom with Fireworks on the Water

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

A flurry of colorful blasts flash across the Columbus sky during the Fireworks on the Water celebration held July 1 at the Stennis Lock and Dam.

More than 10,000 participants came together to experience food, live music and a full fireworks display.

“The city and Columbus Air Force Base put on a great show for this year’s Fireworks on the Water,” said 2nd Lt. Philip But.

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Local community members lay out their blankets to watch the 2016 Fireworks on the Water choreographed show July 1 at the Stennis Lock and Dam in Columbus, Mississippi. More than 10,000 participants came together to experience food, live music and full fireworks display.

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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.

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Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

81st FS changes hands, first since reactivation

Col. James Boster, 14th Operations Group Commander, passes the 81st Fighter Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hogan, the new 81st FS Commander, during a change of command ceremony July 7 at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. This marks the first change of command for the 81st FS since being reactivated Jan. 15, 2015. The 81st FS is a geographically separated unit of the 14th Flying Training Wing, and tenant unit on Moody AFB. The 81st FS is responsible for the training of Afghan pilots and maintainers.

Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-15. “The food vendors and fireworks display were an awesome way to kick off this Fourth of July weekend.”

Many Team BLAZE members came to the event as both spectators as well as volunteers to ensure the event went smoothly for the community.

“Volunteering for the Columbus community is something I am very passionate about,” said Airman 1st Class Jonathan Rosales, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, Aerospace and Operational Physiology Technician. “Fireworks on the Water was a huge success because of the people who give their time and dedication to giving back to this beautiful city.”

Columbus Air Force Base partnered with the local community to help put on the event for the sixth time.

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Zika Virus Update

Q: What is Zika virus and how is it transmitted?
A: Zika virus is primarily spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. The virus can be transmitted from a pregnant woman to her fetus, through sex with an infected partner, and through blood transfusion.

Q: How can we prevent Zika virus?
A: The main mode of prevention is to remove the mosquito breeding areas by eliminating standing water in and around your home. The mosquito-harbouring Zika virus is an aggressive day-biter; therefore it is important to use insect repellants containing DEET on skin and Permethrin on outer clothing during outdoor activities. Wear long sleeves and pants, keep doors and windows closed when possible, and use mosquito netting when camping outdoors.

Q: How is Zika diagnosed?
A: Diagnosis of Zika is based on a person’s recent travel history, symptoms, and results of blood tests. A blood test is the only way to positively confirm a Zika infection.

Q: Has there been any confirmed cases of Zika virus?
A: To date, there have been no locally acquired cases of Zika virus in the U.S., though there are 755 travel associated cases.

Q: Is there a vaccine for the Zika virus?
A: There is currently no available and approved vaccine.

Q: What is the Zika virus and how is it transmitted?
A: Zika virus is transmitted by mosquitoes and primarily spreads to people through mosquito bites. It is a small virus that is spread by Aedes aegypti and other types of mosquitoes.

Q: What is Altus AFB doing to combat Zika virus?
A: The Public Health Office has been working to educate people on how to protect themselves from Zika. They have also been working to control mosquito populations around the base.

Q: How does Zika affect pregnancy?
A: Zika virus can cause serious birth defects, particularly microcephaly, which is a small head size. It can also cause other birth defects. Newborns infected with Zika during pregnancy may have small heads, and they may have other problems such as brain damage.

Q: What is the current status of Zika virus in the U.S.?
A: As of July 2016, there have been 755 travel-associated cases of Zika virus in the U.S., though there have been no locally acquired cases.

Q: Are there any travel restrictions for Zika virus?
A: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have issued travel alerts and recommendations for people traveling to areas where Zika virus is circulating. It is highly recommended to avoid sexual activities with pregnant partners or uti- lize condoms upon return from Zika affected areas.

Q: Are there any other ways to prevent Zika virus?
A: Yes, it is important to use insect repellants containing DEET on skin and Permethrin on outer clothing during outdoor activities. Wear long sleeves and pants, keep doors and windows closed when possible, and use mosquito netting when camping outdoors.

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July issue of Airman magazine now available

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MQ-9 crashes in northern Syria

U.S. Air Forces Central Command Public Affairs


The aircraft was flying a combat mission when positive control of the aircraft was lost. The uncontrolled piloted aircraft crash was not due to enemy fire. There are no reports of civilian injuries or damage to civilian property at the crash site.

The MQ-9 was deployed by coalition forces and is not in enemy hands. An investigation board will determine the cause of the crash.

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I will hold true.

First USAF F-35A takes overseas flight to England

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

WASHINGTON — Gen. David L. Goldfein swears in as the Air Force’s 21st chief of staff June 1, 2016, at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. As the Air Force’s most senior uniformed leader, Goldfein is responsible for managing the 632,000-activestrength, Global Reserve and civilian Air Force personnel.

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While the KC-10 is not staying for RIAT, the F-35’s visit to F-35 Air Base RAF Lakenheath and RIAT is what the Air Force in the United States is going to offer in the future and this is what the Air Force in the United States is going to offer as well. It’s a team effort, said Maj. Will Anderson, the ACC-F35 Heritage Flight team commander. “Being able to go international with the F-35 is a huge honor. It’s something that we can bring out to people and say, ‘Hey, this is what the Air Force is all about, this is what the F-35 is all about.’”

Goldfein swears in as 21st CSAF

Staff Sgt. Natasha Stannard
Air Force Staff Sergeant Public Affairs


The flight demonstrated the Air Force’s willingness to show its capabilities on the world stage and its commitment to global cooperation.

The F-35A heritage flight was invited to participate in the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) on June 18-24, 2017, at Royal Air Force (RAF) Lakenheath, England. The main purpose of the flight was to celebrate the return of the F-35A to the United Kingdom and the United States Air Force.

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For the lead F-35A pilot, this historic flight and opportunity is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

“My job, my career, is to be the best Airman, the best leader, the best Airman possible. It’s a privilege to be able to do this,” said Col. Jon Agnone, the F-35A Heritage Flight commander. “Being able to participate in this event, being able to have our F-35A be part of the RIAT, is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

The flight was a joint effort between the United States Air Force and the Royal Air Force. The F-35A’s participation in the RIAT is the first time a U.S. Air Force F-35A has ever flown in England in the Royal Air Force’s Heritage Flight.

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Columbus Air Force Basic Information and Events
Join our Facebook group at Columbus AFB Living. Termites contact 434-7985. Steaming ant control can be booked online at columbusafbliving.com to come up to date on all the best of Columbus, Georgia. Check out the website for important Airman and Family Readiness events.

Free Breakfast at Golf Course
The Columbus Club is offering free breakfast for club members on Saturdays at 5:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. on July 2, July 29, Aug. 19, and Sept. 16. Non-members are $8 per person. Call 434-2419 or 434-2480 for more information.

Free Family Pass and Golf Duff
Independence Pass and Free Golf is included with the purchase of a Columbus Club membership. It has been a Columbus Club tradition for the past 37 years and is open to all Columbus Club members and guests. It includes 3 rounds of golf, 3 18-hole golf courses at the Communities of Columbus, Georgia, including the Columbus Golf Club, the Columbus Club, and the Columbus Country Club. Call 434-2480 or visit columbusafbliving.com to sign up.

Lawn Mower Repair
Lawn mower repair is now available at Oakmont Recreation. The cost is $25 for the first hour and $20.00 for each additional hour. For more information, call 434-2017.

Referees Needed
Referees needed for various sports at the Fitness Center. For more information, call 434-2150.

Play Football
Book your next pet-friendly event at Oakmont Recreation. The cost is $45 per hour. For more information, call 434-2017.

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Wednesdays: 6:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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The Overrun Open Fun Friday Nights
The Overrun is open Fridays 11 p.m. - 3 a.m. on July 1, July 8, July 15, and July 22. At 11 p.m., a $10 hook from 11 p.m. - 3 a.m. is all night cover. 50% off for Club Members. For more information, call 434-2419.

Library Hours of Operation
Library hours for Columbus AFB – Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Sunday and holidays 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, call 434-2419.

Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed
Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? For more information, call 434-2017.

Free Family Fishing Tournament
The Youth Center is offering a free Family Fishing Tournament on Friday, July 22. The tournament will be held from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Exchange Beach Area near Wildlife Management Office. Fishing license is required for people over the age of 16. For more information, call 434-2200.

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Columbus Club Lunch Buffet Specials
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Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) Class 16-11 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. John Nichols, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, is the graduation guest speaker.

Students who excel in their respective fields of study are also recognized.

SUPT Class 16-11 graduates will become Air Force pilots.

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

Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 76.4 hours in the T-1A and 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

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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. Basic 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.

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Both tracks are designed to build pilot teams for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

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The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-1 training emphasizes crew coordination, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 205 hours of ground training, 33.6 hours in the flight simulator and 76.4 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with businesses or civic organizations during their year of training. The program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus Air Force Base. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good fortune from their partners.

T-1A Jayhawk earns silver wings

SILVER WINGS
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