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Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Air Force Birthday Ball Drawdown

The Air Force Birthday Ball Drawdown starts at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Columbus Club. The Theme is Sports Night. For tickets to the drawdown contact your unit's POC, all proceeds benefit the Air Force Birthday Ball scheduled Sept.17.

Quarterly Awards Ceremony

The Second Quarterly Awards Ceremony is scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. July 28 at the Columbus Club.

Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions ceremony is at 3 p.m. July 28 at the Columbus Club.

Inside



Feature 8

Back to School is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Maj. Gen. James Hecker, 19th Air Force Commander, Joint Base San Antonio–Randolph, Texas, passes the 14th Flying Training Wing guidon to Col. Douglas Gosney, the new 14th FTW Commander, during a change of command ceremony July 22 in the McAllister Fire Station at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Team BLAZE welcomes new commander

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Team BLAZE welcomes Col. Douglas Gosney as the new 14th Flying Training Wing Commander at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Presiding officer Maj. Gen. James Hecker, 19th Air Force Commander, Joint Base San Antonio – Randolph,

Texas, handed the guidon to Gosney during a change of command ceremony July 22 in the McAllister Fire Station.

Columbus AFB began as an advanced twin-engine flying school during the re-arming of America prior to World War II. Pilot training began in 1942, and nearly 8,000 students came to Columbus for training during World War II to become flying officers in the US Army Air Corps.

The base received national recognition in Time and Life magazines and the New York Times as the place where the full panel attitude system of instrument flying got its start. Flying evaluation boards were also first used at Columbus AFB.

Columbus AFB was closed after the war and remained inactive until 1951. It

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual				
37th (17-06)	0.77 days	-0.56 days	Aug. 12	48th (16-13)	-0.02 days	0.14 days	Aug. 5	49th (16-JBC)	0.61 days	-0.55 days	July 27	T-6	1,583	1,549	24,910				
41st (17-05)	0.80 days	-0.26 days	July 22	50th (16-13)	1.99 days	1.65 days	Aug. 5	* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.				T-1	540	390	8,097				
The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Andrew Croft, Director of Plans, Programs, Requirements and Assessments, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.												T-38	506	544	8,502				
												IFF	245	254	3,469				



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.

Caledonia School Complex Registration

The Caledonia Elementary and Middle School registration is from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 25 - 29. Open House is conducted at 6 p.m. Aug. 1 for middle school and Aug. 2 for elementary school. The Caledonia High School registration is ongoing from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. until Aug. 3. Please ensure you have all documents for registration, to include two proofs of residency. For specific requirements, please refer to the District website at lowndes.k12.ms.us or contact the School Liaison Officer at 434-2792 or at e.griffis@us.af.mil.

Area Sales Tax Holiday begins soon

Mississippi Sales Tax Holiday

The annual Sales Tax Holiday for Mississippi begins at 12:01 a.m. July 29 and ends midnight July 30. The items exempt from sales tax during the Sales Tax Holiday are identical to those items exempt in prior years such as clothing and footwear items, meant to be worn and cost less than \$100 per item. Accessories such as jewelry, handbags, wallets, watches, backpacks, and similar items do not qualify for the Sales Tax Holiday. Cleats and items worn in conjunction with an athletic or recreational activity are other sample items not eligible. School supplies and computers are not included.

For more information visit dor.ms.gov/Business/Documents/2016%20Sales%20Tax%20Holiday.pdf.

Alabama Sales Tax Holiday

The annual Sales Tax Holiday for Alabama begins at 12:01 a.m. CST Aug. 5 and ends midnight Aug. 7. Alabama will give shoppers the opportunity to purchase certain school supplies, computers and clothing free of state sales or use tax. Retailers are required to participate and may not charge tax on items that are legally tax-exempt during the Sales Tax Holiday.

For more information visit revenue.alabama.gov/salestax/SalesTaxHol.cfm.

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25 CAP SUPT familiarization course	26	27	28 → Second Quarterly Awards, 2 p.m., @ Club Enlisted Promotions, 3 p.m. @ Club	29 SUPT Class 16-12 graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye CMSgt. Markle retirement, 1:14 p.m. @ Club Mississippi Sales Tax Holiday	30/31	Aug. 9: Wing Newcomers Orientation Aug. 12: Senior NCO Induction Ceremony Aug. 18: Enlisted Dorm Dinner Aug. 19: SUPT Class 16-13 Graduation Aug. 30: Wing Newcomers Orientation Aug. 31: Enlisted Promotion Ceremony Sept. 2: AETC Family Day Sept. 5: Labor Day Holiday Sept. 9: SUPT Class 16-14 Graduation Sept. 12-13: AETC/CC visit Sept. 17: Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 30: SUPT Class 16-15 Graduation
1 Airman Leadership School starts	2	3 Lowndes County School starts	4 Columbus City School starts	5 16-13 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club Alabama Sales Tax Holiday	6/7	

July 22-23
The West Point Clay County Arts Council presents State Fair, A Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical, at 7 p.m. at Center Stage in Central School. Tickets are \$7 for ages 2 -17, \$12 for adults, and \$10 for senior adults. For more information contact the Louise Campbell Center for the Arts or Petal Pushers and First United Methodist Church in West Point.

July 28
The Columbus Police Department is hosting a Self-Defense Class 7-8 p.m. at the Trotter

Convention Center. The cost is \$10 per person. Saum Chiropractic Clinic will be on hand offering \$35 Stress Tests. All proceeds, including stress tests, benefit the efforts of CPD National Night Out Against Crime. For more information, contact Officer Rhonda Sanders at 251-7355 or 244-3500.

July 29
The town of Artesia is set to kick off Artesia Days annual family fun event from noon-4 p.m., in downtown Artesia. Enjoy the game truck, water slide, and free school supplies and food for the children. For more information go online at visitcolumbusms.org.

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GOSNEY

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Air Force and allied officers, as well as tactical training for Afghan pilots and aircraft maintainers in the A-29 Super Tucano at Moody AFB, Georgia. The wing is composed of 244 aircraft, flying 55,000 sorties and 77,000 hours per year, and training over 400 pilots and combat system operators annually. Gosney manages an operations and maintenance budget of \$106 million with capital assets exceeding \$1.3 billion.

Gosney was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at Utah State University in 1995. He graduated Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training at Sheppard AFB, Texas, and was operationally assigned to the B-52. He has served in numerous squadron and wing leadership positions including Standardization and Evaluation pilot, Flight Commander, Assistant Director of Operations, Wing Executive Officer, and Squadron Commander. He has also served as a Strike Advisor on the Airborne Command Post for U.S. Strategic Command.

Gosney previously served as the commander of the 2d Operations Group, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. In this position, he commanded Air Force Global Strike Command's largest bomb group, with 27 B-52 aircraft, a team of 560 Airmen and civilian employees, and an annual budget of \$81.5M dollars. His primary responsibility was organizing, training, and equipping his group to provide the Nation's leaders with global strike and deterrence options across the spectrum of nuclear and conventional operations.

Gosney has deployed and/or supported Operations Desert Thunder, Desert Fox, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, and PACAF's Continuous Bomber Presence mission.

Gosney is a Command Pilot with over 3,300 hours (including 212 combat hours) in primarily the B-52

and T-38 aircraft, serving as an instructor and evaluator in both.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1995 – April 1997, Student, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB, Texas
2. May 1997 – December 1997, Student, B-52H Pilot Initial Qualification Course, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
3. January 1998 – December 2000, B-52H Pilot, Stan-Eval Pilot, and Aircraft Commander, 23d Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, North Dakota
4. May 2000 – May 2004, T-38 Instructor Pilot, Assistant Check Flight Commander, Flight Commander, 25th Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Oklahoma
5. June 2004 – December 2007, B-52H Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, and Assistant Director of Operations, 23d Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, North Dakota
6. January 2007 – May 2008, Executive Officer, 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota
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8. July 2009 – July 2011, Strike Advisor, JFCC GS/J317 (USSTRATCOM), Offutt AFB, Nebraska
9. Aug 2011 – Jun 2013, Commander, 69th Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, North Dakota
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Air Force increases access to Behavioral Health Care

14th Medical Group

Nearly half of people with a treatable behavioral health disorder do not seek help from behavioral health professionals, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

However, 80 percent of this population does visit a primary care manager at least once a year. The Air Force Behavioral Health Optimization Program seeks to bridge this gap by providing behavioral health care in a primary care setting.

The Behavioral Health Optimization Program, or BHOP, integrates behavioral health personnel into primary care clinics, to provide “the right care, at the right time, in the right place.” Beneficiaries with behavioral health concerns can seek care directly through their primary care manager.

Issues such as compounding stress can lead to depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, or general anxiety disorders. Often times, problems resulting in adverse mental health effects can be addressed by primary care providers through the support of behavioral health services.

“We are there to address the concerns that would have otherwise been brought to the primary care manager,” said Maj. Elizabeth Najera, chief of the Behavioral Health Optimization Program, Air Force Medical Operations Agency.

For instance, when a patient suffering severe headaches sees a primary care manager, it is determined whether the patient needs to be referred to neurology or requires additional examination from primary care. BHOP visits function in the same manner and patients are screened to help identify the right level of care.

According to Najera, only one out of 10 patients seen requires referral to specialty care. Mild depression, anxiety or grief may not require specialty mental health services. While specialty care is beneficial when that is the appropriate level of care, it may not be necessary for a normal process like bereavement. Even if a patient visit warrants a specialty care referral, time required for specialty care is reduced by BHOP intervention.

“BHOP is an excellent first step in seeking care if [someone has] any behavioral health concerns with either a medical or lifestyle component,” Najera said. “Everyone can consider at least one BHOP encounter appropriate, while not everyone may require a second visit.” BHOP consultations typically do not require more than four visits. A BHOP appointment lasts approximately 25 minutes and patients leave with some form of same-day intervention. Patients are triaged to ensure they get the appropriate resources and providers determine what level of care is needed.

BHOP helps to address a wide range of health related behaviors which can worsen medical conditions, including diabetes, chronic pain, sleep problems, and hypertension.

Another benefit of BHOP is the ease of use. Half of all scheduled visits are same-day appointments. BHOP seeks to address a large patient volume with same-day care. According to Maj. Najera, the goal is to address patient needs as they arise rather than having patients wait.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

■ **Columbus AFB Military & Family Life Consultant Program:** 662-364-0504

■ **Columbus AFB Airman & Family Readiness Center:** 662-434-2790

■ **Military One Source:** 1-800-342-9647

■ **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1-800-273-8255

■ **Veteran's Crisis Line (confidential):** 1-800-273-8255

cording to Maj. Najera, the goal is to address patient needs as they arise rather than having patients wait.

“[A BHOP visit] is considered a primary care appointment and there is no difference in how it is treated in a patient's electronic health record,” Najera said.

BHOP offers two types of services and patients will either see Internal Behavioral Health Consultants, known as IBHCs, or Behavioral Health Care Facilitators, known as BHCs. IBHCs include both psychologists and social workers who provide focused assessments and recommendations to help primary care providers with decisions about patients' behavioral health concerns. BHCs are nurses who work directly with patients who have been prescribed psychotropic medications by their primary care provider for depression, anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder.

The goal of BHOP is to help patients and providers reach desired and realistic behavioral health outcomes. This includes improving quality of life or returning to a level of functioning closer to a patient's goal. Some patients may walk away learning to manage chronic conditions, while having improved day-to-day functioning.

In a 2015 survey of 631 patients, 89.5 percent reported being very or extremely satisfied with the BHOP experience and 95.3 percent stated they would probably or definitely recommend BHOP to a friend or family member.

Patients who received care through BHOP were asked if they would have sought behavioral health services if BHOP had not been available. Of those surveyed, 30 percent reported they would not have sought any care if not for BHOP.

Those with behavioral health concerns are encouraged to speak to their primary care provider. BHOP emphasizes that seeking help is a sign of strength and prevention is key. For those in need of behavioral health care, seeking care could help prevent a negative life impact.

Any individuals experiencing escalated behavioral health issues including thoughts of harming themselves should go to the nearest hospital emergency room and seek help immediately.

BHOP is available at 72 of the 76 Air Force military treatment facilities. The program is open to all military beneficiaries and walk-ins are accepted. BHOP does not require a referral. To schedule a BHOP appointment, beneficiaries are advised to call the appointment line.

To schedule an appointment with the Koritz Medical Clinic located on Columbus Air Force Base, call 434-2273, option 1, option 1 or stop by the Family Health or Flight Medicine Clinic for a same-day visit.

Air Force opens Career Intermission Program application window

Kat Bailey

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas – Air Force officials are accepting applications for the Career Intermission Program through Sept. 12 from active-duty and career status AGR Airmen.

CIP provides select Airmen the opportunity for a one-time temporary transition from active duty to the Individual Ready Reserve, for up to three years, to meet personal or professional needs outside the service while also providing a mechanism for a seamless return to active duty.

“The long-term intent of this program is to retain the valuable experience and training of Airmen that might otherwise be lost by permanent separation,” said Adriana Bazan, Military Personnel Specialist, Career Intermission Program, Air Force Personnel Center.

Program participants sign an agreement that says they will return to active duty in the same component from which they separated, and serve two months of active duty for every month of CIP participation.

New this year, Airmen currently receiving a Critical Skills Retention Bonus may apply, provided their application is based on an unanticipated hardship. In the past, if they received a CSRB, they were ineligible for CIP.

Airmen in the program receive a monthly stipend equal to one-fifteenth of their basic pay and retain full active-duty medical and dental benefits for themselves and their eligible dependents. They'll also be able to carry forward their leave balance as long as it doesn't exceed 60 days.

Both Airmen of a military couple may apply for CIP participation in their own right, provided both are otherwise eligible.

Bazan notes that approval is not guaranteed. “Air Force manning and mission requirements will be considered when evaluating applications for approval or disapproval,” she said. “We tell all Airmen applying for CIP that they shouldn't begin outside employment or relocate their families based on an assumption their application will be approved.”

Time spent in CIP doesn't count toward eligibility for retirement, computation of total years of service, years of aviation service or years of service towards basic pay; nor are participants eligible for promotion consideration while in CIP.

The Total Force selection panel is scheduled to convene in October at the Air Force Personnel Center.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, go to the myPers website. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one on the Air Force Retirees Services website. Additional information and eligibility requirements can be found on myPers by searching keyword CIP.

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A-10s deploy to Slovakia for cross-border training

122nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SLIAC AIR BASE, Slovakia — The 122nd Fighter Wing has deployed eight A-10 Thunderbolt IIs and about 140 Airmen here for a month-long combined training event in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

The Airmen will conduct training and familiarization events alongside Slovak Armed Forces, a NATO ally. In addition, they will also participate in cross-border training with other deployed U.S. Air Force and NATO aircraft in the region. As part of Operation Atlantic Resolve, this deployment continues to demonstrate America's commitment to its allies and deterrence efforts against Russia.

The 163rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, part of the 122nd FW, will fly with the Slovak Air Force to demonstrate close air support capabilities and conduct familiarization classroom events to further integrate the two air forces. The classroom events include safety procedures, further air combat maneuver discussions and air surveillance techniques. The unit will also participate in cross-border flights with deployed U.S. Air Force total force partners flying F-16 Fighting Falcons, KC-135 Stratotankers, C-130 Hercules and other aircraft from allied nations.

This is the first deployment of the 163rd EFS to Sliac Air Base. However, Indiana, where the 122nd FW is stationed, has held a robust state partnership with Slovakia since 1993. The State Partnership Program (SPP) has been successfully building relationships for over 20 years that includes 70 unique security partnerships involving 76 nations around the globe. SPP links a unique component of the Defense Department , a state's National Guard, with the armed forces or equivalent of a partner country in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship.

These rotation forces are the cornerstone for increasing U.S. military combat capabilities, which are essential to fulfilling the nation's European security obligations. These deployments reinforce the U.S. commitment to NATO during



U.S. Air National Guard photo/Staff Sgt. William Hopper
An A-10 Thunderbolt II from the 122nd Fighter Wing at Fort Wayne Air Station, Indiana, taxis after landing at Sliac Air Base, Slovakia, July 8, 2016. The A-10s are in Slovakia to conduct training alongside the NATO ally as well as participate in cross-border training with other deployed U.S. forces' and NATO aircraft in the area.

an unpredictable and uncertain time.

The deployed Airmen have been through extensive preparation, ranging from cultural awareness to weapons qualifica-

tion and medical training. These Airmen will carry out the same job overseas that they've been trained on each month as 122nd FW guardsmen.

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KC-46 completes required flight tests

88th Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The KC-46 Pegasus program completed all flight tests required for the Milestone C production decision July 15 by offloading 1,500 pounds of fuel to an A-10 Thunderbolt II.

The successful A-10 mission was the last of six in-flight refueling demonstrations required before the tanker program can request approval from Frank Kendall, the under secretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, to award production Lots 1 and 2, totaling 19 KC-46A aircraft.

“It is great to see the KC-46 boom back in action and the program moving forward to a production decision” said Col. John Newberry, the KC-46 system program manager.

The other five required air refueling demonstrations were with the C-17 Globemaster III and F-16 Fighting Falcon using the air refueling boom, the Navy’s F-18 Hornet and AV-8B Harrier II using the centerline



Boeing photo/John D. Parker

A KC-46 Pegasus refuels an A-10 Thunderbolt II with 1,500 pounds of fuel July 15, 2016. The mission was the last of all flight tests required for the tanker’s Milestone C production decision.

and wing drogue systems, and the KC-46 as a receiver aircraft.

“Today’s flight marks the final step we needed to see on the boom fix in order to request production go-ahead,” said Brig. Gen. Duke Richardson, the Air Force program executive officer for tankers. “Our joint team’s tireless efforts are paying off, preparing us for the next step of this critical need to our

warfighter.”

This test would not have been possible without contributions from the 412th Test Wing, 23rd Fighter Wing, 355th FW, 124th FW, 896th Test Support Squadron and 40th Flight Test Squadron, which all provided aircraft, manpower and equipment.

The Milestone C decision to begin low-rate initial production is expected in August.



Courtesy photo

An F-15E Strike Eagle lands at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, July 8, 2016, after a mission in which Boeing’s F-15 mission systems recorded its first flight with the Advanced Display Core Processor II. The advanced mission computer, based on commercial technology, provides multi-core processing capabilities propelling the F-15 to the forefront of fighter embedded computing systems.

F-15’S

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puting systems. The ADCP II high-speed processing and interface designs enable advanced systems integration, increased mission effectiveness, augmented fault-tolerance, enhanced system stability and aircrew survivability.

The ADCP II is pivotal to F-15 upgrades enabling air superiority. It provides critical mission processing capacity for new advanced capabilities such as the Eagle Passive/Active Warning Survivability System, long-range infrared search and track capability, high-speed radar communications, and future software suite upgrades.

“This new era of computing is a game changer inside the cockpit,” said Jason Brandstetter, Boeing’s ADCP II program manager. “F-15 aircrews can have confidence their mission software is executing on a premier embedded computer system with designed-in stability verified through thousands of hours of robust scenario-based testing.”

BLAZE Hangar Tails: C-130 Hercules

Mission

The C-130 Hercules primarily performs the tactical portion of the airlift mission. The aircraft is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and is the prime transport for airdropping troops and equipment into hostile areas. The C-130 operates throughout the U.S. Air Force, serving with Air Mobility Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, Air Combat Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Pacific Air Forces, Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve Command, fulfilling a wide range of operational missions in both peace and war situations. Basic and specialized versions of the aircraft airframe perform a diverse number of roles, including airlift support, Antarctic ice resupply, aeromedical missions, weather reconnaissance, aerial spray missions, fire-fighting duties for the U.S. Forest Service and natural disaster relief missions.

General Characteristics

Primary Function: Global airlift

Contractor: Lockheed-Martin Aeronautics Company

Power Plant:

C-130H: Four Allison T56-A-15 turboprops

C-130J: Four Rolls-Royce AE 2100D3 turboprops

Length: C-130E/H/J: 97 feet, 9 inches (29.3 meters)

Height: 38 feet, 10 inches (11. 9 meters)

Wingspan: 132 feet, 7 inches (39.7 meters)

Cargo Compartment: C-130E/H/J: length, 40 feet (12.31 meters); width, 119 inches (3.Remove 12 meters); height, 9 feet (2.74 meters). Rear ramp: length, 123 inches (3.12 meters); width, 119 inches (3.02 meters)

Speed:

C-130E: 345 mph (Mach 0.49) at 20,000 feet (6,060 meters)

C-130H: 366 mph (Mach 0.52) at 20,000 feet (6,060 meters)

C-130J: 417 mph (Mach 0.59) at 22,000 feet (6,706 meters)

Ceiling:

C-130J: 28,000 feet (8,615 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload

C-130H: 23,000 feet (7,077 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload.

C-130E: 19,000 feet (5,846 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload

Maximum Takeoff Weight:

C-130E/H/J: 155,000 pounds (69,750 kilograms)

Maximum Allowable Payload:

C-130E, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)

C-130H, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)

C-130J, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)

Maximum Normal Payload:

C-130E, 36,500 pounds (16,590 kilograms); C-130H, 36,500 pounds (16,590 kilograms); C-130J, 34,000 pounds (15,422 kilograms)

Range at Maximum Normal Payload:

C-130E, 1,150 miles (1,000 nautical miles)

C-130H, 1,208 miles (1,050 nautical miles)

C-130J, 2,071 miles (1,800 nautical miles)

Maximum Load:

C-130E/H/J: 6 pallets or 74 litters or 16 CDS bundles or 92 combat troops or 64 paratroopers, or a combination of any of these up to the cargo compartment capacity or maximum allowable weight.

C-130J-30: 8 pallets or 97 litters or 24 CDS bundles or 128 combat troops or 92 paratroopers, or a combination of any of these up to the cargo compartment capacity or maximum allowable weight.

Crew: C-130E/H: Five (two pilots, navigator, flight engineer and loadmaster)

Unit Cost: C-130E, \$11.9, C-130H, \$30.1, C-130J, \$48.5 (FY 1998 constant dollars in millions)

Date Deployed: C-130A, Dec 1956; C-130B, May 1959; C-130E, Aug 1962; C-130H, Jun 1974; C-130J, Feb 1999

Inventory: Active force, 145; Air National Guard, 181; Air Force Reserve, 102



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Melissa Sheffield

A line of C-130 Hercules aircraft prepare to depart Ramstein Air Base, Germany, for mass tactical training. The aircraft is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and is the prime transport for airdropping troops and equipment into hostile areas.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daniel C. Perez

Silhouetted by the setting sun, a C-130 Hercules aircraft prepares to land during a 10-ship air drop exercise being conducted by the 21st Tactical Airlift Squadron, 374th Tactical Airlift Wing.

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Summer is almost over; back to school begins

E.J. Griffiths Jr.

14th Mission Support Group
School Liaison Office

Wow, where did the summer go? It seems like just yesterday when school ended and all our students began their summer break.

Here we are now, about to start another school year. As always, the first day of school can bring with it plenty of angst and anxiety, by both parents and students alike; the School Liaison Office is here to assist.

Whether your student attends public or private school, or is taught in a home school, the SLO provides essential information and guidance on education issues ranging from academics to zoology, affecting children in grades kindergarten through 12th. The SLO knows where to find the information you need and works closely with all public and private schools in the area to assist all Team BLAZE students.

Where should you start? Below are a few points to

success:

- Be familiar with the school's student handbook
- Be involved in your student's school
- Communicate early on to the schools regarding any concerns
- Speak to your student regarding proper bus and bus stop activities

On the safety front, please be extra careful around bus stops and be alert for the buses as you travel about the local area.

All schools face a myriad of challenges, to include budget and staffing concerns, implementing Common Core Curriculum Standards, standardized testing, and so on; rest assured they are all committed to provide the best possible education possible for our students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your SLO at 434-2792, or via email at slo2@us.af.mil. In addition, you may follow the Columbus School Liaison Office on Facebook or on Twitter.

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AETC team strives to build innovation culture

Senior Airman Chip Pons
Air Education and Training
Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Empowered Airmen, supportive leadership, and honest feedback cultivates innovation. —Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, Air Education and Training Command commander, 2016 Strategic Plan.

Forging innovative Airmen to power the world's greatest Air Force, a familiar phrase to Air Education and Training Command Airmen, speaks to the importance of innovation and continuous process improvement.

An innovative culture is exactly what the members of the Innovation and Transformation office here endeavor to develop.

"While the ITO works to build AETC's CPI capability and celebrates all improvement results, our ultimate goal is to build a culture of innovation across the command," said Sean Harrington, AETC's Innovation and Transformation Office acting chief. "That is why we exist and what we are trying to accomplish."

As the minds of this division have come together to standardize execution of Air Force and AETC continuous process innovation guidance, members of the various wings will have an opportunity to utilize their skills and knowledge to help further these developments across AETC.

The ITO works hand-in-hand with wing process managers to make this a reality. WPMs serve as the wing-level expert on CPI and work with trained facilitators to improve processes and increase process improvement knowledge and capability.

"We have seen impressive improvements and innovations across AETC," said Maj. Travis Nelson, AETC master process officer. "With the strong support of wing leaders, WPMs are able to apply a structured problem solving approach to wing-level issues and expand the use of root cause analysis by individual Airmen at all levels."

In 2016, Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, AETC



Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander Air Education and Training Command, speaks to members during the 2016 AETC Wing Process Manager Workshop, July 19 at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. The workshop was implemented to develop a standardized and executable plan to improve continuous process improvement and the creation of an innovation culture across AETC.

commander, publicized his strategic plan citing innovation as a top priority. According to his plan, innovation is the way Airmen continuously learn and improve how to recruit, train and educate.

"Innovation is one of the most important areas in our Air Force right now," said Roberson. "There is only one constant in our

every day - change. One of my four priorities is innovation and it has been a priority of mine since day one. As leaders, we should be thinking how we can make things better every day."

"We have done great things to improve our practices and the overall state of our command," he continued. "The wing command-

ers have all been challenged to support this by encouraging an environment for change. But we need to keep doing more."

In support of Roberson's vision, members of the ITO hosted a workshop with WPMs to develop a standardized and executable plan to improve the CPI and innovation culture across AETC.

F-15's new advanced high-speed mission computer makes first flight

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Boeing's F-15 mission systems recorded its first flight with the Advanced Display Core Processor II at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, on July 8.

The flight was recorded aboard an F-15E Strike Eagle and lasted two hours and 53 minutes.

"ADCP II brings next generation high-speed computing to the F-15 enterprise," said Lt. Col. Michael Casey, the chief of the F-15 avionics branch at the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center here. "This capability allows pilots to pros-

ecute targets with ironclad precision and sets the foundation for future growth."

The advanced mission computer, based on commercial technology, provides multi-core processing capabilities propelling the F-15 to the forefront of fighter embedded com-

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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

Back to school

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT | 2016-2017 CALENDAR 187 Day Employee Calendar - Draft A

JULY 2016						
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4 - Independence Day Holiday

AUGUST 2016						
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23 Teacher Work Days

20 Student Days

1 - Teachers 1st Day

4 - Students 1st Day

SEPTEMBER 2016						
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21 Teacher & Student Days

5 - Labor Day

8 - Progress Reports Issued

OCTOBER 2016						
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20 Teacher Days

19 Student Days

7 - 1st 9 Weeks Ends

10 - Columbus Day

11 - Parent/Teacher Conference Day

11 - Report Cards Issued

NOVEMBER 2016						
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17 Teacher & Student Days

10 - Progress Reports Issued

21-25 - Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 2016						
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12 Teacher & Student Days

16 - 60% Student Day

16 - 2nd 9 Weeks Ends

19-30 Christmas Holiday

20 Teacher & Student Days
2 - New Year's Holiday
3-Teachers/Students Return
5 - Report Cards Issued
16 - MLK Holiday

19 Teacher & Student Days
2 - Progress Reports Issued
20 - Presidents' Day

18 Teacher & Student Days
10 - 3rd 9 Weeks Ends
13-17 - Spring Break
23 - Report Cards Issued

19 Teacher & Student Days
14 - Good Friday
17 - 60% Student Day/PT Conference
17 - Progress Reports Issued

15 Teacher Work Days
14 Student Days
19 - Students Last Day/Elementary Report Cards Issued
20 - Graduation
22 - Students Weather Day Makeup
23 - Secondary Report Cards Issued
24 - Teachers Last Day
25 - Teacher Weather Day Makeup
29 - Memorial Day

STUDENT DAYS
1st Semester 89
2nd Semester 91
180

TEACHER DAYS
1st Semester 93
2nd Semester 94
187

JANUARY 2017						
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For twenty three million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus and here at Columbus Air Force Base, we have fewer than 200 students on any given day riding our school buses. As the beginning of the school year approaches, please take the time to familiarize your student with the Rules of Conduct for bus riders.

The **Student Handbook** from each of our school districts contains specific guidance and a code of conduct students are to follow. Bus transportation is a privilege extended only to students who display good conduct while preparing to ride, riding or leaving the bus. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a student to be denied transportation. Improper conduct of family members which occurs off the school bus will be addressed by installation officials.

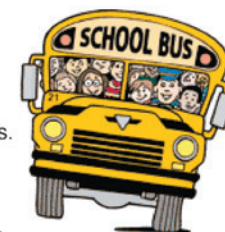
Additionally, parents should exercise proper judgment when they observe or it is reported to them by their students, whenever improper behavior has occurred on the bus or at the bus stops. Parents should: contact the parents of the child (ren) involved, school authorities and/or the Columbus School Liaison Officer. Parents should not address grievances directly to the other children involved, unless there is an immediate, life-threatening situation.

An overview of the proper **Rules of Conduct** is provided below. Take a moment to review it and convey the contents to your children.

Any questions, please contact the School Liaison Officer, at 434-2792 or via email at: slo2@us.af.mil

RULES OF CONDUCT

- Be orderly, quiet and considerate of people and their property in the vicinity of bus stops.
- Be ready when the bus arrives. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before moving toward the bus.
- Bus drivers have the authority to assign seats, give directions, and implement rules for the safe and orderly conduct of students and will report any violations.
- Acceptable public behavior will be expected of all bus riders.
- Pass in front rather than behind the bus when crossing the street to or from a bus.
- Do not enter or leave the bus when it is in motion.
- Heads or arms must not be extended from bus windows.
- Avoid eating/drinking on the bus and help keep the bus neat.
- Shouting, fighting, offensive language, or smoking will result in loss of bus privileges.
- Remain seated until the bus stops at your destination.
- Students are required to have parental permission in writing of any changes in regular transportation arrangements.
- Video technology is installed on all buses to assist with the security and safety of all.
- Students who violate the regulations can have their bus privileges revoked.
- Unauthorized persons are not permitted on the buses -- this includes parents.
- Parents should develop a plan in the event your student misses the bus or the bus fails to show, especially in the case where parent(s) depart the home before the bus arrives.
- Parents who choose to wait with their children (in their vehicles) MUST park opposite of the school bus stop, in order to allow for a direct, unimpeded route to the stop.



LOWNDES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 ACADEMIC CALENDAR (187 DAYS)

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STUDENT DAYS: 1st Semester: 90
2nd Semester: 91
181

Teacher Work Day (student holidays)
School Holiday
Aug 1 - Teachers' 1st Day
Aug 3 - Students 1st Day

Sep 5 - Labor Day Holiday
Sep 08 - Progress Reports

Oct 05 - End of 1st Nine Weeks / Semester (4x4)
Oct 13 - Parent Conference Day
Oct 14 - Fall Break
Oct 20 - Report Cards

Nov 10 - Progress Reports
Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving Holidays

Dec 16 - End of Semester / Course (4x4) 60% Day
Dec 19 - 30 - Christmas and New Year's Holidays

Jan 02 - Teacher PD / Student Holiday
Jan 05 - Grade Reports
Jan 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Feb 09 - Progress Reports
Feb 20 - President's Day

Mar 08 - End of 3rd Nine Weeks / Semester (4