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Weather

Friday Partly Cloudy High 95°F Low 72°F	Saturday Partly Cloudy High 95°F Low 72°F
Sunday Partly Cloudy High 96°F Low 73°F	Monday Partly Cloudy High 94°F Low 73°F

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. Aug. 30 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel.

Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions ceremony is 3 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Columbus Club.

Labor Day Weekend Holidays

Most base organizations are closed Sept. 2 – 5 in observance of Labor Day Holiday and an Air Education and Training Command family day.

Inside



Feature 8

The 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron is highlighted in this week's feature.



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

Col. Barry Blanchard, Commander, 172nd Airlift Wing, Thompson Field, Jackson, Mississippi, reminisces about his own experiences in Undergraduate Pilot Training as he tours the 37th Flying Training Squadron Aug. 18 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Blanchard received his wings at Columbus AFB in 1993 and went through training in the 37th FTS Thunderbolt Flight.

Blanchard emphasizes three valuable lessons

Airman 1st Class John Day

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Col. Barry Blanchard, 172nd Airlift Wing Commander, Thompson Field, Jackson, Mississippi visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, as the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-13's graduation Aug. 19.

Blanchard was commissioned through the United States

Air Force Academy in 1992. He attended Undergraduate Pilot Training here at Columbus AFB in 1993.

He began his speech by thanking Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, and the graduating class for allowing him to speak at Columbus AFB, where he received his silver wings.

See BLANCHARD, Page 3

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (17-08)	-1.77 days	-0.71 days	Sept. 28	48th (16-14)	1.58 days	1.15 days	Aug. 26	49th (16-LBC)	-2.79 days	-0.73 days	Sept. 21	T-6	2,372	2,283	28,176
41st (17-07)	1.84 days	0.19 days	Sept. 6	50th (16-14)	-0.82 days	0.44 days	Aug. 26					T-1	792	551	8,874
												T-38	832	792	9,639
												IFF	391	396	4,004

* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.

The graduation speaker is Col. Derek Routt, 1st Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida.

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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 9 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.

Three join Inspector General team



Col. Doug Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, administers the Oath of the Inspector General and presents the Inspector General Badge to Lt. Col. Chris Lovegren, Lt. Col. Stephen Duran and Capt. Dallas Varwig Aug. 25 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. These officers will lead the 14th FTW's execution of the Air Force Inspection System and the Unit Effective Inspection Capstone event scheduled for Jan. 23-30, 2017.

U.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Dublin

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Doors open at 7 p.m. for the Love and Laughter Tour with live performances Labor Day Weekend by Avant, Lenny Williams, Iyse Gibson, and comedian Chestnut in Trotter Convention Center, 402 2nd Ave. N. Show starts at 8 p.m. Hosted by WACR Radio's Greg McMichael. For more information, call 662.891.3648. Buy tickets here on Ticketmaster.com

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
29	30 AETC Mr. Montoya A4/5 visit Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	31 Enlisted Promotion Ceremony, 3 p.m. @ Club	1 → Blood Drive, 9 a.m. @ Chapel Annex ALS Graduation, noon @ Club	2 AETC Family Day, most base offices closed	3/4	Sept. 12-13: AETC/CC visit Sept. 15: 49th FS reunion Sept. 16: POW/MIA special observance Sept. 17: Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 27: Wing Newcomers Orientation Sept. 29: Enlisted Promotion Ceremony Sept. 30: SUPT Class 16-15 Graduation Oct. 4-6: CREATE "Imagine the possibilities" Oct. 7: Chief Master Sgt. Rita Felton retirement Oct. 10: Columbus Day Holiday Oct. 15: Civilian Fly-In Oct. 18: Wing Newcomers Orientation Oct. 21: SUPT Class 17-01 Graduation Oct. 31: Third Quarterly Awards Oct. 31: Enlisted Promotions
5 Labor Day Holiday	6	7	8	9 SUPT Class 16-14 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	10/11	

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Will My Driver's License Get Me On Base?

Real ID Act of 2005

Q: Does this affect those with a military, retiree, dependent or CAC ID?

A: No. There is no change for base access to individuals who already possess military issued credentials.

Q: If I have a military ID and want to take my mom on base, does she need to get a background check?

A: If you are a military ID cardholder and she is under your escort, she only needs to show a picture ID. If she needs unescorted access, ie., entering the installation on her own, she will need a REAL ID Act compliant credential to be issued an access pass. A background check will be done prior to issuing the pass.

Q: What identification is required of minors?

A: There is no change to current procedures. When entering an installation with an individual in possession of as REAL ID Act compliant identification card, minors are not required to have an identification credential.

Q: What alternate forms of ID are acceptable? Do I need more than one?

A: You only need one of the following:

- U.S. Passport
- U.S Passport Card
- Permanent Resident Card/Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551).
- A foreign passport with a temporary (I-551) stamp or temporary (I-551) printed notation on a machine readable immigrant visa.
- An employment authorization document that contains a photograph (Form I- 766).
- Identification card issued by Federal, State, or local government agencies, provided it contains a photograph and biographic information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address.
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Cards/Credentials.
- PIV or Federally-Issued PIV-1

Cards (Personal Identification Verification) issued by the Federal Government.

- PIV-I card (Personal identification verification-Interoperable Issued by Non-Federal Government entities).

Q: I am a DoD contractor with a Common Access Card. Can I bring my wife onto the installation without her needing a background

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A: No. Your wife will require a background check and access pass. Contractors are not authorized to escort uncleared visitors on the installation.

For more information contact the visitor's center at 662-434-7133 or visit www.dhs.gov.



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Map Legend

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- Employment authorization document that contains a photograph (INS Form I-776)

BY OCTOBER 17

Enhanced Driver's License or one of the following:

- US Passport or Passport Card
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (INS Form I-551)
- Employment authorization document that contains a photograph (INS Form I-776)

F-35 prepared to undergo chemical, biological decontamination testing

Kenji Thuloweit

412th Test Wing Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — After years of preparation, the 461st Flight Test Squadron and Joint Strike Fighter Integrated Test Force are ready to test the F-35 Lightning II's ability to be decontaminated from chemical and biological weapons exposure.

Contractors, Airmen and Air Force civilians have tirelessly worked in the high desert heat the past few weeks to finalize construction of a decontamination system and facility to house and decontaminate an F-35A.

It will be the first time an F-35 has been decontaminated and will show the Defense Department and joint-partner nations that the F-35 has met the F-35 Joint Program Office's requirements for decontamination, certifying the weapon system to go into full-rate production.

The effort is to demonstrate the fifth-generation fighter's survivability can be maintained if exposed to such threats around the world.

"Our focus is on the (aircraft's decontamination ability), and that's what we're here to prove," said Joe Nemes, the Air Force Research Laboratory chemical and biological project lead engineer.

"Because these are tests we're doing here, there's an extensive amount of sensors and test equipment that we're going to use to analyze and make sure the plane is clean," Nemes said.

The AFRL is the lead organization responsible for developing the test plan and techniques for gathering decontamination data for analysis for the F-35 Joint Program Office.

Beginning in August, the aircraft will be contaminated several times and then towed into the decontamination facility to see if it can be cleaned of chemical or biological weapons exposure. The F-35 used for testing contains modifications to specifically collect data while being tested in the air or on the ground.

"Because these are tests we're doing here,



U.S. Air Force photo/Brad White

After four weeks of construction, the decontamination shelter is nearing completion enabling testing to begin on an F-35 Lightning II in August 2016. The inner structure is insulated with heat absorbing panels and a liner to keep heat inside to decontaminate the jet.



U.S. Air Force photo/Brad White

A decontamination shelter, built by members of the 461st Flight Test Squadron and Joint Strike Fighter Integrated Test Force, was constructed to conduct chemical and biological decontamination tests on the F-35 Lightning II. Tests will begin in August 2016.

there's an extensive amount of sensors and test equipment that we're going to use to analyze and make sure the plane is clean. But, in the real world, theoretically, you put it in (the decontamination facility) and run the system, pull the jet out and go fly," Nemes said.

For the tests, the F-35A will be "contaminated" with simulants, which are elements that have been researched and tested to be safe, but mimic the properties of harmful agents.

Each test procedure will be conducted in three parts.

"To contaminate the aircraft for our tests, we're going to do engine runs at a different location (on the flightline) from the decontamination structure. We're going to spray simulant down the engine inlet and let it get distributed throughout the interior of the aircraft," said Melanie Link, the 461st chemical and biological O6 project lead. "Once that contamination is done, the F-35 will get towed to the decontamination shelter and decontaminated. During decontamination, samples will be taken from both the aircraft and surrounding environment so we'll have a baseline to see the effectiveness of how the decontamination process is working from beginning to end."

Once complete they'll tow it to a third site and collect more samples and conduct another engine run to verify no damage was

done to the aircraft.

The decontamination shelter takes about four weeks to construct and is nearly complete. It consists of four components. The first is an external air beam shelter, which protects an inner structure -- the aircraft enclosure. The tent is there to protect the enclosure from the elements such as wind loads, solar loads and everything else the desert climate will present throughout the system's roughly six-month tour here. The aircraft enclosure allows the plane to be simultaneously decontaminated externally and internally within walls made up of insulated panels.

The other two parts of the system will decontaminate the F-35 by exposing it to high temperatures. The heat is created by large capacity field heaters and the Tactical Cargo and Rotary Wing Aircraft Decontamination systems. They deliver a desired high level of heat for a specified length of time.

"If we started at a level of contamination and then run the (decontamination) process, and we see that the contamination is lower, we've met our goal, regardless of the (decontamination) system," Nemes said.

Testing will be conducted through December, and if all goes well, additional testing will be conducted with a Marine Corps F-35B from the operational fleet in early 2017. Those efforts will be the final decontamination tests for the F-35 Joint Program Office.

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 Family Movie

Independence Pool is offering a free family movie, "Disney's Alice through the Looking Glass" (PG) at 8:30 p.m. Sept. 4. Doors open at 8 p.m. Snack bar will be available. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Free Pool Passes and FootGolf

Independence Pool Passes and FootGolf are 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.

Free David Cook Concert and Pool Party

The Force Support Squadron is offering a free American Idol Winner David Cook Concert at 7 p.m. on Sept. 25. This event will be held at the soccer field next to the Columbus Club. The pool party will be begin at 4 p.m. For more information, contact 434-2926.

White Water Rafting Trip

Head down the Ocoee River in Tennessee Sept 23-25. Cost is \$139 per person. Includes transportation, rafting, lodging & lunch on Saturday. Call 434-2505 for more information and to sign-up. Must be 12+ years of age. SAI R4R subsidized cost.

Pearl River Resort Casino Trip

Outdoor Recreation is offering a monthly casino trip to Pearl River Resort. Upcoming dates are 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.

Fitness Time-Out Child Care

The Child Development Center is offering child care from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Aug. 9. The cost is only \$4 per hour. Sign up one week in advance at the CDC or contact 434-2479 for more information.

Labor Day Getaway

Outdoor Recreation is offering a Labor Day Getaway Sept. 3-5 to Tullahoma, Tennessee. This getaway includes: Jack Daniels Distillery tour, Lynchburg tour, hiking in the Short Springs Natural Area, and additional recreational activities. The cost is only \$150 per person. For information or to sign up, contact 434-2505.

Whispering Pines Club Championship

The Golf Course is offering their annual club championship at 8 a.m. Aug. 27 and 28. The cost is only \$40 for members and \$75 for non-members. Entry includes green fees, prize fund, and lunch both days. For more information, contact 434-7932.

Youth Fall Soccer Registration

Register youth's ages 3 – 18 for soccer at the Youth Center until Sept 16. All games will be played on base. Coached interested in signing-up up can do so by Sept 9. Please contact the Youth Center for more information at 434-2504

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For more information contact the Youth Center at 434-2504

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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.

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.

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.

Lawn Mower Repair

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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.

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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.

Hot Fusion Fitness Class

Hot Fusion is a fun unique workout that combines strength, balance and old school dance. This total body workout is fun for all ages and is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:15 p.m. at the fitness center. For more information, contact 434-2772.

RV Storage Lot

Don't clutter your home space, park with us. Outdoor Recreation offers a great place to store your RV year around. You will have 24-hour access and can pay monthly or yearly. For more information, call 434-2505.

Green Plate Special

Whispering Pines Golf Course offers a special for lunch Monday through Friday. For more information, call 434-7932 or check us out on Facebook at Columbus AFB Living or Twitter @CAFBLiving!

Instructional Classes at Youth Center

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BLAZE Hangar Tails: MQ-9 Reaper

Mission

The MQ-9 Reaper is an armed, multi-mission, medium-altitude, long-endurance remotely piloted aircraft that is employed primarily as an intelligence-collection asset and secondarily against dynamic execution targets. Given its significant loiter time, wide-range sensors, multi-mode communications suite, and precision weapons, it provides a unique capability to perform strike, coordination, and reconnaissance against high-value, fleeting, and time-sensitive targets.

Reapers can also perform the following missions and tasks: Intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, close air support, combat search and rescue, precision strike, buddy-laser, convoy/raid overwatch, route clearance, target development, and terminal air guidance. The MQ-9's capabilities make it uniquely qualified to conduct irregular warfare operations in support of combatant commander objectives.

General Characteristics

Primary Function: Intelligence collection in support of strike, coordination, and reconnaissance missions

Contractor: General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc.

Power Plant: Honeywell TPE331-10GD turboprop engine

Thrust: 900 shaft horsepower maximum

Wingspan: 66 feet (20.1 meters)

Length: 36 feet (11 meters)

Height: 12.5 feet (3.8 meters)

Weight: 4,900 pounds (2,223 kilograms) empty

Maximum takeoff weight: 10,500 pounds (4,760 kilograms)

Fuel Capacity: 4,000 pounds (602 gallons)

Payload: 3,750 pounds (1,701 kilograms)

Speed: Cruise speed around 230 miles per hour (200

knots)

Range: 1,150 miles (1,000 nautical miles)

Ceiling: Up to 50,000 feet (15,240 meters)

Armament: Combination of AGM-114 Hellfire missiles, GBU-12 Paveway II and GBU-38 Joint Direct Attack Munitions

Crew (remote): Two (pilot and sensor operator)

Unit Cost: \$56.5 million (includes four aircraft with sensors, ground control station and Predator Primary satellite link) (fiscal 2011 dollars)

Initial operating capability: October 2007

Air Force unmanned aerial vehicle pilots go to training at Randolph and Holloman Air Force Base. The Air Force drones can be flown by pilots stationed at Creech, Holloman, Cannon, Ellsworth and Whiteman Air Force Base.



Courtesy photo

A maintenance Airman inspects an MQ-9 Reaper in Afghanistan. Capable of striking enemy targets with on-board weapons, the Reaper has conducted close air support and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions.



U.S. Air Force photo / Lt. Col. Leslie Pratt

An MQ-9 Reaper, armed with GBU-12 Paveway II laser guided munitions and AGM-114 Hellfire missiles, piloted by Col. Lex Turner, flies a combat mission over southern Afghanistan.



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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. Aug. 30 and is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Columbus Club. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop from 1-2 p.m. Aug. 30 allows the VA contractors to explain to service members, whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers and what they are able to provide throughout the member's military career and how to apply for benefits. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

First Term Officer's PFR

The First Term Officers' Personal Financial Readiness Workshop is required by AFI for all newly assigned officer personnel at their first station. The event is 9 - 10 a.m. Sept. 1. For more information, call 434-2790.

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sept. 12-16. 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.

Career Technical Training

This transition event is held 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sept. 19 - 20 and explores technical careers for post military personnel using VA Educational benefits. It is conducted by CALIBRE, a private company contracted by DVA. Prior registration is required, company requires 10 days notification and must have minimum of eight participants. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Troops To Teachers

This workshop is 10:30 a.m. - noon Sept. 21. It is an informational workshop for members pursuing or interested in a teaching career after the military. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Linked-In Workshop

The Linked-In workshop is Sept. 26-27, 2-5 p.m. You learn how to establish and use a

Base personnel and Columbus community cleans T-37 static display landscape



Courtesy Photo

More than 20 Columbus community members and base personnel work together to clean up the landscape around the T-37 static Display on Highway 45 Aug. 20 in front of Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Linked-In account. To register and more information please call 434-2790.

Pre-separation Counseling

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

Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

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

Survivor-Benefit Plan

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

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

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

port 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.

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

The Drive for Excellence

Lt. Col. David Jokinen
14th Civil Engineer Squadron
Commander

As I watched the Olympic athletes strive for gold over the last few weeks I couldn't help but get caught up in the competitiveness, energy, and personal stories of the athletes.

All of these athletes have a few things in common on their road to the games; setting goals, striving for excellence, and self-sacrifice. We can relate these Olympic qualities to our military service.

It is hard not to observe the energy and excitement the athletes brought to the games. They were brimming with pride and enthusiasm as for many a lifelong dream was occurring. They had poured so much of their time, energy, and sacrificed so much to have the opportunity to compete on the world stage. We need to find and bring that energy into our daily lives and our workplaces because we also are competing on a world stage which has significant implications.

To start we need to set and achieve goals which will lead to small victories and pride in accomplishment. These small victories across the wing will build and multiply, enabling a stronger more resilient team. A strong, resilient team allows the wing to excel to produce more Airmen, advance our Airmen through personal and professional achievements, and

"Feed the Fight" by producing a winning team full of energy and drive.

In order for the athletes to be competitive they strove for excellence to continuously better themselves and perfect their game, working together to bring out the very best in each other. The U.S. swimming and gymnastics team's excelled, winning individual and team gold. We heard them praise their teammates and coaches and we saw them reach out to their competitors to acknowledge their performance and sportsmanship.

In order to better our Air Force team, we need to be proactive and continually improve our team through mentoring and coaching our Airmen with sound leadership principles and respect for each other. We all have a role to play on the team, building the next generation of Airmen to enable future Air Force gold medal performances.

The road to the Olympic stage was filled with training and self-sacrifice. Athletes set time aside to improve and hone their abilities. The military also requires us to set aside time for training so we can master skills and abilities.

Will there be difficult days? Yes, however, we have each other to help mentor, train, and coach us through the tough times. We too can experience the pride of meeting our personal and professional goals and feel the energy and excitement of being on a winning team. Aim High Airmen.

Base Thrift Shop

The Base Thrift Shop is open from
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Consignments are welcome until noon. Donations are accepted and very much appreciated. Donations can now be dropped off on the loading dock and inside the front doors 24/7. If they are left anywhere else we do not receive them.



It is located in
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Call 434-2954.



The shop is a non-profit and all proceeds benefit Columbus Air Force Base Community.

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THE U.S. MARINE CORPS IMPLEMENTS FORCE INTEGRATION PLAN

Second Lieutenants Virginia Brodie and Katherine Boy graduated from the Marine Corps 19-week Field Artillery Basic Officers Leadership Course.



FIRST FEMALE COMBATANT COMMANDER

In April 2016, the U.S. Senate approved four-star General Lori Robinson to lead the U.S. Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base.

MILESTONE ACHIEVED!

President Obama nominated the Navy's highest ranking female, Admiral Michelle Howard to lead U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa. In 2014, Howard made history by becoming the first female Vice Chief of Naval Operations.



"REMEMBRANCE AND RECOGNITION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THE NEED FOR GENDER EQUALITY."

-JULIET BEYER
PRINCIPAL DIRECTOR, FORCE RESILIENCY LOCATED IN THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL & READINESS.





The 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron building is located on Bradt Street, Aug. 24 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. In August 2014, the 14th LRS was stood up as a squadron, as previously it was a division under the 14th Mission Support Group.



Frank Deal, 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Technician, refuels a T-6 Texan Jan. 27 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The 14th LRS Fuels Flight refills 250-280 aircraft per day.

14th LRS provides support to all aspects of mission

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

The 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron touches every Airman on Columbus Air Force Base. Without the squadron member's hard work and dedication, our mission to Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen and Feed the Fight, would surely fail.

The 14th LRS is composed of four flights: material management, fuels management, deployment and distribution and vehicle management.

"The men and women of the 14th LRS provide fuel support to the wing as well as transportation support and maintenance," said Lt. Col. Antonio Salazar, 14th LRS Commander. "We also provide the supplies and parts for

"We are in the background making sure all of the functions continue to run smoothly without much thought," Salazar said.

the T-38 as well as the deployment process for our Airmen. Those are our five main areas of support."

Every new pilot and every Airman who deploys are all directly affected by the logistics readiness flight.

"We issue all the gear for every Airman who gets deployed from here," said Patrick Maxwell, 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Assistant Management Supervisor. "All the new lieutenants stop here to pick up their flight suits as well."

The vehicle management flight ensures the wing's vehicles continue running and maintain the required maintenance necessary for day-to-day operations.

"Vehicle maintenance maintains a fleet of over 200 vehicles and equipment items," Salazar said. "From the firetrucks used by our Fire Department to the aircraft refueling trucks to personal vehicles for Distinguished Visitors, our mechanics perform regular inspections and maintenance on all of

them."

The mission runs smoothly when the 14th LRS works together with the flights supporting nearly all Airmen regardless of the job they perform.

"We are in the background making sure all of the functions continue to run smoothly without much thought," Salazar said. "If we were to stop functioning in one of our areas, there would be a chain reaction, causing the flying mission to halt. Our job is to make sure that does not happen."

In the summer of 2014, the 14th

LRS was stood up as a squadron. Formerly it was a division of the 14th Mission Support Group.

Since becoming its own squadron, processes have been expanded on and improved, turning it into what it is today.

"I have a great team of men and women assigned to the unit," Salazar said. "They take pride in their work and what they do for the mission. I rely on them and they rely on me to overcome any obstacles and ensure the mission goes on."



Patrick Maxwell, 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Assistant Management Supervisor, checks the supply of equipment Aug. 24 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The 14th LRS material management flight is responsible for receiving, processing, delivering, and maintaining all supplies and equipment for which they are responsible.



Rene Sanchez, 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron Mobile Equipment Mechanic, replaces the wheel and inspects a van owned by the 14th LRS Aug. 24 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The vehicle management flight ensures the wing's vehicles continue running and maintain the required maintenance necessary for day-to-day operations.