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Partly Cloudy
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Saturday

Partly Cloudy
High 93°F Low 69°F

Sunday

Rain
High 92°F Low 69°F

Monday

Rain
High 93°F Low 68°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

AETC Commander visit

The Commander of Air Education and Training Command is scheduled to visit Team BLAZE Sept. 12 -13.

POW/MIA Day Retreat

A special Observance POW/MIA retreat ceremony is scheduled 4:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at Smith Plaza.

Air Force Birthday Ball

The annual Air Force Birthday Ball social hour is scheduled to begin 6 p.m. Sept. 17 with the main event starting 7 p.m. at the Trotter Convention Center, 402 2nd Ave N in Columbus. Dress is formal and mess dress for military or coat and tie for civilians.

Inside

ASND 16-14
WASHLEAVE A WHITE TAIL IN LIFE

Feature 8

SUPT Class 16-14 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson

Chief Master Sgt. David Staton

AETC senior leaders set to visit Team BLAZE

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Team BLAZE welcomes Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Darryl Roberson, and Chief Master Sgt. David Staton to Columbus Air Force Base.

During their visit they will tour the many base facilities, meet with community members and hold an all-call to discuss AETC's hot topics.

Roberson is Commander, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. He is responsible for the recruiting, training and education of Air Force personnel. His command includes the Air Force Recruiting

Service, two numbered air forces and Air University. The command operates nearly 1,370 trainer, fighter and mobility aircraft, 23 wings, 12 bases, and five geographically separated groups. It trains more than 293,000 students per year with approximately 62,000 active-duty, Reserve, Guard, civilian and contractor personnel.

Roberson is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Euro-NATO Joint Jet pilot training, and the National War College. He has been a Thunderbird air demonstration pilot, a Congressional Fellow on Capitol Hill and has served on the Air Staff and Joint Staff at the Pentagon including as the Vice

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE															
PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF							
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation				
37th (17-08)	0.69 days	-1.06 days	Sept. 28	48th (16-14)	0.00 days	-0.12 days	Sept. 9	49th (16-LBC)	-1.76 days	-1.00 days	Sept. 21				
41st (17-09)	-2.93 days	-0.95 days	Sept. 21	50th (16-14)	0.00 days	-0.69 days	Sept. 9	* 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.															
WING SORTIE BOARD															
Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual				
T-6	392	420	29,366	T-6	392	420	29,366	T-6	392	420	29,366				
T-1	90	88	9,115	T-1	90	88	9,115	T-1	90	88	9,115				
T-38	153	163	10,094	T-38	153	163	10,094	T-38	153	163	10,094				
IFF	66	67	4,177	IFF	66	67	4,177	IFF	66	67	4,177				

Track Select

Capt. Nicholas Barrett T-38
Capt. Nick DeBarmore T-1
Capt. Kevin Donovan T-38
Capt. Brandon Telken T-38
1st Lt. Elizabeth Tiffany T-1
2nd Lt. Abdulrahman Alhaidari T-38
2nd Lt. Alexander Boules T-38
2nd Lt. Carl Burnham T-1
2nd Lt. David DeGroat T-1
2nd Lt. Michael DeSandre T-38
2nd Lt. Michael Dunlap T-1
2nd Lt. Dylan Flynn T-38
2nd Lt. James Gehrig T-38
2nd Lt. John Goudelock T-1
2nd Lt. Austin Hill T-1
2nd Lt. Jonathan Javier T-1
2nd Lt. Jennifer Logsdon T-1
2nd Lt. Jeriko Mafnas Helo
2nd Lt. Joey Pippin T-1
2nd Lt. Isaias Rivera T-1
2nd Lt. Kenner Roberts T-1
2nd Lt. Quincy Watts T-38



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2nd Lt. Austin Hill

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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.

Silver Wings

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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Sept. 9 – 11

The 15th annual Tennessee Williams Tribute is in Columbus, Mississippi. For event details and tickets, call 368-8591 or visit TennesseeWilliamsTribute.org.

Sept. 16

Come enjoy the Starkville/MSU Symphony at the Columbus Arts Council's Rosenzweig Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Contact the CAC at 328-2787, or visit columbus-arts.org to learn more.

Sept. 22 - 25

5th Annual Possum Town Tales Storytelling Festival is the chance to hear both local and internationally known professional storytellers who will entertain and inspire audiences of all ages. Learn more on columbus-arts.org.

Sept. 29

Downtown Art Walk starts at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy local artists, shopping after hours, live music and a fun children's area. Open mic night "Songs for Peace" in the Columbus Arts Council Main Gallery at 8 p.m. For more information call 328-2787 to sign up to perform

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Miscellaneous

For Sale: New Evenflo Tribute LX Convertible Car Seat, Saturn unused; \$45. InStep Jogging Stroller, 16

years old, in good condition; \$25. Lego Mindstorms, sells for \$700, asking \$150 as some pieces are missing. For more information call or text 425-1878 or email jffmllr130@gmail.com.

For Sale: Queen size head and foot board, dark wood with rails for canopy, \$50; King size sleigh style head and foot board, light wood, \$50; Self-propelled lawnmower, \$75; Sofa, love seat, recliner, brown, \$100; Love seat, green, \$40; For more information call Kathy at 549-1214 leave a message if there is no answer.

Transportation

For Sale: 1978 Triumph Spitfire with extra parts and hard top for sale, \$3000. For more information call Danny at 549-5188 or 434-7317.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
12 AETC/CC and AETC/CCC visit	13	14	15 49th FS reunion	16 POW/MIA special observance, 4:30 p.m. @ Smith Plaza	17/18 17th: Air Force Birthday Ball, 6 p.m. @ Trotter	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. 28: SUPT Class 17-01 Graduation Oct. 29: Base Halloween Trick or Treat Oct. 31: Third Quarterly Awards Oct. 31: Enlisted Promotions Nov. 4: Chief Master Sgt. Thomas retirement Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Holiday Nov. 12: Veteran's Day parade
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SEAT BELTS

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installing lap belts in all vehicles. In 1954, the Sports Car Club of America (precursor to NASCAR) required all competing racers to wear lap belts. A year later the Society of Automotive Engineers appointed their first Motor Vehicle Seat Belt Committee. It was in 1955, as well, that California became the first state to require all new cars to come equipped with lap belts. While the seat belts were an option, it was estimated that only about 1 percent of American drivers used them. Dealers certainly didn't push them, and while safety experts claimed it would only cost 50 cents to install mounts so drivers could add the belts themselves, manufacturers just weren't interested. It wasn't until 1959 in which Congress passed a law requiring all cars comply with certain standards of safety.

By 1965 all states had laws requiring seat belts be installed. Lap belts were still the belts of choice; despite medical evidence that in accident conditions lap belts had the potential to cause separation of the lumbar vertebrae.

When President Johnson suggested it was time for federal regulations to control car safety performance, Congress unanimously passed The Highway Safety Act and The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, creating the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The federal government had been given authority to regulate car and highway standards, including a demand that the Department of Transportation move quickly to force car manufacturers to install seat belts in new cars. A year later backseat belts were added and, for the 1974 model year, three-point, continuous-loop seat belts were required.

Even with the increased federal regulation, seat belt usage was calculated at less than 15 percent of the driving public. A campaign was started in the 1960's to push for mandatory seat belt use. It was not until 1995 that every state, except New Hampshire, had mandatory seat belt-use laws.

Currently, about 88 percent of Americans wear seat belts, and manufacturers tout their automotive safety features to prospective cus-

tomers. If a car accident results in a lawsuit, one of the questions asked of the plaintiff is whether or not they were wearing a seat belt. If not, they may be found to have contributed in some degree to the sustained injuries. When liability adjusters make their offers of settlement, they may also reduce the offer if the driver was not wearing a seat belt. There are also ongoing experiments to improve the seat belts we use.

The seat belt saga continues as the exploration of new materials, systems and technology continue to be reached. Regardless of what actions we take, we know beyond any

doubt that seat belts save lives. They double our chance of surviving a crash and vastly improve our chance of walking away without serious injury. Their history to date has been a checkered one balancing responsibilities among manufacturers, drivers and government officials. The bottom line whether you click it, latch it or snap it; it took all of these players working together to make your safety even more important than the latest styling changes.

(References: Road Safety Information, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, NHTSA, UC Berkeley Traffic Safety Center)

Upcoming EVENTS

CPR Classes are offered at Baptist Golden Triangle, 6 p.m., in the Patient Tower. Pre-registration is required. Sept. classes will be held on the 12 and 26. Call the Education Department at (662) 244-2498 or 800-544-8762, ext. 2498.

Baptist Cancer Center offers **free prostate PSA screenings** for men over 40. PSA screenings will be held in Starkville on Friday, Sept. 30, from 9am-11:45 am. Make an appointment by calling at 244-4673 or 800-544-8767, ext. 4673.

Baptist Cancer Center will hold a support group for cancer survivors and their families the third Friday of every month from noon-1pm. The September 16 meeting will take place in room 5 PT, just past the Gift Shop. Topic will be psychosocial/social work service. For information call 244-2923 or 800-544-8767, ext. 2923. .

Join us for a weekly education/support group meeting for people with **congestive heart failure** at Baptist Golden Triangle. Program runs on a 6-week cycle, you may begin at any time. Held each Thursday, 11am-noon, Outpatient Pavilion Board Room. For information call 244-1953 or 244-2132.

Baptist Golden Triangle offers **childbirth classes** each month. Classes are held on each Tuesday night at 6 p.m. To pre-register call the Education Department at 244-2498 or 800-544-8762, ext. 2498.

BMH-GT Diabetes Support Group - classes are the 3rd Wed. each month, 10-11 am, room 6 PT. For more information call Lacy Smith at 662-244-1392 or 800-544-8767, ext. 1392.

Baptist Golden Triangle is seeking caring, compassionate people to join an elite group of volunteers to help in a variety of hospital settings. For more information, call 662-244-1165.

For more information contact the numbers listed above
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VISIT

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Director for Operations.

He has commanded a squadron, operations group, three wings, and prior to becoming the AETC commander was the Commander, 3rd Air Force/17th Expeditionary Air Force, Ramstein AB, Germany. He has flown combat missions in Iraq during operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom as well as in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Roberson is a command pilot who has more than 5,150 flight hours including 865 combat hours. He has flown the F-4, F-15, F-16 and F-22.

Staton is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Headquarters AETC, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. The chief is a key advisor to the command's

corporate structure for budgeting, transformation, and execution of the AETC mission.

Staton grew up in Gentry, Arkansas, and entered the Air Force in June 1988. His diverse career includes various duties as an Information Manager, Military Training Instructor and first sergeant at bases in Michigan, Texas, Arkansas, Colorado, Arizona, and Japan, with deployments to Southwest Asia and Afghanistan.

Staton was the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 10th Air Base Wing, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado and Command Chief Master Sergeant, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Arizona. Before assuming his current position, he served as Command Chief Master Sergeant, Second Air Force, Keesler AFB, Mississippi.



Five of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotions ceremony Aug. 31 at the Columbus Club.

Five enlisted Airmen promoted at ceremony

**14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs**

Five of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotion ceremony Aug. 31 at the Columbus Club.

Promoted during the month of August were:

Airman Kiara Crespo-Gonzalez, 14th Communications Squadron

Airman Ryan Ditommaso, 14th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Nicholas Anthony, 14th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Airman Neiko Odum, 14th OSS Master Sgt. Sylvia Allen, 14th OSS

Web-based personnel data systems down time

Due to upgrades in personnel systems, between Sept. 15-20, several web-based Personnel Data Systems will be unavailable. The systems affected are Virtual Military Personnel Flight, Base Level Service Delivery Model, Personnel Records Display Application, Virtual Personnel Service Center - Role Based Access, Airman Development Plan, and Discoverer.

In addition the Air Force Fitness Management System II, myPers, and Oracle CX console MilPDS print products will be partially or fully unavailable during this time. Access to these systems will return Sept. 21.

If you are in need of assistance please contact the MPS Customer Service Desk at 434-3294.

F-35A completes largest deployment to date

Senior Airman Stormy Archer
33rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

VOLK FIELD, Wis. — The 33rd Fighter Wing wrapped up the largest F-35 deployment to date at this year's Exercise Northern Lightning Aug. 31 at Volk Field, Wis.

Northern Lightning is a tactical-level, joint training exercise which serves as a combat rehearsal for both legacy and modern aerial and ground assets in a contested, degraded environment.

The 33rd FW deployed over 150 personnel and 14 F-35As for two weeks to train to a realistic threat level and develop how to deploy and sustain a squadron of F-35s.

The Air Force announced the fighter jet was initially capable of combat operations in August of this year. With the service's shift in focus to full operational capability for the aircraft, the lessons learned from this exercise will shape future real-world deployments of F-35A squadrons.

"The aircraft and enterprise still has some maturing left to do," said Lt. Col. Brad Bashore, 58th Fighter Squadron commander. "With as capable as the F-35A is already though, that should be a scary thought for our adversaries. Performance during the exercise displays that the aircraft is combat ready, even in its infancy."

The 33rd FW scored over 110 kills against "enemy aircraft," supported a surge of 138 sorties and dropped 24 GBU-12 bombs during Northern Lightning.

During the exercise, 33rd FW pilots were able to execute offensive counter air, suppression of enemy air defenses, destruction of enemy air defenses, and employ GPS-guided munitions for close air support.

"This exercise has increased my confidence in the F-35," Capt. Mark Schnell, 33rd FW pilot said. "Believing that you are invisible is hard. (But) to come out and fly against fourth-generation assets and really see that the stealth capabilities of the F-35 are as advertised has been awesome. It makes our job easier knowing that we are (stealthy), and we can arrive at a position of advantage without (our adversary) knowing."

Crews from the 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron were able to support operational demands of the exercise by executing high-tempo maintenance operations, and preparing aircraft to drop munitions in a deployed location with less manning and resources than afforded to them at home station.



An F-16 Fighting Falcon, E-3 Sentry, F-35A Lightning II, F/A-18 Super Hornet and an EA-18 Growler are set up in a static display Aug. 29, 2016, during Exercise Northern Lightning at Volk Field, Wisconsin. Northern Lightning allowed all five of these aircraft the opportunity integrate and operate in a joint environment while performing counter air, suppression and destruction of enemy air defense and close air support in a contested environment.

"Working with the F-35A really provides a unique capability for us," Capt. Austin Kennedy, E/A-18 Growler electronic warfare officer, said. "They allow us the opportunity to train against more advanced threats that a fourth-generation aircraft wouldn't be able to go after."

"This is the first time the program has supported such an extensive aircraft deployment," 1st Lt. Krista Wooden, 33rd AMXS Aircraft Maintenance Unit assistant officer in charge, said. "We were able to simulate a deployed priority on our supply system, (and) successfully gauge the logistics of how a deployment will successfully run its course."

The F-35A pilots practiced joint operations with F-16 Fighting Falcons, F/A-18 Super Hornets, E/A-18 Growlers and E-3 Sen-

tries to create a more lethal and survivable strike package. The experience gained from deploying as a total force will shape how the units work together in future combat operations.

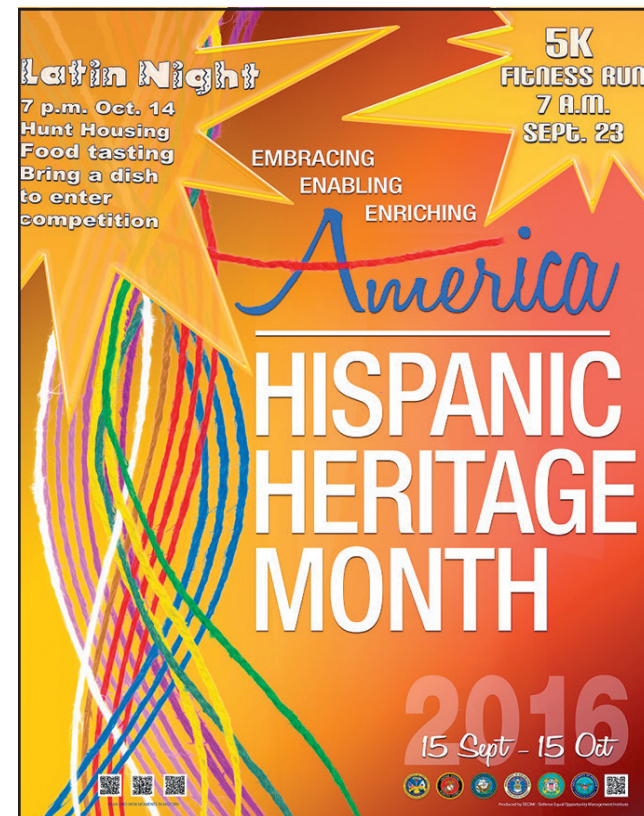
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to go after.

"The (low observable) characteristics of the jet make our jamming more effective, and it makes it easier for us to do our job."

The dynamic threat environment of the 115th Fighter Wing's Northern Lightning exercise provides a unique training ground for the fifth generation fighter with surface to air threats, a large air space that extends up to 50,000 feet, inter-service training and an expansive range for live and inert weapons drops.

"Thanks to the Air National Guard, and their herculean efforts to make this exercise happen," said Lt. Col. Brad Bashore, 58th FS commander, said. "Thank you to the Duluth and Madison Guard for being our adversaries during this exercise. It's not always fun being red air and flying against us when you're at a disadvantage. We couldn't have done this without you."



Stay prepared, September is National Preparedness month

Senior Airman Christopher Tarantino
14th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness & Emergency Management

September is National Preparedness Month and is a great time before the craziness of the upcoming holidays to think about and plan your family's safety and security.

You should prepare through the year for emergencies that could affect where you live, work, and where you visit.

The theme of this year's Preparedness month is "Don't Wait, Communicate. Make your Emergency Plan Today." Preparedness is for all ages, whether young or old think about how to be prepared.

Here are some tips from ready.gov/floods:

Basic Safety Tips

- Turn Around, Don't Drown! ®
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters.
- Just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and two feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.
- If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately

to higher ground. Flash floods are the number one cause of weather-related deaths in the U.S.

- If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground, but do not leave the car and enter moving water.

- Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

When it is not flooding: Make a flood plan

- Know your flood risk.
- Make a flood emergency plan.
- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.
- Consider buying flood insurance.
- Familiarize yourself with local emergency plans. Know where to go and how to get there should you need to get to higher ground, the highest level of a building, or to evacuate.
- Stay tuned to your phone alerts, TV, or radio for weather updates, emergency instructions, or evacuation orders.

Columbus AFB fire station awarded accredited status

Staff Sgt. Stephanie Englar
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The Columbus Air Force Base Fire Emergency Services in Columbus, Mississippi has received Accredited Status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International for meeting the criteria established through the CFAI's voluntary self-assessment and accreditation program.

Mr. Gilbert Montoya, the Director of Logistics, Installations and Mission Support, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio Randolph, Texas, presented Rick Songer, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Chief, the award during his base visit Aug. 31.

Columbus AFB's McAllister Fire Station is the second fire department in the state of Mississippi, as well as the fourth in Air Education and Training Command, to achieve this accredited status. It is the 221st in the world.

"It's an honor to be awarded accreditation status and it truly demonstrates the dedication of the department to provide the highest

level of service possible to the community we serve," Songer said.

Receiving accreditation through CFAI requires hundreds of hours of work. To receive accreditation, a fire station must self-assess on categories such as training, programs, resources and planning, and demonstrate proficiency in each.

Columbus AFB's fire station is named after Robert McAllister, one of the Air Force's most highly-decorated firefighters, who served as the Columbus AFB Fire Chief from 1981 to 2002. The station conducts fire prevention and response to Columbus Air Force Base as well as providing assistance to City of Columbus and Lowndes County fire departments.

CFAI is dedicated to assisting the fire and emergency service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self-assessment and accreditation in order to provide continuous quality improvement and the enhancement of service delivery to their communities. The accreditation process is voluntary, and provides an agency with an improvement model to assess their service delivery and performance.



Gilbert Montoya, Director of Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection for Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, presents an award of accreditation to Rick Songer, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Chief, at McAllister Fire Station on Aug. 31 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. McAllister Fire Station is the second fire department in the state of Mississippi, as well as the fourth in Air Education and Training Command, to achieve this accredited status.

Aircraft Fact Sheets: F-35A

Mission

The F-35A is the U.S. Air Force's latest fifth-generation fighter. It will replace the U.S. Air Force's aging fleet of F-16 Fighting Falcons and A-10 Thunderbolt II's, which have been the primary fighter aircraft for more than 20 years, and bring with it an enhanced capability to survive in the advanced threat environment in which it was designed to operate. With its aerodynamic performance and advanced integrated avionics, the F-35A will provide next-generation stealth, enhanced situational awareness, and reduced vulnerability for the United States and allied nations.

Features

The conventional takeoff and landing (CTOL) F-35A gives the U.S. Air Force and allies the power to dominate the skies – anytime, anywhere. The F-35A is an agile, versatile, high-performance, 9g capable multirole fighter that combines stealth, sensor fusion, and unprecedented situational awareness.

The F-35A's advanced sensor package is designed to gather, fuse and distribute more information than any fighter in history, giving operators a decisive advantage over all adversaries. Its processing power, open architecture, sophisticated sensors, information fusion and flexible communication links make the F-35 an indispensable tool in future homeland defense, Joint and Coalition irregular warfare and major combat operations.

The F-35's electronic sensors include the Electro-Optical Distributed Aperture System (DAS). This system provides pilots with situational awareness in a sphere around the aircraft for enhanced missile warning, aircraft warning, and day/night pilot vision.. Additionally, the aircraft is equipped with the Electro-Optical Targeting System (EOTS). The internally mounted EOTS provides extended range detection and precision targeting against ground targets, plus long range detection of air-to-air threats.

The F-35's helmet mounted display system is the most advanced system of its kind. All the intelligence and targeting information an F-35 pilot needs to complete the mission is displayed on the helmet's visor.

The F-35's engine produces 43,000 lbs of thrust and consists of a 3-stage fan, a 6-stage compressor, an annular combustor, a single stage high-pressure turbine, and a 2 stage low-pressure turbine.

The F-35 is designed to provide the pilot with unsurpassed situational awareness, positive target identification and precision strike in all weather conditions. Mission systems integration and outstanding over-the-nose visibility features are designed to dramatically enhance pilot performance.

Background

The F-35 is designed to replace aging fighter inventories including U.S. Air Force F-16s and A-10s, U.S. Navy F/A-18s, U.S. Marine Corps AV-8B Harriers and F/A-18s, and U.K. Harrier GR.7s and Sea Harriers. With stealth and a host of next-generation technologies, the F-35 will be far and away the world's most advanced multi-role fighter. There exists an aging fleet of tactical aircraft worldwide. The F-35 is intended to solve that problem.

On October 26, 2001, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge Jr. announced the decision to proceed with the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) program. This approval advanced the program to the System Development and Demonstration (SDD) phase.

The Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche announced the selection of Lockheed Martin teamed with Northrop Grumman and BAE to develop and then produce the JSF aircraft.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Darlene Seltmann

The F-35 Lightning II makes its first appearance March 10, 2014, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The aircraft was flown in directly from the Lockheed Martin factor at Fort Worth, Texas, and is the first of 144 F-35s that will eventually be assigned to the base.



U.S. Air Force photo/Samuel King Jr.

The Royal Netherlands air force F-35A Lightning II lifts off for its first flight Dec. 18, 2013, from Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Maj. Laurens Vijge became the first RNLAf pilot to fly the joint strike fighter and the flight marks the first sortie for the RNLAf here.

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.)

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 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

ALS Airmen graduate as leaders, future NCOs



U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Sixteen Airman Leadership School Class 16-6 students graduate Sept. 1 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Airmen spend over 190 hours total in ALS learning about the tools they will use as an Air Force leader and future NCO.

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 marital issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health providers. Counselors can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC, call 662-364-0504.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

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

Personal Financial Readiness

Make the most of your money. Contact Dolores Sherman, Personal Financial Counselor, for an appointment at 426-2527, or 434-2790. She can help manage finances, resolve financial problems, and reach long-term goals such as getting an education, buying a home and planning for retirement.

Learn How to Read Your LES

Having a hard time understanding your Leave and Earning Statement? Need a refresher so that you can mentor your subordinates on their entitlements? Finance has you covered. If you would like for Finance to come to your next CC call or Professional Organization event, you can contact Master Sgt. Sabrina Spriggs at DSN 742-3068 or Senior Airman Julianna White at DSN 742-2715.

DRMO

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

Zero Overpricing Program

Interested in saving the Air Force money and making a little yourself? As part of the Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program there are award incentives for price challenges that result in tangible savings. In accordance with AFI 38-401, responsible personnel will receive a monetary award. Personnel are encouraged to participate on any overpricing issues daily. Please call Customer Support at 434-7178 for any advice or guidance.

Saint Leo University

SLU offers on-base classes in psychology, criminal justice, and business administration. Online and CD-ROM classes are also available. Call Saint Leo at 434-8844 (dial 99 on-base) or stop by room 120 in building 926 (old Personnel building).

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

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 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 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.

It's football season, Thursday NFL Football
Come out to the Club on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. starting on Sept. 15. There will be food specials and prize giveaway. The complete game schedule is available at the Columbus Club. Call 434-2489 for more information.

UFC 203 Miocic vs. Overeem
Come out to the Club on Saturday Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. to watch UFC Fight 203. The doors open for the pre-fight at 7 p.m. and the main fight is at 10:30 p.m. There will be food and drink specials. Adults only please.

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

The Overrun Open Friday Nights
The Overrun is open Fridays 4:30 p.m. until midnight. Bar menu includes chicken wing basket, chicken tender basket, club wrap, or buffalo chicken wrap. For more information, contact 434-2419.

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

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



Story Time and Circle Time at the Library
The Base Library is offering Story Time every Friday at 11 a.m. for all ages. Circle Time is offered each Wednesday at 11 a.m. for ages up to 4 years old. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Bowling Center Party Specials
The Bowling Center is offering two options for all your party needs. Option 1 includes 2 hours of unlimited bowling and shoe rental for only \$8.50 per person. Option 2 includes 2 hours of unlimited bowling, shoe rental, and a child meal for only \$11.50 per person. Choice of meal includes chicken tenders, hot dog, corn dog, or grilled cheese served with fries and drink. You may bring in a cake, cupcakes, and ice cream. No other outside food and drinks allowed. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Cosmic Bowling Special
The Bowling Center is offering Cosmic Bowling for only \$12 per person every Friday and Saturday night from 5 – 8 p.m. You also may purchase individual games for \$3 per game with purchase of \$1.50 shoe rental. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Take & Bake Pizzas at the Bowling Center
Large and medium grab and go ready pizzas for you to take home and bake yourself available at the bowling center. Save \$2 per pizza.

Lawn Mower Repair
Lawn mower repair is now available at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is only \$40 per hour plus parts; pickup and delivery available. Self-help bicycle repair is also available. For more information, contact 434-2507.

Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed
Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? For more information, contact 434-7836.

Referees Needed
Referees needed for various sports at the Fitness Center. For more information or to sign up, contact 434-2772.

Play Paintball
Book your next paintball event at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is \$15 per person for a party of 10 or more; \$20 per person for party of nine or less. You must purchase paint at Outdoor Recreation for \$45 per case of 2,000. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Make Your Shopping Easier
Force Support Squadron gift cards are available in increments of \$5 to fit any budget. They can be used at most Force Support Squadron facilities at Air Force installations worldwide and they never go out of style. Purchase your gift card at one of the following locations: Bowling Center, Golf Course or Youth Center. For more information, contact 434-3426.

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

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
Youth Programs is offering piano lessons, guitar lessons, tumbling classes, dance classes, and martial arts instruction. Times and ages vary for all classes. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

Fitness on Request
CAFB Fitness and Sports offers a truly comprehensive group fitness platform that is available all day and completely customizable to meet your needs with over 30 different classes on the Fitness on Request system. For more information, call 434-2772.

Space A Lodging
The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at 434-2548.

Ride in Style
If you don't want to leave your car at the airport over a vacation, we can help you out. Outdoor Recreation offers a shuttle service to the airport of your choice. Call 434-2505 for more information.

Be a thermostat, not a thermometer

Lt. Col. Derek Oakley
41st Flying Training Squadron Commander

As we remain within the heat of the summer here in Columbus, there becomes one essential piece of equipment most can rarely do without: our air conditioner.

This is because temperature has a significant effect on our moods and behaviors. When we get extremely hot or cold our bodies will naturally attempt to conserve by drawing blood away from our extremities such as our hands and feet. The intent is that these areas are not as essential as maintaining our core temperature for survival. Did you know that within our organizations we tend to do the same thing?

When I reflect back on my experiences at the 12 bases I've been stationed at in my career, I often ask myself why people follow certain individuals, or seek out their leadership. Conversely, I wonder why they avoid or dissent from other's leadership.

I've decided it's because the organizations with great leaders are ones in which the cultural temperature is ideal for maximum performance. Whereas those organizations with poorer leadership are ones in which the cultural temperature is overly hot or cold, and like our bodies, the organization is letting things slide in order to keep their core alive.

So how do we effect the temperature within our organizations as leaders? We do this by being a thermostat, not a thermometer. A thermometer is tool with which most of us are familiar. The small bulb at the bottom contains liquid that is temperature sensitive and fills the thermometer to an appropriate

Like a thermostat, great leaders sense when there are changes in the organization are not in line with established standards. They actively seek out to change the organizational temperature or culture to bring it back in line with their expectations.

line based upon the given heat it experiences. A thermometer is not an active tool, but simply a reflection of the temperature in the surrounding air.

Much like the thermometer, there are leaders who are not actively leading their organization, but simply reflecting the moods, beliefs, and behaviors of the members of their organization. Since people will always look for the path of least resistance, they will often ignore or overlook issues within their organization they feel are non-essential. However, once people start ignoring the small things, they eventually begin to ignore bigger issues. With a leader who reflects these behaviors, an organization will eventually miss something big enough to cause mission failure.

In contrast, a thermostat is not a passive tool, but one which

actively sets the temperature in the room to the desired level. It senses the temperature surrounding it, notices the changes are not in line with its setting, and activates either hot or cold air to bring the temperature back within its standards. A thermostat is an active tool which sets the temperature of the surrounding air.

Like a thermostat, great leaders sense when there are changes in the organization are not in line with established standards. They actively seek out to change the organizational temperature or culture to bring it back in line with their expectations. This allows the organization to continue to focus not only on their core mission, but all the supporting tasks necessary for ultimate success.

A thermostat-type leader is one who sets and enforces standards. They also see their organization through the lens of ownership such as "this organization will never get better unless I actively work on it," vs through the lens of renter-ship "this organization is temporary and someone else will fix it." Finally, they empower their subordinates to also be thermostats to ensure the organizational temperature is optimized throughout every aspect.

So, while the temperature continues to rise this summer, understand without the aid of your home's thermostat, the air conditioner would never activate. Leaders who are thermostats cause an activation in their people that results in not only mission success, but the desire to follow, learn, and eventually lead in the future.



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



DAEDALIANS GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Sept. 24 at the
Whispering Pines Golf Course
Team Scramble with a 9 a.m. Shotgun Start**

Join us for some friendly competition with **prizes**

Price is \$30 per person (teams of 4) which includes lunch, 9-holes, and a cart.
All members of Team BLAZE, including students, are invited to play.
A beverage cart will be around so you can stay cool in the Mississippi heat.
The squadron with the highest participation will receive a donation to their Heritage Room or snack bar!

Proceeds go to the Daedalian College Scholarship Fund
See you all on the course

RSVP by Friday, Sept. 16 to:
Jonathan "SPEEDO" Harris at: harris.jonathanp@gmail.com or (937) 409-8749

Payment will be collected the day of the tournament



T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 16-14 earns silver wings



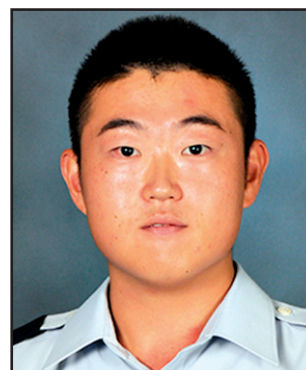
T-38C Talon



Capt. Jonathan Ostwalt
Tallahassee, Fla.
KC-10A, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.



1st Lt. Eric Dahlin
St. Paul, Minn.
T-1A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



1st Lt. Yusuke Nakamura
Hyogo, Japan
F-15J, Japan

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-14 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. Derek Routt, Deputy Chief of Staff for Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, is the graduation guest speaker.

Students will receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

2nd Lt. Ian Flynn, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Jordan Ah Loy, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Ian Flynn, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Robert Werner, T-1.

The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

2nd Lt. Ian Flynn, T-38, 2nd Lt. Jordan Ah Loy, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Ross Carli, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 16-14.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and

cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

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

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 76.4 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 16-14 pilot partners are PACCAR.



2nd Lt. Nicholas Birbilis
Cherry Hill, N.J.
C-17A, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.



2nd Lt. Ross Carli
Cayuga, Ind.
KC-135R, Kadena AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Melinda Coel
Madison, Wis.
KC-135R, General Mitchell ANG, Wis.



2nd Lt. Ian Flynn
Brevard, N.C.
F-22A, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Robert Havens
Fort Wayne, Ind.
C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark.



2nd Lt. James Holland
Brighton, Tenn.
U-28A, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Riley Martin
Louisville, Ky.
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Robert Russell
Niceville, Fla.
C-17A, JB Lewis-McChord, Wash.



2nd Lt. Moussa Wade
Dakar, Senegal
Super King Air 200, Senegal



2nd Lt. Robert Werner
Port Orchard, Wash.
C-21, Ramstein AB, Germany



2nd Lt. Thomas Yoder
Bloomington, Ill.
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Maxwell Adler
Phoenix, Md.
T-6A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Jordan Ah Loy
Kane'ohe, Hawaii
KC-135R, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii



2nd Lt. David Baker
Louisville, Ky.
C-130H, Louisville ANG, Ky.



2nd Lt. John D'Onofrio
E. Sandwich, Mass.
C-130H, New Castle ANG, Del.



2nd Lt. Eric DuPre
Rochester, N.Y.
T-6A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Christopher Elliot
Fayetteville, N.C.
C-17A, JB Charleston, S.C.