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American Idol David Cook Concert and

A free outdoor concert of American Idol winner David Cook for Airmen and their families will be held at the soccer field next to the Columbus Club Sept. 25. Festivities will start with a pool party at 4 p.m. and concert at 7 p.m. Food will be available for purchase during the event and attendees are highly encouraged to bring lawn

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Columbus Club for newly



The AETC Commander visit is highlighted in this week's feature.



Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command, speaks to members of Team BLAZE during an all-call Sept. 12, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Roberson highlighted future changes for AETC Airmen and shared his thoughts on airpower and airmanship, as well as gave attendees background information about himself as a commander and his family.

Roberson and Staton speak of airpower, innovation during all call

Senior Airman Kaleb Snay 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command, and Chief Master Sgt. David Sta-

ton, AETC command chief, held an all call Sept. 12 at Kaye Auditorium during their visit of Columbus Air Force Base Mississippi. Columbus was the last stop of their tour of about

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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 nstallation Personnel Readiness Office.

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30 bases to learn more about Airmen and to speak about several hot topics from AETC.

Roberson began the all call by introducing, his wife, Cheryl, and his family.

Roberson also described his four focus areas; motivational mission accomplishment, taking care of Airmen and their families, leadership, and innovation.

"Innovation is in our DNA as Airmen," Roberson said. "It is how we have operated since we became a separate service. We take the latest and greatest and adapt it to how we fight. We use it to stay ahead of our enemies, and it's critically important we continue to innovate."

witnessed the evolution of aircraft and how Force. Airmen have improved the world every day. Roberson then encouraged Team BLAZE to use iMatter, a program set in place to allow Airmen the opportunity to submit their suggestions for improving processes and procedures, as well as their ideas on how to improve the command as a whole. Roberson spoke of his personal leadership philosophies and his "three C's." He explained competence, care, and character in leadership will equal trust in Airmen.

"It takes every one of us doing our job

to make Airpower happen," Roberson said. "Airpower is always a part of the equation when we fight. You are producing the largest percentage of pilots for our Air Force and I think that is pretty important for our countrv.'

NEWS

Staton was up next to speak with Team BLAZE. Staton led with his reasons for continuing his career in the Air Force and why it is important that leaders get to know what motivates their Airmen to serve.

"People have invested in me," Staton said. "Along the way, people have invested in me. I continue to serve because of the people that have invested and encouraged me. When I was down throughout my career, I had someone there to pick me up."

Staton encouraged Team BLAZE to He then spoke of his career, where he "keep doing what they do best" for the Air

> "The most important resources we have are you, every single one of you," Staton said

As his speech came to a finish, Roberson quickly covered several topics such as the upcoming T-X, the future of RPA pilots, sequestration, and more before taking a couple questions from the audience.

Afterward Roberson thanked Team BLAZE for their hard work and dedication, and ended the all call with his motto "Airpower starts here."

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AF selects captains for prestigious doctorate program

Kat Bailev

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

IOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The Air Force has chosen six captains for the 2017 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Captains Prestigious Ph.D. Program as a result of a recent selection board.

The program exposes rising officers to a unique learning experience at top-tier universities. The captains will obtain doctorate degrees in strategic studies beginning in 2017 in order to build a cadre of strategic thinkers.

Primary selectees are Capt. Samuel Jones, assigned to the Air Force Life Cycle Management at Air Force Materiel Command; Capt. Frank Turek, assigned to the 3rd Intelligence Squadron at Air Combat Command; and Capt. Derek Ray, assigned to the 480th Intelligence Wing at ACC. Alternate selectees are Capt.

Kyle Bingman, assigned to the Carl A. Spaatz Center for Officer Education at Air Education and Training Command; Capt. Jake McKeon, assigned to the Space and Missile Systems Center at Air Force Space Command; and Capt. Christopher Umphres, assigned to the 435th Fighter Squadron at AETC.

Degree options include Asia Pacific studies, history political science, international relations, economics, philosophy, international business relations, international security studies, and political systems and the-

More information is available and on myPers. Search "prestigious" from the active duty officer land-

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Program adds multiple career fields, vacancies

Kat Bailey

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTO-NIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The Air Force's Voluntary Limited Period of Active Duty (VLPAD) program has added a number of career fields for selected air reserve component line of the Air Force offi-

For three years and one day, Reserve and Air National Guard officers from certain Air Force specialties can fill vacant active-duty positions for Air Force ROTC; Air Force ROTC detachment commanders; Officer Training School

lege instructors; mission support group deputy commanders; Air University faculty; cyber (17D) and combat rescue officers. Opportunities also exist for remotely piloted aircraft MQ-1B Predator and MQ-9 Reaper pilots and 11X pilots.

During the 1,096-day tour, selected officers will receive active duty benefits but will remain on the Reserve Active Status List and meet reserve promotion boards when eligible.

VLPAD is just one of several initiatives implemented to meet increased mission requirements.

Opportunities are also available for enlisted Airmen in a variety vices website.

and Air Command and Staff Col- of career fields including maintenance, aircrew operations and command control systems operations.

> VLPAD information is available and continuously updated on myPers. Click "Officer/Enlisted Voluntary Limited Period of Active Duty Program" from any reserve component assignments landing page to find detailed eligibility criteria and application procedures for each specific VLPAD program.

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News Around Town

Sept. 16

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 Sept. 29 columbus-arts.org to learn more.

Sept. 22 - 25

ally known professional storytellers who will enter-Come enjoy the Starkville/MSU Symphony tain and inspire audiences of all ages. Learn more on columbus-arts.org.

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 5th Annual Possum Town Tales Storytelling Festi- the Columbus Arts Council Main Gallery at 8 p.m. For val is the chance to hear both local and internation- more information call 328-2787 to sign up to perform.

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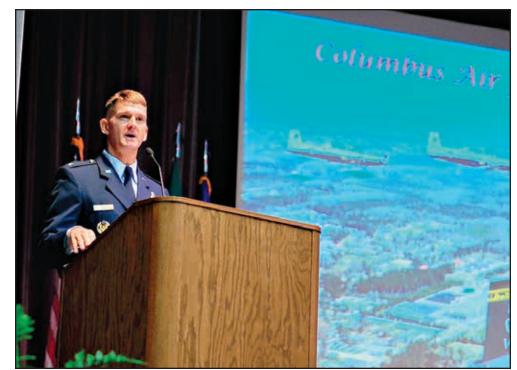
Arizona and California. Aside from daily course tasks, peer performance feedbacks and intelligence briefings were included as well.

"The environment — it's like they're downrange," said Staff Sgt. Steven Chubb, the 68th RQF NCO in charge of intelligence analysis. "There's a lot of helicopter landing zones that the guys can actually use and implement. (There are) a lot of things for them to do (during) their training and it's away from everybody. So, if they want to do things like a real-life convoy or an improvised explosive device explosion, they can do that."

The current class is the third iteration of pararescuemen to take on the course.

"This unit is unique in the fact that it's the first of its kind to be implemented in the Air Force," Ellingsen said. "We're not a traditional rescue squadron in the sense that we support deployment taskings. This unit provides a specific operational capability for the guardian angel weapon system in order to support the combatant commanders."





Col. Derek Routt, Deputy Chief of Staff for Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, speaks to attendees of the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 16-14 graduation ceremony Sept. 9 at Columbus Air Force base, Mississippi. Routt focused on encouraging the graduates and told them to focus on saying thank you, keeping the right attitude, and always making an effort.

Routt encourages newest Air Force pilots

Senior Airman Kaleb Snav Public Affairs

A graduation ceremony was held Sept. 9 no kidding, kick back, take it all in and know celebrating Specialized Undergraduate Pilot that you have joined a very special club." Training class 16-14 transitioning from stu-Routt told the graduates to appreciate who dent to pilot at Columbus Air Force Base, they are now but not let it go to their heads Mississippi. and affect their performance or attitude.

Col. Derek Routt, Deputy Chief of Staff for Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, was the guest speaker for the ceremony who wanted the graduates to focus on three things; saying thank you, keeping the right attitude, and always making an effort.

"I am standing before you because I am one of you, an Air Force pilot," Routt said. "I have been flying for over 20 years and I'm proud to say that I am still current in my mission aircraft."

Routt thanked the instructor, mechanics, and the families of the pilot graduates for attitude, and we reward your efforts with helping them along the way and instilling wings. Congratulations.'

A Combat Leaders Course student provides overwatch during training in Florence, Arizona, Aug. 31, 2016. The students participated in training scenarios, including a jump mission with an overland movement, a mass casualty and a technical rescue with the rotary wing exfiltration. all within the climates of southern Arizona and California.



A Combat Leaders Course student stands quard during training in Florence, Arizona, Aug. 31, 2016. The 68th Rescue Flight crafted 7-level certification training for pararescuemen across the Air Force.



A formal training unit instructor and support personnel plan for a mission during Combat Leaders Course training in Florence, Arizona, Aug. 30, 2016. The students participated in training scenarios, including a jump mission with an overland movement, a mass casualty and a technical rescue with the rotary wing exfiltration, all within the climates of southern Arizona and California.

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaleb Snay

14th Flying Training Wing

discipline in their lives.

"A person cannot be given wings," Routt said. "No one is entitled to wings. They must be earned... This is your day. A day you can

"Does that mean you are better than anybody else? Absolutely not," Routt said. "This job is not who you are, it is what you do. Your attitude is what makes you special. Your efforts make you special... You must continue to judge and better yourselves every day."

He continued to encourage them to look to the future while keeping those three things in focus.

"Today we say thank you to the people who encouraged you, helped you and sometimes dragged you across the finish line," Routt said. "We raise a glass and toast your

Say "No" to suicide

Senior Airman Chip Pons Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RAN-DOLPH, Texas — At this moment, there are over seven billion people in this world; seven billion lives are separated by land and sea, cultural differences and socio-economic backgrounds, but fundamentally, our hearts beat the same, our eyes open each morning to the start of a new day and dreams of a life full of promise fill our minds.

Of those seven billion souls, 319,309 men and women have decided to devote their lives to the United States Air Force. That is roughly one percent of the American population volunteering their time and sacrificing their lives for their country. Those men and women are celebrated on Veterans Day, saluted and praised on the 4th of July, and thanked for their dedication and commitment year-round.

But when the conversation of a member of the Armed Forces committing suicide comes up, there is typically only silence.

While the number of suicides within the Department of Defense has declined over the years, suicide is still a dangerous threat to military members and their families, as well as veterans. It is a conversation that needs to be heard, not swept under the rug.

Unfortunately, suicide and the conversations surrounding it have become taboo. In the military world, paying the ultimate sacrifice for your country is an honor, dying so that others may live free. But when a service member takes their own life, the honor is gone. Their lives instantly become tarnished by a decision driven by internal struggles such as fear, self-hate or desperation. How do we as a military community solve this problem? How do we as wingmen recognize the signs of one of our teammates heading down the path of self-harm?

According to the Department of De-Eense Annual Suicide Report, there were 290 active duty suicides in 2015. Whether personally or professionally, these men and women felt so insignificant and optionless that the only possibility for their suffering to end was to take their own life.

The Air Force is getting smaller as each year passes, but the strength of our force damentals such as the wingman concept: harm.



teammate being. fortunately being wingman Command. tough questions — to

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Be a wingman, ask the hard questions and start the Un- conversation. #AETC #The-FirstCommand #Wingmen Follow us on Facebook at Air Education and Training requires one For more news and inforto ask the mation, visit Air Education and Training Command.

not back away from teammates in their moments of darkness, but help lead them into the direction of healthy decisions.

Supervisors and other seasoned leaders have the opportunity to get involved with their Airmen's lives, to be that voice of mentorship and encouragement that is required in a high-stress work environment. Regardless of rank, individual Airmen are what make the United States Air Force the supreme air and cyber space superpower that it is. Each Airman plays a pivotal and irreplaceable role toward greater mission accomplishment. Each Airman brings a fresh and unique perspective to today's Air Force, strengthening it through diversity and individuality.

While suicide and mental illnesses are issues that are tailored specifically to the suffering individual, a helping hand during that moment of darkness can create a lifelong effect.

At this moment, there are over seven billion people in this world, and sometimes, all you need is one to make a lasting difference.

Be a wingman, ask the hard questions and start the conversation.

Editor's note: September 2016 is also known as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month which helps promote resources and awareness around the issues of suicide precannot afford to be whittled down because vention, how you can help others and how to of suicide. The Air Force is built upon fun- talk about suicide without increasing the risk of

American Idol David Cook to perform at Columbus AFB

14th Force Support Squadron

American Idol winner David Cook is bringing his band to Columbus Air Force Base to perform a free outdoor concert for Airmen competition. Later that year, Cook released and their families.

The free concert will be held at the sold 1.5 million copies. soccer field next to the Columbus Club Sept. 25. Festivities will kick-off with an end of the year pool party at Independence Pool at 4 p.m. and concert at 7 p.m.

Food will be available for purchase during David Nail in 2014. the event and attendees are highly encouraged to bring lawn chairs for comfort.

In 2008, Cook was a bartender who had MyAirForceLife.com

also been fronting a bar band for 10 years. That year, he accompanied his younger Nashville singer and songwriter and brother to audition for the show "American Idol." On a whim, he auditioned himself and wound up winning the seventh season of the his self-titled major label debut album which

He moved to Nashville in 2012 to forge a new career as a songwriter and had immediate success co-writing country tunes, including the Top-20 single "Kiss You Tonight" for

For more information, contact Gwendolyn Granderson at 434-2337 or go to

49th Fighter Squadron Association annual reunion

The 49th Fighter Squadron Association composed of members from the past as well as he present is having their reunion Sept. 15 – 18 at the 49th Fighter Training Squadron. Among the visitors is retired Lt. Col. Jack Lenox, a World War II pilot with five confirmed kills and is one of the 49th FSA founding members.



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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

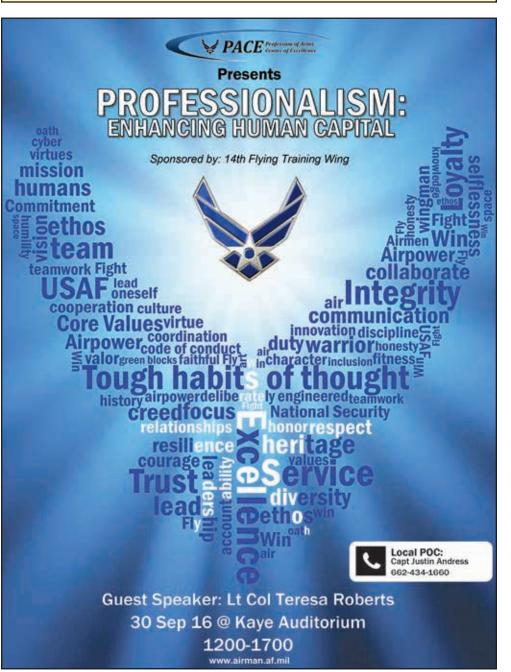
Payment will be collected the day of the tournament

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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.

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Airman 1st Class Mya M. Crosby 355th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

FLORENCE, Ariz. — It takes countless years of education, multiple deployments and temporary duty assignments to become a pararescue team leader.

The 68th Rescue Flight recently implemented the Combat Lead ers Course, a 65-day course for 10 pararescuemen in which they develop their leadership abilities while obtaining their 7-level certification.

The 68th RQF created the course, with Air Combat Command guidance, not only to standardize the way team leaders were trained but also to provide the Air Force with a center of excellence that is solely dedicated to supporting the guardian angel weapon system's training and operational requirements. Guardian angel is comprised of combat rescue officers; pararescuemen; survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialists; and specially trained support personnel dedicated to one of the Air Force's primary functions of personnel recovery and combat search and rescue.

"Historically, guardian angel units were forced to conduct upgrade training internally," said Capt. Michael Ellingsen, the 68th RQF commander. "The 48th Rescue Squadron had their own method of training their team leaders, while the 58th RQS at Nellis (Air Force Base, Nevada), and the 38th RQS out at Moody (AFB, Georgia), also had theirs. They're all trained independently and to different standards, whereas now the process is more efficient and effective for the entire weapon system as a whole.

"The thought process behind skill sets do we want our future lingsen continued.

New course allows pararescuemen to develop as leaders, obtain certification



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Mya M. Crosby

Combat Leaders Course students prepare to land during training in Florence, Arizona, Aug. 31, 2016. The students planned missions and executed a multitude of scenarios, including a jump mission with an overland movement, a mass casualty, and a technical rescue with the rotary wing exfiltration, all within the climates of southern Arizona and California.

team leaders and pararescuemen to possess, and what capability do we want them to provide to the squadron commanders and the combat-

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The 10 students brought di- learned during the course and from scenarios, including a jump mission world.

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AF News

AFRL discovering what's "bugging" military aircraft

Holly Jordan Air Force Research Laboratory Materials and Manufacturing Directorate

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — As any aircraft maintainer can attest, corrosion is a major factor affecting the overall health of military aircraft. Anything from changing temperatures to environmental factors can precipitate corrosion. One major contributor, however, is often overlooked — microbes.

The Air Force Research Laboratory's biological materials and processing research team is shining a new light on microbiologically influenced corrosion research and how it affects aircraft structures and fuel systems. These researchers look into the causes, effects and prevention of corrosion caused by living organisms.

Over time, mold, mildew, fungi, bacteria and other organic contaminants can build up on aircraft structures as a result of a number of factors including moisture, humidity and human contact. Contaminants not only pose potential health hazards to maintenance crews, but also some can produce acids and enzymes that slowly corrode aircraft surfaces.

"Microorganisms can eat away at surface materials, and some of the worst areas affected are tight, hard-to-reach areas that maintainers have difficulty disinfecting," said Dr. Wendy Goodson, the AFRL biological materials team lead.

As the military fleet ages, microbial contamination is poised to become an increasingly urgent issue. To address the problem, Goodson helped validate and test the Joint Biological Agent Decontamination System (JBADS), an environmentally controlled enclosure in which an entire aircraft — even areas inaccessible to maintenance crews can be heated to temperatures of up to 180 degrees Fahrenheit. The process eliminates over 99.9 percent of biological contaminants on aircraft surfaces safely and quickly, without putting aircrews and support personnel at risk of exposure. Also, because the microbes are virtually eliminated, regrowth is greatly inhibited.

JBADS offers numerous other benefits over traditional manual decontamination. It enables the full decontamination of an aircraft in hours as opposed to days, allowing it to be returned to service more quickly. It also reduces manpower, thereby lowering maintenance costs.



U.S. Air Force photo Air Force Research Laboratory biological materials and processing research team members perform sample tests of various aircraft locations at the conclusion of the Joint Biological Agent Decontamination System process.

In an effort to move toward more environmentally friendly energy solutions, the Air Force increasingly relies on biofuels, which come with their own challenges.

JBADS concept has generated considerable the effect of biofilm buildup on aircraft and interest within the user community, and the system is expected to be fully implemented by 2017. But the AFRL team's efforts don't stop there. In addition to surface contamination, Goodson's team is also looking into the effects of biocontaminants in fuel systems.

In an effort to move toward more environmentally friendly energy solutions, the Air Force increasingly relies on biofuels, which come with their own challenges. Since biofuels are processed from organic materials, such as vegetable oils and animal fats, microbes live and thrive in them. These microbial contaminants can create unwanted consequences, such as fuel fouling, fuel degradation and material degradation.

Goodson's team studies the impact of microbial contamination on biofuels, including how guickly and under what environmental

ground fuel systems. The team is currently studying potential effects of biofuel contamination on tanker aircraft, establishing baseline microbial readings and pinpointing areas that harbor microbiology.

is the impact of bioaccumulation on fuel storage tanks. By conducting coupon tests, the team has discovered that microbes immediately begin affecting steel and other structural materials. Over time, the biofilms cause pitting and corrosion. This information tells the team that contamination of biofuels is a potential threat to tanker and storage structures as well.

To combat fuel storage tank contamination, maintainers typically power wash the tanks; however, tanks that store biofuels require much more frequent decontamination conditions contamination occurs, how sus- than non-organic jet fuel storage tanks, and A recent successful demonstration of the ceptible biofuels are to contamination, and power-washing methods have proven less ef- craft sustainment," Goodson said.



The Air Force Research Laboratory biological materials and processing research team collects fuel samples from a storage tank to analyze for potential biocontamination.

fective for biofuels.

"It impossible to remove every trace of microbial matter," Goodson said. "Power-washing removes visible biomass, but leaves billions of microorganisms that begin re-infecting the next batch of fuel as soon as in it introduced into the tank.³

This is where JBADS comes into play again. The AFRL team is now working to expand JBADS for use on fuel storage tanks. By using JBADS, maintainers will not only clean the tanks but also sanitize them, greatly reducing the rate of re-accumulation of mi-A matter of particular interest to the team crobes and, therefore, increasing the amount of time between cleaning cycles.

The Air Force spends approximately \$6 billion annually on corrosion issues, of which up to \$1.2 billion is potentially spent on microbiologically influenced corrosion. Add to that the costs of biofuel fouling, storage tank and structure cleaning, and other preventative and maintenance costs, and Goodson said the technologies her team is developing could be critical tools for the future of the warfighter.

"These solutions are essential in light the changing face of fuels and fuel systems. They could be real game changers for military air-



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?

- U.S. Passport U.S Passport Card

- able immigrant visa

. Q: I am a DoD contractor with a Common Access Card. Can I bring my wife onto the installation without her needing a background check or access pass? A: No. Your wife will require a background check and access pass. Contractors are not authorized to escort uncleared visitors on the installation

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 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).

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

ANY TIME

Driver's License

By Sept. 15, 2016 **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)

By Oct. 17, 2016

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)

Columbus Airman charged with drug abuse

Captain Kristian McCray

14th Flying Training Wing Assistant Staff Judge Advocate

(Editor's note: Courts-Martial are a matter of public record and can be found at afjag.af.mil/ docket.)

A 14th Force Support Squadron Air man faced one charge and five specifications during a court-martial proceeding that ended on Aug. 26

Tech. Sgt. Nicholas DeLeon was charged with wrongful use of heroin, methamphetamine, alprazolam, oxazepam, and hydrocodone, all in violation of Article 112A, UCM

The drug use was discovered January 2016 when DeLeon's girlfriend, also an active duty military member, found syringes, a knife with brown residue on it, and little ziploc bags with green dollar signs on them in the bath room at their shared residence. This information was eventually reported to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. That same day, DeLeon was selected for a random uri nalysis testing, and was also tested pursuan to search authorization obtained by AFOSI Both tests returned positive for heroin, meth amphetamine, alprazolam, and oxazepam.

DeLeon plead and was found guilty of the wrongful use of heroin, methamphetamine alprazolam, and oxazepam. The government withdrew and dismissed with prejudice the wrongful use of hydrocodone specification. At trial, DeLeon claimed his divorce and separation from his children were the reasons he started using heroin and eventually the other drugs. DeLeon had a friend in Dallas, Texas, who introduced him to the drugs. After that he would periodically make trips to Dallas to obtain more drugs.

DeLeon was sentenced to three months confinement, three months hard labor with out confinement, two months restriction to Lowndes County, Mississippi, reduction to e-2, and reprimand.

Blaze Hangar Tails: HH-60 Pave Hawk

Mission

The primary mission of the HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter is to conduct day or night personnel recovery operations into hostile environments to recover isolated personnel during war. The HH-60G is also tasked to perform military operations other than war, including civil search and rescue, medical evacuation, disaster response, humanitarian assistance, security cooperation/aviation advisory, NASA space flight support, and rescue command and control.

Features

The Pave Hawk is a highly modified version of the Army Black Hawk helicopter which features an upgraded communications and navigation suite that includes integrated inertial navigation/global positioning/Doppler navigation systems, satellite communications, secure voice, and Have Quick communications.

All HH-60Gs have an automatic flight control system, night vision goggles with lighting and forward looking infrared system that greatly enhances night low-level operations. Additionally, Pave Hawks have color weather radar and an engine/rotor blade anti-ice system that gives the HH-60G an adverse weather capability.

Pave Hawk mission equipment includes a retractable in-flight refueling probe, internal auxiliary fuel tanks, two crew-served 7.62mm or .50 caliber machineguns, and an 8,000-pound (3,600 kilograms) capacity cargo hook. To improve air transportability and shipboard operations, all HH-60Gs have folding rotor blades.

Pave Hawk combat enhancements include a radar warning receiver, infrared jammer and a flare/ chaff countermeasure dispensing system.

Backaround

The Pave Hawk is a twin-engine medium-lift helicopter operated by Air Combat Command, Pacific Air Forces, Air Education and Training Command, U.S. Air Forces in Eu- power, each engine



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Brian Ferguson

An HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter lands as a UH-60 Blackhawk prepares to pick up a medivac patient June 13, 2006. The Pave Hawk is part of the 41st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The squadron is the first squadron to combine rescue and medivac missions into the same sauadron.

rope, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command.

Pave Hawks have a long history of use in contingencies, starting in Operation Just Cause. During Operation Desert Storm they provided combat search and rescue coverage for coalition forces in western Iraq, coastal Kuwait, the Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia. They also provided emergency evacuation coverage for U.S. Navy SEAL teams penetrating the Kuwaiti coast before the invasion.

General Characteristics

Primary Function: Personnel recovery in hostile conditions and military operations other than war in day, night or marginal weather

Contractor: United Technologies/Sikorsky Aircraft Company

Power Plant: Two General Electric T700-GE-700 or T700-GE-701C engines

Thrust: 1,560-1,940 shaft horse-

Rotor Diameter: 53 feet, 7 inches (14.1 meters)

Length: 64 feet, 8 inches (17.1 meters)

Height: 16 feet, 8 inches (4.4 meters)

Weight: 22,000 pounds (9,900 kilograms)

Maximum Takeoff Weight: 22,000 pounds (9,900 kilograms)

Fuel Capacity: 4,500 pounds (2,041 kilograms)

Payload: depends upon mission **Speed:** 184 mph (159 knots) Range: 504 nautical miles Ceiling: 14,000 feet (4,267 me-

Armament: Two 7.62mm or .50 caliber machineguns

Crew: Two pilots, one flight engineer and one gunner

Unit Cost: \$40.1 million (FY11 Dollars)

Initial operating capability: 1982

Inventory: Active force, 67; ANG, 17; Reserve, 15



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Lance Cheung

California Air National Guard pararescuemen of the 129th Rescue Wing, Moffett Federal Airfield, California, climb up a moving rope ladder, from the chilly waters outside the Golden Gate Bridge, up to a HH-60G Pave Hawk. The HH-60G's primary wartime mission is combat search and rescue, infiltration, exfiltration and resupply of special operations forces in day, night or marginal weather conditions.

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 participates For more information or to register call 434-2790.

The Military Life Cycle workshop from **Troops To Teachers** 1-2 p.m. Sept. 27 allows the VA contractors to This workshop is 10:30 a.m. - noon Sept. 21. explain to service members, whether first term, It is an informational workshop for members separating, retiring or a veteran, what services pursing or interested in a teaching career after the VA offers and what they are able to provide the military. For more information or to register throughout the member's military career and **Survivor-Benefit Plan** call 434-2790. how to apply for benefits. 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.

Bundles of Joy

The Bundles of Joy workshop is 1 - 3:30 p.m. Sept. 21 for Active Duty families assigned to Columbus AFB who are expecting or have a child up to four months of age. It is an Air Force Aid Society program with presentations about topics such as Tri-Care, Child Care, Breastfeeding, Car Seat Safety, Labor and Delivery. For more information or to register, call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 22 is a monthly event to provide community bonding, fun and appreciation for the families of active duty personnel who are deployed, remote, or on an extended TDY. Food and activities are provided. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Sept. 27 and is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to at- Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for out the base for a one-time event, special events, 6 p.m. - Adult Bible study on the Gospel of John tend. The orientation is held at the Columbus more information.

COMMUNITY

Pharmacy Drug Disposal Box

- Available during normal pharmacy hours
- Can accept
- Medications (preferably in original packaging)
- Cannot accept
- Illegal drugs
- Liquids
- Sharps (needles or syringes)
- Batteries
- Medical devices
- Aerosol spray cans
- Chemicals/Hazmat items

Club. For more information or to register call **Pre. Post Deployment Tour Brief** 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

Resume and Cover Letter

The Resume and Cover letter workshop starts 9 - 10:30 a.m. Oct. 5. The workshop helps with preparing and writing an effective civilian resume and cover letter. To sign up, call 434-2839/2790.

Medical Terminology/ Coding

The Medical Terminology and Coding workshop is 6 - 9 p.m. Oct 11 - Nov. 17. The Program Workshop acquaints students with medical terminology and coding to enhance employment opportunities in the medical environment. Three hours classes, two nights a week for six weeks, for total of 36 hours. Taught by EMCC Work Force Development. Only 12 text books available. Advance registration required by calling 434-2790.

Pre-separation Counselina

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



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.

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

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. 8:30 a.m. It takes approximately 60 minutes. We have volunteer opportunities located throughor on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on 6 p.m. – Youth Group

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 AFE 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

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

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

White Water Raftina 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 door pen for 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 per pizza 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 **Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed** \$7.95 for club members and \$8.95 for non-members. For more information, contact 434-2419.

FSS Services

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Pool Party 4 p.m. - Concert 7 p.m. Base access required

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

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.

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.

Latin Night

7 p.m. Oct. 14 Hunt Housing Food tasting Bring a dish to enter competition









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Celebrating Diversity: National Hispanic Heritage Month

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

In the Air Force, we all share the same core values, but there are many aspects such as heritage and life experiences that make us unique.

By celebrating each other's heritage, we can learn more about our fellow brothers and sisters in arms. The Department of Defense celebrates Special Observance Months to observe and respect various heritages throughout the year.

The timespan of Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month and it is a chance for us to acknowledge and remember those of Hispanic descent that have contributed so much to our Armed Forces.

National Hispanic Heritage Month began as Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968 by President Lyndon Johnson. It was expanded to 30 days by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 and is observed each year starting on Sept. 15, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during this period and Columbus Day (Día de la Raza) is Oct. 12.

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The following are several events that will be put on by the Columbus Air Force Base Heritage Council. The first event will be a 5K run at the fitness center at 7 a.m. on Sept. 23. Runners are encouraged to wear their favorite fútbol (soccer) iersev or team colors. At the end of the month, on Oct. 14 starting at 7 p.m., the National Hispanic Heritage Committee will be hosting Latin Night at the Hunt Housing complex. Latin Night will be a food tasting event with a live DJ.

As we enjoy the events to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, don't forget the diversity that makes our nation so great.

Base Thrift Shop

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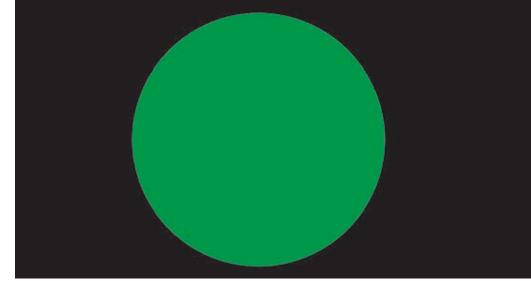
The Base Thrift Shop is open from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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 building 530. Call 434-2954



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





U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens

Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command, speaks with Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, Sept. 12, 2016 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Roberson accompanied by his wife Cheryl and Chief Master Sgt. David Staton, AETC Command Chief, visited Columbus to meet Team BLAZE.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sharon Ybarra

Master Sgt. Rodney McInnis, Airman and Family Readiness Center readiness noncommissioned officer, hands Cheryl Roberson a huggable uniform gift Sept. 12, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. HUGs are made for families of deployed members. The keepsake includes the deployed member's image and plays a personalized message from the deployed member.

AETC Command Staff visits Columbus AFB



Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command, and Mrs. Roberson pause for a photo with Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, Mrs. Gosney, Columbus Air Force Base leaders and Columbus community members Sept. 12, 2016. During his visit, Roberson toured base facilities, met with Airmen, and held an all-call to discuss AETC hot topics.

U.S. Air Force photo/Elizabeth Owens



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Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, Commander Air Education and Training Command, is greeted by Lt. Col. Daniel Akeredolu, 14th Force Support Squadron Commander, and other 14th FSS leaders Sept. 12, 2016 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Roberson, his wife Cheryl, and Chief Master Sgt. David Staton, AETC Command Chief, were able to dine in the recently renovated Columbus Club during their visit.



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

Jeff Davis, L3 Vertex Aerospace T-6 lead mechanic, briefs Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command, Chief Master Sgt. David Staton, AETC command chief, and base leaders, about T-6 landing gear trunnion fittings Sept. 12, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Roberson had the opportunity to get an extensive look at what makes the T-6 an aerial asset for AETC.