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Forecast provided by the 14<sup>th</sup> OSS Weather Flight

## News Briefs

### American Idol David Cook Concert and Pool Party

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 chairs for comfort.

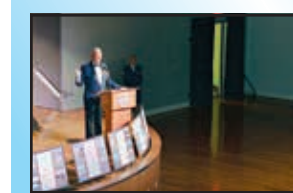
### Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sept. 27 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel.

### Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions ceremony is 3 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Columbus Club.

## Inside



### Feature 8

The Air Force's 69th Birthday Ball is highlighted in this week's feature.

## Team BLAZE honors those lost but not forgotten

Senior Airman Kaleb Snay  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

A retreat ceremony honoring men and women who are Prisoners of War or Missing in Action was hosted by members of Team BLAZE Sept. 16 in Smith Plaza at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

The ceremony was held in observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

The annual event honors missing service members and their families, and highlights the government's commitment to account for them. Ceremonies are encouraged throughout POW/MIA Recognition Week, culminating with countless events and the national ceremony in Washington, DC.

More than 30 Airmen stood in formation behind Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, with several Airmen observing from outside the formation.

Tech. Sgt. Lucila Sanchez, 14th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate office noncommis-

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

## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (17-08)	2.03 days	-0.50 days	Sept. 28	48th (16-15)	2.05 days	11.90 days	Sept. 30	49th (17-ABC)	-5.84 days	-1.58 days	Oct. 21	T-6	1,780	1,973	30,919
41st (17-09)	-1.00 days	0.98 days	Oct. 21	50th (16-15)	2.05 days	-0.51 days	Sept. 30					T-1	390	430	9,453
												T-38	674	659	10,491
												IFF	282	256	4,366

\* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.

The graduation speaker is Col. Samuel Milam, Dep A2/3/10, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.

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4:30 to 8:30 p.m. - In-home Fire Evac Planning

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Boy Scout Firemanship merit badge

**Oct. 8:** 9 a.m. - Parade through Housing  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m - Open House at Fire Station  
Demo's, Bouncy Castles, Give aways

**Oct. 9:** 6:30 to 9 p.m. - Community Campfire  
S'mores, Bonfire, Movie in the Park

**Oct. 10:** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Sparky's Birthday party

**Oct. 11:** CDC and Youth Center visit

**Oct. 12:** Caledonia school visit

**Oct. 13:** 10 a.m and 4 p.m Community fire extinguisher training at Hunt Housing building

**Oct. 14-15:** 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. Youth Center lock in at the Fire Station

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
26	27 Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	28	29 South Panola AFJROTC Tour  Enlisted Promotion Ceremony, 3 p.m. @ Club	30 SUPT Class 16-15 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye  PACE brief, noon @ Kaye	1/2	Oct. 10: Columbus Day Holiday Oct. 14: Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 14: Youth Firefighter Camp and Lock In Oct. 15: Civilian Fly-In Oct. 18: Wing Newcomers Orientation Oct. 22: Columbus Spouse Club Fall Fest 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
3	4 CREATE @ Tupelo	5	6	7 Chief Master Sgt. Rita Felton Retirement, 10:14 a.m. @ Club	8/9 8th: Fire Prevention Week Parade, 9 a.m. @ Hunt Housing  8th: Fire Station Open House, 10 a.m.	

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**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.

**Oct. 1**

The first Saturday of the month through 2016 the Co-

lumbus Arts Council offers Arts for All, an all-inclusive art class that provides a new art topic each month for children ages 5-15. For more information, go online to visitcolumbusms.org.

**Oct. 14 - 15**

Caledonia Days 2016 festival kicks off 6 p.m. with a free concert, food vendors and a large area for children and continues on Saturday with plenty of food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, an antique car and tractor show, pet parade, and children's area. The event is located in Lowndes County, about 6 miles east of Columbus. To learn more about the annual festival held the third weekend in October, visit www.caledoniams.org

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## Robersons discuss challenges, change at Columbus AFB

**2nd Lt. Savannah Knight**

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command, and his wife, Cheryl, sat down for an interview with Columbus Air Force Base Public Affairs Airmen after visiting members of Team BLAZE Sept. 13, 2016.

Roberson was able to see the wing's mission first-hand and explained how important it is to the command's mission and the future of pilot training.

"AETC must grow its training capacity," he said. "The capacity as a whole is increasing, but we are constantly working on how to best train our Airmen. We are always looking for innovative ways to train and teach."

The 14th Flying Training wing's mission is specialized undergraduate pilot training in the T-6 Texan II, T-38C Talon and T-1A Jayhawk aircraft. Currently, there are 60 international students with 23 nations represented. Roberson said the collaboration of U.S. and international student pilots affects future allied and coalition operations.

"The bonds forged here are critical for future collaboration of airpower efforts and that is what we bring," he said. "The way that we are able to integrate here will allow us to fight in an integrated way that you cannot get unless you have spent time flying together. The training done here is important for the success of airpower."

Roberson shared a personal experience

from his pilot training days at Sheppard AFB, Texas, where he went through training with German and British officers, one of whom he was later stationed with at 3rd Air Force headquarters.

"We had official business we needed to take care of, but within five minutes of being with each other we were back to being the friends we were as lieutenants," he said. Roberson said it was easy for them to accomplish the mission because they knew and trusted each other.

Roberson said his love for accomplishing the flying mission as well as the importance of the well-being of the Airmen and members that make up the service are key factors in driving his family's longevity in the Air Force.

"It's the camaraderie," he said. "It's the hard work we go through to get to success, the shared experiences, and the shared life that has kept us in the Air Force."

Roberson's wife said she had a great two-day visit. She had the opportunity to visit many base programs focused on Airmen and families and said she was "nothing but impressed."

"It has been a great visit and we've really enjoyed being here," she said. "Columbus holds a special place for us because our son graduated from pilot training here. We know first-hand that you create world-class pilots."

Roberson closed his visit by emphasizing Team BLAZE makes a difference every day.

"Airpower truly starts here."



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

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### HONORS

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sioned officer in charge, spoke to attendees of the importance of National POW/

MIA Recognition Day before Lt. Col. Steven Richardson, 14th Flying Training Wing Chaplain, gave the invocation.

The event concluded with the lowering of the U.S. flag.

## Service Station Fiscal closeout

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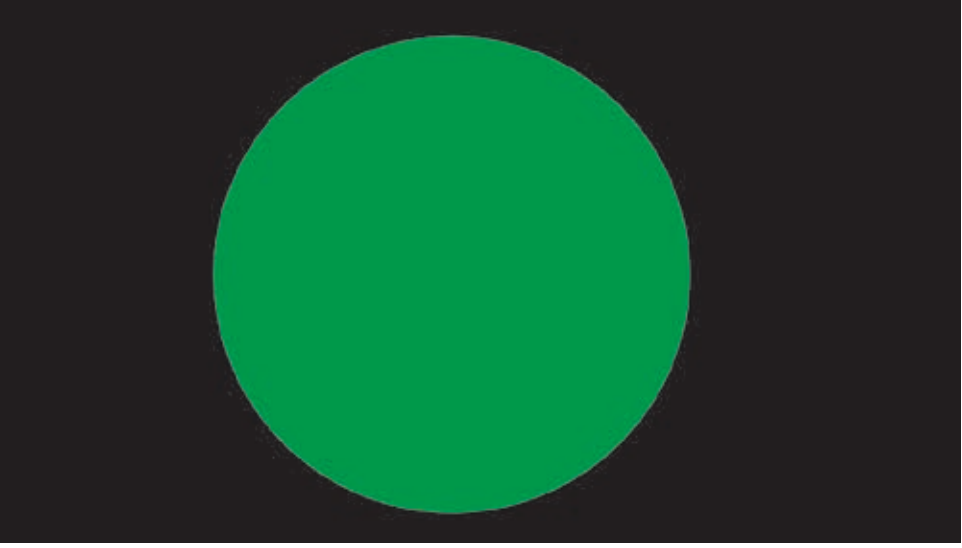
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# Milam to speak at next graduation

Team BLAZE welcomes Col. Samuel Milam as the graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 16-15.

Milam is the Deputy Director of Intelligence, Operations, and Nuclear Integration for Flying Training, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. He is responsible for developing policies and programming resources for aircrew training programs. These include undergraduate flying, post-graduate combat crew, and supplemental training for the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Reserve and guard personnel, international partners, and Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training. Along with formulating training policy, he maintains the ability to respond to peacetime contingencies and expeditionary requirements, and to execute AETC command and control in peace and war.

Born in Opelika, Alabama, Milam earned a commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1989. He has commanded at squadron, group and wing levels; and his experience includes a joint tour at Joint Special Operations Command as well as a tour as an A-10 instructor at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School.

Milam has flown the A-10A and A-10C aircraft his entire career. A command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours, he has more than 650 combat hours on more than 190 combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Prior to his current position, Milam was the Inspector General, Air Education and Training Command.

## ASSIGNMENTS

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2. August 1990 - September 1991, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus

AFB, Miss.

3. October 1991 - December 1992, Executive Officer, 50th Flying Training Squadron, Columbus AFB, Miss.

4. December 1992 - May 1993, Student, A-10 Training, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

5. June 1993, Student, Air Ground Operations School, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

6. July 1993 - October 1994, A-10 Pilot, 354th Fighter Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.

7. December 1994 - December 1997, A-10 Instructor Pilot, Wing Weapons Officer, 70th Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.

8. January 1998 - June 1998, Student, A-10 Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.

9. July 1998 - July 2000, Weapons Officer, 25th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, South Korea

10. July 2000 - June 2002, A-10 Weapons Instructor Course Instructor, 66th Weapon Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

11. June 2002 - June 2003, Director of Operations, 57th Weapons Support Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev.

12. July 2003 - June 2004, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

13. July 2004 - May 2006, Chief, Close Air Support Division, Aviation Tactics Evaluation Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.

14. May 2006 - July 2007, Director of Operations, 358th Fighter Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

15. July 2007 - April 2009, Commander, 75th Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.

16. July 2009 - June 2010, Student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

17. September 2010 - July 2012, Commander, 355th Operations Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

18. July 2012 - July 2014, Commander, 93d Air Ground Operations Wing, Moody AFB, Ga.

19. July 2014 - October 2014, Inspector General, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, JB-SA-Randolph, Texas

20. October 2014 - present, Deputy Director of Intelligence, Operations, and Nuclear Integration for Flying Training, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, JB-SA-Randolph, Texas

## Dental Clinic location reminder

As a friendly reminder, the 14th Medical Group Dental Clinic is now located on the second floor of the Koritz Clinic. Please familiarize yourself with the area to better help with future appointments. For more information call 434-CARE or 434-2273.

## Shuqualak/Gunshi hunting closure notice

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Salute the Start of

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RITA FELTON'S Retirement

## The B-21 has a name: Raider

Mike Martin

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. — The Air Force's long-range strike bomber has officially been named the B-21 Raider.

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James announced the results of the Air Force Global Strike Command led naming contest alongside selected members during her remarks at the Air Force Association's Air, Space and Cyber Conference here Sept. 19, 2016.

"Today I want to recognize three Airmen who answered the call to be a part of a new Air Force legacy and name our new bomber," James said. "The first two ... submitted proposals that captured the essence of the bomber force and they are the winners of our contest."

The third Airmen James recognized, calling him one of the greatest men of his generation, was Doolittle Raider retired Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole.

The Doolittle Raiders are known for their surprise attack against Japan during World War II on April 18, 1942, which forced the Japanese to recall combat forces for home defense, and boosted morale among Americans and U.S. allies abroad.

The name was ultimately selected by James and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Dave Goldfein after a panel composed of staff from AFGSC and Headquarters Air Force determined the top-ranked selections from more than 2,100 unique naming submissions.

While there were multiple entries advocating for the B-21 to be dubbed Raider, Air Force officials said the members were selected based on the overall quality of their justification.

James has often highlighted the important role the B-21 Raider will play in allowing the Air Force to operate in tomorrow's high end threat environment, and in providing the Air Force the flexibility and capability to launch from the continental United States and deliver air strikes on any location in the world. She has also cautioned of the delays the program could face under a continuing resolution.

"A short-term (continuing resolution) is manageable ... but, let me tell you, a long-term continuing resolution would be very damaging for the Air Force," James said. "(It would) cap the production of the KC-46, prevent us from devoting more funds to developing the B-21 next year, and delay about 50 construction projects."

The service's ability to divest old capabilities and build new is paramount, and modernization remains a priority for the Air Force as it continues to play a major role defending against current and emerging threats.

"We have the oldest aircraft fleet we have ever had, 27 years old on average," James said. "This absolutely needs to be a focus for us."

The B-21 Raider, designed based on a set of requirements that allow the use of existing and mature technology, is currently in the Engineering and Manufacturing Development phase and the Air Force plans to field the initial capability of the aircraft in mid-2020s.

B-21 naming contest selected members:

- Lt. Col. Jaime I. Hernandez, 337th Test and Evaluation Squadron commander, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas
- Tech. Sgt. Derek D. White, emergency management craftsman, 175th Civil Engineering Squadron, Maryland Air National Guard



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Natalie Stanley  
Senior leadership and spouses conduct an Air Force town hall session during the Air Force Association's Air, Space and Cyber Conference in National Harbor, Maryland, Sept. 19, 2016.

# Air Force leaders, spouses focus on family readiness

Staff Sgt. Alyssa C. Gibson

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. — Air Force leadership agree, taking care of Airmen and their families is paramount to the future of the force.

During a panel session at the Air Force Association's Air, Space and Cyber Conference Sept. 19, Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James, Air Force Chief of Staff Dave Goldfein, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody and their spouses focused on how the Air Force is supporting its members and ways Airmen can strike a balance between work and home.

Additionally, James announced a spouse and family member forum scheduled for Oct. 19 in Washington, D.C.

According to James, the Air Force is taking a "several-fold approach" in the way it's currently supporting Airmen and their families, starting with Air Force senior leaders' concerted effort to protect and improve Airman and Family Readiness Center-run programs.

After expanding the Military Family Life Counselor Program in fiscal year 2016 and extending maternity leave, leadership is currently working with the Defense Department state liaison office to relieve some – if not all – of the difficulty a spouse may face

when transferring their professional credentials state-to-state after a military-induced move.

Regarding effectively balancing work and family, Cody said Airmen must realize the scales aren't going to be perfectly balanced all the time.

"We do ask a tremendous amount (from our) Airmen and their families ... and that's just the nature of our business," Cody said. "But you can't go home every night and not have anything left in the tank for the ones who love you more than anybody."

This is true for a force that has been engaged in the joint fight for 25 years, and involved in a significant campaign against violent extremism for 15 years. Withstanding these challenges, Goldfein is inspired by the resiliency of Airmen and their families. He is dedicated to providing injured Airmen and their caregivers the support they need through the Invisible Wounds of War initiative.

"We are working extensively to reorganize ourselves to get this right, and every one of our Airmen who have either visible or invisible wounds are our Airmen for life – we owe this to them," Goldfein said. "The resiliency our families have as they continue this long war that we're in and as we go into the future has certainly been an inspiration."







# BLAZE Hangar Tails: E-4B NAOC

## Mission

The E-4B serves as the National Airborne Operations Center (NAOC) and is a key component of the National Military Command System for the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS). In case of national emergency or destruction of ground command and control centers, the aircraft provides a highly survivable command, control, and communications center to direct U.S. forces, execute emergency war orders, and coordinate actions by civil authorities. The conduct of E-4B operations encompasses all phases of the threat spectrum. Additionally, the E-4B provides outside the continental United States (OCONUS) travel support for the Secretary of Defense and his staff to ensure Title 10 command and control connectivity.

## Features

The E-4B, a militarized version of the Boeing 747-200, is a four-engine, swept-wing, long-range, high-altitude airplane capable of refueling in flight. The main deck is divided into six functional areas: a command work area, conference room, briefing room, an operations team work area, and communications and rest areas. An E-4B crew may include seating for up to 112 people, including a joint-service operations team, Air Force flight crew, maintenance and security component, communications team, and selected augmentees.

The E-4B is protected against the effects of electromagnetic pulse and has an electrical system designed to support advanced electronics and a wide variety of communications equipment. An advanced satellite communications system provides worldwide communication for senior leaders through the airborne operations center. Other improvements include nuclear and thermal effects shielding, acoustic control, an improved technical control facility and an upgraded air-conditioning system for cooling electrical components.

To provide direct support to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the JCS, at least one E-4B NAOC is always on 24-hour alert, 7-days a week, with a global watch team at one of many selected bases throughout the world.

## Background

The E-4B evolved from the E-4A, which had been in service since late 1974. The first B model was delivered to the Air Force in January 1980, and by 1985 all aircraft were converted to B models. All E-4B are assigned to the 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

## General characteristics

**Primary function:** Airborne operations center  
**Builder:** Boeing Aerospace Co.  
**Power plant:** Four General Electric CF6-50E2 turbofan engines  
**Thrust:** 52,500 pounds each engine  
**Length:** 231 feet, 4 inches (70.5 meters)  
**Wingspan:** 195 feet, 8 inches (59.7 meters)  
**Height:** 63 feet, 5 inches (19.3 meters)  
**Maximum takeoff weight:** 800,000 pounds (360,000 kilograms)  
**Endurance:** 12 hours (unrefueled)  
**Ceiling:** above 30,000 feet (9,091 meters)  
**Unit cost:** \$223.2 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars)  
**Crew:** up to 112  
**Date deployed:** January 1980  
**Inventory:** active force, 4; Air National Guard, 0; Reserve, 0  
(Current as of September 2015)



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Jerry Morrison

**An Air Force E-4B National Airborne Operations Center aircraft sits at the international airport in Bogota, Colombia Oct. 3, waiting for Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates.**



U.S. Air Force photo/Lance Cheung

**The E-4B is the National Airborne Operations Center, based at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, supports the president, secretary of defense and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The alert crew comprises 21 joint-service battle staff members along with an Air Force aircrew, maintenance, security and communications personnel. The aircraft passed a significant milestone this month by sitting alert constantly for more than 35 years.**

## 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.)*

### 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 attend. The orientation is held at the Columbus Club. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

### Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop from 1-2 p.m. Sept. 27 allows the VA contractors to explain to service members, whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers and what they are able to provide throughout the member's military career and how to apply for benefits. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

### Resume and Cover Letter

The Resume and Cover letter workshop starts 9 – 10:30a.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 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.

## 49th Fighter Squadron Association annual reunion



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

**The 49th Fighter Squadron Association composed of members from the past as well as the present pauses for a photo during their reunion Sept. 16 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Among the visitors is retired Lt. Col. Jack Lenox, a World War II pilot with five confirmed kills and is one of the founding members of the 49th FSA.**

### Pre-separation Counseling

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

### Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

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

### Survivor-Benefit Plan

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

### Military and Family Life Consultant Program

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

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

### Volunteer Opportunities

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

### Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

The Recovery Coordination Program streamlines and improves the way care and support are delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmen and their families. The RCP provides the 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 DeLores Sherman, Personal Financial Counselor,

for an appointment at 426-2527, or 434-2790. She can help manage finances, resolve financial problems, and reach long-term goals such as getting an education, buying a home and planning for retirement.

### Learn How to Read Your LES

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

### 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](http://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.

## 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.

**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.

**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.



**When you see this sign, stop.  
Help keep our children safe.**



**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.

**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.

## MyMC2 app

Welcome to the My Military Communities information page. MyMC2 is the mobile application that centralizes all of your installation's community events, organizations and services right in your pocket.



### How do I get MyMC2 for my phone?

You can access this app by navigating to the native app store or market on your device and search for "MyMC2", or you can scan this QR code and it will take you directly to the download page in your phone.



iPhone  
QR code

Android  
QR code

If you have any questions or need support please visit [www.facebook.com/mymc2support](http://www.facebook.com/mymc2support).

## Leadership means ownership

**Maj. Jonathan Harmon**  
14th Communications Squadron  
Commander

Accountability is a concept used time and time again when defining ideal leadership, but when typically used in addressing and leading a workforce, it can easily be interpreted or misinterpreted as a benchmark tool for doling out punishment or an avenue to determine who is culpable for the mishap.

Even in recent political discussions this election year, we hear so much about accountability and at the pit of the debate. What is really being questioned is "Who is at fault?"

When we say leaders should be more accountable or we're going to hold someone accountable, what are we really saying? Someone has to go down for this thing that just exploded. Someone has to step up and pay for the misdeed. Ultimately, someone has some serious explaining to do.

Whether it's at the top or the bottom, when the word accountability begins creeping deeper and deeper into our respective organizations, it can easily make people fearful of what's to come and how things are about to change and reorganize. Personally, my leadership style and philosophy hinges on the concept of ownership. It contains some of the same elements of accountability but yet it's very different.

It is imperative a workforce believes, understands and buys into the model of ownership as it is one that can permeate a work culture and transform it from good to great. Ownership means I assert an appropriate level of autonomy and independence regarding my tasks and priorities, as it pertains to meeting the

mission. It implies I'm perfectly capable to map out the plans and milestones on this project and ensure it is completed with accuracy, efficiency and integrity.

On an even more personal note, Ownership implies the work I'm crafting and presenting is a direct reflection of me, my work ethic, my knowledge, and my experience.

The most logical question one might ask is, "Well okay, as a leader, how do I get my folks to accept the idea of Ownership?" My answer to that is embedded in a web of complexity because we all know the following is not an easy charge. Fight for the needed resources and if you can't attain them, creatively generate options and solutions to the very real shortages of assets your workforce faces.

Implement avenues of recognition in any way you can, whether public or private. Never miss an opportunity to acknowledge outstanding work and unwavering commitment to the core values of our organization. Grow your future leaders and invest in their potential and passion by offering challenges to stretch, propel and expose them to unprecedented heights. As with any relationship, personal or professional, communicate with intention and clarity, setting expectations early on to carefully determine which battles are worth the fight.

Ownership means I'm a part of what I'm building, I don't just get paid for it. I created it, therefore, ask me how it works, inform me when something goes wrong, let me re-work the structural and strategic deficiencies. Whether my work product receives rave reviews or it misses the mark, it is my creation so hold me responsible. I own it.

## The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman.

I am a Warrior.

I have answered my nation's call.

I am an American Airman.

My mission is to fly, fight, and win.

I am faithful to a proud heritage.

A tradition of honor,

And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman.

Guardian of freedom and justice,

My nation's sword and shield,

Its sentry and avenger.

I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman.

Wingman, leader, warrior.

I will never leave an Airman behind.

I will never falter,

And I will not fail.



# Columbus AFB celebrates Air Force's 69th birthday



Retired Lt. Col. Gene Smith and retired Col. Carlyle "Smitty" Harris, both Vietnam F-105 pilots and former POWs, Jo Shumake, daughter of retired Col. Glynn Schumake, a B-17 World War II pilot and former POW, and a Columbus AFB Honor Guardsman salute the POW/MIA table during 69th Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 17 at the Trotter Convention Center in Columbus, Mississippi. The Columbus AFB Honor Guard also received some special assistance during the ceremony as Smith, Harris and Shumake provided some of the symbolic memorializations at the POW/MIA table.

## 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Columbus Air Force Base Airmen and members from the local community spent the evening of Sept. 17 celebrating the 69th birthday of the U.S. Air Force at the Trotter Convention Center in Columbus, Mississippi.

More than 400 attendees enjoyed music from the 41st Army Band, Mississippi Army National Guard "The Governors' Own," from Jackson, Mississippi. The theme of the ball was "Airpower through the Ages."

The Columbus AFB Honor Guard received some special assistance during the traditional POW/MIA ceremony. Jo Shumake, daughter of retired Col. Glynn Schumake, a B-17 World War II pilot and former POW, retired Lt. Col. Gene Smith and retired Col. Carlyle "Smitty" Harris, both Vietnam F-105 pilots and former POWs, participated with some of the symbolic memorializations at the POW/MIA table.

The ceremonial Air Force Birthday Ball cake was cut by the oldest and newest Airmen present. Clifton Bailey, who was one of over



Retired Col. Carlyle "Smitty" Harris, Vietnam F-105 pilot and former POW, speak to attendees during 69th Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 17 at the Trotter Convention Center in Columbus, Mississippi. On April 4, 1965, while on a combat mission, Harris' F-105 aircraft was hit and he was forced to bail out over enemy territory. He was captured immediately and spent the next eight years as a POW in various prisons where he was confined, mistreated, and tortured. He is credited with introducing the tap code to POWs so that they could communicate between cells.

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20 members of the 49th Fighter Squadron Reunion in attendance was joined by the newest member, Airman 1st Class Kelsey Ganter who works in the 37th and 41st Flying Training Squadrons as an Aviation Resource Manager.

The guest speaker of the evening was former POW Harris. On April 4, 1965, while on a combat mission, Harris' F-105 aircraft was hit and he was forced to bail out over enemy territory. He was cap-

tured immediately and spent the next eight years as a POW in various prisons where he was confined, mistreated, and tortured. He is credited with introducing the tap code to POWs so that they could communicate between cells.

During his remarks, Harris described his experience of being a POW and his interaction with other POWs at his campsite. He created an image of being knocked off his stool, kicked, and threatened with death if he did not cooperate. He said that the North Vietnamese would torture them with "immense pain," but avoided anything that would leave scars.

He wrapped up his time by saying, "May God bless the men and women who serve on the forward edge and bless the land of Liberty we call America."

The Air Force Ball Committee made a donation in the name of Harris to the Happy Irby Christmas Fund, which provides clothes and toys to underprivileged children in Columbus at Christmas time, to thank him for speaking at the ball.

The evening ended with the singing of the Air Force song and dancing by all in attendance.



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U.S. Air Force photos by Richard Johnson



Airman 1st Class Kelsey Ganter, 37th Flying Training Squadrons Aviation Resource Manager, and Clifton Bailey, who was one of over 20 members of the 49th Fighter Squadron Reunion, cut the cake during the 69th Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 17 at the Trotter Convention Center in Columbus, Mississippi. The ceremonial Air Force Birthday Ball cake is traditionally cut by the oldest and newest Airmen present for the party.

