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The Dispatch is preparing to honor military veterans and active service members from the Golden Triangle in a special Veterans Day tribute section. We're asking veterans or their families to complete and submit this form, along with photos that can be used in the publication. Submissions can be made in person, through the mail or by email. All physical photos submitted will be scanned and available for pick up after the publication prints on Friday, Nov. 11. **Deadline for submissions is Nov. 1.**

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## Upcoming EVENTS

Baptist Golden Triangle's annual **Christmas Wreath Silent Auction** will be held Friday, Nov. 11, 2-4p, in the Outpatient Pavilion Conference Center. Come bid on your favorite wreath or door hanging designed by hospital staff. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds go to the Salvation Army Toy Drive.

**CPR Classes** are offered at Baptist Golden Triangle, 6:30 p.m., in the Patient Tower. Pre-registration is required. November classes will be held on the 14 and 28. Call the Education Department at (662) 244-2498 or 800-544-8762, ext. 2498.

Baptist Cancer Center will hold a **support group for cancer survivors and their families** the third Friday of every month from noon-1pm. The November 18th meeting will take place in the Room 4PT, past the Gift Shop. Symptom management will be discussed. For information call 244-2923 or 800-544-8767, ext. 2923.

Baptist Cancer Center offers **free prostate PSA screenings** for men over 40. PSA screenings will NOT be held in Nov. or Dec., but they will resume in Starkville on Friday, Jan. 27, from 9-11:45 am. Make an appointment by calling at 244-4673 or 800-544-8767, ext. 4673.

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

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

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

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

For more information contact the numbers listed above or email [info.goldentriangle@bmhcc.org](mailto:info.goldentriangle@bmhcc.org).



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## Weather

<b>Friday</b> Sunny High 85°F Low 55°F	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny High 85°F Low 55°F
<b>Sunday</b> Sunny High 83°F Low 52°F	<b>Monday</b> Sunny High 84°F Low 51°F

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

## News Briefs

**SUPT Class 17-01 Graduation**  
Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-01 graduates at 10 a.m. Oct. 28 at Kaye Auditorium.

**Base Trick-or-treating**  
Team BLAZE Trick-or-treating time begins at 6 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Hunt Housing areas. During the event, the back gate will be open for members to use. A general rule to abide is to only visit homes with porch lights on during the event.

**Quarterly Awards/Enlisted Promotions**  
The third quarterly awards ceremony is scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Columbus Club. The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions ceremony is set to follow immediately after the quarterly awards ceremony.

## Inside



**Feature 8**  
SUPT Class 17-01 graduates at 10 a.m. today at the Kaye Auditorium.

# Columbus CFC begins

**Senior Airman Britfani Amavizca-Waddington**  
14th Medical Operations Squadron

The Combined Federal Campaign is something I hold value to.

When I was 12 years old, my sister, who was 2 years old at the time, got very sick. After several days at the hospital, thinking that she just had the flu, she had a seizure.

She was diagnosed with pneumococcal meningitis and was airlifted to Oakland's Children hospital. She recovered months later, but this experience has stayed with me.

I think of the families that go through this on a daily basis.

The CFC helps us donate to non-profit organizations that help families in need and research diseases.

The CFC is the official workplace giving campaign of the Federal government. The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

There are more than 18,000 organizations that allow you to give to causes like health care, medical research, disaster relief, housing, youth development and more.

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE												WING SORTIE BOARD			
PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	T-6	T-1	T-38	IFF
37th (17-10)	0.59 days	2.26 days	Nov. 17	48th (17-02)	78.03 days	12.27 days	Nov. 18	49th (17-BBC)	-4.41 days	-1.93 days	Nov. 23	2,319	748	791	363
41st (17-11)	0.76 days	3.60 days	Dec. 13	50th (17-02)	2.87 days	-0.43 days	Nov. 18	* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.				2,550	561	823	358

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. James Barkley, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Air Education and Training Command.



## 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 34 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

*Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.*

**CFC**  
(Continued from page 1)

Throughout the years, I have had the pleasure to know many families with special needs children. Many of them would not be here if it weren't for the unselfish acts of the donations through the CFC. Having to watch your child suffer is hardship enough. The last thing they need is to have to worry about financial burdens. This is why I donate to the CFC.

I believe all of us have a story or know someone close that could have benefited from a non-profit organization or research to cure a disease. In the upcoming weeks, take a few minutes to look into and donate to an organization that means something to you.

The 2016 CFC campaign is "Show Some Love." The CFC season for Columbus Air Force Base is from Oct. 31 - Dec. 16. Please help Columbus AFB reach



our \$90,000 goal.

To make a donation, please contact your unit CFC representative.

Your CFC Wing representative is Capt. Alisha Foster.

The group representatives are:

- 14th Medical Group** - Capt. Jennifer Arce, Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth McDowell
- 14th Operations Support Squadron** - Capt. Hunter Barnhill, 1st Lt. Adela Caple
- 14th Mission Support Group** - Master Sgt. Rodel Sy
- 14th Civil Engineer Squadron** - Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Vanrees
- 14th Wing Staff Agency** - Staff Sgt. Aubrey Daniels

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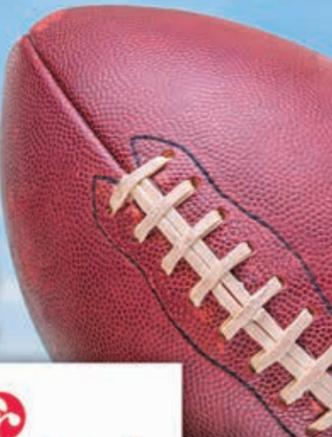


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31 Third Quarterly Awards/Enlisted Promotions, 2 p.m. @ Club	1	2	3 WSA All Call, 2 p.m. @ Club	4 Chief Master Sgt. Thomas retirement, 2:14 p.m. @ Club Major Select party, 4 p.m. @ Club SUPT Class 17-02 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club	5/6 5th: MSU/Texas A&M Military Appreciation Game/T-38 flyover 6th: Daylight Savings Time Begins	Nov. 15: Wing Newcomers Orientation Nov. 16: Retiree Appreciation Day Nov. 17: Dormsgiving Nov. 17: Wingman Day Nov. 18: SUPT Class 17-02 Graduation Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Holiday Nov. 25: AETC Family Day Nov. 30: Enlisted Promotions Dec. 2: SUPT Class 17-03 Assignment Night Dec. 9: Blood Drive Dec. 13: Wing Newcomers Orientation Dec. 16: SUPT Class 17-03 Graduation Dec. 25: Christmas Day Dec. 26: Christmas Holiday Dec. 27: AETC Family Day
7 Free Breakfast for Club members, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m.	8	9	10 Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet, 5-7 p.m. @ Club	11 Veterans Day Holiday	12/13 12th: Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony, Parade 10 a.m., Ceremony 11 a.m. 12-13th: Autocross	

# NEWS AROUND TOWN

Oct. 31

The Columbus-Lowndes Public Library is hosting a free Haunted Library event from 4 - 6 p.m. Enjoy games, crafts, refreshments and a haunting Mother Goose story hour! For more information, go online to [visitcolumbusms.org](http://visitcolumbusms.org).

Nov. 3-5

A wide variety of art and antiques will be on sale at the Arts 'n Antiques show and sale at the Rosenzweig Arts Center, 501 Main Street, in downtown Columbus. For more information, go online to [visitcolumbusms.org](http://visitcolumbusms.org).

# BARGAIN LINE

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to [silverwings@us.af.mil](mailto:silverwings@us.af.mil) or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content,

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## Transportation

For Sale: 1978 Triumph Spitfire with extra parts and hard top for sale, \$3,000. For more information, call

Danny at 549-5188 or 434-7317.

## Miscellaneous

For Sale: Horses for sale, less than a year old, starting at \$275; will deliver. For more information, call Willie at 251-8269.

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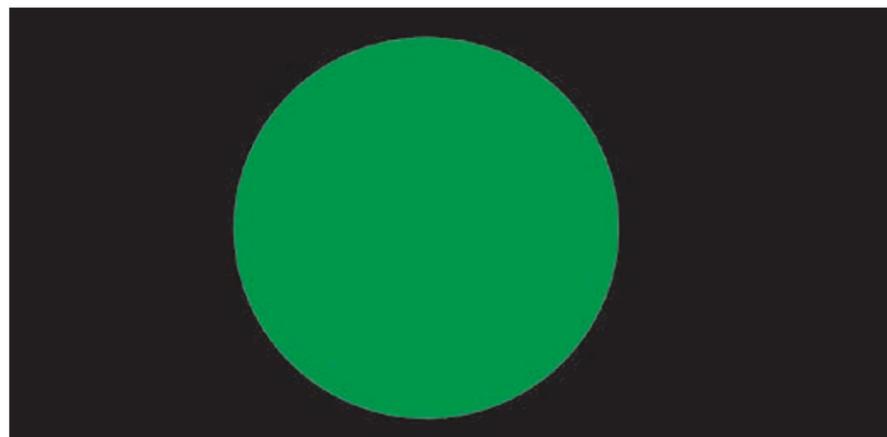
*"Air-Base Hill" at the intersection of Hwy 45 N and Hwy 373. Sharing space with Faith Lutheran Church. Services at Good Shepherd East, 321 Forrest Blvd., will continue on Sundays at 10:00 A.M.*

**2016 COLUMBUS VETERANS DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY**

*In honor of those who have fought for our freedom*

**Saturday, 12 November 2016**  
Parade begins at 10 a.m.  
at Columbus Municipal Complex (1501 Main Street) and proceeds down Main Street

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2nd Lt. Christopher Burge	T-1
2nd Lt. Drew Griffiths	T-1
2nd Lt. James Heitmann	T-38
2nd Lt. Curtis Hughes	T-38
2nd Lt. Colton Huntsman	T-38
Capt. Rylan Kabanuck	T-1
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2nd Lt. Kenneth Koonz	T-1
Capt. Lauren Krystosek	T-38
2nd Lt. John Labuhn	T-1
2nd Lt. Patrick Madden	T-1
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# 17-09

## Hunt Housing tip of the week



When parking on the street, park on the side of the street without the sidewalk.

The "It Can Wait" texting and driving simulator is available from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Exchange. The AT&T educational simulator is coordinated by the 14th Flying Training Wing Safety office. The simulator demonstrates the dangers of texting while driving and encourages everyone to save lives by making a pledge to not text while driving.



**Bargain Line advertisement**

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

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# Domestic abuse and how to find help through the Family Advocacy Program

## Keep yourself safe from an abusive spouse or partner

**Seek support.** Talk with a friend, co-worker, relative or neighbor.

**Find out about military reporting options.** The military offers confidential reporting of domestic abuse so you can get the help you need without immediate command notification or law enforcement involvement. Read “Domestic Abuse: Military Reporting Options” to learn more.

**Document evidence of violence.** If you seek medical treatment, explain what happened. Ask the health care provider to document the incident or injuries in your medical record. Save any threatening emails or voicemails.

**Plan ahead in case you need to leave on short notice.** A domestic abuse victim advocate can help you create a safety plan for you and your children. This plan includes tips, such as gathering important documents in one place, getting a credit card in your own name, saving a secret fund of cash, keeping a change of clothing for yourself and your children, and keeping an extra set of car keys at a friend’s home or at work.

**Gather information.** Resources are available to assist with potential legal issues, such as military or civilian protective

orders, counseling, shelters and resources in your community. Visit the legal assistance office on your installation for information about legal issues.

**Have a safe place to go.** If you feel threatened or at risk of harm, find a safe place to go, preferably somewhere unknown to your spouse. Sometimes friends and relatives aren’t the best option because your abuser will know where to find you.

**Have a secret code.** If you have children, come up with a secret code word or phrase to use as a signal that to leave the house and go to a specific location — such as a neighbor’s home — that you’ve arranged and practiced in advance.

**Think about safety at school or child care facilities.** Abusive spouses may try to take children from school and

child care settings. Any restraining order or military protective order should include measures to keep your kids safe. Be sure either your children’s school or child care center is aware of your domestic situation and give them a copy of the restraining order or military protective order.

**Plan your escape.** Practice getting out of the house quickly without being noticed when your abuser’s not around.

**Have a cell phone available to call for help.** If you don’t own one, recycled cell phones that function only for 911 calls are available through domestic violence prevention programs.

**Inform your employer.** Let your supervisor know about your situation in case your spouse or partner shows up at your workplace.

You’re the only one who can make the decision to walk away from abusive behavior. Whether you decide to stay or go, you can get confidential help. A safety plan can save your life.

Remember, if someone’s hurting you — emotionally or physically — you’re not alone. There are people willing to listen and assist. Give a domestic abuse advocate a call to see how he or she can help.



## 19th AF/CC tours Columbus AFB, flies T-38 sortie



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

**Maj. Gen. James Hecker, 19th Air Force Commander, poses for a photo with Maj. Caleb Campbell, 49th Fighter Training Squadron Instructor Pilot, Capt. Michael Mangano, 49th FTS IP, and 2nd Lt. Richard Scheff, 49th FTS wingman, Oct. 21, 2016, on the flight line on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Hecker toured the 14th Flying Training Wing and flew an Introduction to Fighter Fundamental T-38C sortie.**

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# AF engineers repair runway in Iraq

**Sgt. 1st Class Robert W. Lemmons IV**  
Combined Joint Forces Land Component  
Command – Operation Inherent Resolve

BAGHDAD — Three months ago, four U.S. Air Force engineers with the 1st Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group arrived in northern Iraq to conduct a reconnaissance mission for what would become a historic undertaking. Their mission: mitigate runway damage caused by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The engineers were informed their task had never been attempted in Iraq.

The 1st ECEG took the mission anyway, and when the telltale cadence of the four turboprop engines grew louder and louder the evening of Oct. 21, they knew their hard work had paid off.

Over the last two years, ISIL severely damaged the runway at Qayyarah West Airbase — a major strategic airfield in northern Iraq’s Ninawa province. ISIL detonated explosives, used an excavator with a hammer attachment, and creating deep trenches to damage the runway in several different ways.

Logisticians deployed in support of the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command – Operation Inherent Resolve are currently enabling Iraqi security forces (ISF) as they push to retake Mosul. To expeditiously move larger amounts of supplies to the ISF, they need larger, fixed-wing aircraft and a proper runway to get the job done.

In order for a C-130 cargo plane to land, it requires a runway that spans over 33 football fields end to end.

Maj. Jason Stevens, the 1st ECEG officer in charge of the project, detailed the project during its outset.

“We’ll be on the ground for about three weeks to fix the damage,” Stevens said. “It’s been a long time in the planning process. The guys are doing amazing work. They are making excellent progress. We are on schedule and we are moving forward every day.”

## OPERATORS

(Continued from page 12)

difference,” Scurlock said.

One of those huge differences is the new location of the boom operator’s workplace.

“We have transitioned from laying down on your stomach or sitting at the back of the airplane, looking out a window at receiver aircraft, to sitting up front in the airplane at an air refueling operators’ station (AROS) looking through a 3-D stereoscopic vision system,” Wernecke said.

The new vision system is designed to replicate depth perception under all lighting conditions, he said.

“Aspects, such as lighting, have been designed into the AROS to make operating the boom easier,” Wernecke added. “Lighting shouldn’t play as big a part with



U.S. Air Force photo by Heide Couch

**A concrete taxiway repair is completed by Airmen assigned to the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base, California, Aug. 19, 2016. Using similar techniques on a much larger scale in 2016, members of the 1st Expeditionary Civil Engineer Group repaired runway damage caused by Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant at Qayyarah West Airbase in northern Iraq’s Ninawa province.**

During the planning process, the Airmen were trained on how to operate the newly fielded Rapid Airfield Damage Repair System and Super Kit to complete the mission. The kit consists of a comprehensive set of equipment necessary to quickly repair a damaged airstrip.

“The project was practiced and perfected in training, so when boots hit the dusty ground the mission would be in full swing,” said Staff Sgt. Tyler Charles, an engineer on the team.

“We show up, clear the debris out, get all the junk and everything out of there,” Charles said. “Then we dig down, if we have to, until we hit hard surface ground.”

the new remote vision system. They’re able to utilize cameras in such a way that conventional external lighting from the tanker looking down on the receiver doesn’t play as big a part. While operating legacy systems, you have to adjust your lights to allow the boom operator to gain depth perception in dark environments.”

Operators still fly the boom with their right hand and extend the boom with their left as with legacy tankers, but the KC-46 fly-by-wire boom system is more advanced.

“The control and operation of the boom is similar, but the boom handling qualities are improved drastically,” Scurlock said.

Scurlock and Wernecke said the KC-46 boom operators from the 418th and 370th FLTS are providing feedback to Boeing to help with training and further development of the new tanker boom system.

The engineers had to systematically identify damaged areas of the airfield, cut those pieces of concrete out, and then start from scratch from the bare ground up. After that, there is earth tamping, concrete filling and curing — a process that takes about a day to complete.

Virginia Air National Guard Master Sgt. Reid Burns, the lead NCO of the team, realizes that his job is vital to the ISF on the front lines who need supplies to continue their push toward Mosul.

A project this large takes a team to complete. The total force concept is played out on the project, bringing together qualified Airmen from the ANG, the Air Force Reserve and active-duty components.

“It makes me really proud — especially the Guard, Reserve and active-duty guys coming together, pooling our resources,” Burns said.

As if the task at hand wasn’t already difficult, the mantra “the enemy always gets a vote” came into play. Airmen had to complete the demanding task under the persistent threat of indirect fire.

“Due to our location and the threat that is here, we are wearing our full kits and our helmets at all times,” Stevens said.

This may slow the process down a bit, but did little to discourage the Airmen who recognized the value of their mission.

Stevens enjoyed the process and watched his team thrive in the face of adversity.

“When boiled down, the Airmen completed their task a lot faster than ISIL was able to complete theirs,” he said.

It took two years for ISIL to damage the airfield beyond what they believed repairable. It took a small team of 1st ECEG engineers three weeks to make it fully operational. Now the coalition can quickly supply the ISF on the front lines of Mosul, enabling the defeat of ISIL.



U.S. Air Force photo by Kenji Thulow

**From left, Master Sgt. Aaron Ray, Senior Master Sgt. Scott Scurlock and Tech. Sgt. Colin Wernecke, of the 370th Flight Test Squadron, stand in front of a KC-135 Stratotanker test aircraft.**

# James focused on diversity, emerging threats, space

**Staff Sgt. Jannelle McRae**  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James joined the secretaries of the Army and Navy for a “conversation with the service secretaries” panel hosted by the Center for a New American Security here Oct. 24.

During the panel, James discussed the Air Force’s continued focus on diversity and inclusion, its contributions to the current counter-Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant operations, and the importance of the next presidential administration’s focus on space.

According to James, diversity and inclusion enhances the Air Force’s decision-making and operational capabilities, ultimately making Airmen more innovative and effective.

Diverse teams — people who come from different backgrounds, thought processes and disciplines tackling a problem together — bring the greatest innovation, James explained, adding that hiring diverse individuals from different walks of life into the services, whether uniformed or military, is one of the key parameters of Secretary of Defense Ash Carter’s Force of the Future initiative.

In areas such as cyberspace, the Air Force is recruiting cyber professionals from private sectors to serve part time in the Air Force Re-



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Anthony Nelson Jr.  
**Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James answers questions during the Center for a New American Security panel moderated by Barbara Starr, CNN’s Pentagon Correspondent, in Washington, D.C., Oct. 24, 2016. James shared the panel with Army Secretary Eric Fanning and Navy Secretary Ray Mabus.**

serve and Air National Guard.

“If you can attract some of these top-notch cyber professionals in private industry to also serve part time in Guard and Reserve units, the individual can have it both ways,” James said. “They can keep their civilian job but also have the opportunity participate in a

fantastic and very important mission.”

The ability to innovate and adapt to emerging threats quickly is critical in today’s security environment, she added.

This was proven during a recent event in the Middle East, where the Air Force is seeing emerging danger with respect to un-

manned aerial systems.

Two weeks ago, two coalition members were killed and two were wounded by a small unmanned aerial system that had explosives. As a result, when “the Air Force, in theater, was informed that there was an unmanned aerial system in the vicinity ... we were able to bring it down ... with electronic measures,” James said, adding that it’s not necessarily the development of new things but instead taking what capabilities the Air Force already has and packaging it in a new way.

James also addressed the difficulty of advancing agendas in reference to sequestration and continuing resolutions, and she stands firm in her belief that the new presidential administration should quickly decide if the Defense Department should stay the course on its current space investments.

“Some years ago we thought space was a peaceful domain, today we recognize that it is both contested and congested by lots of satellites, debris and all sorts of things,” James said. “Space is terribly important and we have to make some decisions going forward.”

Even with these challenges, the Air Force stands ready to accept the call to provide airpower.

“If we get called upon ... make no mistake we will go and we will do the job,” she said.

The entire panel conversation is available at <https://www.cnas.org/events/a-conversation-with-the-service-secretaries>.

# Boom operators help develop new KC-46 system

**Kenji Thuloweit**

412th Test Wing Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Earlier this year in Everett, Washington, workers from Detachment 1, 418th Flight Test Squadron, and Boeing teamed up to achieve major test milestones for the KC-46A Pegasus, which resulted in the Defense Department authorizing initial production in August.

Going forward in the test program, the KC-46 will complete a robust schedule of Federal Aviation Administration and military certification flight testing, including refueling test flights, in order to achieve certification for aircraft in the Air Force and DOD inventory.

As with all aerial tankers, the aircraft requires an Airman to operate the refueling boom that transfers gas to receiver aircraft.

To date, boom operators from Edwards Air Force Base are the only Airmen to have operated the boom on the KC-46A and are paving the way for future testing and training with the new system.

*“When you compare the KC-135, a tanker that was developed in the 50s and uses a lot of 1940s’ technology when it comes to the boom system, and you think about the new systems that we’re dealing with today in the KC-46, it’s a huge difference,” Scurlock said.*

“The initial cadre of boom operators was selected from the test boom cadre here at Edwards,” said Senior Master Sgt. Scott Scurlock, a 370th Flight Test Squadron boom operator. “You had to be a test boom operator to be considered for the initial KC-46 developmental test cadre; this is a test program, and the KC-46 test organization in Seattle, Washington, is a detachment of the 418th Flight Test Squadron.”

Scurlock said Edwards AFB has three qualified KC-46A boom operators at the 370th FLTS and five active-duty operators assigned to the Det. 1, 418th FLTS, in Washington.

He and Master Sgt. Aaron Ray, of the 370th FLTS, are the first two Airmen in the Air Force Reserve to be qualified on the KC-46A. They have recently been joined by Tech. Sgt. Colin Wernecke, who transferred to the Reserve after spending three years with the 418th FLTS.

The 370th FLTS is an Air Force Reserve unit with the mission of providing aerial refueling test support to the Edwards 412th Test Wing.

The three KC-46A test boom operators went through formal initial cadre training consisting of classroom academics taught by Boeing, simulator time and flight training. All are seasoned veterans of the legacy KC-135 Stratotanker and KC-10 Extender.

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# Tricare changes

Express Scripts will add Walgreens and Kroger to the TRICARE retail specialty select pharmacy network starting Dec. 1. CVS and CVS pharmacies in Target stores will no longer be in the network.

What you need to know:

- If a CVS pharmacy is currently filling your specialty prescription drugs, you must move them to a network pharmacy by Dec. 1. Otherwise, you will have to pay the full retail price for your drugs.

- You can transfer your specialty drugs to Rite-Aid or Walmart at any time, since they’re part of the specialty select network.

Convenient ways to transfer prescriptions to a new pharmacy:

- Take your prescription drug bottles to the new pharmacy. The pharmacist there will contact your old pharmacy.

- Call your new pharmacy and have them get your prescription drug information from your old pharmacy.

- Ask your doctor to send your prescription drug information to your new pharmacy.

- Check to see if your prescription drugs, including any specialty drugs, are eligible for TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery by calling 855-778-1417.

## Columbus AFB Top 3 spotlight

**Category:** Airman/NCO  
**Nominee Name/Grade:** Senior Airman Jesup Helget  
**Unit:** 14 OSS/OSL

**Information:**

- Home Town:** Racine, Minnesota
- Time in the Air Force:** 3 years, 10 months
- Time at Columbus AFB:** 3 years, 4 months
- Career Short Term Goals:** Deploy and see more of the Air Force
- Career Long Term Goals:** Become a first sergeant and make chief master sergeant
- Nominated by:** Master Sgt. Carmina Beedle
- Nomination reason:** Senior Airman Jesup Helget is an Aircrew Flight Equipment (AFE) Journeyman who is currently assigned to the T-6 AFE section which supports two flying training squadrons. There, he inspects, maintains, and repairs critical life-sustaining flight equipment for 404 instructor, student, and international pilots. SrA Helget is also a lead AFE continuation training instructor. As such, he has taught three T-6/T-38 equipment training courses and 17 instructor pilots and familiarization fliers. Additionally, as AFSA’s Legislative Representative, he was selected to represent AFSA at the Professional Airman’s Conference. There, he, along with two others, were able to present significant information regarding issues that affect BAH, VA concerns, and military pay caps, and bring that information directly to three Congressmen, one Senator, and HQ AFSA Staff in Washington D.C.

## Commander’s Action Line 434-1414

The Commander’s Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Commander’s Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command.

The Commander’s Action Line phone number is 434-1414. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the Wing Headquarters building, BLDG. 724, suite 210. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.

# BLAZE Hangar Tails: C-17 Globemaster

## Mission

The C-17 Globemaster III is the newest, most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the airlift force. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations when required. The inherent flexibility and performance of the C-17 force improve the ability of the total airlift system to fulfill the worldwide air mobility requirements of the United States.

## General Characteristics

**Primary Function:** Cargo and troop transport  
**Prime Contractor:** Boeing Company  
**Power Plant:** Four Pratt & Whitney F117-PW-100 turbofan engines  
**Thrust:** 40,440 pounds, each engine  
**Wingspan:** 169 feet 10 inches (to winglet tips) (51.75 meters)  
**Length:** 174 feet (53 meters)  
**Height:** 55 feet 1 inch (16.79 meters)  
**Cargo Compartment:** length, 88 feet (26.82 meters);

width, 18 feet (5.48 meters); height, 12 feet 4 inches (3.76 meters)

**Speed:** 450 knots at 28,000 feet (8,534 meters) (Mach .74)  
**Service Ceiling:** 45,000 feet at cruising speed (13,716 meters)

**Range:** Global with in-flight refueling

**Crew:** Three (two pilots and one loadmaster)

**Aeromedical Evacuation Crew:** A basic crew of five (two flight nurses and three medical technicians) is added for aeromedical evacuation missions. Medical crew may be altered as required by the needs of patients

**Maximum Peacetime Takeoff Weight:** 585,000 pounds (265,352 kilograms)

**Load:** 102 troops/paratroops; 36 litter and 54 ambulatory patients and attendants; 170,900 pounds (77,519 kilograms) of cargo (18 pallet positions)

**Unit Cost:** \$202.3 million (fiscal 1998 constant dollars)

**Date Deployed:** June 1993

**Inventory:** Active duty, 187; Air National Guard, 12; Air Force Reserve, 14

## Background

The C-17 made its maiden flight on Sept. 15, 1991, and

the first production model was delivered to Charleston Air Force Base, now known as Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, on June 14, 1993. The first squadron of C-17s, the 17th Airlift Squadron, was declared operationally ready Jan. 17, 1995. The Air Force originally programmed to buy 120 C-17s. Current budget plans increased the total number to 223 aircraft.

The C-17 is operated by Air Mobility Command at Travis AFB, California; Dover AFB, Delaware; Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.

The Air National Guard flies C-17s from the 172d Airlift Wing, Jackson, Mississippi, and the 105th Airlift Wing, Stewart ANGB, New York. Additionally, Air Force Materiel Command operates two C-17s at Edwards AFB, California, and Pacific Air Forces operates aircraft at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

The Air Force Reserve Command operates aircraft at March Air Reserve Base, California, and Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. Air Education and Training Command has 17 aircraft at Altus AFB, Oklahoma.



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Lauren Woods

A C-17 Globemaster III aircraft rests on the SAC Ramp July 24, 2015, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The C-17 came to Columbus AFB to motivate and inspire student pilots to pursue flying the C-17 or a similar airframe.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sean M. Worrell

A C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from the 437th Air Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina, flies away from a KC-10 Extender aircraft after being refueled off the coast of North Carolina. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area.

## 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.)

### Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Oct. 29 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. This month's activity will be held at the Country Pumpkin. Food and activities are provided. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

### Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oct. 31 - Nov. 4. 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. Nov. 7 - 8 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; the company requires 10 days notification and must have a minimum of eight participants. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

### Smooth Move

The Smooth Move class is from 10-11:30 a.m. Nov. 8. The class provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. You learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and A&FRC. Please call 434-2790 to register.

### Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop at 9 a.m. Nov. 9 is on writing resumes, applications, and job search, using USAJobs. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

### Troops To Teachers

This workshop is 10:30 a.m. - noon Nov. 9. It is an informational workshop for members pursuing or interested in a teaching career after the military. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Nov. 15 and

## 19th AF leadership team visits CAFB



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Doublin

Master Sgt. Rodney McInnis, Airman & Family Readiness Center noncommissioned officer in charge, speaks to Terrie Hecker, wife of Maj. Gen. James Hecker, 19th Air Force Commander, and other key spouses Oct. 21, 2016, at the A&FRC on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. McInnis spoke to the spouses about the center's Huggable Uniform Gifts that are provided to the families of deployed Airmen free of charge. Hecker's wife and the 19th Air Force Command Chief visited various base facilities.

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. Nov. 15 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.

### 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, Medi-

cal 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.

## 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

Visit [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil) to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.

**Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events**

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter @columbusafbliving, Instagram at columbus\_afb\_living, 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.

**Club Membership Drive**

The Club Membership Drive runs Nov. 1 – 22. Join the Columbus Club and enter to win weekly prizes and grand prize, Jeep Wrangler. Rules and entry available at MyAirForceLife.com/GiveAway. For additional information call the Club at 434-2489.

**.25 Cent Bowling**

The Bowling Center offers .25 cent bowling on Mondays in November. Upcoming dates are Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 4 p.m. until close, shoe rental not included. For more information, call 434-3426.

**Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club starts at 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Nov. 7 with free breakfast at the Event Center for Club Members. Non-Members can eat free if you complete a Club Membership application. For more information call the Columbus Club at 434-2489.

**Circle Time**

A weekly Wednesday program at the Library begins at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 9 for ages 0-4. Learn rhythm, kinesthetic, and body language thru songs, dance, and activities. For more information call 434-2934.

**Thanksgiving Buffet at the Club**

The Thanksgiving Buffet at the Club is from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 10. Cost is \$12 for members, \$14 for non-members, \$5 for kids 5-11, 4 and under eat free. Enjoy delicious Thanksgiving entrees with all the trimmings and dessert. Call the Columbus Club at 434-2489 for more information.

**Fight Frenzy**

Fight Frenzy is Nov. 12. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Free admission for Club Members and \$5 for Non-Members. Adult themed entertainment with food and drink specials. Pre-fight includes Woodley vs. Thompson and Jedrejczyk vs. Kowalkiewicz, featured fight is Alvarez vs. McGregory. For more information call 434-2489.

**Legos at the Library**

Legos at the Library is at 2 p.m. Nov. 13. Spark creativity with LEGOS. Please call 434-2934 for more information.

**Preseason Basketball Tournament**

The Fitness Center will hold a free preseason basketball tournament Nov. 14-16 for ages 14 and up at the Fitness Center. For more information, call 434-2772.

**Monthly Fitness Run**

The Fitness Center will hold a Turkey Trot 5K Fitness Run at 7 a.m. Nov. 18. Participants can enter to win a frozen turkey. The run will start and end at the Fitness Center, commander's trophy points will be awarded. For more information, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

**Pearl River Resort Casino Trip**

Outdoor Recreation offers a monthly casino trip to Pearl River Resort. Upcoming dates are 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 trans-



portation to casino anytime for \$25 per person. For more information, contact 434-2505.

**Turkey Bowl Nine-Pin No Tap Tournament**

A Turkey Bowl Nine-Pin No Tap Tournament starts at 5 p.m. Nov. 18. Cost is \$15 per person and includes three games and shoe rental. First and second place winners receive a frozen turkey. Call the Bowling Center for more information at 434-3426.

**Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament**

The Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament is Nov. 19 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Event is a nine-hole two-person scramble, cart not included. Cost includes lunch, prizes, and turkey raffle. For more information call the Golf Course at 434-7932.

**Teen Adventure Camp**

Registration is now open for the 2017 NH White Mountain Winter Adventure Camps for military teens. Camps will be held in January for teens with disabilities and in February for teens without disabilities. Contact the Youth Center at 434-2504 for more information or register at www.nhmilitarykids.org.

**Youth Basketball Registration**

Youth basketball registration is now open until Nov. 28 at the Youth Center. Cost is \$35 for ages 3-4 and \$40 for ages 5-18. Volunteer coaches needed. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

**Thursday NFL Football**

Come out to the Club each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. There will be food specials and prize giveaways. The complete game schedule is available at the Columbus Club. Call 434-2489 for more information.

**Halloween Pin Decorating**

Pick up a bowling pin from the Bowling Center to decorate for Halloween. Prizes will be awarded. Please call the Bowling Center at 434-3426.

**Discount Bowling on Monday**

Bowling games are 25 cents every Monday in October from 4 – 8 p.m.

**Fitness/Time Out Child Care**

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

**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.

**Story Time and Circle Time at the Library**

The Base Library offers Story Time every Friday at 11 a.m. for all ages. Circle Time is offered each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. for ages up to 4 years old. For more information, contact 434-2934.

**Cosmic Bowling Special**

The Bowling Center offers 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.

**Free Wood at the Golf Course**

Wood is available at the Golf Course on Sundays from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact the Golf Course Monday-Friday to arrange pick-up. Call 434-7932 for more information.

**Lawn Mower and Bicycle 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 9 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.

**Take & Bake Pizzas at the Bowling Center**

Grab-and-go ready pizzas for you to take home and bake yourself are available at the bowling center. Save \$2 per pizza. Large and medium pizzas only.

**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.



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



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman

Chris Carlson, a Sierra Nevada Corporation senior pilot, taxis an A-29 Super Tucano on the flightline during its first arrival, Sept. 26, 2014, at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. The Afghan Air Force will implement the A-29 as their current air-to-ground aircraft, the Mi-35 attack helicopter, reaches its end of service life in January 2016.

**81st FS: Changing the game**

**Capt. Brian McLelland**  
81st Fighter Squadron

Since 1979, the U.S. military has provided tactical support and advising in Afghanistan, with the Air Force fully engaged for the past 15 years.

The goal to train, prepare and mentor Afghan counterparts has been consistent, though operation names and mission objectives have changed.

Fostering better methods to effectively engage, communicate, and cooperate with the host nation has been a focus in recent years.

Positive progress has been achieved through the inter-service program, Afghanistan-Pakistan Hands. AFPAK Hands receive extensive language and cultural education culminating in a year-long deployment. This method takes long strides in creating relationships, establishing trust, and forging mutual respect; all critical for accomplishing mission goals in the challenging cultural and political landscape of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The 81st Fighter Squadron approaches its mission in the same spirit. We are partners in the formidable task of training and developing the first generation of Afghan A-29 Super Tucano pilots and maintainers. We understand the importance of the Afghans taking

to the skies to demoralize and defeat terrorist organizations.

Our students are selected, vetted and participate in months of training before arriving at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, where they spend a year training and honing their craft. This is where the relationship begins.

During their year in Georgia, we work and train side by side, becoming familiar with names and faces and exchanging information, ideas and stories. Camaraderie forms, while trust and respect develops.

However, unlike the AFPAK Hands program, the relationship does not end after the year is up. Our students return home as pilots and maintainers, while our Airmen deploy on a rotational basis to Afghanistan to further mentor and advise. The relationships formed in training are instrumental as the Afghans test their skills in combat operations.

The lessons learned can be distilled into a couple of simple concepts: respect and trust. The relationships that foster these attributes are often the real difference between success and failure. These same concepts that are applicable in our homes and our communities are foundational to our success in building a partner nation's Air Force.



T-1A Jayhawk

# SUPT Class 17-01 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



**1st Lt. Nicolas Austin**  
Rio Rancho, N.M.  
KC-135R, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



**1st Lt. Alexander Babos**  
Eagle River, Alaska  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**1st Lt. Heather Bleuer**  
Stevens Point, Wis.  
C-5M, Travis AFB, Calif.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-01 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Maj. Gen. James Barkley, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, is the graduation guest speaker.

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

2nd Lt. Nicholas Kuzjak, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Arthur Eisberg, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Nicholas Kuzjak, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Charles Powell, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

2nd Lt. Nicholas Kuzjak, T-38, 2nd Lt. Arthur Eisberg, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Adam Gill, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 17-01.

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

flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

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

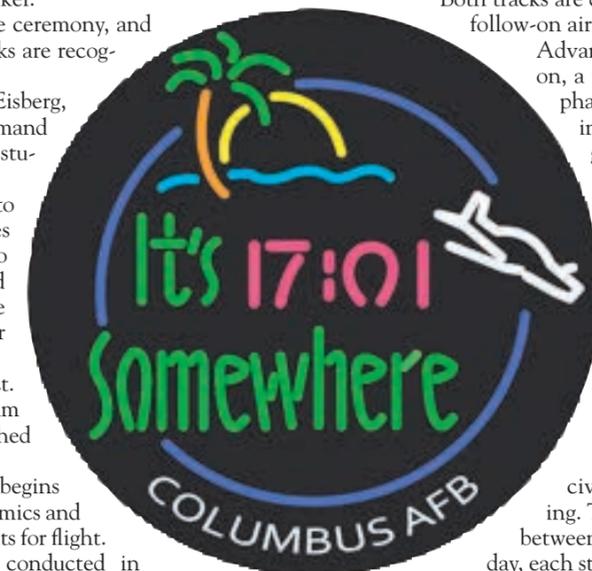
After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

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

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

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

Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 17-01 pilot partners are Galloway, Chandler & McKinney and Neel-Schaffer Inc.



**1st Lt. Matthew Carpenter**  
Baton Rouge, La.  
T-6A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**1st Lt. Jay Denny**  
Chatfield, Minn.  
KC-10A, Travis AFB, Calif.



**1st Lt. Ryan Kennedy**  
Navarre, Fla.  
CV-22, Cannon AFB, N.M.



**1st Lt. Riley Miller**  
Fortville, Ind.  
C-130J, Dyess AFB, Texas



**1st Lt. Maxwell Robinson**  
Selah, Wash.  
T-6A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**1st Lt. Matthew Stopka**  
St. Charles, Ill.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**1st Lt. Scott Strebel**  
Greenland, N.H.  
C-17A, Dover AFB, Del.



**1st Lt. Raymond Zheng**  
Brooklyn, N.Y.  
C-17A, JB Lewis-McChord, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Ariel Brown**  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Arthur Eisberg**  
Portola Valley, Calif.  
HC-130J, Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Nickolas Elson**  
Centerville, Ohio  
T-1A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Adam Gill**  
Jackson, Miss.  
C-17A, Thompson Field ANGB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Travis Jorgensen**  
Omaha, Neb.  
C-5M, Dover AFB, Del.



**2nd Lt. Nicholas Kuzjak**  
Charlottesville, Va.  
B-1B, Dyess AFB, Texas



**2nd Lt. Charles Powell**  
Chattanooga, Tenn.  
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



**2nd Lt. John Russo**  
Monterey, Calif.  
KC-135R, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Stephen Tupta**  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Daniel Volk**  
Tonganoxie, Kan.  
KC-135R, Forbes Field ANGB, Kan.