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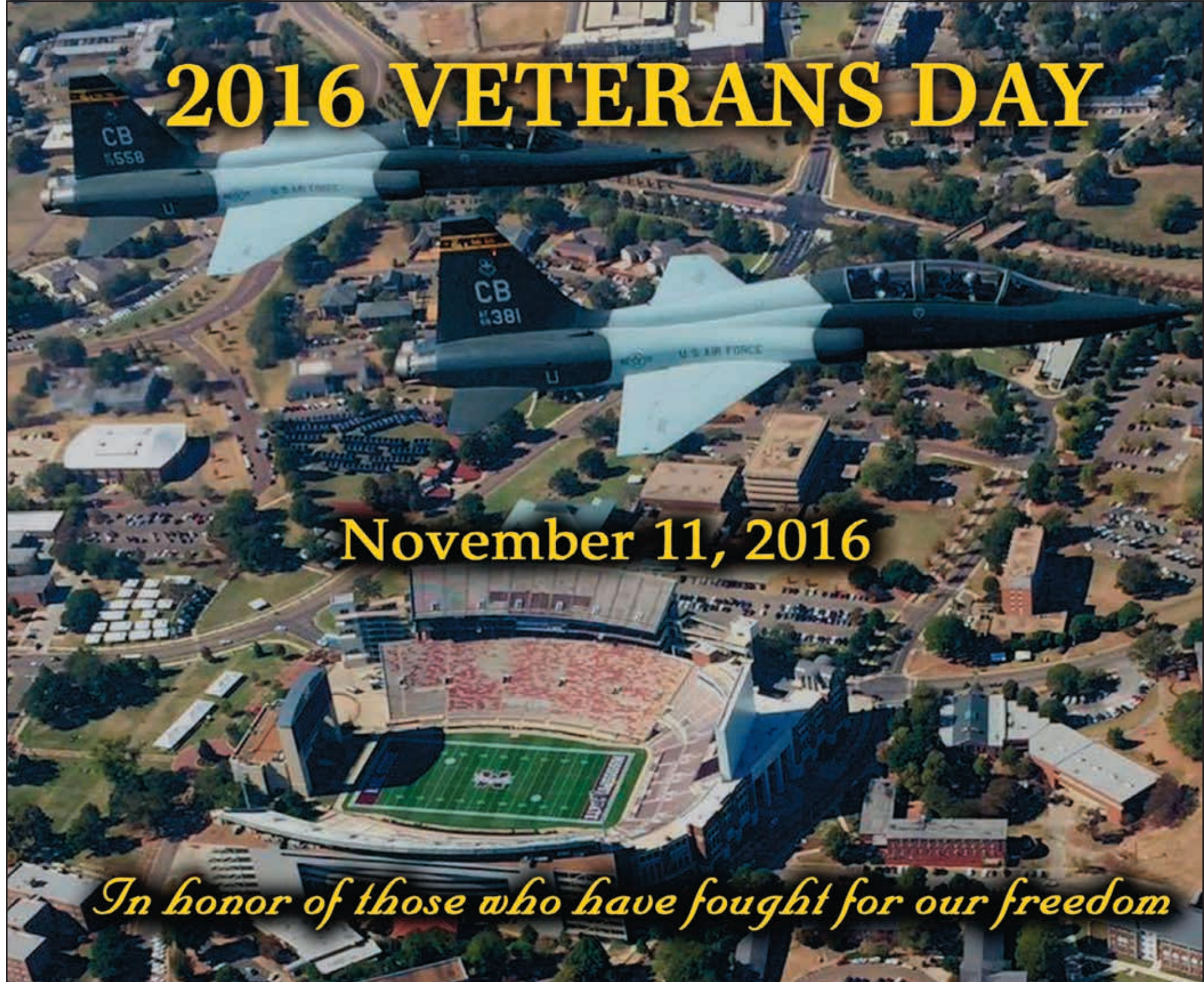
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The deadline for submitting copy for next week's SILVER WINGS is noon Monday. Articles may be dropped off at the public affairs office or e-mailed.

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14 AETC/A1 visit	15 Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	16 Retiree Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. @ Club	17 Wingman Day briefings, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. @ Kaye Dormsgiving, 5 p.m. @ Chapel Annex Daedalians Dinner, 6 p.m. @ Club	18 SUPT Class 17-02 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	19/20	Nov. 30: Enlisted Promotions Nov. 30: Columbus High School JROTC visit Dec. 2: SUPT Class 17-03 Assignment Night Dec. 5: Columbus Christmas Parade Dec. 9: Wing Blood Drive Dec. 13: Wing Newcomers Orientation Dec. 13: Tree lighting ceremony Dec. 16: SUPT Class 17-03 Graduation Dec. 23: Last flying training day Dec. 25: Christmas Day Dec. 26: Christmas Holiday Dec. 27: AETC Family Day Jan. 1: New Year's Day Jan 2: New Year's Holiday Jan. 3: Flying training resumes
21 Commissary Open	22 Enlisted all-call, 10 a.m. (Airmen), 1 p.m. (NCOs), 3 p.m. (SNCOs) @ Kaye	23	24 Thanksgiving Holiday	25 AETC Family Day, most organizations closed	26/27	

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Nov. 20

Holiday Floral Designs with Ralph Null is at 1:30 p.m. at the Rosenzweig Arts Center. Auction of arrangements will follow the program. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, go to visitcolumbusms.org.

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2016 COLUMBUS VETERANS DAY

PARADE AND CEREMONY

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Nov. 12, 2016

Parade begins at 10 a.m.

at Columbus Municipal Complex (1501 Main Street) and proceeds down Main Street



Thomas retires after 23 years of service



U.S. Air Force photo by Sharon Ybarra
Col. Imelda Reedy, 14th Medical Group Commander, presents Chief Master Sgt. Brandi Thomas, 14th MDG Superintendent, with her certificate of retirement Nov. 4 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Thomas served for 23 years in the military.

Lowndes Young Leaders learn Air Force basics



U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Lauren Woods
Tenth-grade students from local schools in the Lowndes Young Leaders program and 14th Flying Training Wing pilots pause for a photo Nov. 8, 2016, next to a T-38 Talon aircraft at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The students were hand-picked from more than 200 applicants to visit a variety of businesses and organizations in the local region to gain a better understanding of how various industries function.

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37th (17-10)	1.62 days	2.09 days	Nov. 17	48th (17-02)	77.94 days	26.06 days	Nov. 18	49th (17-BBC)	0.63 days	1.11 days	Nov. 23	T-6	792	900	3,738
41st (17-11)	1.55 days	2.80 days	Dec. 13	50th (17-02)	1.65 days	-0.80 days	Nov. 18	* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.				T-1	246	223	881
												T-38	266	303	1,274
The graduation speaker is Col. John Cline, Deputy Director of Operations, HQ AFSOC, Hulbert Field, Florida.												IFF	120	137	559

Cline to speak at next SUPT graduation

Team BLAZE welcomes Col. John Cline as the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-02's graduation ceremony Nov. 18 at Kaye Auditorium.

Cline is the Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida.

Cline graduated from the University of Tampa in 1990, earning his commission as a distinguished graduate in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He flew the MC-130P Combat Shadow for 23 years, and currently flies the C-146A Wolfhound.

Cline participated in Operations Southern Watch, Provide Comfort, Northern Watch, Provide Promise, Deny Flight, Uphold Democracy, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. Cline is a Distinguished Graduate of both the Naval Postgraduate School Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict Program and the Naval War College Command and Staff Extension Program. In 2007 he was the number one graduate of 3,262 students in the Air War College Distance Learning Program.

He flew combat missions in the opening phases Opera-

tions Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in 2002 and 2003 respectively, served as the deployed squadron commander for MC-130P combat operations in Iraq in 2008, and as the deployed Group Commander for joint SOF aviation assets in Iraq in 2009.

Cline served as the Commander of the 9th Special Operations Squadron at Eglin AFB, Florida where his unit earned AFSOC Squadron of the Year honors for 2009. He then served as Military Assistant to the Commander, NATO Special Operations Headquarters, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Mons, Belgium. Prior to assuming his current assignment, Cline served as the Commander of the 466th Air Expeditionary Group at Manas, Kyrgyzstan.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1990 – November 1992, Student Pilot, Columbus AFB, Mississippi
2. December 1992 – March 1997, MC-130P Aircraft Commander/Instructor Pilot, 9th Special Operations Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida
3. March 1997 – May 1999, MC-130P Formal Training Unit Evaluator Pilot, 550th Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
4. May 1999 – March 2000, Chief, MC-130P Formal Training Unit Standardization and Evaluation Branch, 58th Operations Group, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
5. March 2000 – March 2001, Chief, MC-130P Standardization and Evaluation Branch, 16th Operations Group, Hurlburt Field, Florida
6. March 2001 – June 2003, MAJCOM Chief MC-130P

Evaluator Pilot, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida

7. June 2003 – April 2005, Intermediate Developmental Education Student, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict Program, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California

8. April 2005 – May 2006, Assistant Chief of European Policy and Strategy, J-5 Plans Directorate, Special Operations Command Europe, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany

9. May 2006 – September 2007, Chief, Current Operations Division, J-3 Operations Directorate, Special Operations Command Europe, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany

10. September 2007 – February 2009, Director of Operations/MC-130P Evaluator Pilot, 9th Special Operations Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida

11. February 2009 – June 2010, Commander, 9th Special Operations Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida

12. July 2010 – May 2011, SDE Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

13. June 2011 – Nov 2012, Military Assistant to the Commander, NATO Special Operations Headquarters, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Mons, Belgium

14. Nov 2012 – Oct 2013, Commander, 466th Air Expeditionary Group, Manas, Kyrgyzstan

15. Jan 2014 – Aug 2014, Chief, AFSOC A3 Operations Division, Hurlburt Field, Florida

16. Sept 2014 – Jun 2016, Chief, AFSOC A3 Standardization & Evaluation Division, Hurlburt Field, Florida

17. Jun 2016 – Present, Deputy Director of Operations, HQ AFSOC, Hurlburt Field, Florida

Columbus AFB Airmen test their abilities during exercise



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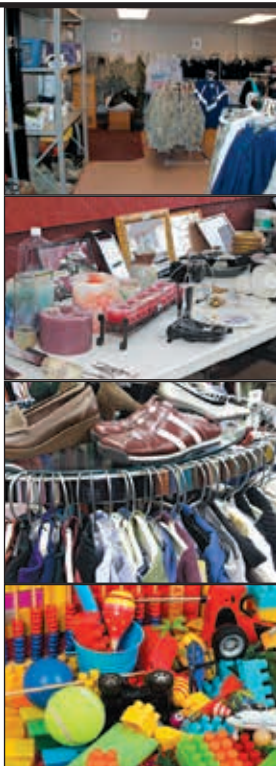
14th Medical Group Airmen participate in a wing-wide Active Shooter and CBRN exercise Nov. 2, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. There were 120 objectives evaluated with a satisfactory grade overall. It's imperative for personnel to be aware of immediate actions to preserve life and neutralize the threats in these situation according to Lt. Col. Stephen Duran, Chief of Wing Exercises.

Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic is open
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays,
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The Attic serves junior enlisted members (E-1 through E-5) with uniforms and basic household items at no cost. Donations of uniforms, household goods, family clothing, maternity, infant care items and furniture are welcomed. Officers are now able to get uniform items from the Airman's Attic. All ranks can partake every Saturday. Please coordinate furniture or other large donations with the staff during business hours.

The Attic is located in building 530,
across from the Thrift Shop.



STRATCOM welcomes Hyten as new commander

U.S. Strategic Command Public Affairs

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. — Gen. John E. Hyten took command of U.S. Strategic Command from Navy Adm. Cecil D. Haney during a change of command ceremony here Nov. 3.

Hyten previously served as commander of Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, from August 2014 to October 2016. While there, he was responsible for organizing, equipping, training and maintaining mission-ready space and cyberspace forces and capabilities for North American Aerospace Defense Command, STRATCOM and other combatant commands around the world.

Presiding over the ceremony, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter expressed his confidence in Hyten as the new STRATCOM commander.

"In the days to come, STRATCOM's mission will continue to remain vitally important to the bedrock of our security, and Gen. Hyten will lead this critical team with the full trust and confidence of me, Chairman Dunford and President Obama," Carter said. "The force he inherits is ready to execute any mission required, thanks to Adm. Haney's visionary leadership."

Carter reflected on his long history with Hyten, praising his leadership and accomplishments such as building inter-agency partnerships and a more resilient national security space enterprise.

"That's important work he'll continue here at STRATCOM, because there's more to be done to confront those 21st century threats – we have to continuously adapt, innovate and stay flexible," Carter said. "With his demonstrated leadership, expertise, managerial acumen and strategic vision, John will be a strong leader for this command for years to come – ensuring it meets not only the challenges we face today, but also those we'll confront in the future."

As the new commander of STRATCOM, Hyten said he is honored to follow in the footsteps of "some of the greatest leaders in the history of our country."

"In recent years, the leaders of USSTRATCOM have



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jonathan Lovelady

Gen. John E. Hyten, accepts the command guidon from Secretary of Defense Ash Carter as he takes command of U.S. Strategic Command during a ceremony at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, Nov. 3, 2016. Carter presided over the ceremony and provided remarks during which he congratulated Hyten on his appointment as the new STRATCOM commander. Hyten previously served as commander of Air Force Space Command.

been heroes and mentors of mine," Hyten said. "Most recently that meant (retired Air Force Gen. Kevin P.) Chilton, (retired Air Force Gen. C. Robert) Kehler, and Haney, but there were many other heroes of mine before that. I know I am not their equal, not even close, but I am motivated to try to live up to their legacy.

"To each and every one of the amazing joint warriors of this command, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines of U.S. Strategic Command, from all across our nation, and to our allies – who stand with us against the most dangerous threats on the planet – I pledge my best efforts to support you each and every day I am lucky enough to be allowed to command this incredible organization," Hyten added.

During the ceremony, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph F. Dunford presented the Joint Meritorious Unit Award to STRATCOM and spoke about the continuity of command.

"Tomorrow morning, just like this morning, the men and women of STRATCOM will wake up with complete focus and commitment to the mission, and complete trust in their leadership," Dunford said. "Day in and day out, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines of (U.S.) Strategic Command protect our nation against strategic attacks, they prepare to defeat those who would attack us if deterrence fails, and they ensure that the joint force has assured access to space and cyberspace."

Hyten said he observed how "life seems to come full circle so often in ways you never expect," noting that 20 years ago, he and his family moved to Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, when he assumed command of the 6th Space Operations Squadron.

"It was a special time both in my career and our lives," he said. "We loved that squadron, and we were so impressed with how the local community reached out and took care of us. We had a group of incredible Airmen and families, and we together accomplished some amazing things.

"And now, once again here we are. We've just packed and moved again from Colorado Springs to Nebraska to take command once again – this time of a slightly larger, slightly more complex organization in United States Strategic Command," Hyten continued. "It is great to be back here at Offutt. It is a special community with great people, so the circle is complete and we are excited to be here."

Hyten attended Harvard University on an Air Force ROTC scholarship, graduated in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in engineering and applied sciences, and was commissioned a second lieutenant. Hyten's career includes assignments in a variety of space acquisition and operations positions. He served in senior engineering positions on both Air Force and Army anti-satellite weapon system programs.

Haney will retire from active duty in January after 38 years of service.

cans and helped defeat the Axis powers."

Schneider was told by his commanders that his actions warranted being awarded the Silver Star, but the paperwork was lost with the Army in the rush to close down the war. However, with the support of his children and Rep. Scott Garret, 5th District of New Jersey, Schneider was finally able to get proper recognition.

After returning home in February 1946, Schneider went back to Fordham University to finish his degree. While in school he met his wife, Lucille and raised eight children in the house he lives in to this day. He now has 22 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

"The strength of family life and the holding together of each generation, that's the glue that keeps it all together," said Schneider addressing

the audience during the ceremony.

Schneider enlisted in the Army in November 1941, one month before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Before reporting to Maxwell Field, Alabama, Schneider earned his private pilot's license and upon arriving, he was selected to become a military aviator.

"Even before the war, I wanted to be in the sky," Schneider said. "With that pilot's license, I was pushed to the front of the line to become an Army Air Corps pilot."

In just two years, Schneider advanced from second lieutenant to major and became a squadron and group commander in charge of 72 aircraft. During his service, he earned the Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.



Capt. William "Joe" Schneider, circa 1943

SILVER STAR

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Schneider led all the bombardiers to drop their payloads on the communications point.

Afterward, Schneider contacted an air-sea rescue unit to be continuously updated with accurate bearings of their location. He also communicated with a fellow B-25 aircrew in his formation and relayed to his pilot vital information to assist with the return flight. During the landing procedure, Schneider assisted the pilot with a successful emergency crash landing and the safe return of all his crewmembers.

"It's not often you get to stand in the presence of a true hero," Bence said. "A man who not only answered his nation's call, but whose actions directly saved the lives of fellow Ameri-

First two enlisted pilots complete solo flights

Randy Martin

12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

PUEBLO, Colo — Two Air Force master sergeants became the first enlisted Airmen in six decades to complete solo flights, Nov. 3, during Initial Flight Training at the 1st Flying Training Squadron.

Both soloed in a DA-20 Katana at Pueblo Memorial Airport as part of the Air Force's IFT program, which is mandatory for all manned aircraft pilots, combat systems officers, and remotely piloted aircraft pilots.

The Air Force announced on Dec. 17, 2015, the initiative to train enlisted RPA pilots for RQ-4 Global Hawk flying operations. As a result, the Enlisted Pilot Initial Class began Oct. 12 with four students training alongside 20 recently commissioned officers.

"The integration of enlisted RPA pilots into RQ-4 Global Hawk operations is part of a broader effort to meet the continual RPA demands of combatant commanders in the field, ensuring they are provided with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities in their areas of responsibilities worldwide," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James.

Air Force officials selected 12 active-duty Airmen for EPIC. After IFT completion, each EPIC student will progress through the RPA Instrument Qualification Course and RPA Fundamentals Course at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, and the Basic Qualification Training at Beale Air Force Base, California. The entire training program spans almost a full year.



U.S. Air Force digital image by Staff Sgt. Cory Payne

Master Sgts. Alex and Mike, 1st Flying Training Squadron Remotely Piloted Aircraft Initial Flight Training students, pose after completing an Air Force first enlisted solo flight on a Diamond DA-20 aircraft at Pueblo Memorial Airport, Pueblo, Colorado, Nov. 3, 2016. Today the first enlisted pilot class students took their first solo flight instruction during the 1st FTS training. RPA IFT includes 41 hours of classroom training and 21 hours of pilot training and officer development.

Solo flights by enlisted pilots are relatively rare in U.S. military history. In 1912, one of the first two pilots in the Army Air Corps was a corporal. Thousands of enlisted pilots were trained and served in the military throughout World Wars I and II including future Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager. The Air Force's Cadet Aviation Program saw enlisted Airmen become commissioned officers upon completion, ending in 1961.

"It's a great opportunity that we're getting enlisted pilots back into the full force," said Master Sgt. Mike, the first EPIC student to fly solo. Mike, a 17-year veteran with extensive

flying experience, started his Air Force career in security forces and most recently served as a maintainer.

"There are a lot of opportunities that could become available to enlisted Airmen," Mike said. "If there is something you really want, it's achievable. You just have to put in the effort."

EPIC's second solo flyer, Master Sgt. Alex, had the determination Mike talked about, but no previous flight training.

"If you would have asked me if I was going to be a pilot when I was an airman first class, I would have told you no," Alex said after

he completed his 20-minute flight. "I would never have thought that possible."

Alex said that when he was alone in the plane's cockpit he relied on his checklist and the voice of his instructor pilot playing over and over in his mind.

"I'm the type of guy who, if someone doesn't like an idea and says 'that's not going to work' and I think it's a good idea, I'm willing to be the guy who says 'that's a challenge, let's go see if I can do this.'"

Alex said he initially wondered why IFT was so tough on students.

"Now, I understand. Instructors are seeing if you can handle the stress of being able to make your radio calls on time, maintain proper altitude, contacting all your approaches and departures, hitting the right waypoints, getting to where you need to go," Alex said. "They put you in a lot of stressful situations so that when you get out there you can handle it."

Alex was relieved to have the solo flight behind him but he isn't ready to celebrate, despite the excitement of coworkers, his senior leaders and family back at home.

"I was excited that I soloed, but I have to maintain focus. This is not over. I've got to keep going and make sure that I get completely through the program," Alex said.

Editor's note: Only first names were given because the Air Force limits disclosure of identifying information to first names for all RPA pilots and sensor operators throughout their careers. Additionally, one of the first four EPIC students was released from training for medical reasons.

WWII bomber pilot awarded Silver Star

Tech Sgt. Jamie Powell

U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J. — A World War II bomber pilot has finally been given recognition for his actions during a bombing raid more than 70 years ago.

Former Maj. William "Joe" Schneider was awarded the Silver Star during a ceremony here Nov. 1, for his actions while commanding an 18-plane bombing raid on Feb. 23, 1945, over Italy. Maj. Gen. Christopher Bence, the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center Commander, presided over the ceremony.

"I don't think I deserve what they're proposing for me to get, but I think it's good for generations to come to be able to understand what happened," Schneider said.

At that time, Schneider was assigned to the 310th Bombardment Group. His unit was known as the "Bridge Busters" because they bombed bridges in Italy to slow down the supply lines and the German's ability to provide reinforcements to the Italian peninsula.

During the mission, Schneider was responsible for not only directing the bombardment mission, but also the safety of all men in his formation. As his formation approached the heavily defended rail link at Dogna, Italy, an extremely accurate anti-aircraft barrage enveloped the B-25s, severely crippling Schneider's plane and damaging many other bombers in his formation. With his right engine not functioning, the propeller control mechanism inoperative, as well as the airspeed indicator destroyed and a smashed elevator trim tab,

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U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Jamie Powell

Maj. Gen. Christopher Bence, the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center commander, pins the Silver Star on former Maj. William "Joe" Schneider during a ceremony on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Nov. 1, 2016, for his actions while commanding an 18-plane bombing raid on Feb. 23, 1945 over Italy.

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Samantha served her country as a Linguist in the Marine Corps. She was great at her job, confident, and over all had a positive enlistment. The time came, as it will for all service men and women, to transition in to the civilian sector. She aspired high and applied for one of the top universities in the country.

Despite her military and worldly experience she still was a bit nervous to start school. It had been a while since she was in the classroom setting. She attended a week long preparatory program funded by the CFC in hopes of gaining some new study and writing skills.

In the last year since participating in the program and being accepted into Columbia University, Samantha has made the dean's list and been called upon to be a leader in the university community. She is currently working at a competitive internship.

The Combined Federal Campaign has

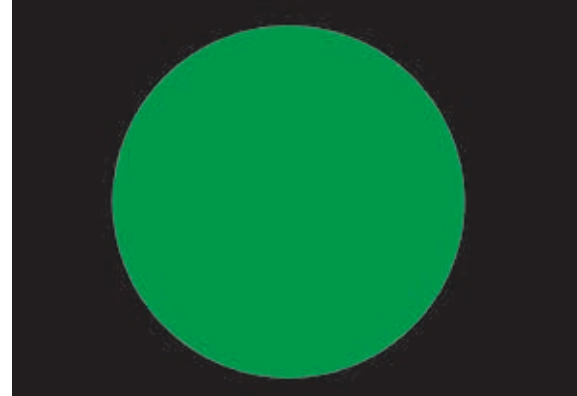
worked hard to empower you, the Federal employee with the opportunity to support an organization you can believe in. Find something you are passionate about and make a donation. You can make an impact on someone's life on a greater scale than you could ever imagine.

Columbus Air Force Base's CFC is going on now – Dec. 16. To find a cause you would like to donate to, go to cfcnc.org or speak with your squadron representative for more information.

AETC safety awards presented

Congratulations to the crew of GUTS one and two, Maj. Michael Waites, Capt. Kyle Hill, and Capt. Gregory Hollohan, for winning the Air Education and Training Command Director of Safety Aircrew of Distinction Award.

Congratulations also to Staff Sgt. Logan Richey for winning the Air Education and Training Command Ground Unit Safety Representative of the Year Award.



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.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sonic Johnson

Due to the drought-induced high fire risk, Lowndes County is under a burn ban effective Sept. 30.

A burn ban means there shall be no outdoor burning of any kind. Examples of things not permitted are campfires, bonfires, fire pits, fire rings, burn barrels, debris burning, fire-works, field burning, or anything with an open flame that produces an ember. Wind can carry floating embers away from the original fire and start a spot fire up to one-half a mile away from the burning area.

Use these allowed items instead: gas grills, gas heaters, and charcoal grills are allowed under burn bans. Items must be used as described by their manufacturer's instructions, located safely away from combustible materials, and never left unattended. Charcoal grill briquettes are of great concern if they are not disposed of properly after use. Always let the coals cool completely and douse in water before disposing of them in a metal container. The residual ash should be cold to the touch before disposal.

If you have any questions, please contact the CAFB Fire Department at 434-2274.

BLAZE Hangar Tails: UH-1N Twin Huey

Missions

The UH-1N Twin Huey is a light-lift utility helicopter used to support various missions. The primary missions include: airlift of emergency security forces, security and surveillance of off-base nuclear weapons convoys, and distinguished visitor airlift. Other uses include: disaster response operations, search and rescue, medical evacuation, airborne cable inspections, support to aircrew survival school, aerial testing, routine missile site support and transport.

Features

The UH-1N has a crew of three (pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer) and is capable of flight in instrument and nighttime conditions. When configured for passengers, the UH-1N can seat up to 13 people, but actual passenger loads are dependent on fuel loads and atmospheric conditions (may be less). The medical evacuation configuration can accommodate up to six litters. Without seats or litters, the cabin can carry bulky, oversized cargo. Access to the cabin is through two full-sized sliding doors.



Staff Sgt. Ryan Oliver inspects the rotor on a UH-1N Huey helicopter Jan. 27, 2015, on Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana. The UH-1N has a crew of three (pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer) and is capable of flight in instrument and nighttime conditions.

Background

The UH-1N entered the Air Force inventory in 1970 to provide search and rescue capabilities. The missions expanded to include missile security, distinguished visitor, survival school and test support. HH-1H's and UH-1F's supporting missile wings were eventually replaced by the UH-1N due to the greater safety and capability offered by the twin engine.

Manufactured by Bell Helicopter/Textron Inc., the UH-1N is the military version of the Bell 212, one of the numerous variants of the original "Huey" first designed and flown in 1956.

The helicopter is assigned worldwide. Within Air Force Global Strike Command, UH-1N's are located at the 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming, the 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana, and the 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota.

Other units include: 1st Helicopter Squadron, Andrews AFB, Maryland; 36th Rescue Flight, Fairchild AFB, Washington; 459th Airlift Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan; 40th Flight Test Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida; and 512th Rescue Squadron, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico.

General characteristics

Primary function: light-lift utility
Contractor: Bell Helicopter Co.
Power plant: two Pratt and Whitney T400-CP-400 turboshaft engines
Maximum gross weight: 10,500 pounds (4,763 kilograms)
Range: 300-plus miles
Ceiling: 15,000 feet (4,572 meters); 10,000 feet (3,048 meters) for gross weights above 10,000 pounds (4,536 kilograms)
Maximum speed: 149 mph (130 knots) Cruise Speed: 103-115 mph (90-100 knots)
Length: 57 feet, 3 inches (17.44 meters)
Width: 9 feet, 5 inches (2.87 meters)
Height: 12 feet, 10 inches (3.9 meters)
Diameter of main rotor: 48 feet (14.63 meters)
Diameter of tail rotor: 8 feet, 6 inches (2.6 meters)
Crew: pilot with co-pilot and flight engineer, depending upon mission
Date deployed: 1970
Inventory: active force, 59; Reserve, 0; ANG, 0



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Air Force Readiness Programs

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790.)

Wing Newcomers Orientation

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

Heart Link for Spouses

This event is 8 a.m. – noon Nov. 16. It is for spouses new to Columbus AFB or the military lifestyle. The event is held at Columbus Club. It is a fun-filled spouse orientation program with info on protocol, finance, benefits, helping agencies, local conditions and prizes. It is a great way to meet others new to Columbus. To register and for more information, please call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 16 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.

Resume and Cover Letter

The Resume and Cover letter workshop starts 9-10:30a.m. Dec. 7. The workshop helps with preparing and writing an effective civilian resume and cover letter. To sign up, call 434-2839/2790.

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Jan. 30 – Feb. 3. 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.

Pre-separation Counseling

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for

Flag waved at MSU game for Military Appreciation Day



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class John Day
Service members from active duty, guard, reserve and ROTC units around Mississippi wave a large American flag at the Mississippi State University football game Nov. 5, 2016 in Starkville, Mississippi. Nov. 5 is Military Appreciation Day and many service members came to watch the game free of charge. Among the events for Military Appreciation Day were a flyover from two Columbus Air Force Base T-38C Talon aircraft, a jersey presentation to the commander and vice commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing, and the announcement of and welcome home for a deployed 14th FTW Airman.

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.

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.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

The Recovery Coordination Program streamlines and improves the way care and support are

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

Personal Financial Readiness

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

Learn How to Read Your LES

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

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 Fellowship Dinner after Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
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

To advertise in Silver Wings,
call 328-2424

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 the grand prize, a 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. 14, 21, and 28 from 4 p.m. until close, shoe rental not included. For more information, call 434-3426.

Fight Frenzy
Fight Frenzy is Nov. 12. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free for Club members and \$5 for non-members. The event offers adult themed entertainment with food and drink specials. The pre-fight includes Woodley vs. Thompson and Jedrzejczyk vs. Kowalkiewicz, featured fight is Alvarez vs. McGregor. 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.

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.

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

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.

Give Parents a Break
Give Parents a Break is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Youth Center. Call 434-2504 for more information.



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.

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.

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

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.

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
The Base Library offers Story Time every Friday at 11 a.m. for all ages. 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.

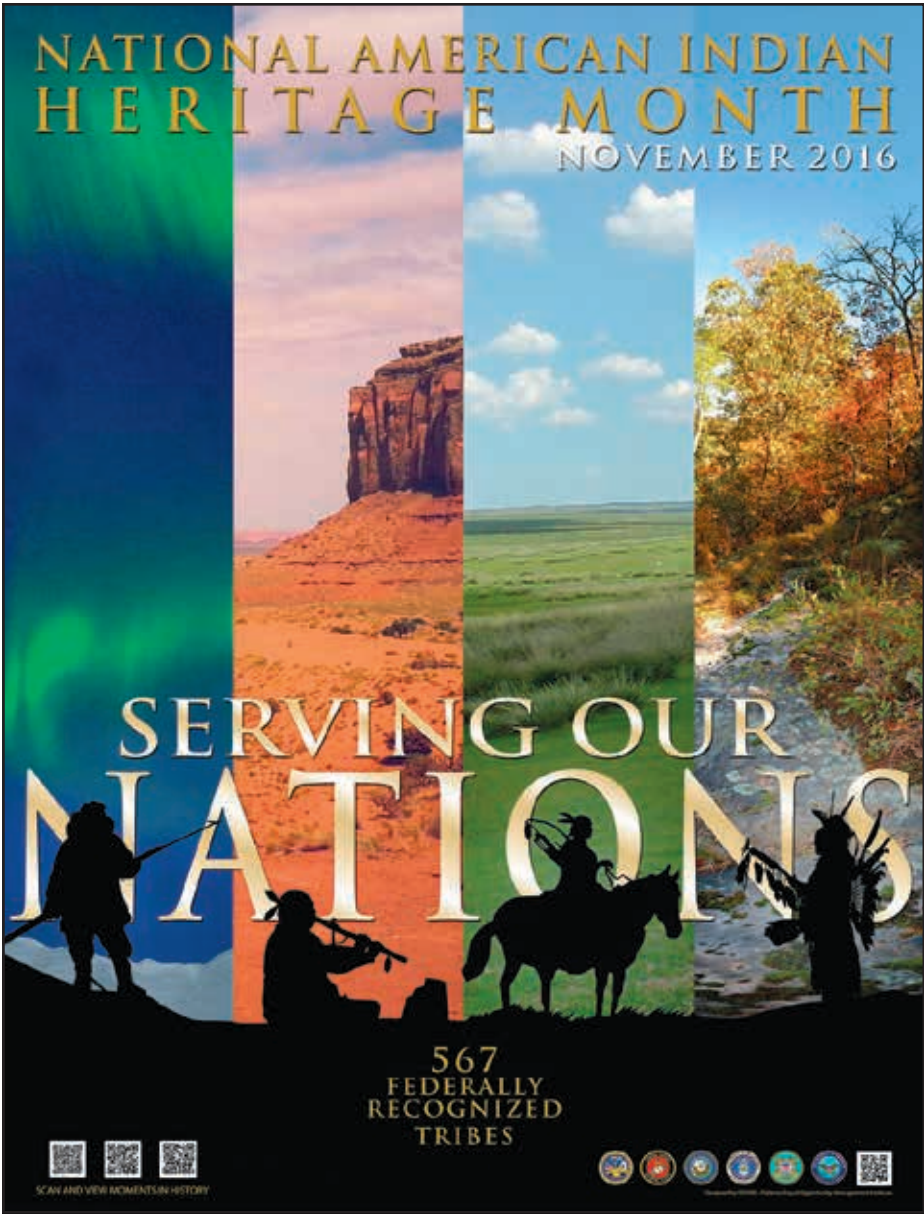
Make Your Shopping Easier
Force Support Squadron gift cards are available in increments of \$5 to fit any budget. They can be used at most Force Support Squadron facilities at Air Force installations worldwide and they never go out of style. Purchase your gift card at one of the following locations: 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.

Free Fitness Classes
Free classes are available at the fitness center. Classes range from P90X, Hot Fusion, Jiu Jitsu and Floor Core & More. For more information on class schedules, contact the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

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

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.



Service and Thanksgiving

Lt. Col. Matthew Ostler
14th Medical Operations Squadron Commander

As members of the greatest nation and the world's greatest air force, we certainly have much to be thankful for. While hunger, conflict and strife rage around the world, we in Columbus live in relative peace and prosperity. While none of us are free from problems, our concern for our next meal consists of finding something in the refrigerator or deciding which restaurant to go to. When we lay down at night, rarely do we worry about our security. We rest, knowing we are safe.

In Northern Ireland, the city of Belfast's Coat of Arms Motto is "Pro tanto quid retribuamus," or "What shall we give in return for so much?" As Thanksgiving quickly approaches, I would suggest we each take a moment to ask, "What are we thankful for?" or in other words, "What shall we give in return for so much?" I would submit each of us is already giving, so while we are celebrating the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, let's also take time to celebrate the contributions we have each made, and are making. While most of us are enjoying relative peace and prosperity, we must not forget there are many among us not as well off. Helping them is a great way to express appreciation for what we have and quite frankly will benefit us as well. So I challenge each of us to think of one or two opportunities this season to do a little more



service for those around us. It doesn't have to be grand, just fitting to a need. The great thing about true service is it benefits not only the one receiving, but the giver as well. It makes us better Airmen. An important part of leadership is to recognize the "Service Before Self" being done by those around us. As leaders, it is our job to be an example of service and gratitude for those we lead. Our ultimate gift to those that follow us will not be the legacy of our individual accomplishments, but our part in the "Service Before Self" tapestry our ancestors created. If we are able to successfully pass on this tradition, along with our other two core values, we will continue to be the greatest air force, in the greatest nation on earth for generations to come.

The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman.	Guardian of freedom and justice,
I am a Warrior.	My nation's sword and shield,
I have answered my nation's call.	Its sentry and avenger.
I am an American Airman.	I defend my country with my life.
My mission is to fly, fight, and win.	I am an American Airman.
I am faithful to a proud heritage.	Wingman, leader, warrior.
A tradition of honor,	I will never leave an Airman behind.
And a legacy of valor.	I will never falter,
I am an American Airman.	And I will not fail.

Big changes begin at Columbus AFB Commissary

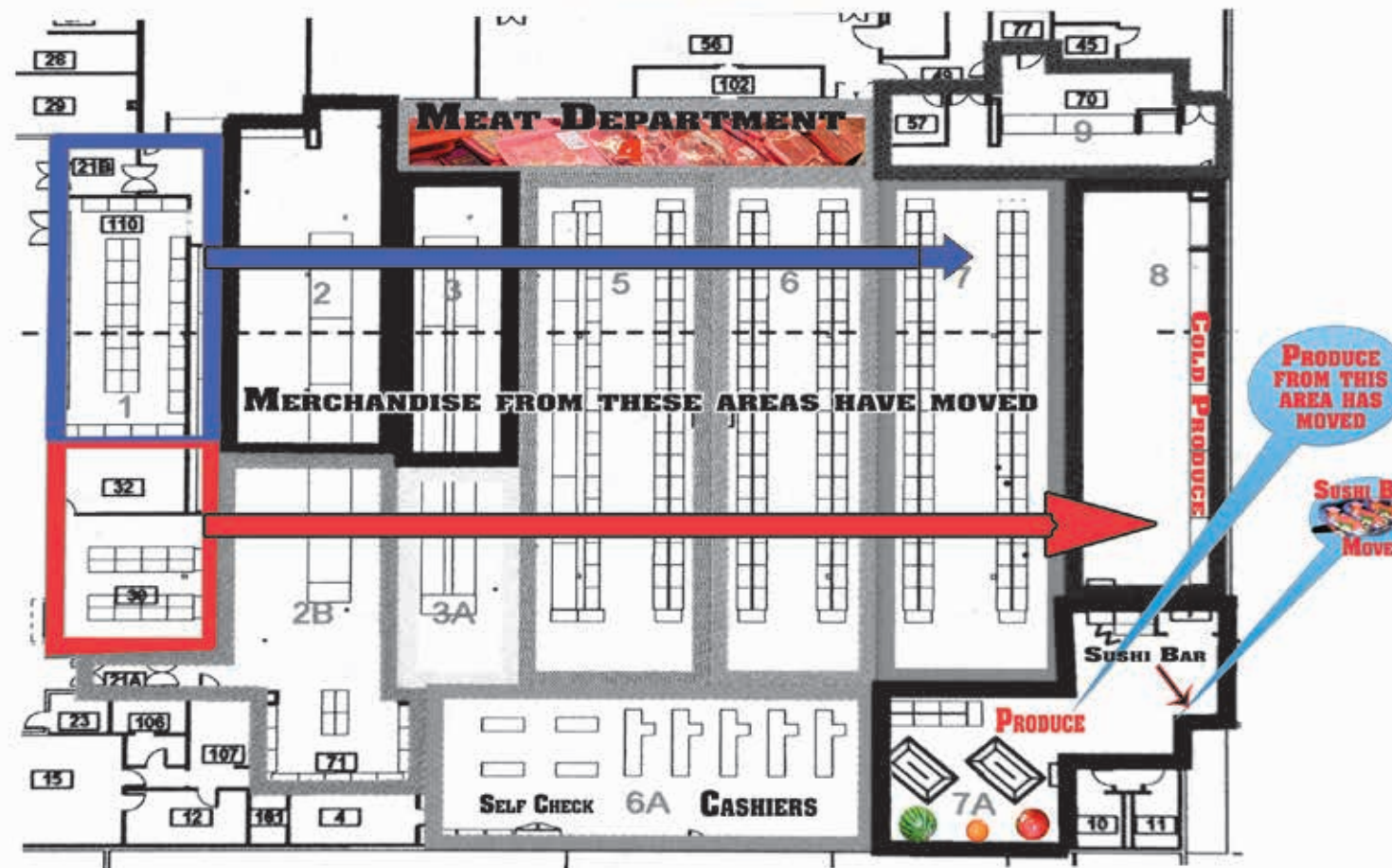


Saw Miller, sushi prep, rolls sushi Nov. 8, 2016, at the Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Commissary. The sushi bar has moved from near the produce section to the area by the doors leading to the Base Exchange and food court.

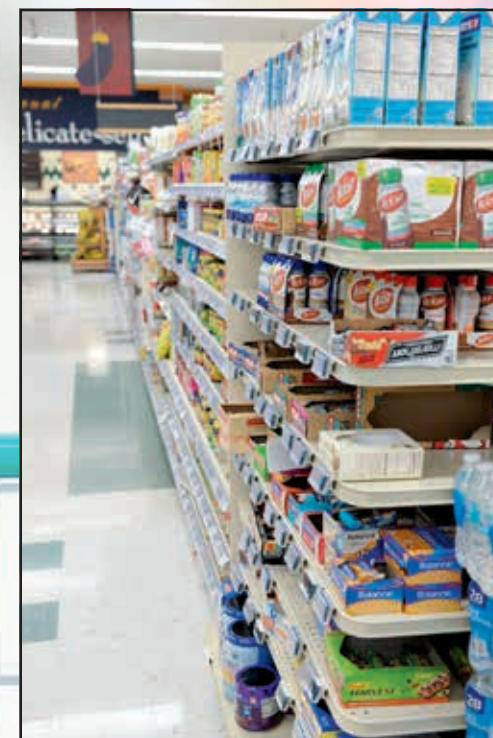


Chips, soda, candy and nut products sit on a shelf Nov. 8, 2016, at the Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Commissary. The aforementioned items have moved from the small room on the leftmost side of the commissary to the second aisle from the produce aisle.

COLUMBUS AFB COMMISSARY RENOVATION PHASE 1



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class John Day



TOP: Dry produce, including apples, oranges, pineapples, tomatoes and potatoes sit in gondolas in the Commissary entrance Nov. 8, 2016, at the Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. These produce items have been moved temporarily to the front entrance of the store, where the shopping carts were previously kept.

LEFT: Vitamins, health drinks, newborn items, trash bags and paper plate products rest on the shelf of the first aisle Nov. 8, 2016, at the Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Commissary. These items have moved from the left-most side of the store to the new first aisle.

RIGHT: Energy drinks, water and popcorn products sit on the shelf of a new aisle of the Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Commissary Nov. 8, 2016. By adding a new aisle, there is more room for the commissary to expand.

