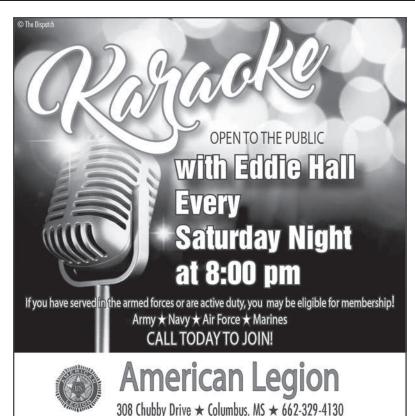
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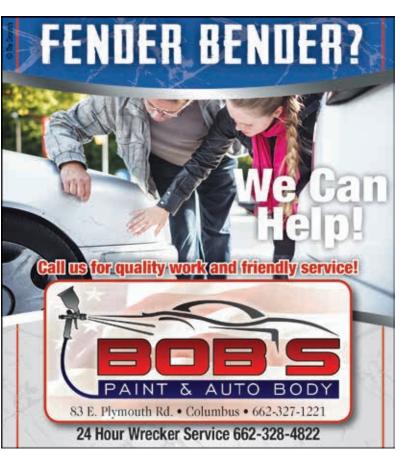


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Weather

Friday Saturday Partly Cloudy High 75°F Low 45°F Sunday Monday

News Briefs

Thanksgiving Holiday

Most base organizations are closed Nov. 24 - 27 ir observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The commissary is open Monday, Nov. 21 in preparation for Thanksgiving.

Enlisted All-calls

Three enlisted all-calls are to be held Nov. 29 at Kave Auditorium. Junior Airmen (E-1 to E-4) are to show at 10 a.m., noncommissioned officers (E-5 to E-6) are to show at 1 p.m., and senior noncommis sioned officers (E-7 to E-9) are to show at 3 p.m.

Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions ceremony is 3 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Columbus

Inside



Feature 8

SUPT Class 17-02 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kave Auditorium.



Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, speaks at the 2016 Columbus Veterans Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony Nov. 12, 2016, at the Lowndes County Court House in Columbus, Mississippi. Gosney spoke about what it truly means to be a veteran, the sacrifices they make and highlighted a few "invisible hero" veterans from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Gosney speaks at Columbus **Veterans Day ceremony**

Master Sqt. Amanda Savannah

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

More than 200 people gathered on a picture-perfect day Nov. 12 to honor veterans during the 2016 Columbus Veterans Day wreath-laying ceremony in Columbus, Mississippi. Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Com-

mander, spoke at the event that included Columbus Air Force Base Airmen and local officials, veterans and residents.

"Let me begin by thanking you for taking time out of your Saturday to join me today as we honor and thank our veterans for all they have sacrificed on behalf of this great nation," he

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.

Hunt Housing tip of the week



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Thanksgiving Day **Holiday hours**

Airman & Family Readiness Center
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Child Development Center
Columbus Club
Commissary Open Nov. 21, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Closed Nov. 24 - 25
Exchange Closed Nov. 24; Open Nov. 25 4 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fitness CenterOpen 24/7 (register at front desk)
Golf Course
Medical Group Closed Nov. 24 - 27
Military Personnel and Finance Closed Nov. 24 - 27
Multimedia Closed Nov. 24 - 27
Outdoor Recreation. Open Nov. 23, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Closed Nov. 24 - 27
Shoppette
Visitor's Center Closed Nov. 24 - 27
Youth Center

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28 Columbus Tree Lighting, 5:30 p.m. @ Riverwalk	29 Enlisted all-call, 10 a.m. (Airmen), 1 p.m. (NCOs), 3 p.m. (SNCOs) @ Kaye	30 Enlisted Promotions, 3 p.m. @ Club	1	SUPT Class 17-03 Assign- ment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club	3/4	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 Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Jan. 17: Wing Newcomers Orientation Jan. 20: SUPT Class 17-04 Graduation Jan. 23-30: UEI

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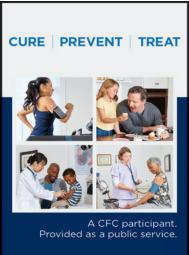
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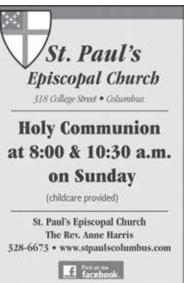
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Nov. 20

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Nov. 28

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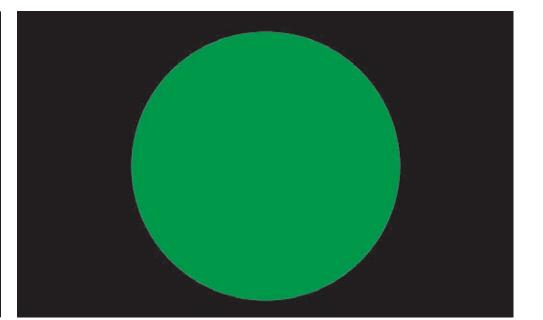
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A formation of veterans from across the military services march to the Lowndes County Court House during the 2016 Columbus Veterans Day Parade Nov. 12, 2016, in Columbus, Mississippi. Parade participants included the veteran formation, a formation of Airmen from Columbus Air Force Base, local high school bands and flag twirlers and a multitude of vintage vehicles.



RJ Childers, American Legion Post 69, lays a POW/MIA chair cover at the 2016 Columbus Veterans Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony Nov. 12, 2016, at the Lowndes County Court House in Columbus, Mississippi. The empty chair was set to symbolize its availability for those that are still missing in action.

Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony



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

West Lowndes High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet Destiny Sharrod plays Taps at the 2016 Columbus Veterans Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony Nov. 12, 2016, at the Lowndes County Court House in Columbus, Mississippi. In addition to Taps, attendees observed a moment of silence for veterans past and present.

Buckle up! It's the law.





CEREMONY

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said. "We are here to remember the sacrifices of those who have died and to honor those who are still with us. We owe so much to our veterans, and it is a debt we can never truly repay. We owe them for our very way of life, our freedom to live, work

Gosney highlighted a few veterans, including the oldest local veteran and Caledonia resident Private First Class Bradford Freeman, who attend-

"Thinking back to World War II, there were more than 16 million Americans that served in that conflict," he said. "This group of American heroes has been called our greatest generation and we owe them an incredible debt. With us today is Private First Class Bradford Freeman, one of those surviving veterans of the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Last weekend, Mr. Freeman along with seven other veterans who fought in France, were awarded the French Legion of Honor at the French consulate in Nashville, Tennessee. From D-Day to Market Garden, to Bastone in the Battle of the Bulge, Private Freeman was there.'

He then talked about today's Airmen.

"Our men and women in uniform have answered and continue to answer the call in the finest tradition of the greatest generation," Gosney said. "On this Veterans Day, we find ourselves as a nation still at war. Members of our Armed forces continue the tradition of those heroes who served before them."

"Our enemy is determined to destroy America and all she stands for," he continued. "The forces of freedom will prevail. We know they will because our men and women continue to serve with distinction and honor."

Flanked by Columbus Mayor Robert Smith and President of the Lowndes County Supervisors Harry Sanders, Gosney and Freeman then laid the ceremonial wreath at the Veterans Memorial.

Other elements of the ceremony were also sprinkled with a mingling of yesterday's, today's and tomorrow's heroes. Airmen from the 14th Flying Training Wing Honor Guard and cadets from the West Lowndes High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps posted the Colors and played Taps. Two Columbus Air Force Base T-38 Talon aircraft performed a flyover. R.J. Childers from American Legion Post 69 performed the POW/MIA chair covering, and two formations – one of local veterans and one of 14th FTW Airmen – stood at parade rest, watching over the

Michelle Dupler is a Columbus resident whose father-in-law participated in the veteran forma-

"Today's ceremony was wonderful. This was my first time coming and I think it went very well," she said. "If it wasn't for our veterans serving for us, we wouldn't be free today."

Combined Federal Campaign stories continue

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Van Rees

14th Civil Engineer Squadron Firefighter

For over 50 years the Combined Federal Campaign has upported communities around the world and here at home vith vital funding.

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nations to causes like this through the CFC is a small way of making a big difference in someone's life.

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Columbus Air Force Base's CFC is set to run from Oct. 3 – Dec. 16. To find a cause you would like to donate Please enjoy this success story brought on by donors of they never would have met and develop coping skills they to go to http://cfcnca.org/ or speak with your squadron rep-

Airman saves woman. puts Green Dot skills to use



Col. James Fisher coins Staff Sgt. Lewis Fredritta, 14th Operations Support Squadron, Oct. 26, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, for her Green Dot efforts. Lewis, currently working in Honor Guard, went to a concert in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Upon leaving the concert she saw an intoxicated young woman having trouble walking. Lewis went to assist and the young woman passed out. Lewis then started to carry the woman to security when a man came up to assist stating that he would take her. Lewis asked the man if he knew the woman and what her name was. He then left upon questioning. Lewis practiced her reactive Green Dot skills and was able to get the woman to safety and prevent a possible incident from happening.

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AF announces 2017 combat air forces squadron commander candidates

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

IOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Air Force officials have selected 302 officers as the 2017 combat air forces squadron commander candidates.

Designees are the result of the CAF squadron command selection board held at the Air Force Personnel Center Sept. 13. Candidates are eligible for any worldwide command opening to include 365-day extended deployment command opportunities.

Wing and group hiring officials will use the candidate list to fill projected 2017 CAF squadron commander vacancies. Members appearing on this listing may also be considered for other command opportunities outside of the CAF.

assignments," said Maj. Clint Carlisle, the AFPC assignments officer. "The development teams typically select more qualified officers than there are projected vacancies to account for any unexpected events during the year."

didates' records, duty histories, demonstrated leadership ability, professional development and permanent change of station eligibility to identify the most qualified for com-

"The selection process is highly competitive," Carlisle said. "These candidates have demonstrated the leadership traits crucial for leading Airmen, setting goals and envision-

Furthermore, for the first time, the CAF candidate list includes an additional 68 CAF members previously selected by Air Education and Training Command who also appeared on the recent HAWK squadron commander candidate list.

Capt. Ana Ruiz, the CAF DT advisor at Air Combat Command, said this effort is groundbreaking.

"CAF wing commanders will no longer have to search "Not all officers on the candidate lists will get command through two separate listings to seek out new squadron com-

> Ruiz recently took over as advisor to the ACC/A3 for all search "CAF Squadron." rated officer developmental matters.

The development teams reviewed all aspects of the can-mand until the list is superseded by the following year's re-account can request one by following the instructions.

U.S. Air Force graphic by Staff Sgt. Alexx Pons

The Combat Air Forces development team selected 302 officers as CAF squadron commander candidates for 2017. Projected command vacancies include worldwide command and 365-day extended deployment command opportunities.

sults, unless they are removed for one of a variety of reasons such as selection for another assignment opportunity. The candidate list is posted to myPers. To view the list

select "Active Duty Officer" from the dropdown menu and

For more information about Air Force personnel pro-Candidates will remain on the list if not selected for comgrams, go to myPers. Individuals who do not have a myPers

Records management responsibilities remain despite additional duty reduction

"If you are maintaining perpetual records, review them to

Tech. Sgt. Javier Cruz

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Air Force senior leaders recently announced a new initiative to reduce the number of additional duties plaguing Airmen that consume large amounts of manpower.

As the changes gradually occur with more information to be disseminated in the coming weeks, the records management duty still requires current records custodians to complete final tasks before the end of the year.

"Unless all of your records are maintained on a fiscal year basis, you have one more task to complete, end of year records disposition,' said Rosabelle M. Davenport, the 325th Communications Squadron base records

Current Air Force records management policy is still in effect, as well as federal agen-

ensure they are still relevant and appropriately identified as perpetual records," Davenport said. cy responsibilities under 44 U.S. Code 3506.

mited to, requirements for archiving information maintained in electronic format. extent possible, agencies eliminate paper records and utilize electronic recordkeeping.

compliance with the directive."

The code makes federal agencies accountable

for implementing and enforcing applicable

guidance on how to move forward with the

have already been considered, to include establishing a base records management program, consolidation of file plans and inventopolicies and procedures, including but not ry into single unit file plans and inventories, identifying unit records points of contact, and encouraging units to use the Air Force 44 U.S. Code 3506 states, "To the fullest Records Information Management System to

"Develop an electronic records transition Security classification is not a restriction for plan if your official records products allow such a transition," Davenport said. "Your Installation commanders are receiving plan should facilitate a systematic transition from paper to electronic records."

Physical and electronic records that meet

destroyed in accordance with Air Force Instruction 33-322, "Records Management Program." Inactive 2015 records should also be reviewed for disposition if they meet the

the requirements for destruction should be

"If you are maintaining perpetual records, review them to ensure they are still relevant and appropriately identified as perpetual records," Davenport said.

When disposing of official records, be sure to follow the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule located on AFRIMS or the files disposition instructions of your unit official

For more information about records management, contact your unit chief of the office of records, unit functional area records manager or the base records manager.



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Hawkeye: Eyes, ears of the RQ-4

Staff Sat. Bobby Cumminas 9th Reconnaissance Wing Public Affairs

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — An aircraft accelerating down the runway with 8,500 pounds of thrust and a wingspan greater than a Boeing 737 is inherently dangerous. The danger is amplified when the pilot isn't even located on board the aircraft. Trailing behind pursuing the aircraft is "Hawkeye" ensuring the remotely piloted aircraft ascends from the surly bonds of

The RQ-4 Global Hawk, serves as the Air Force's high-altitude intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, long endurance RPA. Global Hawks are loaded with an integrated sensor suite and cameras capable of providing global all-weather, day or night ISR, however while on the ground visibility for pilots operating the aircraft from within the Mission Control Element is limited. That is where Hawkeve fulfills its

"Hawkeye is any RO-4 pilot who performs preflight inspections no differently than a typical pilot would conduct a preflight inspection," said 1st Lt. Jeffrey, a 12th Reconnaissance Squadron RQ-4 pilot. "The pilots in control at the MCE have limited visibility; Hawkeye is the eyes and ears of RQ-4 Global Hawks on the ground. While maintaining a safe distance, Hawkeye pursues the aircraft at 40 mph down the runway until takeoff."

Prior to engine start Hawkeyes reviews a checklist with maintenance personnel verifying the functionality of the aircraft.

"We guide them from a maintenance perspective during their walk arounds, said Staff Sgt. Josh Reynolds, a 9th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron RQ-4 crew chief. "We provide a second set of eyes and answer any maintenance related questions the pilots may have.'

According to Jeffrey, he has personally witnessed multiple occasions where a Hawkeye prevented a potential incident.

"Hawkeve has prevented various incidents from bird strikes, runway incursions, located leaking hydraulic fluid and damaged aircraft," he said. "While deployed serving as Hawkeye I once identified an engine fire on another jet."

craft, Hawkeyes are also responsible for and landing."



Capt. Thomas, a 12th Reconnaissance Squadron RQ-4 Global Hawk pilot, conducts a walk around of a RQ-4 prior to takeoff Nov. 1 2016, at Beale Air Force Base, California. Thomas fulfilled the role of "Hawkeye," which is the call sign for the designated RQ-4 pilot who performs preflight inspections before departure.

communicating critical information to the pilots coordinating with the air traffic controller before takeoffs and landings.

"When the air traffic controller gives clearance to land, Hawkeve is on the taxiway visually locating the jet, ensures the airfield has no debris or obstructions, and serves as a secondary source to the tower notifying the pilot the aircraft is cleared to land," Jeffrey said.

Global Hawks possess the capability to fly nonstop for 28 hours. Occasionally, the pilots and their aircraft are geographically

Although pilots and their aircraft are sometimes separated, technology and mission elements such as Hawkeyes, enable missions to be accomplished.

"Hawkeye conducts those firsthand Aside from locating potential hazards checks," Jeffrey said. "When we fly, the and serving as the eyes and ears of the air- Hawkeye is there for every single takeoff



Capt. Thomas, a 12th Reconnaissance Sauadron RQ-4 Global Hawk pilot, reviews a preflight checklist Nov. 1, 2016, at Beale Air Force Base, California. Thomas fulfilled the role of "Hawkeye," which is the call sign for the designated RQ-4 pilot who performs preflight inspections on RQ-4s prior to flight

'Quit cold turkey' with the Great **American Smoke-Out**

Robert Pagenkopf

14th Medical Group Health Promotion Coordinator

Are you a smoker thinking about quitting? Now is a great time to do so as Nov. 17 marked the 40th anniversary of the American Cancer Society Great American

Columbus AFB Health Promotion celebrated by distributing quit-packs to tobacco users who challenged themselves to give up their tobacco for 24 hours.

Health Promotion and the Fitness Center also teamed up with a "Quit-Cold Turkey" Trot 5K run/walk on the morning of Nov. 17. Free quit-packs and information on quitting were given out along with raffled door prizes of

While efforts were geared at encouraging cessation for 24 hours, resources are available through Health Promotion to encourage tobacco users to quit for good. The overall goal is to promote healthy lifestyle through healthy choices and disease prevention.

Quitting tobacco is tough, but with support and a distraction, you can get through the cravings and see it's possible to live a smoke-free life. Here are some tips to get through the Great American Smokeout and beyond:

Keep cigarettes and lighters out of sight. Even better,

Wear freshly cleaned clothes and jackets so clothes don't smell like cigarette smoke.

The next time a craving strikes, take a walk or take a deep breath. Fight cravings by drinking water, eating a healthy snack, squeezing a stress ball, flossing or brushing your teeth, play a game, or chat with a friend.

Think of all you'll gain when you quit. Including the confidence to accomplish something incredibly tough, money previously used to spend on cigarettes, better health, and the pride and admiration of family and

Get additional help with quitting tobacco by visiting UCanQuit2.org. The website offers a live chat with a cessation coach, an interactive quit plan, Ready2Quit, and a support locator to find classes and counseling near you. For daily messages of support and advice at your fingertips, try the SmokefreeMIL text-message support program to help get ready and get through the weeks after quitting.

For more information about the Great American Smoke-Out or if you are looking to quit tobacco today, please contact Robert Pagenkopf, Health Promotion Program Coordinator, at 434-1688.

Wounded Warriors teach resiliency to Team BLAZE

Airman 1st Class John Day

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Two retired master sergeants participating in the U.S. Air Force Wounded Warrior Program visited Team BLAZE to speak of the importance of resiliency Nov. 15 - 18 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Chris Aguilera and Lisa Hodgden spoke about their traumatic experiences, the resiliency they showed to overcome their problems and encouraged others to seek assistance. They participated in several events to meet Columbus AFB personnel and tell them their stories.

Early in the week, front line supervisors from Columbus AFB got a chance to hear stories and gain leadership lessons during a lunch with the two Wounded Warriors. Before they met with Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, and other wing staff agency personnel.

On Wingman Day, Nov. 17, Aguilera and Hodgden started the day with a base-wide 5k at the Fitness Center. Afterwards, the Wounded Warriors gave presentations at the Kave Auditorium detailing their stories.

Hodgden spent 20 years in Security Forces before retiring and suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder. She is the recipient of the renowned Purple Heart and accompanied by Boston, her service dog who performs medical alert and physical assistance due to injuries received in combat.

"I will always be recovering for the rest of my life, I will never be the same person again," Hodgden said. "But I have programs at my disposal, I have representatives and advocates, I have people that can help me, I have names and faces I can reach to, and I also have peers. I have those in the program with me that provide a huge pyramid of support. Now I know what (support is available) and where to get it, now I have the courage and strength to seek it and further my recovery."

Aguilera was an Aerial Gunner on an HH-60G that crashed under heavy enemy fire and eventually had his left leg amputated. He went on to overcome this disability and even participated in the Invictus Games, earning a silver Base, Mississippi. The two retired master sergeants visitmedal in wheelchair basketball.

"I started going down that downward spiral, I started to get stuck in the suck," Aguilera said. "I wanted my next surgical operation to be my last, to go under and not wake up. But then I realized that I could get better, stronger. I honestly believe that resiliency is inside every one of you, and you can draw that out. No matter what happens, you have friends, family, resources and you have yourself to pull yourself out

After dealing with their demoralizing injuries, Aguilera and Hodgden both utilized the Air Force Wounded Warrior

Program to help recover and deal with said injuries. "AFW2 has given me people and a support system like Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class Graduation.

Retired Master Sgts. Lisa Hodgden and Chris Aguilera, U.S. Air Force Wounded Warriors, pause for a photo during their visit Nov. 16, 2016, at Columbus Air Force ed Team BLAZE to speak of the importance of resiliency and how they got through their traumatic experiences Nov. 15 – 18. They encouraged others to seek assistance when needed and participated in several events to meet Columbus AFB personnel face-to-face.

Aggie (Aguilera)," Hodgden said. "Having a network is important in resiliency even before you need it. Having people close to you that know and understand you is important. The bottom line is asking for help.

Their last stop for Wingman Day was to attend Dormsgiving, the enlisted dorm dinner for the month of November They ended their visit at Columbus AFB after attending the

Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

Aircraft Fact Sheets: F-35A

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

Features

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

er, fuse and distribute more information than any fighter in low-pressure turbine. history, giving operators a decisive advantage over all adversaries. Its processing power, open architecture, sophisticated

make the F-35 an indispensable tool in future homeland defense, Joint and Coalition irregular warfare and major combat

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

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

The F-35's engine produces 43,000 lbs of thrust and consists of a 3-stage fan, a 6-stage compressor, an annular com-The F-35A's advanced sensor package is designed to gathbustor, a single stage high-pressure turbine, and a 2 stage

The F-35 is designed to provide the pilot with unsurpassed Northrop Grumman and BAE to develop and then produce situational awareness, positive target identification and pre- the ISF aircraft.

sensors, information fusion and flexible communication links cision strike in all weather conditions. Mission systems integration and outstanding over-the-nose visibility features are designed to dramatically enhance pilot performance.

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

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



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sqt. Darlene Seltmann

The F-35 Lightning II aircraft makes its first appearance March 10, 2014, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The F-35A aircraft is the U.S. Air Force's latest fifth-generation fighter.



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

The Royal Netherlands air force F-35A Lightning II aircraft lifts off for its first flight Dec. 18, 2013, from Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. The F-35 will replace the U.S. Air Force's aging fleet of F-16 Fighting Falcons and A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, which have been the primary fighter aircraft for more than 20 years, and bring with it an enhanced capability to survive in the advanced threat environment in which it was designed to operate.

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

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.)

Resume and Cover Letter

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

Bundles of Joy

The Bundles of Joy workshop is 1 - 3:30 p.m. Dec. 7 for active-duty families assigned to Columbus AFB who are expecting or have a child up to four months of age. It is an Air Force Aid Society program with presentations about topics such as Tri-Care, Child Care, Breastfeeding, Car Seat Safety, Labor and Delivery. For more information or to register, call 434-2790.

Smooth Move

The Smooth Move class is 10-11:30 a.m. Dec. 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.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program from 5 - 7 p.m. Dec. 8 is a monthly event to provide community bonding, fun and appreciation for the families of active duty personnel who are deployed, remote, or on an extended TDY. Food and activities are provided. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Dec. 13 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. Dec. 13 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.

Troops To Teachers

This workshop is 10:30 a.m. - noon Dec. 14. It is an informational workshop for members pursing or interested in a teaching career after the military. For more information or to register Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

Team BLAZE hosts Retiree Appreciation Day



Maj. Jason Bingham, 14th Medical Support Squadron, hands Air Force retirees Walt Boltwood and Joe Smith information about upcoming changes to the pharmacy health insurance policy Nov. 16, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. During the event attendees were able to learn about a variety of programs in place to support them, including the retiree affairs office, Koritz Clinic, Airman and Family Readiness services, and the base commissary upgrade project. Afterward retirees were able to gather pamphlets, fill out medical cards, and receive free flu shots.

Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 9 is on writing resumes, applications, and job search, using USAJobs. 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. 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 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 health providers. Counselors can meet either

These briefings are mandatory briefings for 662-364-0504.

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 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

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

Air Force Recovery Coordination **Program**

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

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

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)

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

9 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library) 10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service

5 p.m. - Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Li-

Wednesdays:

4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

Ecumenical services

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

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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. 21 and 28 from 4 p.m. until close, shoe rental not included. For more information, call

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.

Breakfast with Santa

The Youth Center will hold its Annual Breakfast with Santa Dec. 3 from 8 - 10 a.m. at the Youth Center Gym. \$5 for ages 7 and up, \$3 for ages 3-6, and free for ages 2 and under. Sign up by Nov. 29, the price increases to \$10 per person after deadline. For more information call 434-2504.

Breakfast Club

The Event Center/Columbus Club will hold its monthly Breakfast Club Dec. 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. Free breakfast for Club members, \$8 for non-members.

Jingle Bell Run

The Fitness Center will hold a 5K Jingle Bell Fitness Run Dec. 9 at 7 a.m. Commander's trophy points will be awarded. The run starts and ends at the Fitness Center. For more information Thursday NFL Football call 434-2772.

be food specials and prize giveaways. The complete game schedule is available at the Columbus Club. Call 434-2489 for more infor-

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.

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

VIEWPOINT

Give back to our community The foundation's goal is to honor senior veterans from

Lt. Col. Brent Drown

43rd Flying Training Squadron Commander

The approaching holiday season provides a great opportunity to stop and consider all we have been given.

Most of us enjoy a steady paycheck, good health and supportive families. It is good to enjoy and celebrate these bless-

At the same time, it's also worthy of our time to remember there are those in the community, and inside the Columbus Air Force Base gate, who could use a little encouragement.

Many of us enjoy opportunities to give back. After reflecting on, and being thankful for what we've been given, it only seems right to look for ways we can help others in the same way we've been helped. I'm proud to be part of a team, who like you, seeks these opportunities. The 43rd Flying Training Squadron, the fabulous Firebirds, is a classic associate reserve squadron here at Columbus AFB.

unlike the active duty, we tend to stay put for the long term. at the Golden Region Triangle airport in October of this year. community who could benefit from it.

As a result, the Firebirds build deep bonds with the local and

Memphis, Tennessee, area. As a result, we've built close ties with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude specializes in treating childhood who have life-threatening diseases, especially cancer. What makes them unique is patients are thanks, the mere presence of our Airmen truly honored these not charged for care. Instead, St. Jude funds their \$2.2 million-per-day budget primarily through generous donors.

over \$80,000 in support of St. Jude. This includes getting sponsors for marathons, selling raffle tickets and Christmas ornaments, as well as an annual squadron-wide corn-hole tournament. Our partnership with St. Jude not only helps fund their research and care, it also serves as means to increase unit morale and cohesiveness.

all U.S. branches by providing free Dream Flights in vintage Many of our reservists are FedEx pilots and reside in the Boeing Stearman biplanes. Airmen from our base congregated with the foundation pilots and the senior veterans to share the common bond of military service and hear veteran stories. As evidenced by the numerous, overwhelming expressions of

SILVER WINGS Nov. 18, 2016

I personally had the honor of taking the founder of AADF, In the last two years, members of our squadron have raised Mr. Darryl Fisher, for a flight in the T-38. Though a highly accomplished pilot, it was his first flight in a military aircraft. The Firebirds will seek to continue our relationship with the AADF and look forward to the next time we can help as they honor our veterans.

heroes in the twilight of their lives.

These are only two opportunities, there are countless more. The Firebirds are also involved in education founda-A second and more recent community opportunity was tions, coaching, and volunteer work at Palmer Home. My participation with the Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation. hope in sharing this is two-fold. First, reflect on what we've Except for one or two members, all of the Firebirds have an Several members of the 43rd FTS and many more from the been given and be thankful for it. Second, look for an opporactive duty heritage. At the same time, we are unique in that, 14th Flying Training Wing joined the non-profit foundation tunity to give back and take great joy in helping others in our



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

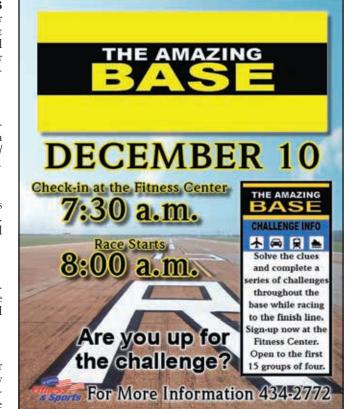
an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

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.

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

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Lunch & Bowl with Santa

The Lunch and bowl with Santa is Dec. 10 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for ages 12 and under, \$5 per person. Includes unlimited bowling, a slice of pizza, and a small drink or juice box. For more informa-

Youth Holiday Shopping Trip

The Youth Center will offer free transportation for the Dec. 17 shopping trip and Trinity Retirement Home visit from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sign up by Dec. 12. For more information call 434-2504.

School Age Holiday Camp

The Youth Center is offering camps for the holidays; Week one: Dec. 19-23 and Week two: Dec. 28-30. Camps will run from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily. Cost based on family income. Register at the Youth Center by Dec. 12. For more information call 434-2504.

Bingo at the Library

The Library is offering Bingo every second Wednesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. For more information call 434-2934.

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 Take & Bake Pizzas at the Bowling Center 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.

Come out to the Club each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. There will at 434-2772



SUPT Class 17-02 earns silver wings



1st Lt. Matthew Riggins

F-15C, Kingsley Field ANG, Ore.

Dorchester, N.J.



KC-10A, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.



Capt. Katherine James Hewlett St. Louis, Mo. MC-130J. Cannon AFB. N.M.



Capt. Aaron Johnson Shalimar, Fla. C-146A. Duke Field. Fla.



Twenty-two officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-02 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. John Cline, Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida, 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. Steven Sturniolo, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Jay Graham, 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. Steven Sturniolo, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Jay Graham, 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. Steven Sturniolo, T-38, 2nd Lt. Jay Graham, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Evan Taylor, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 17-

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 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 let 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 simula-

tor 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 2nd Lt. Schuyler Howell 17-02 pilot partners are BankFirst Financial Services and Zachary's.





2nd Lt. Alexandra Jenssen Lubbock. Texas C-5M, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Joshua Eldredge

LC-130H, Stratton ANG, N.Y.

Lake Pleasant, N.Y.

2nd Lt. Bryan Maynard Clearwater, Fla. C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark



2nd Lt. Marclauren Galera Buena Park, Calif. KC-135R, Fairchild AFB, Wash.

2nd Lt. Eduardo Mertins

KC-135R, Birmingham ANG, Ala.

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.



2nd Lt. Jay Thomas Graham Lvnchburg, Va. C-17A, Thompson Field ANG, Miss.



2nd Lt. Benjamin Harmon Greenville, S.C. F-16, Holloman AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Christopher Michalek KC-135R, McGhee Tyson ANG, Tenn.



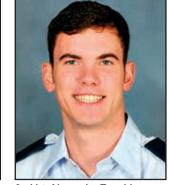
2nd Lt. Cody Steele Salt Lake City, Utah C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark. F-16, Holloman AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Steven Joshua Sturniolo F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



C-130J, Yokota AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Alexander Trembly Elizabeth, W.Va. F-16, Holloman AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Frank Turk Baton Rouge, La. E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



1st Lt. Joshua James

T-6A. Columbus AFB. Miss.

2nd Lt. Douglas Anthony Urbino Mission Viejo, Calif. C-17A, JB Charleston, S.C.



2nd Lt. Nicklaus Winkel Sturgeon Bay, Wis. C-130J, Dyess AFB, Texas