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## Weather

<b>Wednesday</b>  Rain High 65°F Low 38°F	<b>Thursday</b>  Mostly Cloudy High 66°F Low 39°F
<b>Friday</b>  Partly Cloudy High 66°F Low 36°F	<b>Saturday</b>  Partly Cloudy High 78°F Low 45°F

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

## News Briefs

### Thanksgiving Holiday

Most base organizations are closed Nov. 24 - 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### Enlisted All-calls

Three enlisted all-calls are Nov. 29 at Kaye 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 noncommissioned 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 at 3 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Columbus Club.

## Inside



### Feature 8

Holiday safety is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Doublin

Capt. Katherine Hewlett, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-02 Class Leader, presents a gift to Col. John Cline, Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida, at the SUPT Class 17-02 graduation Nov. 18, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Cline expressed his gratitude and pride for the newest graduates and spoke of how the training they received at Columbus AFB was their career foundation.

## Former Columbus graduate emphasizes foundation

### Airman 1st Class John Day

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command Deputy Director of Operations visited Team BLAZE as the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-02's graduation Nov. 18, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Col. John Cline began by thanking the audience for attending and for all their support given to the newest graduates. He went on to congratulate the pilots themselves for a job well done throughout pilot training.

"First and foremost, congratulations for making it this far," Cline said. "It is a monumental effort to make it through pilot

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## COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD							
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual				
37th (17-12)	3.74 days	3.55 days	Jan. 18	48th (17-03)	85.16 days	13.62 days	Dec. 16	49th (17-BBC)	0.30 days	1443 days	Nov. 22	T-6	1,819	2,059	5,117				
41st (17-11)	1.48 days	3.97 days	Dec. 13	50th (17-03)	0.40 days	-0.53 days	Dec. 16	* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.				T-1	553	468	1,126				
The graduation speaker is Col. Brandon Parker, 2nd Bomb Wing Vice Commander, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.												T-38	676	718	1,689				
												IFF	272	297	719				





# 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 36 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

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

## Thanksgiving Day Holiday hours

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Arts & Crafts	Closed Nov. 24 - 25
Back Gate	Closed Nov. 24 - 27
Bowling Center	Open Nov. 23 6 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Closed Nov. 24 - 26
Child Development Center	Closed Nov. 24 - 27
Columbus Club	Closed Nov. 24 - 25
Commissary	Closed Nov. 24 - 25
Exchange	Closed Nov. 24; Open Nov. 25 4 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fitness Center	Open 24/7 (register at front desk)
Golf Course	Closed Nov. 24; Open Nov. 25, 10 a.m. – dusk
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	Closed Nov. 24
Visitor's Center	Closed Nov. 24 - 27
Youth Center	Closed Nov. 24 - 25

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
28 Columbus City 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	2 SUPT Class 17-03 Assignment Night, 4:30 p.m. @ Club  Wassail Fest, 5 p.m. @ Downtown Columbus	3/4	Dec. 13: Wing Newcomers Orientation Dec. 13: Base Christmas 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 Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Jan. 17: Wing Newcomers Orientation Jan. 20: SUPT Class 17-04 Graduation Jan. 23-30: UEI
5 Free Breakfast for Club Members  Cookie Drive, @ Youth Center  Columbus Christmas Parade, 7 p.m., @ Main Street	6	7 Columbus High School JROTC base visit	8 Happy Irby Christmas Fund Gift Wrap, 7 a.m. @ Club	9 Blood Drive, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. @ Fitness Center	10/11	

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## NEWS AROUND TOWN

Nov. 28

The annual City of Columbus Christmas Tree Lighting starts at 5:30 p.m. near the Columbus Riverwalk. For more information, go to [visitcolumbusms.org](http://visitcolumbusms.org).

Dec 1, 4

The Columbus Choral Society presents their first holiday event, Christmas Choral Sounds Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at Poindexter Hall on the MUW Campus in Columbus, Mississippi. The next event is Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. at Louise Campbell Center

for the Arts in West Point, Mississippi. For more information, go to [visitcolumbusms.org](http://visitcolumbusms.org).

Dec. 2

Wassail Fest is 5-8 p.m. in downtown Columbus. Sample wassail at various downtown locations and choose your favorite for “Best Wassail” honors. Take home “Cash for Christmas” if you are the lucky winner in the Columbus Arts Council’s 7:45 p.m. drawing. For more information, go to [visitcolumbusms.org](http://visitcolumbusms.org).

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Baptist Cancer Center holds a support group for cancer survivors and their families the third Friday of every month from noon-1pm. The December 16 meeting will take place in the Room 4PT, past the Gift Shop. Family, Friends and Cancer is the topic of discussion. For information call 244-2923 or 800-544-8767, ext. 2923.


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

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

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

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### GRADUATION

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training. To progress through a commissioning program, pass required medical and aptitude screenings, a competitive pilot slot selection, intense ground and flight training, rigorous academic testing and high stress check rides is a real challenge.”

Cline spoke about his own graduation right here at Columbus AFB and how lessons learned here are the foundation for aviation and how pilots can always fall back on them.

“Now the work really begins though,” he said. “The world class training you got here at Columbus, the professional focus, attention to detail and dedication to excellence fostered by this program will pay you back a million times over as you master your major weapon system.”

He warned the graduates the path they chose is not an easy one and they would face much danger and challenges over the years, but its worth outweighed the risk.

“This pilot path you have chosen is full of dynamic challenges, but it is also full of unique opportunities and incredibly rewarding experiences,” Cline said. “Be good stewards of the sobering responsibility that comes with pinning on these wings.”

Cline applauded their decisions to serve and emphasized how much that means to

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the nation’s defense.

“You will have a tremendous impact on the security of our great nation,” he said. “Every one of you is already a very precious national asset. As you progress, our Air Force will be a progressively better and more capable service for having you in it.”

He finished with his final words of encouragement and wished them the best of luck with their careers.

“It is an absolute honor serving with you and to count you among our Air Force family of warriors,” Cline said. “Whatever the future holds for all of you in the years to come, I wish you nothing but the best for your aviation careers.”

14th SFS members  
receive AETC awards



Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Janessa Ebbert, 14th Security Forces Squadron, for achieving the 2016 Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Security Forces Support Staff NCO Award.

Congratulations to Senior Airman Evan Narred, 14th Security Forces Squadron, for achieving the 2016 Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Security Forces Support Staff Airman Award



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Columbus Air Force Base’s CFC continues through Dec. 16. To find a cause you would like to donate to go to [cfncnca.org](http://cfncnca.org) or speak with your squadron representative for more information.

MDG awarded for ‘Improved Access to Care’



**14th Medical Group**

U.S. Air Force Photo Illustration by Sharon Ybarra

Congratulations to the 14th Medical Group for being recognized by the Association of Military Surgeons of the U.S. for their “Improved Access to Care.”



# 2017 Tax Center volunteers needed

The Columbus Air Force Base legal office is currently seeking tax center volunteers for the upcoming tax season. The tax center will open Feb. 6, 2017, and trained volunteers will prepare tax returns through April 7, 2017. No prior tax experience is necessary, as all required training will be provided to qualify volunteers for tax preparation. If you are interested in seeking this opportunity to be involved in our Tax Center please contact the legal office at 434-7030.



## 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.



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Hunt Housing tip of the week



Pay attention to gutters for consistent draining, this is a great way to prevent major issues later on.

# AF hosts Warrior Care Sitting Volleyball Tournament

About 50 wounded warriors participated in the joint-service event held Nov. 17

**Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett**  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The volleyball courts were clear as athletes made their way into the Pentagon Athletic Center. Some arrived in wheelchairs. Some were missing limbs. Many had wounds which couldn't be seen. As they sat down on the court for warm-ups, they all had something in common...they were all wounded warriors.

About 50 wounded warriors participated in the joint-service Warrior CARE Sitting Volleyball Tournament here Nov. 17.

Several military leaders, including Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James and Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Stephen Wilson, attended the event. Several of the leadership formed a team and pitted themselves against the wounded warriors, while James and Wilson had the opportunity to visit with troops.

"We've come a long way from the first Warrior Care Month back in November of 2008," said Brig. Gen. Kathleen Cook, Air Force Services director, as she addressed the teams. "Over these last eight years, these events have brought our warriors and leadership together in ways that facilitated necessary, difficult and candid conversations that led to identifying gaps in processes and subsequent changes in policies. These actions represent a small portion of the Defense Department and its partners' commitment to providing you, your families and caregivers with the care and support you deserve."

While the event was hosted by the Air Force, it was truly a joint service event with competitors representing all services.

The event is more than just sports to the wounded warriors.

"[This] means a lot to me," said

*"It's awesome, this gave me purpose – it pulled me out of depression," said retired Petty Officer 1st Class Ryan Shannon, who suffers from a traumatic brain injury received while serving as a radioman on a submarine. "It gives you that light to reach for."*

Army Spc. Stephanie Morris, a patient at Walter Reed Medical Center. Morris was injured in 2013 in Afghanistan when her team took direct fire, including two back-to-back rocket-propelled grenades.

"Everybody's out here and they want to win, but win or lose, all the camaraderie and all the bonds you build go further passed anything that this can offer, you are building relationships that are going to last lifetimes," she said.

The tournament served as an opportunity for wounded warriors to show their strength and how far they have progressed in the healing process.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett  
Wounded warrior athletes from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines prepare for the joint-service Warrior CARE Month Sitting Volleyball Tournament at the Pentagon Nov. 17, 2016. The warrior CARE event offers participants caregiver support and recovering Airmen mentorship, training and adaptive and rehabilitative sports training. CARE stands for Caregiver Support Program, Adaptive and Rehabilitative Sports Program, Recovering Airmen Mentorship Program, and Employment and Career Readiness Program.

The tournament was part of the weeklong Warrior CARE Event, held primarily at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, where more than 75 wounded, ill or injured service members competed in adaptive sports and various activities aimed at healing the body and mind.

The Warrior CARE Event offered participants caregiver support and recovering Airmen mentorship, training and adaptive and rehabilitative sports training. CARE stands for:

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- R - Recovering Airmen Mentorship Program
- E - Employment and Career Readiness Program

For more information on Warrior CARE, visit <http://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/>



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# SecDef ensures future military readiness during JBSA visit

**Senior Airman Stormy Archer**  
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Secretary of Defense Ash Carter traveled to Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 16, during a trip focused on ensuring the readiness of the U.S. military and the effectiveness of the training and equipment provided to today’s warfighters.

While at JBSA, Carter spoke with Airmen who had just completed basic training at JBSA-Lackland, visited Brooke Army Medical Center at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston and took part in a T-1 Jayhawk orientation flight at JBSA-Randolph.

“Today we looked at a number of ways we are building the force of the future, to make sure that it is as fine as the force we have today,” Carter said. “That means recruiting, it means training, it means retaining and it means taking care of service members. We saw that entire arc today.”

Carter explained to the recent BMT graduates that countries all around the world like working with American military members; not only because they are competent, well trained, disciplined and powerful on the battlefield, but also because of the things that America stands for.

“I am so pleased to lead the finest fighting force the world has ever known,” Carter said. “The key reason for that is the people like yourselves. You have some very tough task masters here, but that’s because you are learning from the best the world has to offer, so you can become the best the world has to offer.”

During his visit to BAMC, the Army’s largest and busiest medical center, Carter personally thanked wounded and ill service members and their families along with BAMC staff for their service and sacrifice.

“Taking care of our service members is important, especially our wounded, ill and injured,” Carter said.

The secretary ended his visit at JBSA-Randolph at the training ground for future Air Force instructor pilots and fu-



U.S. Air Force photo by Sean M. Worrell  
**Defense Secretary Ash Carter speaks to U.S. Air Force basic military training trainees at the Pflingston Reception Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Nov. 16, 2016. Carter is on a four-day trip focusing on the readiness of the nation’s force and the effectiveness of the warfighter’s training and equipment.**

ture enlisted remotely piloted aircraft pilots.

“There is so much going on here in San Antonio which is relevant to our force of today and the force of the future,”

Carter said. “I am committed to that and I am confident that our armed forces will remain what it is today, which is the best in the world.”

## AF selects Holloman AFB as preferred location for interim F-16 training squadrons

**Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs**

WASHINGTON — The Air Force selected Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, as the preferred alternative for the interim home for two F-16 Fighting Falcon training squadrons created to increase fighter pilot production as the service faces a growing pilot shortage.

Holloman AFB was selected as the preferred location because site survey analysis concluded it has the capacity and existing command structure to begin producing pilots faster than other proposed locations. Kelly Field in Texas will also be analyzed as a reasonable alternative.

The two training squadrons will allow the service to increase fighter pilot production as part of an effort to address a critical fighter pilot shortage. As the Air Force increases undergraduate pilot training, corresponding increases need to be made to flying training units. These new flying training units will be used to absorb new pilots for continued training.

Driven by the urgent need for additional fighter pilot production and the time it will take to establish permanent FTUs, the Air Force announced plans to stand up an interim FTU in August.

Pending a positive Environmental Impact Analysis Process for the interim action, the Air Force will relocate 45 F-16s from Hill AFB, Utah, to Holloman AFB while augmenting Holloman’s current manning with additional instructor pilots and contractor logistics support maintainers.

The F-16s are expected to arrive at Holloman AFB in the summer of 2017, after the Environmental Impact Analysis Process is complete.

Holloman AFB is expected to serve as the interim home while the Air Force continues its strategic basing process to determine the location of the enduring Formal Training Unit.

As part of that effort, the Air Force continues to evaluate 34 installations to determine candidate bases for the permanent location. The installations being evaluated for the per-

manent location have an existing fighter mission, a runway that is greater than or equal to 8,000 feet, and are located in the continental United States.

The basing criteria for the permanent solution include mission requirements (weather, airspace and training range availability), capacity (sufficient hanger and ramp space, and facility considerations), environmental requirements, and cost factors.

The Air Force plans to identify candidate installations for the permanent location early next year and will use its Environmental Impact Analysis Process to analyze reasonable alternatives.

“The Air Force is committed to a deliberate and open process to address relocating the F-16s,” said Jennifer A. Miller, the deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for installations. “As we progress through the basing process, we will share information so interested communities are aware of what to expect.”

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# BLAZE Hangar Tails: A-10 Thunderbolt II

## Mission

The A-10 Thunderbolt II has excellent maneuverability at low air speeds and altitude, and is a highly accurate and survivable weapons-delivery platform. The aircraft can loiter near battle areas for extended periods of time and operate in low ceiling and visibility conditions. The wide combat radius and short takeoff and landing capability permit operations in and out of locations near front lines. Using night vision goggles, A-10 pilots can conduct their missions during darkness.

Thunderbolt IIs have Night Vision Imaging Systems, or NVIS, goggle compatible single-seat cockpits forward of their wings and a large bubble canopy which provides pilots all-around vision. The pilots are protected by titanium armor that also protects parts of the flight-control system. The redundant primary structural sections allow the aircraft to enjoy better survivability during close air support than did previous aircraft. The aircraft can survive direct hits from armor-piercing and high explosive projectiles up to 23mm. Their self-sealing fuel cells are protected by internal and external foam. Manual systems back up their redundant hydraulic flight-control systems. This permits pilots to fly and land when hydraulic power is lost.

The Thunderbolt II can be serviced and operated from austere bases with limited facilities near battle areas. Many of the aircraft’s parts are interchangeable left and right, including the engines, main landing gear and vertical stabilizers. Avionics equipment includes multi-band communications; Global Positioning System and inertial navigations systems; infrared and electronic countermeasures against air-to-air and air-to-surface threats. And, it has a heads-up display to display flight and weapons delivery information.

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**Primary Function:** Close air support, Airborne Forward Air Control, Combat Search and Rescue

**Contractor:** Fairchild Republic Co.

**Power Plant:** Two General Electric TF34-GE-100 turbofans

**Thrust:** 9,065 pounds each engine

**Wingspan:** 57 feet, 6 inches (17.42 meters)

**Length:** 53 feet, 4 inches (16.16 meters)

**Height:** 14 feet, 8 inches (4.42 meters)

**Weight:** 29,000 pounds (13,154 kilograms)

**Maximum Takeoff Weight:** 51,000 pounds (22,950 kilo-

grams)

**Fuel Capacity:** 11,000 pounds (7,257 kilograms)

**Payload:** 16,000 pounds (7,257 kilograms)

**Speed:** 450 nautical miles per hour (Mach 0.75)

**Range:** 2580 miles (2240 nautical miles)

**Ceiling:** 45,000 feet (13,636 meters)

**Armament:** One 30 mm GAU-8/A seven-barrel Gatling gun; up to 16,000 pounds (7,200 kilograms) of mixed ordnance on eight under-wing and three under-fuselage pylon stations, including 500 pound (225 kilograms) Mk-82 and 2,000 pounds (900 kilograms) Mk-84 series low/high drag bombs, incendiary cluster bombs, combined effects munitions, mine dispensing munitions, AGM-65 Maverick missiles and laser-guided/electro-optically guided bombs; infrared countermeasure flares; electronic countermeasure chaff; jammer pods; 2.75-inch (6.99 centimeters) rockets; illumination flares and AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles.

**Crew:** One

**Unit Cost:** \$18.8 million

**Initial operating capability:** A-10A, 1977; A-10C, 2007

**Inventory:** Active force, 187; Reserve, 49; ANG, 107



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Norman

**The A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft has excellent maneuverability at low air speeds and altitude, and is a highly accurate and survivable weapons-delivery platform. The aircraft can loiter near battle areas for extended periods of time and operate in low ceiling and visibility conditions.**



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Greg Davis

**The A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft is the first Air Force aircraft specially designed for close air support of ground forces. They are simple, effective and survivable twin-engine jet aircraft that can be used against all ground targets, including tanks and other armored vehicles.**

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



# It's what we do

**Chief Master Sgt. John Hover**  
14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief

I remember when I first entered the Air Force and arrived at my very first duty assignment after technical training. It was shortly after my arrival I started to see a lot of opportunities to volunteer and help across the wing.

Within days of my arrival, my very first supervisor walked into the office and asked, "Who would like an opportunity to excel?" I quickly raised my hand and said, "I will do it."

That experience was judged very harshly by the more experienced Airmen in the room, with a stern "Don't ever volunteer for anything." I was very surprised by the direction given to me and wasn't sure what I was supposed to do. It took a while but I learned I had always raised my hand whenever they needed a volunteer. Due to my willingness to step up, regardless of what needed to be done, I was afforded the greatest opportunities to participate in some amazing events across the wing.

I know we have all heard it, and maybe even said it. "I need you to volunteer for something. Your Enlisted Performance Report is coming due and I need something to cover your community service." I have seen it, time and time again. There are those who are reluctant to volunteer unless prodded to do so. The base puts out several calls for volunteers throughout the year. There are a select few who will give their time without hesitation and others who will turn and

run the other way, hoping to not make eye contact and avoid being volun-told.

As your days in the Air Force grow, you find volunteering is not only essential to our daily activities but it's what we do. It has a lasting impact on not only those who volunteer but also the lives of those who you may never actually know or meet. Most of the time it is the lives of those in the community around the base. They may need far more help or assistance than you will ever know. These individuals may have donated their time and money to events put on around the wing to benefit our own and never ask or demand anything in return.

Do not look at volunteering as something you have to do to get promoted or recognized. Instead, view it as an opportunity to show appreciation for what the community does in support of our great base and service. The requirements for evaluations has changed and the need for bullets for certain awards are no longer as demanding, but this does not mean the volunteer opportunities have decreased or disappeared.

A smaller pool of individuals continue to carry the torch for the wing, increasing the heavy demand on their time exponentially. Providing you time is still as critical as ever, but no longer the focus of what is required to get promoted or recognized. Many under the belief of it not being a requirement for promotion no longer wish to volunteer at all.

There is normally a high demand for volunteer support across the numerous organizations at both base and community levels. They are all selflessly providing support to those less fortunate this time of year. Hopefully you will be one of those willing to step up and provide a small but vital snippet of your time to them.

One thing you can do today to make yourself and those around you better is to volunteer freely, not because it's required but because it's what we do.



## The Airman's Creed

I am an American Airman.  
I am a Warrior.  
I have answered my nation's call.

I am an American Airman.  
My mission is to fly, fight, and win.  
I am faithful to a proud heritage.  
A tradition of honor,  
And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman.

Guardian of freedom and justice,  
My nation's sword and shield,  
Its sentry and avenger.  
I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman.  
Wingman, leader, warrior.  
I will never leave an Airman behind.  
I will never falter,  
And I will not fail.

## MyMC2 app

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



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



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## Air Force promotions eliminates time-in-grade, time-in-service points

**Kat Bailey**  
Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Time-in-grade and time-in-service points in active duty enlisted promotion consideration will be eliminated beginning with the 17E7 master sergeant promotion cycle, and all future promotion cycles, the Air Force recently announced.

This is the final step in a gradual reduction of points for TIG/TIS that occurred one-third at a time over three years as part of the new enlisted evaluation and promotion systems employed in 2015.

In order to create a framework that effectively encourages and captures performance-based service, overall enlisted performance report points for the Weighted Airman Promotion System increased while TIG/TIS points were reduced gradually with the goal to remove them completely.

The changes to the enlisted evaluation and promotion systems are intended to ensure performance carries the most weight when calculating points for promotion selection.

Airmen will continue to complete their WAPS testing and have their test scores combined with their other weighted factors.

The elimination of TIG/TIS points is effective with 17E7, 17E6, 17E5 and 17E9 promotion cycles.

Additional details regarding WAPS and enlisted promotions are available on myPers. Click the Promotion link from the active duty enlisted landing page or select "Active Duty AF Enlisted" from the dropdown menu and search "WAPS."

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, visit the myPers website. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following the instructions of the website.



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## C-17 Weapons Instructor Course relocates to JB Lewis-McChord

**Staff Sgt. Stephenie Wade**  
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command will save \$12 million annually by moving a weapons squadron and weapons instructor course from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington beginning the summer of 2017, officials announced Nov. 18.

Moving the 57th Weapons Squadron and the C-17 Weapons Instructor Course allows the Air Force to repurpose flight hours, increase aircraft maintenance capabilities and enhance training effectiveness.

The move also aligns with one of Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James' priorities - making every dollar count.

The weapons course is managed and facilitated by the 57th WPS at JBMDL. Two, five-month classes are conducted yearly, producing 12 active duty and reserve component weapons officers.

However, the squadron has no dedicated aircraft assigned and each class requires three to four C-17s at a time to conduct training sorties. This results in additional AMC aircraft and maintenance Airmen being temporarily assigned to JB-

*"The move will allow AMC to repurpose up to 495 flight hours, return up to 3,500 man-days of capability back to the 62nd Maintenance Group and reduce TDY days, allowing more flexible use of C-17 aircraft," said Lt. Col. Nathan Hagerman, the AMC Combat Operations division deputy chief.*

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erman, the AMC Combat Operations division deputy chief.

JB Lewis-McChord has supported the course at JBMDL for a number of years by providing aircraft and maintenance.

"McChord was chosen because the base already has air-drop training capability in place, and a sufficient quantity of C-17 aircraft and simulators," Hagerman said.

The relocation plan will require the renovation of an existing operational building into a schoolhouse. The new classroom will provide a variety of learning tools, security upgrades and will cost approximately \$800,000.

"Weapons Officers must be prepared to plan, brief, debrief and execute in any environment," Hagerman said. "The classroom will be prepared to upgrade to future technologies based on the needs of the students and individual lessons."

The first C-17 WIC training course at JB Lewis-McChord is expected to start in July 2017.

The 57 WPS was activated in 2003. At the time, the three mobility weapons squadrons reported to the Mobility Weapons School. AMC initially intended to co-locate all three mobility schools at JBMDL where the Mobility Weapons School and Mobility Warfare Center, which later became the USAF Expeditionary Center, were headquartered. In 2006, all WICs were realigned under Air Combat Command and the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center.



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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.

**25 Cent Bowling**  
The Bowling Center offers 25-cent bowling on Nov. 28 from 4 p.m. until close, shoe rental not included. For more information, call 434-3426.

**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.

**Free Bowling**  
The Bowling Center is offering free bowling Dec. 2, 9, and 16 from 12:30 – 6:30 p.m. Shoe rental not included, \$2.50 domestic drafts available. For more information call 434-3426.

**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 call 434-2772.

**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 information call 434-3426.

**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.

**Pearl River Resort Casino Trip**  
Outdoor Recreation offers a monthly casino trip to Pearl River Resort Dec. 17. The cost is only \$25 per person; includes \$20 in play credit at casino and transportation. Outdoor Recreation bus departs Exchange/Shopette 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.

**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.

Free BOWLING

AT THE BOWLING CENTER

DEC 2, 9 & 16

12:30 PM - 6:30 PM

SHOE RENTAL NOT INCLUDED.

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\$2.50 DOMESTIC DRAFTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, 434-3426.

**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 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.

**Fitness on Request**  
CAFB Fitness and Sports offers a truly comprehensive group fitness platform that is available all day and completely customizable to meet your needs with over 30 different classes on the Fitness on Request system. For more information, call 434-2772.

**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 pursuing or interested in a teaching career after the military. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Enlisted Airmen enjoy 'Dormsgiving' dinner

U.S. Air Force photo by Richard Johnson

**Enlisted Airmen who reside in the dorms enjoy a home-cooked meal Nov. 17, 2016, at the chapel annex on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Base private organizations banded together with Team BLAZE leadership to donate, prepare and serve a Thanksgiving meal to Airmen who may not get to return home for the holidays.**

**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 more information.

**Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief**  
These briefings are mandatory briefings

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

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

**Military and Family Life Consultant Program**  
The MFLC counselors provide non-medical counseling to help Airmen (both single and married), their spouses and other family members to cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health providers. Counselors can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC, call 662-364-0504.

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

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

**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



# 'Tis the season for possible misfortune

**2nd Lt. Eric Wermuth**  
14th Flying Training Wing Safety Office

The holiday season provides opportunities for family reunions, Thanksgiving feasts, and possible mayhem.

Travelers pile into their vehicles and take off on road trips to visit friends and family. Families gather around the table for holiday food and drinks, but these common holiday traditions present added risk during the season an aware airman can easily mitigate.

Whether a road trip is down the block, across town, or across the continent, driving presents added risk during the holiday season for several reasons. The winter months present colder temperatures and worsening weather that creates poor driving conditions. Stopping distances increase, visibility decreases, and the conditions are generally more strenuous on vehicles. These conditions are coupled with the fact many more vehicles are on the roads and many people are not solely focused on the road. Distracted driving, whether cell phone use or eating, poses

the top threat to drivers.

Getting to your destination safely is paramount to saving time. This holiday season, protect the people you love and those around you. Stay off your cell phone and keep your eyes on the road. Replace your windshield wipers, ensure your vehicle fluids are topped off, and check to make sure your battery charges properly. Consider keeping emergency supplies in your vehicle such as blankets, water, food and shovels. Wear your seat belt and increase following distance. Most importantly, plan your route and allow extra time to get to your destination.

Even a feast presents risk. Grease fires are the leading cause of home fires, commonly caused by deep frying a turkey. Although it may be a delicious way to cook a turkey, extreme care must be taken when using this technique. When grease is heated past its boiling point temperature it may spontaneously burst into flame, igniting nearby flammables. The best practice is to closely monitor your cooking and ensure you know the appropriate temperatures at which your specific grease will boil.

However, in case you do encounter a combustible turkey this holiday

season the first priority should always be to keep yourself and others out of harm's way. Some positive solutions include turning off the heat source below the fire, placing a metal lid over the fire to suffocate the flames, pouring baking soda on the flames, and using a dry chemical that is not water based such as a Class B fire extinguisher. Do not, under any circumstance, throw water on a grease fire or attempt to move the pan. This will only aggravate the situation and spread the flame and cause serious injury.

The holiday season is a time of joy when we minimize the risks we can control. Recognize the particular heightened risks of traveling and celebrating this season and take appropriate action. Remember the advice and hazards listed above and review the provided helpful resources listed below to help guide you to a safe and memorable holiday season.

Resources:

[cbsnews.com/news/grease-fires-dangerous-fast-spreaders/exchange.aaa.com/safety/roadway-safety/winter-driving-tips/#.WCt-2Peq7pE8](http://cbsnews.com/news/grease-fires-dangerous-fast-spreaders/exchange.aaa.com/safety/roadway-safety/winter-driving-tips/#.WCt-2Peq7pE8)



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel Lile  
A rare sight of snow rests upon a T-38 Talon aircraft on the flightline of Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. During the holiday season, remember to always stay prepared for unexpected changes in weather especially when traveling.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaleb Snay  
A gauge monitors the temperature of a deep frying turkey in preparation for a Thanksgiving meal at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Always remember to be aware of any safety hazards when preparing food this holiday season to avoid serious injuries.

