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News Briefs

SUPT Class 17-03 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-03 graduates at 10 a.m. Dec. 16 at Kaye Auditorium.


Chief Hover Open House

An open house at the residence of Chief Master Sgt. Johnathan Hover runs from 5 – 8 p.m. Dec. 17. This is a “come and go as you please,” casual attire event with finger foods, snacks and drinks provided. It is an opportunity to say thank you for all the great work done over the past year. All Airmen and Families of the Wing are invited.

Christmas and New Year's holidays


Most base organization are closed Dec. 26 – 27 and Jan. 2 in observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays and an Air Education and Training Command Family Day.

Inside



Feature 8

SUPT Class 17-03 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Day  
Team BLAZE members volunteer to wrap presents at the Happy Irby Fund Shop and Wrap Dec. 8, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Happy Irby Shop and Wrap provides underprivileged children with wrapped presents containing clothing, school supplies, outfits and other basic necessities.

Team BLAZE volunteers for Happy Shop and Wrap

Senior Airman John Day

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Team BLAZE members participated in the Happy Fund Shop and Wrap Dec. 8, 2016, at the Columbus Club.

Monetary donations to the Happy Fund were used to buy gifts for local underprivileged children for the holiday season. The program was established by the late George “Happy” Irby, long-term staff member at the Columbus Club.

The program was created to provide the children with wrapped presents containing clothing, school supplies, outfits and other basic necessities. From schools around Columbus, children are nominated by teachers to receive these gift boxes.

The event began in the morning at a local business where volunteers shopped for the presents that were to be wrapped. From there, the presents were brought to the Columbus Air

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE																			
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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)	3.17 days	1.86 days	Jan. 18	48th (17-04)	78.45 days	13.91 days	Jan. 6	49th (17-CBC)	-0.66 days	-1.27 days	Dec. 23	T-6	1,183	1,070	6,709				
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The graduation speaker is Col. Brandon Parker, 2nd Bomb Wing Vice Commander, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.												T-38	461	371	2,244				
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# 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

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



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Columbus Club.....	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
Commissary.....	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 1 - 2
Exchange .....	Closed Dec. 26 (Hours of Operation vary by day)
Fitness Center .....	Open 24/7 (register at front desk)
Golf Course .....	Closed Dec. 24 – 27, 31 - Jan. 1
Medical Group.....	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
Military Personnel and Finance .....	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
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Outdoor Recreation .....	Closed Dec. 23 - 26, 31, Jan. 2
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Visitor's Center .....	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2
Youth Center.....	Closed Dec. 26 – 27, Jan. 2

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19	20	21	22	23	24/25	Jan 2: New Years Holiday Jan. 3: Flying trng. resumes Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Jan. 17: Wing Newcomers Orientation Jan. 20: SUPT Class 17-04 Graduation Jan. 23-30: UEI Jan. 31: Fourth Quarterly Awards
26	27	28	29	30	31/1	Jan. 31: Enlisted Promotions Feb. 7: Wing Newcomers Orientation Feb. 9: Annual Awards Ceremony Feb. 10: SUPT Class 17-05 Graduation Feb. 28: Enlisted Promotions Mar. 7: Wing Newcomers Orientation Mar. 10: SUPT Class 17-06 Graduation
Christmas Holiday	AETC Family Day			Enlisted Promotions, 1:30 p.m. @ Club		

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### Jan. 5

Join the award-winning author Michael Farris Smith of Columbus, Mississippi, 7-9 p.m. at the Rosenzweig Arts Center for an informal discussion of his works, question-and-answer session, and readings from his highly popular novels. This is the first of a 2017 series celebrating Mississippi writers. For more information visit columbus-arts.org/events/ or call the Columbus Arts Council, 328-2787.

### Jan. 12

Mississippi singer/songwriter Claire Holley returns to her roots with her unique blend of folk, pop and jazz and a voice both "powerful and light as a feather," 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., in the Rosenzweig Arts Center. She shares the spotlight with the soulful Jonathan Kingham, whose current musical adventures include vocals, keyboard and guitar with Toad the Wet Sprocket. For more information visit columbus-arts.org/events/ or call the Columbus Arts Council, 328-2787.

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# SECAF shares developments with spouse and family programs at townhall

**Maj. Ethan Stoker**  
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James held a Facebook townhall to address concerns from Airmen and their family members Dec. 12. The townhall meeting provided an update to concerns and issues brought to her attention during the Air Force Spouse and Family Forum in October. “I told you we would make best efforts to identify some areas where we can make immediate impact and others where we would get the ball rolling for long-term impact,” James said.

## Exceptional Family Members

The first area addressed was Exceptional Family members. “I am pleased to announce that we will hire 44 additional family support coordinators so that every base with more than 200 exceptional family members will have a dedicated coordinator,” James said. “We are also increasing the number of respite care hours that our EFMP families can receive; currently it’s 12 but will be going up to 40 hours per month.” James said that in order to ensure EFMP families are aware of all the support available to them, quarterly webcast events

will be held to address these issues and answer questions. The first of these events will take place Jan. 12, 2017.

## Spouse Employment and Child Care

Another area of concern expressed by families during the October forum was employment, licensure and credentialing portability for spouses. “We heard you loud and clear that moving from state-to-state presents some major issues for family members,” James said. “Some spouses, like nurses, teachers, and lawyers, have a lot of difficulty transferring their licenses from state-to-state.” These issues were raised by the Air Force with the Office of the Secretary of Defense so that all the services and other Federal Government agencies can coordinate and align in the same direction on these issues. Additionally, these issues were presented to the Council of Governors meeting in November. The Governors agreed to place these concerns on their agenda for February and provide state-level support. Currently the Air Force has a policy that authorizes 12 months of leave without pay for spouses of military members who leave a Defense Department position. James announced that because of the feedback from the Spouse and Family Forum in October, spouses are now authorized 24 months of leave without pay to help spouse transition during a move.

Another topic addressed was child care options for families and the requirements for child care providers. James said, “We are going to conduct a study on the requirements that stand today which is that family child care providers sleep on the same floor as all children under 8 years of age in the home. We’re going to do this study and see if we need to change this going forward.”

## Parental Leave

Furthermore, James discussed expanding parental leave. Under the National Defense Authorization Act for 2017 – which passed congress last week and is now awaiting the President’s signature - 12 weeks of parental leave is granted to the primary caregiver in the family and three weeks to the secondary caregiver when they become biological parents. Additionally, it gives six weeks of leave to a primary adoptive parent and three weeks of leave to the secondary parent. “These are increases in parental leave and these categories are now gender-neutral, meaning more flexibility for our families,” James said. All of this is good news, said James, as is the fact that there will be no changes to Basic Allowance for Housing for our dual-military families. To see all of the topics discussed go to Secretary of the Air Force’s official Facebook page.

# First class graduates from new Advanced Sortie Production Course

**Staff Sgt. Siuta B. Ika**  
99th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — The Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Operations School (AMMOS) here graduated 15 officers from its first Advanced Sortie Production Course (ASPC) Dec. 7. The 12-week course — which targets maintenance, munitions and logistics readiness officers in their four to nine year time-in-service window — teaches students to think and view problems differently, ultimately to help them solve sortie production deficiencies more effectively. Through key leader seminars, classroom discussions, guided simulations and hands-on scenarios, each student is immersed in the world of sortie production and charged with solving an ever-present issue facing the Air Force today. “This course goes through six blocks of instruction that focuses on everything from people, processes and resources to weapons, munitions, supply chain, consumption chain and mission execution applications,” said Lt. Col. Joe DePorter, the AMMOS com-

mandant. “We really drive to develop the student’s ability to look at things through a more critical lens. Not just being able to identify something and repeat that answer back, but no kidding, be able to identify the problem, analyze that problem through critical thinking, and apply that process change going forward to remedy that deficiency.” DePorter said all of the students in this graduating class — ASPC class 16A — have deployed once or twice, have significant experience in working flightline operations, and are going back into jobs that heavily effect sortie production. In addition, all of the students were selected through a nomination process. “The title on the course is sortie production and that’s something that’s a really big emphasis issue for (Air Combat Command) and the Air Force. We have to be able to produce combat airpower,” said Maj. Dan Connors, an ASPC class 16A graduate and operations officer assigned to the 4th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina. “The biggest thing I’m going to take away from this course is I think we’ve kind of set-

tled into thinking resources are our number one problem so that’s clouded our judgment in the way we look at a problem, but if we throw that away for now it really allows you to be creative in how you achieve the task, job, mission or whatever it is you need to do.” Previously, AMMOS offered maintenance, munitions and logistics readiness officers the Combat Support Course, but in the beginning of 2016 the school developed the curriculum for what became the ASPC. The 16A class began in September and all but one of the selected students were assigned to ACC bases. Capt. David Liberti, an AMMOS academics operations officer and an ASPC instructor, explained how the course benefits each graduate for the duration of their Air Force careers and beyond. “One of the excellent aspects of this schoolhouse is we’re not just teaching the students one thing to go back and use in their current job and then move past it. We have 593 graduates going all the way back to 2003. So they’re going back to execute what they learned here to help their current

unit but it’s going to continue to help them throughout their careers,” Liberti said. “It’s going to now influence how they think, how they approach problem sets, and that’s really what we try to do. The schoolhouse is a resource for them to come back to when needed, and the graduates have really formed a network that’s available any time.” Ultimately, DePorter said the ASPC is designed to provide an immediate impact to the Airmen that each ASPC graduate is charged with leading. “The Airmen are the ones that are doing the day-to-day heavy lifting, but the officers that graduate from this course will now have the critical thinking skills to better serve them,” DePorter said. “I’m looking forward to the new classes going forward and the increased interest and efforts in making the course better to produce a more proficient graduate going out in the field and leading our Airmen.” The school has been providing the Air Force’s premier advanced maintenance training and expanding combat capability through graduate-level education since it first opened its doors in 2003.

## VOLUNTEERS

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Force Base Club to be wrapped by more volunteers. “I volunteered for the Happy Fund Shop and Wrap last year and saw what a good cause it is,” said Carly Lasher, 37th Flying Training Squadron Key Spouse. “I wanted to be a part of it again and so I went through the spouse’s Facebook page and found volunteers to help with the wrapping. We had more than enough people to go around and we finished over 400 boxes.” Among the wrappers were several spouses and Airmen who volunteered their time to show their support. “My role in the Happy Irby Shop and Wrap was to be a runner,” said Chief Master Sgt. Johnathan Hover, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Chief. “My job was to make sure the wrappers had everything they needed to continue wrapping without having to move from their station to pick up supplies. Seeing what this wing’s members did for these kids, by donating their time to help

*“I volunteered for the Happy Fund Shop and Wrap last year and saw what a good cause it is,” said Carly Lasher, 37th Flying Training Squadron Key Spouse.*

them have a better life was phenomenal.” The Happy Irby Fund takes donations throughout the year to pay for the gifts, boxes and wrapping paper. The Happy Fund is an organization members can donate to and support through the Combined Federal Campaign. “The best part about the Happy Fund is that it is a non-profit organization that partners with the local community to give the kids of this city things they really need,” Lasher said. “The boxes are all packed with essentials they might otherwise not have.”

## Heman-Ackah receives leadership highlight award



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Doublin  
**Tech. Sgt. Jordan Boothe, BLAZE 5/6 member, right, hands Airman Ryan Heman-Ackah, 14th Operations Support Squadron Aviation Resource Management Apprentice, left, the BLAZE 5/6 Leadership Highlight award Dec. 5, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Heman-Ackah was nominated by his supervisor Staff Sgt. Jimmy Phillips, center. The Blaze 5/6 Leadership Highlight award is presented to members in the ranks of Senior Airman and below who have stepped up and demonstrated leadership skills nominated by noncommissioned officers in their respective work centers.**

## Team BLAZE lights Christmas Tree



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Day  
**Team BLAZE families watch as the lights on the Christmas tree in front of the base chapel is lit up Dec. 13, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The evening began at Base Ops where Santa arrived via a T-1A Jayhawk aircraft and rode in a firetruck to the Base Chapel, where he watched the tree lighting. Afterward, Santa took pictures with children in the Kaye Auditorium.**

## Hunt Housing tip of the week



Christmas lighting must be removed no later than Jan. 10. Outside decorative lights are to be turned off no later than midnight, except on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve, when they are allowed to remain on overnight. Outside lights are not authorized during daylight hours.

## 2017 Tax Center volunteers needed

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





# Air Mobility Command enables delivery of Israel's first F-35s

1st Lt. Erik Anthony  
618th Air Operations Center  
Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command Airmen worked around the clock to ensure Israel's first two F-35 aircraft were delivered Dec. 12, making the U.S. ally the only country in the Middle East flying a fifth generation fighter aircraft.

The 618th Air Operations Center, based out of Scott AFB, Illinois, assigned the Tennessee Air National Guard's 134th Air Refueling Wing, New Hampshire ANG's 157th ARW and Pennsylvania ANG's 171st ARW the critical mission of providing vital aerial refueling support en route to Israel.

The 618th AOC planned the mission and provided command and control for the KC-135s while they dispensed the fuel needed to ensure an effective multi-day mission to deliver the two new Israeli F-35 "Adirs".

"We always need to be at the top of our game," said Maj. John Hale, the aircraft commander for the Tennessee ANG KC-135. "That's especially the case when enabling the delivery of Israel's first fifth generation fighters with a 52-year-old aircraft."

Even with the overall KC-135 fleet reaching 60 years old, the aircraft and its Airmen continue to provide refueling capabilities to nine combatant commanders worldwide. Every 2.8 minutes there is some type of AMC aircraft supporting an operation somewhere around the globe. Mobility forces work with international partners to enhance their defense capability and capacity to conduct missions.

The U.S. and Israel have a military relationship developed through decades of cooperation. The delivery of capable and effective fighter aircraft will bring new capabilities to Israel and deepen the ties between the two countries.

"It is an honor to help ensure the delivery of F-35s to a valued ally," said Gen. Carlton Everhart, the Air Mobility Command commander. "Aerial refueling missions enable global reach for the United States and part-



U.S. Air Force photo by 1st Lt. Erik D. Anthony  
**An Israeli F-35 "Adir" receives fuel from a Tennessee Air National Guard KC-135 as the aircraft make the flight across the Atlantic, Dec. 6, 2016. The U.S.-made F-35s will be Israel's first fifth generation fighter aircraft and were refueled multiple times while en route to ensure their safe delivery to Israel.**

ner nations. Air Mobility Command Airmen and aircraft enable global effects and create bridges of support for partner nations on a daily basis."

Sharing the same aircraft with partner

nations allows the U.S. to fly and fight in the same airframe with common tactics, capabilities, and resources, ensuring an interoperable coalition.

Members from AMC's 618th AOC work

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## 2016 holiday letter from AF leaders

Deborah Lee James,  
Secretary of the Air Force

Gen. Dave Goldfein,  
U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

Chief Master Sgt. James Cody,  
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force



Fellow Airmen:

You answered the call to defend our Nation, sacrificing individual liberties for our collective freedom. As you celebrate the coming holidays with your friends and families, please take time to thank the ones supporting you as you secure our freedom.

Many of you are engaged in operations far from home and will be unable to celebrate this season with your loved ones. Please know you and your wingmen are in our thoughts and prayers, and we look forward to your safe return.

You represent the very best America has to offer and we're humbled to lead this courageous team. From our families to yours, we wish you all the merriment the season has to offer, and a Happy New Year!



December is  
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## Security and policy review

Did you know that as a military member you must coordinate all information relating to speeches, presentations, academic papers, multimedia visual information materials and information proposed for release to a publicly accessible Worldwide Website, with exception of Air Force publications, through the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office? For more information contact the 14th FTW/PA at 434-7068.

## Flu shots available for all Team BLAZE members

14th Medical Group

Flu shots are available to all active-duty and retired service members and all dependents ages 9 and up. There are a limited amount of dosages for ages 6 months to 35 months. Shots are available during normal hours of operation, Monday – Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.; excluding federal holidays, Air Education and Training Command family days, and training days. These shots are available through the season until June 30, 2017. For more information please contact Tech. Sgt. Latoria Mathis Hebert at 434-2187.



## Purchasing, installing, managing software licenses

14th Communications Squadron  
Base Software License Manager

Compliance with software licensing requirements is mandatory by United States Code, Department of Defense, and Air Force instructions.

To ensure that Columbus Air Force Base and all subordinate units comply with these requirements, strict controls have been put in place. Procedures on how to acquire, install, track, and inventory software are just a few examples of these controls.

Should an individual or unit require software for their government system, they would need to contact their Cybersecurity Liaison to open a Remedy ticket to obtain authorization for installation. The 14th Communications Squadron Base Software License Management will obtain an Authority to Connect and will request a quote from an authorized vendor. The quote will then be provided to the unit CSL to start the ordering process.

A copy of the software order containing the number of licenses should be provided to the BSLM office immediately following purchase. All software should be delivered to:

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Upon receipt of the software, the unit CL will be notified the software is available through the Media Sign-Out process. This allows for the installations to be performed

up to the limit of the licenses purchased for that unit, while maintaining the software in a secure environment when not required by the unit. Use vESD, located on your desktop, to create a ticket for installation of software. Click software and open the Software Wizard. The option for Install Software should be available for the requestor to create a ticket and provide the name of the software they are requesting in the Comments field. Once a technician receives the ticket, they will work with the BSLM office to ensure there are available licenses and to acquire the media for installation.

After the software has been installed, the software is to be returned to the BSLM office. A record of the number of installations against the number of purchased licenses will be maintained in order to verify compliance with the software licensing agreement.

Maintaining software licenses and inventories are a responsibility that users, BSLMs, and the Communications Squadron all have a part in. Without each doing their part, non-compliance with laws and applicable guidance will quickly follow. Never load personally owned software onto government systems and never make copies of software without permission of the copyright owner. United States Copyright Act, Title 17 of the United States Code, covers software from the moment of its creation and prohibits making any copies without permission of the copyright owner.

For more information with respect to software management, please contact the BSLM by calling 434-2375.



## 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.)

### 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.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Jan. 17 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. Jan. 17 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.

### Smooth Move

The Smooth Move class starts 10 - 11:30 a.m. Jan. 24. 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.

### 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

## Airmen show support with blood donation



Tammie Berry, Mississippi Blood Services, prepares to draw a donation from Staff Sgt. Viviana Chalfonte, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Force Health Management noncommissioned officer in-charge, Dec. 9, 2016, at a blood drive on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. MBS is a non-profit blood service, whose mission is to provide a safe and adequate supply of voluntarily donated blood and blood components for patients in hospitals and to offer related services to hospitals and other medical facilities.

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

### Survivor-Benefit Plan

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

### Military and Family Life Consultant Program

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

### Volunteer Opportunities

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

### Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

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

### Personal Financial Readiness

Make the most of your money. Contact DeLores Sherman, Personal Financial Counselor,

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

### Learn How to Read Your LES

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

### DRMO

Recycle first by using the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office as your facility's source of supply. Authorized personnel may retrieve property free of charge if the property is still physically located here in Base Supply and marked at DRMO facilities. Other DRMO processing is available via the web at [www.drmo.dla.mil](http://www.drmo.dla.mil). Cost of shipping will apply. Please call Inspection at 434-7231 to review DRMO property or Stock Control at 434-7197 with questions or concerns you may have. Parking and assistance is available in the back of building 158.

## Chapel Schedule

Whether you are new to Columbus Air Force Base or have been around for a while, our parish communities welcome you to join us as we worship, fellowship, and encourage one another. For more information, please call 434-2500.

### Catholic Community

**Sundays:**  
3:45 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9 (Chapel Annex)  
4 p.m. – Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary)  
4 p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)  
5 p.m. – Mass w/Children's Church  
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

Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

# Track Select

2nd Lt. Omar Akram	T-1
2nd Lt. Jonathan Becraft	T-1
2nd Lt. Austin Bryant	T-1
2nd Lt. Joshua Burress	T-38
2nd Lt. Joshua Castagnetta	T-38
2nd Lt. Gared Chapman	T-1
2nd Lt. Lindsay Crawford	T-1
2nd Lt. Scott Cronin	T-1
2nd Lt. James Dimmick	T-1
2nd Lt. Nathaniel Dreslinski	T-1
2nd Lt. Taylor Drolsahgen	T-1
2nd Lt. Joseph Hamilton	T-1
2nd Lt. Takuya Hashimoto	T-38
2nd Lt. Keigo Iizuka	T-38
2nd Lt. Tyler Kludt	T-1
2nd Lt. Dylan Radka	T-1
2nd Lt. Warren Saunders	T-1
2nd Lt. Breck Stewart	T-38
2nd Lt. Ippei Tachiwada	T-38
2nd Lt. Brandon Vasey	T-1

### Dubisher Award

2nd Lt. Keigo Iizuka

### Top Guns

**Contact:** 2nd Lt. Austin Bryant  
**Instrument:** 2nd Lt. Keigo Iizuka  
**Formation:** 2nd Lt. Joshua Burress

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## Recycling Center after hours deposit slots now available

**The Recycling Center now has deposit slots for common recyclable items such as metals, plastics, white papers, glass and cardboard at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Other recyclables such as used oil, electronics and batteries should be brought in during normal business hours 6 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Mike Blythe at 434-7353.**



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Day  
Senior Airman Joshua Haney, 14th Security Forces Squadron Patrolman, performs a training field sobriety test on a volunteer Dec. 8, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Joint DUI training certified 15 defenders and 15 police officers from Mississippi police departments in state standardized field sobriety tests.

## 14th SFS, local law enforcement strengthen ties with joint DUI training

Senior Airman John Day  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Local Police Department officers and 14th Security Forces Squadron Defenders participated in a Joint DUI Training Dec. 6-8, 2016, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Tech. Sgt. Nathan Sullivan, 14th SFS NCO In-Charge of Standardization and Evaluation, said the training's purpose was twofold.

"We work closely with the Starkville Police Department because they have trainers and certifications we don't have," Sullivan said. "They were able to bring in five civilian police departments along with our Defenders to receive state certification in Standardized Field Sobriety Tests in accordance with national standards. We provided the training location and volunteers, and they provided the instructors; which saved both the state and Air Force funding the course at an alternate location."

Participants attended training briefings in the mornings each day and practiced hands-on techniques in the afternoon. There were a total of 30 students in the class, 15 defenders and 15 police officers from Mississippi police departments.

The training demonstrated how to perform three separate field sobriety tests on a

driver who may be under the influence. This counts as a certification in Field Sobriety for the state of Mississippi.

"We all share a common goal, but we don't all have the same resources," Sullivan said. "In the Air Force, Defenders do not always have the opportunity to receive this certification, so this was a huge success for the unit."


For the hands-on portion, volunteers with varying levels of Blood Alcohol Contents were brought in for the police officers and defenders to perform these sobriety tests.

"The training was a great experience," said Senior Airman Joshua Haney, 14th SFS Patrolman. "Not only did I learn a lot, but now I am state certified in field sobriety tests and I can better recognize and evaluate a DUI encounter."

This training not only educates Mississippi police officers and Security Forces Airmen at Columbus AFB, but also makes the local community safer and strengthens our community ties.

"Having these strong relationships with our partners in the community is extremely important," Sullivan said. "We have been working together for a long time and we make each other better. The more we do together, the more we can achieve together. Every training opportunity together strengthens the relationships between our organizations."





## General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program

**Awards:** *Need-based grants ranging from \$500 to \$4,000*


**Open to:** *Dependent children of Active Duty, Title 10 Reserve, Title 32 AGR, Retired, Retired Reserve, and Deceased Air Force members; spouses of Active Duty and Title 10 Reserve; and surviving spouses of Deceased Air Force members*

**Must have:** *Minimum 2.0 GPA*

**Will be:** *Enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student*

**Apply:** *Online at Air Force Aid Society's website (<http://www.afas.org/education-grants>) from November to March*

**Deadline:** *March 10, 2017 for the 2017-2018 academic year*



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**Gen Arnold Education Grant:**

<b>Awards:</b>	<i>Range from \$500 to \$4,000 based on need</i>
<b>Must have:</b>	<i>Minimum 2.0 GPA</i>
<b>Will be:</b>	<i>Enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student</i>
<b>Apply:</b>	<i>Online at Air Force Aid Society's website (<a href="http://www.afas.org/education-grants">http://www.afas.org/education-grants</a>)</i>
<b>Deadline:</b>	<i>March 10, 2017 for the 2017-2018 academic year</i>

**Merit Scholarship:**

<b>Awards:</b>	<i>Minimum of ten scholarships of \$5,000 each</i>
<b>Must:</b>	<i>Apply for Arnold Education Grant; be a first-time Freshman with verifiable GPA of 4.0</i>

*Eligible applicants will be contacted directly by AFAS for additional application requirements (essay, transcript, etc.) in June.*

**Supplemental Education Loan Program:**

<b>Awards:</b>	<i>Interest-free loans up to \$1,000 per student</i>
<b>Must:</b>	<i>Apply for Arnold Education Grant; document out-of-pocket education expenses; repay by allotment over 10 months</i>

*Eligible applicants will be contacted directly by AFAS in August with application forms.*


*For additional information on these programs and other ways Air Force Aid Society can help, please visit our website at <http://www.afas.org>.*

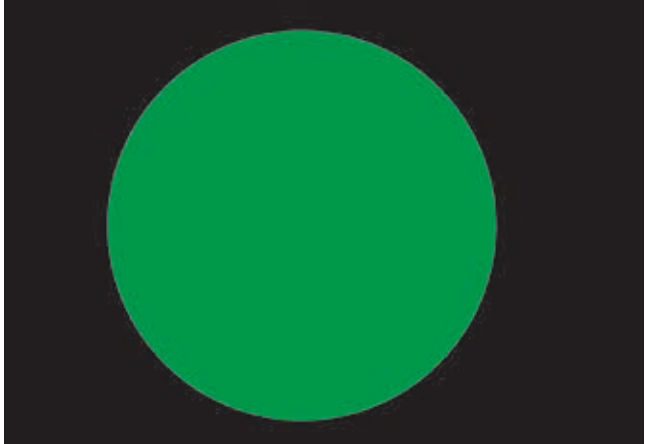
## Commander's Action Line 434-1414

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.





**Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events**

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter @columbusafbiving, Instagram at columbus\_afb\_living, or visit our website at columbusafbiving.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.

**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.

**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](http://www.nhmilitarykids.org).

**Ice Skate and Shop**

The Outdoor Recreation Center has a trip to Tupelo to go ice skating at Bancorp Arena and shopping at the Barnes Crossing Mall on Jan. 7. Prices are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. For more information call 434-2505.

**Breakfast Club**

The Columbus Club monthly Breakfast Club is 6:30 – 8:30 a.m. Jan. 19. Free breakfast for Club members, \$8 for non-members.

**\$.25 Cent Bowling**

The Bowling Center is offering \$.25 cent bowling on Mondays in January. Upcoming dates are Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 from noon – 5 p.m., shoe rental not included. For more information call 434-3426.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## Make Holiday Shopping Easier

FSS Gift Cards Available

Purchase your gift card from:

- Bowling Center
- Columbus Club
- Golf Course
- Youth Center

Cards can be used at:

- Arts & Crafts
- Bowling Center
- Child Development Center
- Columbus Club
- Golf Course
- Outdoor Recreation





**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.

**Interested in Sponsoring with Columbus AFB?**

Want your business to reach the 18,000 active duty military, family members, civilian employees and retirees living and working at Columbus AFB? If you are interested in event sponsorship or donations, please contact our sponsorship coordinator at 434-2337.

**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.

**Space A Lodging**

The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at 434-2548.

**Ride in Style**

If you don't want to leave your car at the airport over a vacation, we can help you out. Outdoor Recreation offers a shuttle service to the airport of your choice. Call 434-2505 for more information.



# The New IQ

**Capt. Sheila Butler**  
Equal Opportunity Office Director

With the holiday season upon us, we are often reminded of the many different beliefs and traditions that exist among us, but this time of year is also about coming together.

Is there a better time to think about diversity and inclusion in the Air Force?

Inclusion is the ability to include differences in a friendly, flexible and fair way. This is important because inclusion practices in the workplace are positively correlated with employee satisfaction in the Air Force. The bottom line is the more employees are included, the better results and satisfaction the team will have.

A way to reach these levels of team success is through the new Inclusion Quotient created by U.S. Office of Personnel Management. The OPM has a great informational video online, but in case you don't have 12 minutes to watch it, I'll share some of the take-away lessons here.

The new IQ relies on the use of inclusion intelligence which is the intentional, deliberate, and proactive acts that increase work group intelligence by making people feel they belong and are uniquely valued.

In order to complete the new IQ there are two difficult habits that must be broken involving our unconscious biases. These biases shape our thoughts and actions without us knowing it. Two of the most common biases affecting the workplace are confirmation bias and like-me bias.

Confirmation bias is when one person places more value in what they want to believe and less emphasis on what they don't want to believe. This makes you subjective with a lack of impartiality. To avoid confirmation bias, don't just listen to those who constantly

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confirm your decision look for great information that may go against what you were initially thinking.

Like-me bias can be characterized by giving preferential treatment to those that belong in a group of yours or someone who is similar to you. This creates a habit of only wanting to work with people we already know. To avoid like-me bias, always include others and go out of your way to step out of your comfort zone and get to know different people. Just because people aren't like you in how they look, where they're from, or what they believe doesn't mean you won't be able to work with them.

Most of us know on an intellectual level excluding others at work is wrong, but most of us will do these things at some point without even realizing it. That is why it's best to be aware of these potential biases so we can actively combat them and make use of all the varied backgrounds and ways of thinking within our Air Force team.

## MyMC2 app

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



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

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



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

# BLAZE Hangar Tails: T-1A Jayhawk



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

**The 14th Flying Training Wing at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, conducts a mass launch of 12 T-1A Jayhawk aircraft Aug. 24, 2015, practicing the combat capability of safely and swiftly launching a large number of aircraft in a short amount of time. The 48th Flying Training Squadron launched six two-ship formations to conduct off-station training.**



U.S. Air Force photo by Terry Wasson

**A T-1A Jayhawk aircraft flies during a training mission near Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. The swept wing T-1A is a version of the Beech 400A. It has cockpit seating for an instructor and two students and is powered by twin turbofan engines capable of an operating speed of Mach .78.**

### Mission

The T-1A Jayhawk is a medium-range, twin-engine jet trainer used in the advanced phase of specialized undergraduate pilot training for students selected to fly airlift or tanker aircraft. It is also used to support navigator training for the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and international services.

### Features

The swept-wing T-1A is a military version of the Beech 400A. It has cockpit seating for an instructor and two students and is powered by twin turbofan engines capable of an operating speed of 538 mph. The T-1A differs from its commercial counterpart with structural enhancements that provide for increased bird strike resistance and an additional fuselage fuel tank.

### Background

The first T-1A was delivered to Reese Air Force Base, Texas, in January 1992, and student training began in 1993.

Starting in 1993, undergraduate pilots who have graduated from their primary aircraft have proceeded to specialized training tailored for their follow-on assignments. The T-1A is used in advanced training for students identified to go into airlift or tanker aircraft. Those selected for bombers and fighters receive their advanced in the T-38.

The T-1A is used at Columbus AFB, Mississippi; Laughlin AFB, Texas; and Vance AFB, Oklahoma. It is also used at Randolph AFB, Texas, to train instructor pilots and at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, for combat systems officer training.

### General Characteristics

**Primary Function:** Advanced trainer for airlift and tanker pilots

**Builder:** Raytheon Corp. (Beech)

**Power Plant:** Two Pratt and Whitney JT15D-5B turbofan engines

**Thrust:** 2,900 pounds each engine

**Length:** 48 feet, 5 inches (14.75 meters)

**Height:** 13 feet, 11 inches (4.24 meters)

**Wingspan:** 43 feet, 6 inches (13.25 meters)

**Maximum Speed:** 538 miles per hour (Mach .70)

**Ceiling:** 41,000 feet (12,500 meters)

**Maximum Takeoff Weight:** 16,100 pounds (7,303 kilograms)

**Range:** 2,222 nautical miles (2,900 nm flying long-range cruise)

**Armament:** None

**Crew:** Three (pilot, co-pilot, instructor pilot)

**Date Deployed:** February 1992

**Unit Cost:** \$4.1 million

**Inventory:** Active force, 178; ANG, 0; Reserve, 0







T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

# SUPT Class 17-03 earns silver wings



**Capt. Lauren McNeil**  
Red Bank, N.J.  
KC-135R, McConnell AFB, Kan.



**Capt. Joshua Rower**  
Newnan, Ga.  
C-130H, Dobbins ARB, Ga.



**1st Lt. Matthew McChesney**  
Syracuse, N.Y.  
C-17A, Stewart ANG, N.Y.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-03 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. Brandon Parker, 2nd Bomb Wing Vice Commander, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, 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. John Horn, T-38, and Capt. Joshua Rower, 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. John Horn, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Walter Brush, 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. John Horn, T-38, and Capt. Joshua Rower, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 17-03.

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, instru-

ment and cross country navigation flying.

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

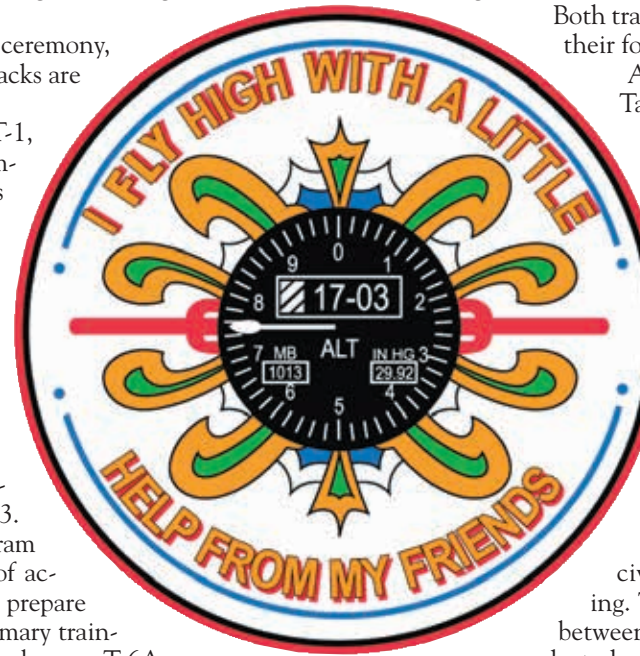
After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

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

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

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

Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 17-03 pilot partners are Liberty Heart Center and Courtyard by Marriott.



**2nd Lt. Christopher Boulanger**  
Biloxi, Miss.  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Nathan Bruhn**  
Peachtree, Ga.  
A-10, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Walter Brush**  
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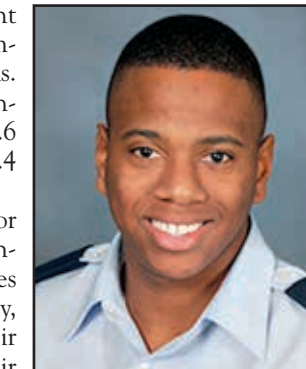
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