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### Weather

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

### News Briefs

**Exchange store closure**  
The Exchange store is scheduled to be closed for infrastructure upgrades Feb. 18 – 20. The facilities affected by this include the Barber shop, Subway, Taco Bell, Optical, ATM and GNC. The Commissary and Express will be unaffected by these upgrades.

**George Washington Birthday Holiday**  
Most base organizations are closed Feb. 20 in observance of the George Washing Birthday Holiday.

**Black History Month Display**  
A Black History Month Display is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Columbus Club.

**Enlisted Promotion Ceremony**  
The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions ceremony is at 3 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Columbus Club.



**Feature 8**

The 2016 Annual Award Winners are highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Doublin  
**Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, delivers a speech at the Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 9, 2017, at the Columbus Club on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Harencak spoke about recruiting and inspiring the next generation of Airmen and explained Team BLAZE's role in that mission.**

## Harencak ties CAFB mission to recruiting

**Senior Airman John Day**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, as the guest speaker for the Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 9, 2017, at the Columbus Club.

Harencak spent the first few moments of his speech thanking the nominees for doing all they do for the mission, the civic leaders for the amazing support they give to Columbus AFB and to the spouses for the sacrifices they make.

"It is awesome to be here tonight; it feels fantastic to be back here for these annual awards," Harencak said. "I want to talk about the incredible excellence all of you do each and every day and how important that is to our Air Force."

He explained the role AFRS plays and how Columbus AFB helps accomplish that mission.

"In the Air Force Recruiting Command, we inspire and engage to recruit the next generation of Airmen," Harencak said. "Team BLAZE then takes them and turns them into the incredible Airmen and warfighters that defend our children and our

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE															
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### Feb. 24-25

The Columbus Arts Council is hosting an Indoor Yard Sale 5 – 7 p.m.

Feb. 24 and 7 a.m. – noon Feb. 25. Call 328-2787 or visit columbus-arts.org/events/ for more info.

### March 3 - 4

Mississippi University for Women presents Music by Women Festival Concerts in Poindexter Hall, Connie Sills Kossen Auditorium. The performances are free and open to the public starting at noon, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on both days. For more information, go

online at visitcolumbusms.org.

### March 25

A golf tournament benefit for the New Hope robotics team begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. on the Lion Hills Golf Club course. Cost is \$75 per player or \$275 per team and includes green fees, cart, range balls and lunch. Registration is due by March 13. For more information, email tracy.doyle@lowndes.k12.ms.us.

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# New multimedia system provides CC tool to reach Airmen

**Airman 1st Class Travis Beihl**  
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — A demonstration of a new live multimedia conference system took place at the Bay Breeze Event Center here Feb. 6.

The new system provides the wing commander the ability to directly reach Airmen through a live broadcast to locations around base.

“The purpose of the Multimedia Broadcast System is to give the wing commander the capability to reach out to as much as the base populace as possible,” said 1st Lt. Joseph Votto, 81st Communications Squadron plans and programs officer in charge. “There is no one auditorium that meets the space requirement for all Keesler permanent party, let alone students. This system enables the same message to be delivered to multiple venues, live.”

There are five locations on base that will be able to use the system which includes: The second and third floor of the BBEC, Welch Theater, Roberts Maintenance Facility and the Don Wylie Auditorium.

“There are several applications that have been discussed, such as, large training events, professional development opportunities and Dragon Week activities,” said Maj.



**Col. Michele Edmondson, 81st Training Wing commander, watches a live multimedia broadcast system demonstration at the Bay Breeze Event Center Feb. 6, 2017, on Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. The conferencing system provides a way for someone at the BBEC to communicate with up to five locations on base via a livestream.**

Jerry Hambright, 81st CS commander. “Col. Edmondson is looking for good ideas to use this capability to improve communications

within the wing, so we are open to any inputs for how an organization could use this technology.”

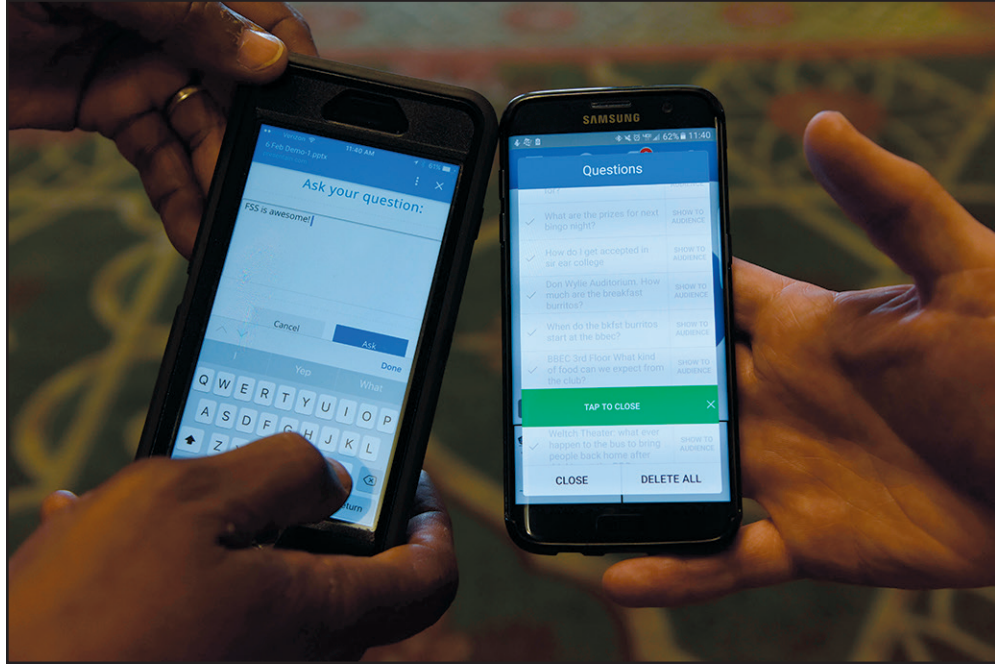
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Members of the 81st CS are still testing the various features of this new system. At the moment only the base commander has use of the system but it will open to additional members of the base at a later time.

As we gain experience with the system we will eventually gain the ability to record these same presentations for later viewing,” Votto said. “As more capabilities are brought online and additional features are explored, the availability of the system to a greater base of users is possible.”



**Col. Michele Edmondson, 81st Training Wing commander, speaks during a live multimedia broadcast system demonstration at the Bay Breeze Event Center Feb. 6, 2017, on Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. The conferencing system provides a way for someone at the BBEC to communicate to five locations on base via a livestream.**



**Airmen submit comments and questions via cell phones during a live multimedia broadcast system demonstration at the Bay Breeze Event Center Feb. 6, 2017, on Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. The conferencing system provides a way for someone at the BBEC to communicate with up to five locations on base via a livestream.**

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## HARENCAK

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families and our way of life.”

Harencak told the crowd a story about visiting an exemplary Air Force recruiter. This recruiter had the highest percentages of recruits above his goal for a single-man office. He asked the recruiter how he was doing this to which the recruiter simply said, “I tell them my story.”

“What we need to do is to tell our story,” Harencak said. “You are a better person because you decided to wear the cloth of the world’s greatest Air Force. Your life has been changed for the better because of your great stories. That is your story. You need to be told each and every day what positive impact your story has on other people’s story.”

He explained Airmen are the most important asset in the entire Air Force.

“You all are leaving behind legacy with our greatest weapon system,” Harencak said. “Our greatest weapon system, I have found in my 37 years, does not come with a tail number or with a serial number. It comes with a social security number. What you all are doing at Columbus [AFB] is ensuring our greatest weapon system is always available for our great nation.”

Harencak continued to speak passionately about how every Airman has a story that embodies the mission.

“You prepare that weapon system to defend this flag,” Harencak said. “To oppose intolerance and justice, to oppose those who assault liberty and dignity and to prepare to fight and defeat evil. Now, that is a story worth living, a story worth telling.”

He closed the speech by expressing his pride in being able to be called an Airman in the world’s



**Maj. Gen. Garrett Harencak, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, joins Team BLAZE leadership and the 2016 Annual Award Winners for a group photo during the Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 9, 2017, at the Columbus Club on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. During his visit, Harencak spent time thanking the nominees for doing all they do for the mission, the civic leaders for the amazing support they give to Columbus AFB and to the spouses for the sacrifices they make.**

greatest Air Force.

“I am proud and honored for what you do every day,” Harencak

said. “I am thrilled to be here tonight, but more importantly, I am

so incredibly blessed to call you

my brothers and sisters. Thank you

and God bless you all, our great Air Force and our nation.”

## 2017 Tax Center Hours

The Columbus Air Force Base Tax Center is open for active duty, retiree, or dependent members with a combined family income under \$58,000. This service is executed by trained volunteers who will prepare your tax returns through April 8 free of charge by appointment only. The Tax Center is located on the first floor of the old Personnel Center, bldg. 926, room 105.

The hours of operation are Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. – noon. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call the Columbus AFB Legal Office at 434-7030.

## Come check out Youth Center Sponsorship Program

14th Force Support Squadron

Moving can be difficult for some people.

It can be tough to be the new kid in town, but it is also a time to meet new friends, find new hangout spots, get involved in new fun things, and go on trips to interesting places.

The Youth Sponsorship Program at Columbus was created by and just for youth. The Youth Center can help whether you are departing or arriving in Columbus, also available is a program orientation upon arrival in Columbus.

Join in the fun of the youth sponsorship program by stopping by the Youth Center or by calling 434-2504.



## St. Valentines Day lunch held at base chapel



**U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Day**  
**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Steven Richardson, 14th Flying Training Wing, explains a relationship exercise Feb. 14, 2017, at the St. Valentine’s Day Lunch on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The lunch event included free food, a short comedy skit and a group relationship exercise.**

## Hunt Housing tip of the week



Trees and utility poles may not be used to install dog runs, signs, basketball goals or any other similar items.

## AETC, NAF Awards

### 14th SFS achieves AETC level award

Congratulations to the 14th Security Forces Squadron for achieving the 2016 Air Education and Training Command Security Forces Unit (Small Unit Category) Award.

### 14th FTW Chapel Team achieves AETC level awards

Congratulations to the 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel Team for achieving the 2016 Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Chaplain Corps Team (Medium Chapel Organization) Award.

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Aubery Daniels, 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel Assistant, for achieving the Outstanding Chaplain Assistant NCO Award.

### Two Team BLAZE members achieve 19th AF level awards

Congratulations to Senior Airman Samuel Miller, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, for achieving the 19th Air Force Outstanding Airman of the Year (Airman Category) Award.

Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Damon Snead Jr., 14th Flying Training Wing Honor Guard Program Manager, for achieving the 19th Air Force Outstanding Airman of the Year (HGPM Category) Award.



# Williams reminds 17-05 graduates of importance of what they do

**2nd Lt. Savannah Stephens**  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs Officer

Maj. Gen. Brett Williams, U.S. Air Force retired, visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-05's graduation where he delivered the keynote address at Kaye Auditorium Feb. 10, 2017.

Before retiring in 2014, Williams was the Director of Operations, J-3, for United States Cyber Command, Fort Meade, Maryland. He was responsible for the operations and defense of specified Department of Defense information networks as well as the ability to conduct full-spectrum military cyberspace operations in support of U.S. National Security Objectives.

The general began his speech by thanking those in attendance, including Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, for the privilege of being there, Team BLAZE for the work they do at Columbus AFB, the instructor pilots for their hard work, and the parents for supporting their sons and daughters through SUPT.

"To the parents, spouses, family, maybe even soon-to-be spouses and everyone who contributed to getting these men and one woman through pilot training, I want to thank you," Williams said.

Williams spent the rest of his time telling SUPT Class 17-05 different stories from his career of being an F-15C pilot that helped him throughout his career.

"You literally put your lives in the hands of the people who maintain your airplane," Williams said. "Take the time to get to know the people who maintain your airplane."

Williams spoke about how getting to know your maintainers is so important. He said that they have to understand what your mission is and connect the dots on why what they are doing matters to every single pilot.

He then spoke about the importance of the Airman's Creed.

"I am an American Airman, in this case I am also a Saudi Airman. [Referring to the Saudi Arabian students in the graduating class] I am a warrior. I have answered my nation's call," Williams said. "Later in the creed it says, I defend my country with my life. Well that is not what I was thinking about when I was sitting in your shoes. I was thinking 'I am going to fly a cool F-15!'"



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Day  
**Maj. Gen. Brett Williams, U.S. Air Force retired, speaks to attendees of the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-05's graduation Feb. 10, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Williams thanked those in attendance, including Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, Team BLAZE for the work they do at Columbus AFB, the instructor pilots for their hard work, and the parents for supporting their sons and daughters through SUPT.**

He discussed how pilots are going to be asked to go places they never imagined and they are going to have to put more than just an aircraft on the line.

"You are going to defend your country with your life and I ask you take that very seriously," Williams said.

He ended his speech by thanking the pilots for signing up to do exactly what the Airman's creed says.

"I'd like to finish by just telling you thank you," Williams said. "Thank you for agreeing to do exactly what I just said. I am jealous of the road you are going to take, but I am also very excited. Good luck and God speed."

## McFarland recognized in BLAZE 5/6 highlight



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens  
**Staff Sgt. Shayna Wasden, Blaze 5/6 Council President, hands Senior Airman Alexander McFarland, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Flight Operational Medical Technician, a Blaze 5/6 Leadership Highlight award Feb. 6, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. McFarland was recognized for the award recipient for the month of January 2017, in recognition of his outstanding leadership.**

## Team BLAZE pilot contributes in CHAMPS panel



Courtesy photo  
**Lt. Col. Jayant Mahajan, Director of Operations for the 49th Fighter Training Squadron, spoke at the Creating High Achievement in Mathematics and Problem Solving panel along with Dr. Monica Riley, Mississippi University for Women Director of Graduate Studies in Education; Allison Alexander, East Mississippi Community College Mathematics and Statistics Instructor; and Dr. Germain McConnell, Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science Executive Director, Feb. 11, 2017, in the MUW at Columbus, Mississippi. CHAMPS is a Mathematics and Science Partnership project funded by the Mississippi Dept. of Education with the goal of improving student achievement and teacher quality in mathematics through a sustained program of professional development for Kindergarten through eighth-grade teachers.**

# Space-A: How to hop

**Airman 1st Class Lauren Parsons**

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — One of the motivating factors to join the Air Force for many service members is the possibility to travel the world.

Whether it be through permanent changes of station, temporary duty assignments or deployments, most Airmen get that opportunity, but another option available for service members is Space-Available flights, or Space-A.

Here is a step-by-step process from Airman 1st Class Aaron Blaylock, 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron passenger service agent at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Passenger Terminal, on how to travel Space-A:

### ● Step 1: Sign up

Blaylock said if service members are interested in traveling Space-A soon, the best way to get started is by coming to the terminal or calling to get information.

The Passenger terminal is located at 407 S. Frank Luke Dr. and can be contacted by phone at 210-925-8715/8714 Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Those wishing to travel must fill out an AMC Form 140, which can be found on the Air Force e-publishing website or the

Air Mobility Command website. The form can be submitted in person or by email at 502LRS.LGRDAS.SPACEA@us.af.mil.

Emails do not receive a reply and travelers are encouraged to bring a digital or printed copy of the message to the terminal on the day of the flight, and the documented date and time of sign up will be honored.

"Sign up is good for 60 days, and you can sign up at as many AMC terminals as you'd like," Blaylock added.

Blaylock said the two most common destinations from the JB-SA-Lackland Passenger Terminal are Travis Air Force Base, Calif., and Joint Base Andrews, Md.

If a flier's final destination is not Travis or Andrews, Blaylock recommends signing up with the respective passenger terminal as well so they are not getting a fresh sign up date upon their arrival.

### ● Step 2: Find a flight

A 72-hour schedule is posted on the JB-SA-Lackland Passenger Terminal Facebook page and is updated regularly.

"Let's say it's Wednesday and we post a flight for Friday," Blaylock said. "If you're looking for that, I'd check our schedule each day and make sure it's not canceling out or rerouting and show up the morning of the flight."



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Parsons/Released  
**A 502nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Passenger Services Airman directs a stair truck at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Passenger Terminal at old Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, Feb. 7, 2017. The JB-SA Passenger Terminal offers Space-Available, or Space-A, flights at no expense to service members and their dependents and retirees.**



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Parsons/Released  
**U.S. Air Force service members board a C-5M Super Galaxy from the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Passenger Terminal at old Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, Feb. 7, 2017. The JB-SA Passenger Terminal offers Space-Available, or Space-A, flights to service members and their dependents and retirees.**

A "roll call" time will be posted with the 72-hour schedule on Facebook. Blaylock said show times typically last about 40 minutes, and once it closes out, nobody can mark themselves present for the flight.

### ● Step 3: Selection process

To be considered for a flight, travelers must be on leave, have their Form 988 and Common Access Card. Since Space-A seating is limited, Tech. Sgt. Joseph Bedson, 502nd LRS NCO in charge of passenger services, recommends travelers give themselves some buffer time with leave, and added that lodging is available across the street if they happen to miss a flight.

Kelly Inn is located on 250 Goodrich Dr. and can be contacted at 210-925-1844.

Priority for seating goes by date and time of sign up from categories one to six, beginning with Category 1. Category 3, active duty on ordinary leave, and Category 6, retired military, Reservists and Air National Guard members, are the most popular categories to fly out of the JB-SA-Lackland Passenger Terminal.

Blaylock said an important thing to note for military dependents is they cannot travel Space-A without their sponsor unless they receive a letter signed by their sponsor's command. For more information on dependent Space-A travel and the travel status categories, visit the AMC website.

### ● Step 4: Check-in

Once travelers have been selected for a flight, they will be asked to go through the terminal's magnetometer and x-ray machine. The terminal follows all of the Transportation Security Administration's guidelines travel.

During this step, travelers will receive their boarding pass, baggage tags and if it is available, the option to receive a boxed meal. Boxed meals cost \$5.55 and must be paid in exact change.

"Depending on what terminal you're traveling out of and what aircraft you're going on can limit your baggage," Blaylock said. "Out of here, you're good for 2 bags per person at 70 pounds apiece."

Free long-term parking is also available at the terminal for 60 days. Passengers will receive a slip to place in their front windshield, and if more than the allotted 60 days is needed, Bedson said the passenger can call the terminal to adjust their slip.

Finally, before being taxied out to the aircraft for the flight, travelers will be shown an anti-hijacking slideshow. For more information on Space-A, visit the

JB-SA-Lackland Passenger Terminal Facebook page or call 210-925-8715/8714. To find information on other installation's passenger terminals, visit the Air Mobility Command website.



# F-35A stealth brings flexibility to battlespace

Multirole capabilities of the F-35A Lightning II is proving to be a game changer in Nevada

Micah Garbarino  
75th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — Stealth isn’t new in the Air Force; but, stealth combined with the multirole capabilities of the F-35A Lightning II is proving to be a game changer in the Nevada desert. Units from across the Air Force have converged here for Red Flag 17-1, the Air Force’s premier air combat exercise, which pits a friendly force against an aggressor force in scenarios designed to give pilots true-to-life experiences before heading into actual combat.

Military strategists have long noted that while the United States has invested heavily in combat aircraft technology, potential adversaries have pushed their capital toward advanced surface-to-air missiles in integrated air defense systems. Planners say any realistic large-force exercise must test the Air Force’s ability to survive and suppress these sophisticated systems.

That is what the Airmen of the 388th and 419th Fighter Wings from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, bring to the fight with the combat-capable F-35A.

“During this Red Flag we’re training against the highest level threats we know exist,” said Lt. Col. George Watkins, the 34th Fighter Squadron commander. “Just as we’re getting new systems and technology, the adversary’s threats are becoming more sophisticated and capable.”

Fourth-generation aircraft, such as the F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-15 Eagle, F/A-18 Hornet, A-10 Thunderbolt II and others, cannot operate in an environment where they are targeted by advanced anti-air systems with sophisticated radar and infrared capabilities.

Red Flag planners are tasking the F-35A with taking out these threats and the aircraft’s stealth capability is proving pilots can survive and operate effectively where others cannot.

“I flew a mission the other day where our four-ship formation of F-35As destroyed five surface-to-air threats in a 15-minute period without being targeted once,” said



An F-35A Lightning II piloted by Lt. Col. Yosef Morris, a 388th Fighter Wing pilot, taxis during Red Flag 17-1 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, Feb. 3, 2017. Morris flew the 2,000th sortie during the Air Force’s premier air-to-air combat training exercise. This is the first deployment of the F-35A to a Red Flag. Maintainers and pilots from the 388th and 419th Fighter Wings from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, deployed the fifth-generation fighter to Nellis AFB Jan. 20, 2017.

Maj. James Schmidt, a former A-10 pilot. “It’s pretty cool to come back from a mission where we flew right over threats knowing they could never see us.”

In past Red Flags, the friendly force did not have the capability to directly target advanced surface-to-air missile threats with an aircraft like the F-35A. Exercise planners would engage the targets with long range “standoff” weapons – like tomahawk missiles – before sending aircraft in to the fight.

“We would shoot everything we had at

that one threat just to take it out. Now between us and the (F-22) Raptor, we are able to geo-locate them and precision target them.” Watkins said. “With the stealth capability of the F-35A we can get close enough to put a bomb right on them. That would be impossible with a fourth-generation aircraft.”

After taking out the ground threats, the multirole F-35A is able to “pitch back into the fight” with air-to-air missiles, taking out aircraft that don’t even know they’re there, Schmidt said.

This is the largest exercise to date for the combat pilots of Hill’s 34th Fighter Squadron and they’re learning to believe in what the multirole fighter can do in combat, said Maj. Shad Stromberg, a 419th FW Reserve F-35 pilot.

“After almost every mission, we shake our heads and smile, saying ‘We can’t believe we just did that,’” Schmidt said. “We flew right into the heart of the threat and were able to bring all of our jets back out with successful strikes. It’s like we hit the ‘I Believe’ button again after every sortie.”

# Ten facts about Black History Month

Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth McDowell  
14th Medical Operations Squadron

February marks an annual observance known as Black History Month. The month inspires many to learn about the culminated achievements by black Americans.

Below are ten facts about Black History Month to share:

1 – Black History Month, also known as African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role they have played in the history of the United States.

2 – In June 1839, Joseph Cinque and 53 others were abducted from their home in Sierra Leone by Portuguese slave traders. Aboard the schooner Amistad, Cinque led a successful revolt against the crew. On March 9, 1841, the U.S. Supreme Court freed the 35 Africans who survived the ordeal and cleared their passage back to their home on the West African coast.

3 – Charles Lenox Remond was one of the earliest recorded black abolitionist speakers. At 18, he traveled from his home in Massachusetts to London for the World Anti-Slavery Convention and remained abroad for many years to lecture on abolition in universities across the United Kingdom.



During the Civil War, he recruited black citizens and helped to staff the first two all-black units from Massachusetts.

4 – The Montgomery Bus Boycott began when Rosa Parks, a black protestor, refused to give up her seat for a white man on the bus. Parks was a politically active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People long before her actions on that day and came from a family of activists. On that day in 1955, the unassuming actions of the “Mother of the Civil Rights Movement” echoed throughout the country.

5 – Jean Baptiste Point du Sable is known as the first settler of present-day Chicago. As a merchant and farmer of the region, Point du Sable established both a prosperous farm in an area otherwise unsettled and an affable relationship with local Native American tribes. After the Revolutionary War, his farm prospered greatly. Travelers as far as the East Coast knew of the Point du Sable.

6 – The largest plantation house in Florida is the Kingsley Plantation on Fort George Island. The main house was built by slaves in 1738, and was sold to Zephaniah Kingsley and his African wife, Anna Madgigine Jai in 1815. When the U.S. gained possession of Florida in 1821, Kingsley fought against laws that greatly prohibited the activities of both free and enslaved blacks and even wrote a major treatise on the subject. Even though he owned slaves, he was a strong believer in treating people according to their abilities, not their color.

7 – Fannie Lou Hamer was a civil rights activist whose depiction of her own suffering focused attention on the

plight of black men and women throughout the South. In 1964, she worked with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, organizing the Freedom Summer voter registration drive in Mississippi. Hamer’s tombstone is inscribed with her famous quote, “I am sick and tired of being sick and tired.”

8 – Founded in 1738, the Fort Mose Settlement was the first community of free ex-slaves. It was located at a Spanish colony in Florida called Gracia Real de Santa Teresa de Mose. Before the Emancipation Proclamation, slaves could escape to the colony and get their freedom when they declared their allegiance to the King of Spain and joined the Catholic Church.

9 – Since 1976, every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

10 – The Underground Railroad was a loosely organized network of connections for slaves escaping to the North. Homes, or “stations,” would provide food and shelter for escaping slaves, and the leader of the group, or “conductor,” ensured they moved safely from station to station. It is estimated close to 100,000 fugitive slaves used the railroad between 1810 and 1860, the majority of whom escaped from Kentucky, Virginia and Maryland.

For more facts and information about African American History Month, visit <https://deomi.org/SpecialObservance/AABHM2017.cfm>.

## Columbus AFB Top 3 spotlight



Date: Feb. 7, 2017  
Category: Airman  
Nominee Name/Grade: Nabila Ivaldi  
Unit: 14th Flying Training Wing

### Information:

1. **Home Town:** Columbus, Ga.
2. **Time in the Air Force:** three years five months
3. **Time at Columbus AFB:** three years
4. **Career Short Term Goals:** Make staff sergeant, and begin taking classes again
5. **Career Long Term Goals:** Retrain into a medical specialty in the U.S. Air Force, and get selected for a commissioning program.
6. **Nominated by:** Chief Master Sgt. Johnathan Hover
7. **Nomination reason:** Senior Airman Nabila Ivaldi is a stellar performer and continually strives to ensure everyone around her is taken care of, regardless of their rank. Her attention to detail and ability to think outside the box is commendable. She is truly a superior performer and very deserving of the Top 3 spotlight award.





# BLAZE Hangar Tails: T-6A Texan II

## Mission

The T-6A Texan II is a single-engine, two-seat primary trainer designed to train Primary Pilot Training, or PPT, students in basic flying skills common to U.S. Air Force pilots.

## Background

Before being formally named in 1997, the T-6A was identified in a 1989 Department of Defense Trainer Aircraft Master Plan as the aircraft portion of the Primary Aircraft Training System, or PATS. The system includes a suite of simulators, training devices and a training integration management system.

On Feb. 5, 1996, Raytheon was awarded the PATS acquisition and support contracts. The first operational T-6A arrived at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, in May 2000. The

full rate production contract was awarded in December 2001. Air Force production of the aircraft was completed in 2010.

The T-6A is used to train PPT students, providing the basic skills necessary to progress to one of three training tracks: the Air Force fighter-bomber, the Air Force airlift-tanker, the Air Force turboprop track and the Air Force helicopter track.

Instructor pilot training in the T-6A began at Randolph AFB in 2000. PPT began in October 2001 at Moody AFB, Georgia, and is currently at Columbus AFB, Mississippi; Vance AFB, Oklahoma; and Laughlin and Sheppard AFBs in Texas.

## General Characteristics

**Primary Function:** Entry-level trainer in joint primary pilot training

**Builder:** Raytheon Aircraft Co.  
**Powerplant:** 1,100 horsepower Pratt & Whitney Canada PT6A-68 turbo-prop engine  
**Wingspan:** 33.5 feet (10.19 meters)  
**Length:** 33.4 feet (10.16 meters)  
**Height:** 10.7 feet (3.23 meters)  
**Speed:** 320 miles per hour  
**Standard Basic Empty Weight:** 6,500 pounds (2,955 kilograms)  
**Ceiling:** 31,000 feet (9448.8 meters)  
**Range:** 900 nautical miles (1,667 kilometers)  
**Crew:** Two, student pilot and instructor pilot  
**Armament:** None  
**Date Deployed:** May 2000  
**Unit Cost:** \$4.272 million  
**Inventory:** Active force, 446



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel Lile

Two T-6A Texan II aircraft from the 37th Flying Training Squadron were part of a dissimilar formation flight above Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Oct. 1, 2015, that included aircraft from each of the 14th Flying Training Wing flying squadrons. The T-6A Texan II is a single-engine, two-seat primary trainer designed to train Primary Pilot Training, or PPT, students in basic flying skills common to U.S. Air Force pilots.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

Garry Argent, a maintenance contractor, prepares a T-6A Texan II aircraft for one of the last joint training missions between the 52nd Expeditionary Flying Training Squadron and the Iraqi air force Squadron 203 Sept. 4, 2011, at Camp Speicher, Iraq. The T-6A is used to provide PPT students the basic skills necessary to progress to one of three training tracks: the Air Force fighter-bomber, the Air Force airlift-tanker, the Air Force turboprop track and the Air Force helicopter track.

## Air Force Readiness Programs

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

## Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program, from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 23, 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.

## Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. March 6 - 10. The Transition Assistance Program Workshop has seminars on: Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, Mississippi Dept. of Employment Security, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP, Dept. of Labor TAP portion. Preseparation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance is 8 - 12 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

## Career Technical Training

This transition event is held 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. March 13 - 14 and explores technical careers for post military personnel using VA Educational benefits. It is conducted by CALIBRE, private company contracted by DVA. Prior registration is required, company requires 10 days notification and must have minimum of eight participants. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

## Smooth Move

The Smooth Move class starts 10 - 11:30 a.m. March 14. The class provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. You learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and A&FRC. Please call 434-2790 to register.

## Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop is March 15 on writing resumes, applications, and job search, using USAJobs. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

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## Military Auxiliary Bishop visits Team BLAZE



U.S. Air Force photo by Richard Johnson

The Most Reverend Neil Buckon, Bishop for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (center), Reverend Antony Chakkalakkal, Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi parish, Aberdeen, Mississippi (left), and Reverend Paul Stewart, Pastor, Prince of Peace parish, Columbus, Mississippi (right), celebrate catholic Mass Feb. 14, 2017, at the Chapel on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Buckon arrived at Columbus AFB Feb. 13 for his base visit and departed Feb. 15 for Meridian, Mississippi.

## Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. March 28 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. March 28 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.

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## 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

marital 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.

## Personal Financial Readiness

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

## Chapel Schedule

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

## Catholic Community


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



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





**Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events**  
Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter @columbusafbliving, Instagram at columbus\_afb\_living, or visit our website at columbusafbliving.com to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base. Check out the calendar on the website for important Airman and Family Readiness Center events. For more information, contact 434-2337.

**Battle of the Bulge**  
The Fitness Center is running the Battle of the Bulge now - March 3. Contact Health and Promotion for more information and to sign-up at 434-1688.

**Texas Hold'Em**  
The Columbus club will host a Texas Hold'em series event at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 23. Prices are \$5 for club members and \$10 for non-club member buy-ins. Member must be 18 or older to join. For more information call 434-2489.

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

**The Overrun Open Friday Nights**  
The Overrun is open Fridays 4:30 p.m. until midnight. Bar menu includes chicken wing basket, chicken tender basket, club wrap, or buffalo chicken wrap. For more information, contact 434-2419.

**Story Time and Circle Time**  
The Base Library offers Story Time every Friday at 11 a.m. for all ages. Circle Time is offered each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. for ages up to 4 years old. For more information, contact 434-2934.

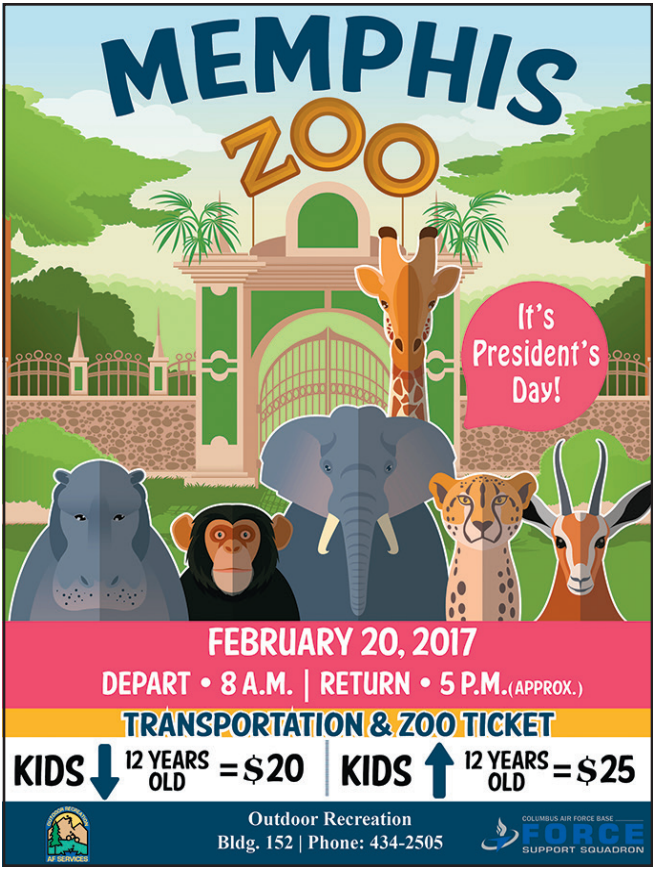
**Cosmic Bowling Special**  
The Bowling Center offers Cosmic Bowling for only \$12 per person every Friday and Saturday night from 5 – 8 p.m. You also may purchase individual games for \$3 per game with purchase of \$1.50 shoe rental. For more information, contact 434-3426.

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

**Lawn Mower and Bicycle Repair**  
Lawn mower repair is now available at Outdoor Recreation.



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ation. 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.

**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.

# Primary prevention and Green Dot — a year in

**Daisy Jones-Brown**  
Green Dot Coordinator

Last year around this time, the Green Dot program made its way onto the scene in the Air Force.

There was plenty of buzz about this new program the Air Force was adopting. I was often asked what this program was going to provide the Air Force had not already tried.

Many were skeptical and some went as far as to say this program will make its debut and then in a year or two the Air Force will move on to something else trending. However, we could not have predicted how well the Green Dot program would be received and embraced by our Airmen. As a matter of fact, according to Air Force survey results on Green Dot, 91 percent were hopeful that rates of interpersonal violence could be reduced in the Air Force after being trained in this program.

As a licensed therapist and a previous Sexual Assault Response Coordinator for so long, my field mainly looked at the problem of interpersonal violence from the response view. I am glad to say as a field we have made progress in the way we respond to the problem and we have done great work to try to ensure re-victimization doesn't occur. The field has also made great efforts to ensure victims heal when they are affected by these crimes.

These changes didn't occur in isolation. It



took a lot of hard work by a lot of great people getting involved and doing their part to ensure victims are taken care of and treated fairly. We still have work to do but no doubt progress has been made.

We have in the past and continue to focus a lot of attention on risk reduction, both personal and environmental, to help individuals not become victims of interpersonal violence. Unfortunately the fall-out at times of this is victim-blaming. Even though reducing our risk to avoid dangerous situations is paramount, we also realize as a field that risk reduction doesn't reduce the crime as much as wanted because of some of the dynamics involved in interpersonal violence.

Within the Air Force we also taught bystander intervention as a tool to use for intervening in high risk situations however, we

didn't expand the concept enough to make it practical for widespread use by our Airmen. The Green Dot program takes bystander intervention to the next level. The program presents options for intervening using the "3Ds," aka direct, delegate, and distract, and how they work in spite of your personal, organizational or relationship barriers.

The program also teaches Reactive Green Dots to stop something as soon as we see a warning sign interpersonal violence is possibly about to happen, and Proactive Green Dots to stop something before it even happens. These two concepts are setting norms of zero tolerance within our culture. Because of these aspects of the program, I believe the Green Dot program is here to stay.


For so long we wished no one suffered from sexual assault, domestic violence and

stalking. Now we can do more. We have the power to stop it, one small action at a time. Remember, no one has to do everything, but everyone has to do something.

In my view, the primary prevention concepts used in the Green Dot program have the opportunity to become some of the biggest grassroots movements in our foreseeable future in the way we go after the problem of interpersonal violence. With the Green Dot program applying primary prevention concepts, we can take the power back and create the culture we want in the Air Force. We have the power to make perpetrators ineffective in their efforts to commit these crimes.

In 2017, look for our expanded application of primary prevention to include our comprehensive primary prevention strategy for Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The primary prevention program will continue to grow and evolve. Don't be left behind, I urge you to join the movement. Practice Green Dot, share the concept with others, keep displaying those Green Dot car magnets, posting support on social media, and talking about it in your work center.

Before you know it, cultural change will happen. Just the way social media made its way onto the scene, one small action at a time. This generation can and will do it, if not you, then who? As Benjamin Franklin said "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."




**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

March 1

Ash Wednesday Catholic Mass 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at the Chapel

Ecumenical Base-Wide Distribution of the Ashes 1 – 2 p.m.  
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## Volunteer of the Year



**Staff Sgt. Maria Schinella**  
14th Medical Group

## NAF Category I Employee of the Year



**Felix Montes**  
14th Mission Support Group

## NAF Category II Employee of the Year



**Barbara Wills**  
14th Mission Support Group

## Honor Guardsman of the Year



**Senior Airman Raul Pena**  
14th Medical Group

## Airman of the Year



**Senior Airman Samuel Miller**  
14th Medical Group

## Make Every Dollar Count Team of the Year



**Aerospace Physiology**  
14th Medical Group

## First Sergeant of the Year



**Master Sgt. Angela Schlosser**  
14th Mission Support Group

## Category I Civilian of the Year



**Margaret Guenther**  
14th Operations Group

## Flight Commander of the Year



**Maj. Eric Chase**  
14th Medical Group

## Noncommissioned Officer of the Year



**Tech. Sgt. David Banks**  
14th Medical Group

## Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year



**Master Sgt. James Thompson**  
14th Mission Support Group

## Category II Civilian of the Year



**William O'Meara**  
14th Mission Support Group

## Company Grade Officer of the Year



**Capt. Jennifer Arce**  
14th Medical Group

## Category III Civilian of the Year



**Rick Songer**  
14th Mission Support Group

## Instructor Pilot of the Year



**Maj. Jeremy Allen**  
14th Operations Group

## Field Grade Officer of the Year



**Maj. Nicholas Ervin**  
14th Operations Group