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“Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight”

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Weather

Friday  Partly Cloudy High 62°F Low 34°F	Saturday  Partly Cloudy High 66°F Low 43°F
Sunday  Partly Cloudy High 64°F Low 52°F	Monday  Cloudy High 73°F Low 52°F
Forecast provided by the 14 th OSS Weather Flight	

News Briefs

Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. March 7 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

SUPT Class 17-06 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-06 graduates at 10 a.m. March 10 at Kaye Auditorium.

Enlisted Dorm Dinner

The monthly Enlisted Dorm Dinner is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. March 23 at the Chapel Annex.

Inside



Feature 8

The commissary update is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Day

Senior Airman Samuel Miller, 14th Medical Operation Squadron Aerospace and Operational Physiology Technician, pauses for a photo March 1, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Miller recently won base and Air Force level awards including 14th Flying Training Wing Airman of the Year at the 2016 Annual Awards Banquet, 19th Air Force Outstanding Airman of the Year and U.S. Air Force Aerospace and Operational Physiology Airman of the Year.

AOP Airman exemplifies excellence with awards

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

Senior Airman Samuel Miller, 14th Medical Operation Squadron Aerospace and Operational Physiology Technician, recently won several awards while stationed at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Miller was selected as the 14th Flying Training Wing Airman of the Year at the 2016 Annual Awards Banquet, 19th Air Force Outstanding Airman of the Year and was recognized by the Air Force Medical Service as the U.S. Air Force Aerospace and Operational Physiology Airman of the Year.

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (17-14)	1.74 days	3.80 days	Mar. 8	48th (17-06)	-3.12 days	3.37 days	Mar. 10	49th (17-EBC)	0.45 days	3.49 days	Mar. 2	T-6	124	80	12,392
41st (17-15)	5.30 days	3.50 days	Mar. 31	50th (17-06)	0.42 days	2.06 days	Mar. 10	* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.				T-1	39	17	3,216
												T-38	50	35	4,284
												IFF	20	17	1,819
The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Craig Wills, Director of Strategic Plans, Requirements and Programs, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.															

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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 39 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
6 TAP workshop, 7:30 @ AFRC	7 Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	8	9	10 → SUPT Class 17-06 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	11/12	Mar. 23: Enlisted Dorm Dinner Mar. 24: Happy Irby Golf Tournament Mar. 27 - May 5: AFAF Mar. 28: Wing Newcomers Mar. 30 - Apr. 8: Annual Spring Pilgrimage Mar. 31: Enlisted Promotions Mar. 31: Ryan Daniels Concert
13 Local School Spring Break	14	15	16	17 →	18/19	Apr. 1: Comedy Show at the Club Apr. 6: BCC Luncheon Apr. 7: SUPT Class 17-07 Graduation Apr. 18: Wing Newcomers Apr. 28: SUPT Class 17-08 Graduation Apr. 28: Enlisted Promotions/Quarterly Awards May 26: Independence Pool Opens

MILLER

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“Last year, I won Airman of the Quarter and it kind of snowballed from there,” Miller said. “It set me up for being competitive with other awards. They told me I had a good shot at winning if I continued to work hard.”

He is from Cincinnati, Ohio and achieved a Bachelor’s Degree in Business before starting his Air Force career.

“I went to college before I joined the Air Force,” Miller said. “After trying for a year or two to get a job with my degree, I started looking at joining the military. I thought, ‘why not?’ and got put in AOP.”

Miller thrived in his new job and became very proficient in his craft.

“I didn’t really know much about my job, but I found I really liked it after I got here,” Miller said. “The leadership here is really great and has pushed me to succeed. They tasked me more than before and challenged me to improve.”

He was initially uncomfortable with teaching students, but with experience, came confidence, leading him to better his performance both on and off duty.

“The Air Force has done good things for me,” Miller said. “The last two years have taught me to be much more independent,

given me a skill and of course I met my wife here. I’ve thought about furthering my career and commissioning as well.”

Miller has been identified by his leadership as “a step above the rest” and was given the tools to succeed. He was nominated by his supervisor for his award packages.

“Over the last year, we have had low manning in the shop and so Airman Miller has been working at an NCO level position as an Airman,” said 2nd Lt. Vikas Kumar, 14th MDOS AOP Element Chief of Operations. “This is just one of the things he has done to tell me he is a high-speed Airman who deserves to be recognized for his contributions. He always brings in a smile and a good attitude and is always willing to do what we ask of him.”

His professionalism, job experience and leadership led him to be the best Airman he can be and to bring pride to himself and his unit by winning these awards at such a high level.

“Sam is truly an asset to the flight,” said Maj. Eric Chase, 14th MDOS AOP Flight Commander. “His success stems largely from having a true vision of how we can improve the flight and the training we offer to student pilots, as well as seasoned aircrew. That type of drive can be difficult to instill in anyone, regardless of rank. But for Sam, it simply comes naturally.”

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Love for flying kept last KC-135 flight engineer flying for decades

Kenji Thuloweit
412th Test Wing Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — *(This feature is part of the “Through Airmen’s Eyes” series. These stories focus on individual Airmen, highlighting their Air Force story.)*

After a career that has spanned almost four decades, the last Air Force flight engineer for the KC-135 Stratotanker is set to retire at Edwards Air Force Base.

Master Sgt. Robert Self joined the U.S. Marine Corps in November of 1978 and will wrap up his military career next month as a full-time Air Force reservist with the 370th Flight Test Squadron.

With 34-and-a-half years of military service, 26 on active duty, Self has had a diverse set of assignments. He said the love of flying is what has kept him going, but with advances in technology, the role of flight engineer has been decreasing over several aircraft platforms.

“The flight engineer runs the fuel panel, watches the systems and is a technical advisor to all the pilots,” Self said. “Maybe 15 years ago they had a flight engineer on the KC-135 and even a navigator. But over the years the technology has improved and the systems in the airplane have gone to computers, so they have taken engineers and navigators out.”

He first became interested in aviation in the Marines when he was a helicopter crew chief stationed in Hawaii. After a four-year term, he returned to his birthplace of Rhode Island to complete college. But the urge to fly brought him back to the military. He joined the Rhode Island Army National Guard where he served as an aeroscout observer and helicopter mechanic. He would fly in OH-6 Hughes Cayuse Light Observation Helicopters as a “flying sergeant.”

“We would fly really low with the doors off. We would pop up, radio coordinates to artillery and pop back down. That’s beautiful flying, I loved it,” Self said.

But as Self would see – and what would become a common



U.S. Air Force photo by Christopher Higgins

Master Sgt. Robert Self, a 370th Flight Test Squadron KC-135 tanker flight engineer, stands tall following his final flight Jan. 18, 2017. Self is retiring in March from 34-and-a-half years of service in the military.

theme in his career – changes in the military every few years would change his role, too. The unit in Rhode Island was deactivated, so Self went back to Hawaii to continue flying in OH-6s.

“But then special operations took them – took all the OH-6s and painted them black, so I’m out of a job,” Self said.

The Army also eliminated the flying-sergeant career field to make way for junior officers to fly in the second seat of OH-6s.

He then became an Air Force Reserve C-5 Galaxy mechanic at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, which had a sister unit at Travis AFB, California, that had C-5 flight engineers. He trained to be a C-5 flight engineer and managed to stay in Hawaii. But after some time, his unit at Travis AFB wanted him to come to California. To remain in Hawaii, he took a part-time air national guard position at a unit that had C-130s at Hickam. He became a trained flight engineer in the C-130 Hercules.

“Then that unit went away and got C-17s, and they don’t have flight engineers,” Self said. “After that, I started a new life and became a full-time reservist with the Big Crow program at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, working as a KC-135 flight engineer.”

Big Crow is the name of two NKC-135 test-bed aircraft, which are heavily-modified KC-135s used for electronic warfare testing. These planes were also used as a target simulator for testing the Boeing YAL-1 Airborne Laser.

“Every time I switched aircraft I had to go back to school for training. I went to school for the NKC-135. Then they closed down the Big Crow program, and I had to go back to C-130s at Rhode Island and at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado,” Self said.

Unfortunately for Self, every time he changed units he had to lose a rank in order for his new unit to administratively accept him.

“I’ve had four stripes taken off. So, after all these units closed down, I would apply to a new unit. They would say, ‘Oh we can’t take you unless you take a stripe off.’ I loved flying that much, that I don’t mind taking a stripe off.”

While deployed overseas, Self received a message that would ultimately bring him to Edwards AFB in November, 2013. Since he was qualified to be a flight engineer in the C-130 and KC-135, he would have a job working on the Speckled Trout program, which used KC-135s.

“The Air Force called me and said you have all these qualifications, we can use you here,” Self said. “When I got here the (Speckled Trout) program closed down and there was no testing for the C-130 anymore, so they made me a KC-135 tanker flight engineer.”

Self has reached his high tenure of service, and it’s time for him to retire. He had his final flight Jan. 18, 2017, and is taking the rest of his leave before officially retiring in March. Self said he plans on staying in the local area and may continue to work at Edwards AFB as a civilian.

Ten enlisted Airmen promoted at ceremony

**14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs**

Ten of Team BLAZE’s enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotion ceremony Feb. 28 at the Columbus Club.

Promoted during the month of February were:

Airman Jonathan Garcia, 14th Contracting Squadron

Airman Christopher Rodriguez, 14th Security Forces Squadron

Airman 1st Class Abigail Cruz, 14th Medical Operations Squadron

Airman 1st Class Edgar Gomez, 14th SFS

Airman 1st Class Garland Lym, 14th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Airman Hayden Harrison, 14th OSS

Senior Airman Warren Keeling, 14th OSS

Staff Sgt. Crystal Geberth, 14th MDOS

Staff Sgt. Seth Massey, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Master Sgt. Christopher Williams, 14th Flying Training Wing



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Doublin

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NEWS AROUND TOWN

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 4

Check-in for the Bikin’ For the Blues motorcycle ride benefit for the Richard E. Holmes II Memorial Foundation and Columbus Arts Council begins at 11 a.m. at The Hitching Lot/Farmers Market.

Rain date is March 11. Registration is \$20 per bike. Forms are available at Columbus-arts.org or at the Rosenzweig Arts Center. For more information, call 328-2787.

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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Gloss selected for Senior Master Sergeant

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Eric Gloss, 14th Force Support Squadron Non-commissioned Officer in Charge, for being selected to the rank of senior master sergeant.



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Brig. Gen. Craig Wills to speak at next graduation

Team BLAZE welcomes Brig. Gen. Craig Wills as the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-06's graduation March 10 at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.



Wills is the Director of Strategic Plans, Requirements and Programs, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. PACAF's primary mission is to provide ready air and space power to promote U.S. interests in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region during peacetime, through crisis and in war. Wills supports the Commander Pacific Air Forces, in this mission by providing oversight of the strategy for operational plans, international relations, theater security cooperation, and programming of \$16.5 billion in Pacific Theater resources.

Wills was commissioned in 1990 upon completion of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Arizona. He is a Command Pilot with more than 2,500 hours of flying time, primarily in the F-15C and F-15E.

Prior to his current assignment, Wills was the Executive Officer to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. He previously commanded the 39th Air Base Wing, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, 47th Operations Group at Laughlin AFB, Texas, and the 493rd Fighter Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom. He has been a Fellow at Harvard University and served on the Seventh Air Force and United States Forces Korea Staffs.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1991 - May 1992, student, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather AFB, California

2. May 1992 - May 1993, student, F-15E Initial Qualification Training, Luke AFB, Arizona

3. May 1993 - September 1995, F-15E Instructor Weapons Systems Officer and Assistant Chief of Weapons, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom

4. September 1995 - March 1997, Distinguished Graduate, Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training and Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Sheppard AFB, Texas

5. March 1997 - August 1997, Outstanding Graduate, F-15C Initial Qualification Training, Tyndall AFB, Florida

6. October 1997 - August 2000, F-15C Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, 71st Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia

7. August 2000 - August 2002, F-15C Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, and Assistant Director of Operations, 2nd Fighter Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Florida

8. August 2002 - June 2003, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

9. July 2003 - June 2004, student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

10. July 2004 - July 2005, Director, 7th Air Force Strategy Division, Korea Air Operations Center, Osan AB, Republic of Korea

11. September 2005 - July 2008, F-15C Evaluator Pilot, Assistant Director of Operations, Director of Operations, and Commander, 493rd Fighter Squadron, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom

12. Aug 2008 - June 2009, Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

13. July 2009 - July 2011, Commander, 47th Operations Group, Laughlin AFB, Texas

14. July 2011 - July 2013, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, United States Forces Korea

15. July 2013 - July 2015, Commander, 39th Air Base Wing, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey

16. August 2015 - July 2016, Executive Officer to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

17. July 2016 - present, Director of Strategic Plans, Requirements and Programs, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii

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Are your running shoes spying on you?

Patrick S. Ryan
Col, USAF, SAF CIO/A6

Five or 10 years ago, such a statement might have been appropriate for a cartoon matinee or slapstick farce, but in a new world defined by the Internet of Things, this statement isn't just a possibility, but an actual cyber vulnerability to be aware of.

Companies today are adding the word "smart" to a constellation of different products: water bottles, refrigerators, televisions, and yes, even running sneakers.

In simple terms that word "smart" means computer code performing some automated function such as data collection, storage, transmittal or other task to offer the user better insight into his or her experience using that product. Those running shoes might log miles walked, calories burned or altitude climbed and then send that data over a connection of some kind, whether physical or Wi-Fi, to another smart device such as a phone, tablet or computer, which the user can use to monitor fitness.

It is that interaction, where the shoes "touch" the mostly unregulated, unprotected web where the true vulnerability lies.

Any code can be altered once a connection occurs. The data you expect those shoes to collect may be changed by the bad guys to collect other data instead, or host malicious code that can be carried to the actual target they want to infect. All you might have to do is walk by the ATM and your bank could now be potentially infected.



Are your running shoes spying on you?

We take for granted the utility of smart devices. There is no argument they make life easier, more automated, and allow us to access data we might never have had access to before. Unfortunately, that comfort and joy we experience in the ever expanding landscape of technological wonders has a very evil underside we absolutely must be aware of. We cannot assume that these devices are safe, secure, and protected. They are not.

So the question that comes to mind is simply: what do we do?

This is not some call to revert society back to an agrarian base. Instead, we must grow a

culture aware of cybersecurity.

Even the simple act of asking questions: is this device (or shoe or water bottle) connected? How? Should I disable it before I come into work every day - or even not bring it at all? Are there security patches I can load on these items? That simple pause to address what has become a part of every facet of our lives could be the difference between a massive data breach and just another day at the office.

An extreme example recalls how terrorists utilized simple box cutters as weapons of war to then turn civilian aircraft into even

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deadlier mass destruction devices. It was the definition of asymmetric advantage by a "supposedly" inferior enemy. In an Internet of Things we have created hundreds of these tools, now weapons in waiting. Yet a simple cultural shift, a turn from blind trust to trust but verify, can blunt that advantage.

The Internet of Things offers an unbelievable range of possibility to the consumer. There is truly no limit to the new ways we can utilize smart devices to enhance our lives, but with the massive increase in powerful tools comes the simple responsibility to utilize them safely.

It is like the Wild West in terms of opportunity, so we must realize our role in keeping the cyber peace. Use these new technologies to their fullest, but be skeptical and vigilant that they are just as much a weapon as a tool and the enemy is always watching.

AF Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program updates released

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials released details on the fiscal year 2017 Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program Feb. 23, 2017. This year's program consists of 80 Air Force specialties and continues the practice of offering larger sums of money initially up front.

The program is designed to improve readiness and capacity by targeting retention of experienced Airmen, especially those in operations, nuclear, maintenance, cyber, space, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, and support career fields.

The 13 new Air Force specialty codes included in the fiscal 2017 SRB list represent critical and emerging career fields with high operations demands and low manning or retention, such as maintenance and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. The AFSCs removed from this year's SRB list were no longer among those AFSCs with the highest needs based on analysis of manning, retention, and/or training costs.

According to Col. Robert Romer, the chief of military force policy for the Air Force, the criteria used to determine career fields eligible for re-enlistment bonuses includes current and projected manning levels, retention levels and trends, and the cost levels associated with training new Airmen.

"This year's SRB list continues the Air Force's focus on re-

training key experience while we deliberately grow our force," Romer said. "We are increasing our accessions and training pipeline to support the increased growth, but these new enlistees won't be seasoned for some time. Retaining the experience we have is critical to maintaining readiness and training those new Airmen."

All AFSC bonus changes are effective Feb. 23.

The fiscal 2017 bonus list will be available on myPers on the "re-enlistment" page.

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

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DBIDS upgrade provides faster, secure gate flow

Vicki Stein

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — As visitors to Joint Base San Antonio go through the base gates, they may notice traffic is flowing faster but what they may not notice is security is also stronger.

Thanks to a Defense Biometrics Identification System 5.0 upgrade, ID card scanning speed has been reduced to a single second or less and the DBIDS equipment footprint is 40 per cent smaller.

DBIDS is a card-scanning tool that uses barcodes and biometrics to identify cardholders. The system verifies authorizations and assigns access privileges based on identity, affiliation and the current threat level.

“That equates to rapid identity proofing and vetting of personnel requesting access onto our installations and allows Security Forces to stop potential threats at the base perimeter,” said Derrick Austin, Air Force Security Forces Center Chief of Police Services and Installation Access Control.

Security Forces have been using the devices since 2009, but they were not always as quick to provide scanned data results.

One of AFSFC’s missions is to provide functional implementation guidance for Police Services, which includes DBIDs. Program goals are to improve the system’s availability, usability and affordability for installation commanders and Security Forces.

Airmen using DBIDS 5.0 light up when talking about the quick response and ability to move traffic. Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland DBIDS administrator Senior Airman Hunter Templeton said that when he did a test on the previous DBIDS 4.0 platform, it could take nine seconds or as much as 15 to 20 seconds to respond.

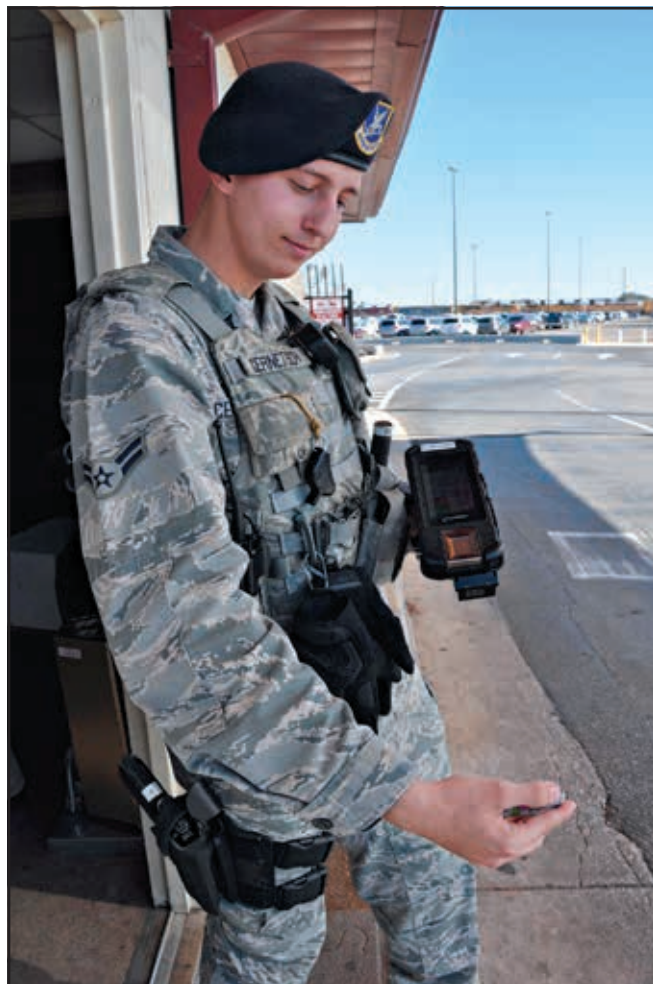
“DBIDS 5.0 is down to three seconds but usually a half of a second.” Templeton said.

The new equipment includes handheld scanners and all-in-one computers.

“This is a full upgrade and the system is working great. It’s amazing. I love it!” Templeton said.

The new DBIDS Scanner responds faster and with more accuracy than a human checking an ID card. This means with the heavy volume of traffic entering a base during peak traffic hours, entry controllers can now scan credentials instead of relying on visual ID card inspections, and it lessens the bottleneck or choke point at base entry control points.

It gives us better vetting,” Templeton said. “We’re not go-



US Air Force photo by Annette Crawford

A1C Travis Cernetisch, assigned to the 802nd Security Forces Squadron, uses the latest Defense Biometrics Identification System (DBIDS) equipment to scan driver's identification at JBSA-Lackland Kelly annex. Airmen around the country are using the system to DBIDS as an enhanced security system used to monitor entry onto military installations.

ing to allow anyone on base who should not enter. It will make everyone’s life easier. People coming on base won’t be as frustrated, and Airmen handling traffic won’t have to deal with frustrated people who have been sitting in long lines. We’re predicting 300,000 scans monthly and may even double the monthly amount last year of 177,000.”

He added it allows Security Forces Defenders to identify personnel with wants and warrants, which makes the perimeter and base safer.

Austin said DBIDS is installed at every Air Force installation stateside and overseas, to include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard bases.

“If a person’s status changes for any reason, like being barred, once the status is updated in DBIDS by the barring authority, all installation entry controllers will see the person was barred,” Austin said. “In six years, DBIDS annual scan statistics increased from 1,000,000 scans per year to 86,000,000 scans in 2016.

He said Scott Ulrich, Melia Goodman and Travis Cambern from the Air Force DBIDS Development Team had a vision of transitioning Security Forces from visual ID card inspections to electronic interrogation of all credentials.

“They imagined a system that’s easy to employ, interconnected globally and capable of continuous screening of DBIDS records,” Austin said.

The system is maintained by the Defense Manpower Data Center, owners of Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, and the Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System, or RAPIDS.

When a DoD credential is initially scanned at an installation entry control point, the cardholder is automatically registered in DBIDS once the ID Card is validated in DEERS. Also, information is screened by the FBI National Criminal Information Center. DBIDS is interconnected with DEERS and NCIC for continuous vetting.

In 2016, entry controllers detected 4,000 people with warrants, flagged 233 armed and dangerous, 71,000 personnel with terminated ID Cards, 3,500 barred, 73,000 expired ID cards and 22,580 ID cards reported lost or stolen. Austin said that in 2009, it was impossible to detect these categories of unauthorized personnel. “Now, Security Forces are able to stop potential threats, protecting our people and warfighting assets.”

Looking to the future, Austin said experts are already working on the next generation of DBIDS, to include a web-based virtual visitor center to allow DoD card holders to request visitor passes online. Also, DBIDS scanners will be able to read REAL ID compliant driver’s licenses, making visitor passes obsolete.

“If you see your entry controllers using the DBIDS scanners during peak traffic hours, assist them by having your credentials ready to be scanned and understand if minor delays occur, there’s a good chance an unauthorized person has been detected,” Austin said “It’s for everyone’s safety.”

Robert Pagenkopf

14th Medical Group
Health Promotion Program Coordinator

The National Nutrition Month® theme for 2017 is “Put Your Best Fork Forward,” which acts as a reminder that each bite counts.

Initiated in March 1973 as a week-long event, National Nutrition Week became a month-long observance in 1980 in response to growing public interest in nutrition.

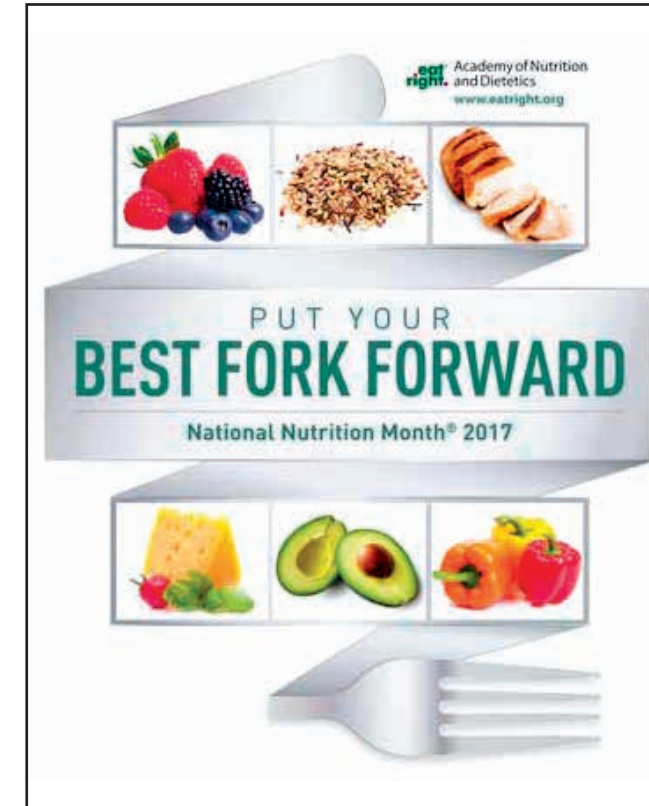
The 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans suggest starting with small changes in order to make healthier lasting changes you can enjoy. Making just small shifts in our food choices, can add up over time. Choosing a variety of healthful foods across and within all food groups helps reduce the risk of preventable, lifestyle-related chronic diseases including cardiovascular disease, type two diabetes and obesity.

Making small changes in the kitchen is just one part of becoming healthier over time. Nutrient-dense options and foods packed with important nutrients are naturally lean or low in solid fats and have little or no added solid fats, sugars or sodium.

During National Nutrition Month and beyond, make an effort to cut back on food and beverages high in added sugar, sodium and saturated fats. Take the time to find creative, healthful and nutritious ways to add flavor to food.

Maintain a healthy weight to reduce your risk of cancer and other diseases. The connection between cancer and obesity varies widely for different cancer types, but is as high as 40 percent for some cancers, particularly endometrial cancer and esophageal adenocarcinoma.

Reduce your intake of calories from solid fats and added sugars. Foods with added sugars and fats can cause weight gain and leave little room for more healthful, cancer-preventive foods. Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables including beans, which are linked with a lower risk of certain cancers. Fill half your plate each meal with a variety of naturally nutrient-rich



fruits and vegetables full of color.

Limit alcohol. Evidence suggests all types of alcoholic drinks may increase risk of a number of cancers, including mouth, throat, voice box, esophageal, liver, breast, colon and rectal. It’s unclear exactly how alcohol affects cancer risk. It is considered more harmful when combined with smoking. If you drink at all, limit alcoholic drinks to no more than one drink daily for women and two for men.

Improving overall well-being requires a lifelong commit-

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ment to healthful lifestyle behaviors, including daily physical activity. Parents can provide opportunities and encourage their children to spend time each day playing fun, physical activities. When children are young, parents and other caregivers are responsible for providing an environment that helps them maintain a healthy weight.

Help your child by being a positive role model for healthy eating and activity habits. Provide a calm, reassuring atmosphere at regular meals and snack times. Set healthy limits on screen entertainment like television and video games. Involve the whole family in fun physical activities. Help children develop a positive body image and avoid restrictive diets and excessive exercise regimens.

When it comes to nutrition and fitness, the role of parents is the same no matter the weight of their children. Not all slim kids have healthy eating habits or active lifestyles, and not all overweight children develop risk factors for diabetes or heart disease. A healthy weight for kids is about much more than numbers. It is about healthy behaviors, such as enjoying a variety of nutrient-rich foods and a variety of activities for strength, flexibility and aerobic capacity

Visit your Health Promotion office call 434-1688 to see what is available to start your healthy lifestyle. Healthy Snacks and information will be provided to start making healthy nutrition habits to “Put your best fork forward.”

Commander’s Action Line 434-1414

The Commander’s Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Commander’s Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command.

The Commander’s Action Line phone number is 434-1414. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the Wing Headquarters building, BLDG. 724, suite 210. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.



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BLAZE Hangar Tails: RQ-4 Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

Mission

The RQ-4 Global Hawk is a high-altitude, long-endurance, remotely piloted aircraft with an integrated sensor suite that provides global all-weather, day or night intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capability. Global Hawk's mission is to provide a broad spectrum of ISR collection capability to support joint combatant forces in worldwide peacetime, contingency and wartime operations. The Global Hawk provides persistent near-real-time coverage using imagery intelligence, signals intelligence and moving target indicator sensors.

Features

Global Hawk is currently fielded in three distinct blocks and is flown by a Launch and Recovery Element and a Mission Control Element. The LRE is located at the aircraft base and functions to launch and recover the aircraft while en route to and from the target area. The MCE controls the Global Hawk for the bulk of the ISR mission. Like the LRE, the MCE is manned by one pilot, but adds a sensor operator to the crew.

Command and control data links enable complete dynamic control of the aircraft. The pilot workstations in the MCE and LRE are the control and display interface providing aircraft health and status, sensors status and a

means to alter the navigational track of the aircraft. From this station, the pilot also communicates with outside entities to coordinate the mission such as air traffic control, airborne controllers, ground controllers, and other ISR assets.

The sensor operator workstation provides capability to task the sensor, dynamically update the collection plan in real time, initiate sensor calibration and monitor sensor status. The sensor operator also assists the exploitation node with image quality control, target deck prioritization and scene tracking to ensure fluid operations.

Background

Global Hawk began as an Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration in 1995. The system was determined to have military utility and provide warfighters with an evolutionary high-altitude, long-endurance ISR capability. The Global Hawk has been deployed operationally to support overseas contingency operations since November 2001.

In the RQ-4 name, the "R" is the Department of Defense designation for reconnaissance and "Q" means unmanned aircraft system. The "4" refers to the series of purpose-built remotely piloted aircraft systems. The "E" in EQ-4 delineates the communication configuration of the BACN equipped aircraft.

General Characteristics

Primary function: high-altitude, long-endurance ISR
Contractor: Northrop Grumman (Prime), Raytheon, L3 Comm
Power Plant: Rolls Royce-North American F137-RR-100 turbofan engine
Thrust: 7,600 pounds
Wingspan: 130.9 feet (39.8 meters)
Length: 47.6 feet (14.5 meters)
Height: 15.3 feet (4.7 meters)
Weight: 14,950 pounds (6,781 kilograms)
Maximum takeoff weight: 32,250 pounds (14,628 kilograms)
Fuel Capacity: 17,300 pounds (7,847 kilograms)
Payload: 3,000 pounds (1,360 kilograms)
Speed: 310 knots (357 mph)
Range: 12,300 nautical miles
Endurance: more than 34 hours
Ceiling: 60,000 feet (18,288 meters)
Armament: None
Crew (remote): three (LRE pilot, MCE pilot, and sensor operator)
Initial operating capability: 2011 (Block 30); 2015 (Block 40)
Inventory: active force, 33 (three more Block 30s purchased, to be fielded in 2017)



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Nichelle Anderson

A U.S. Air Force RQ-4 Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle flies over Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The Global Hawk's mission is to provide a broad spectrum of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance collection capability to support joint combatant forces in worldwide peacetime, contingency and wartime operations.



U.S. Air Force photo

A U.S. Air Force RQ-4 Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle waits for its takeoff time before its first launch from an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia. The RQ-4 carries the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node which acts as a persistent gateway, bridging diverse tactical data links and voice communications to improve battlefield communications.

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.)

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 participates. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Smooth Move

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

Hearts Apart

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

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

Team BLAZE members display BHM live



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Doublin

Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, and Col. James Fisher, 14th FTW Vice Commander, listen as Airman Ryan Heman-Ackah, 50th Flying Training Squadron, portrays Duke Ellington during the Black History Month Display Feb. 23, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Several stations were set up as other Team BLAZE members portrayed historical and inspirational members of Black American culture.

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.

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.

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.

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

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

Chapel Schedule

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

Catholic Community

Sundays:
3:45 p.m. - Religious Education, grades K-9 (Chapel Annex)
4 p.m. - Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary)
4 p.m. - Confession (or by appointment)
5 p.m. - Mass w/Children's Church
Fellowship Dinner after Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
Tuesdays:
11:30 a.m. - Daily Mass
Wednesdays:
11:30-12:30 p.m. - Adoration

Protestant Community

Sundays:
9 a.m. - Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library)
10:45 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service
Tuesdays:
5 p.m. - Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)
Wednesdays:
4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

Ecumenical services

Wednesdays:
6 p.m. - AWANA, a religious education program for children ages three years old to 6th grade
6 p.m. - Adult Bible study on the Gospel of John
6 p.m. - Youth Group

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.

March Madness Bowling
Every Saturday in March, bowling is \$1 from 5 p.m. to close. For more information, call 434-3426.

Free Breakfast for Club members
A free breakfast is available for club members from 6:30 - 8 a.m. March 9 at the Columbus Club. Call 434-2489 for more information.

Give Parents a Break
Give Parents a break runs from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. March 11. Please call the Youth Center at 434-2504 for more information.

St. Patrick's Day at the Club
St. Patrick's Day at the club has green beer along with corned beef, cabbage and other Irish foods at 5 p.m. March 17. Free for Club members and \$5 for nonmembers. Beer and alcohol not included in the price. Call 434-2489 for more information.

Fitness/Time Out Child Care
The Child Development Center offers child care from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is only \$4 per hour. Sign up one week in advance at the CDC or call 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, call 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, call 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, call 434-3426.



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

Lawn Mower and Bicycle Repair
Lawn mower repair is now available at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is only \$40 per hour plus parts; pickup and delivery available. Self-help bicycle repair is also available. For more information, call 434-2507.

Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed
Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? For more information, call 434-7836.

Referees Needed
Referees needed for various sports at the Fitness Center. For more information or to sign up, call 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, call 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 world-wide 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, call 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, call 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.

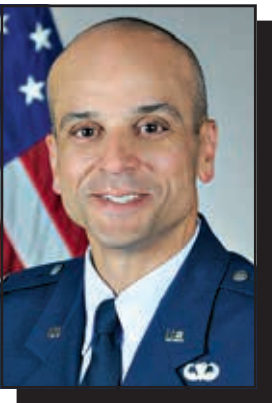
Space A Lodging
The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Call the lodging desk at 434-2548.

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 best 50 cents I ever spent

Col. Anthony Sansano
14th Mission Support Group
Commander

All Airmen are the products of costly Air Force training programs which intend to influence behaviors and shape our character.



Additionally, many of us spend considerable amounts of personal time and resources examining leadership lessons and character development. While I do not question or regret such investments, I found it rather amusing my recent 50-cent purchase of a half pint of chocolate milk yielded one of the best character lessons I ever received.

You see, on the side of this chocolate milk carton, CharacterPlus — a group committed to student success through character development — posted an advertisement including the lesson, “Character begins with me.” This was followed by the attributes associat-

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ed with high character professionals such as respect, kindness, self-control, responsibility, honesty and courage. Find a person who tirelessly exhibits these six attributes, and you will be standing in the presence of a high character individual, worthy of emulation.

I can name two reasons why commanders value character. First, as stated by Gen. David Goldfein, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, “It all starts with character.” Goldfein continued, “We are on a lifelong journey to develop our character. Sometimes we get focused on reputation. As we move through the ranks, we confuse character and reputation. Character is who we are every day and what we do when no one is watching. Reputation is what people think of us after watching us for a period of time. We need to focus on the first and the second will take care of itself.” Character defines who we really are.

The second reason why commanders value character is when it is coupled with ability

or competency. We are on the path to building a “Whole Airman.” For example, physical strength and ability alone do not enable Airmen to accomplish the actions listed in the Airman’s Creed. However, when physical strength and ability are teamed with character, respect, kindness, self-control, responsibility, honesty, and courage we can confidently expect that Airmen will never falter and will not fail.

As much as I’m interested in getting the job done to see positive and timely results, I remind our Airmen I’m more interested in how we are getting the job done. Specifically, Airmen are first expected to maintain their character, integrity, and professionalism at all times. Simultaneously, Airmen are charged to display unmatched competence and foster productive relationships resulting in mission accomplishment. The six requisite character attributes listed on the chocolate milk carton move us closer to these goals by reminding us to continually

to respect others, practice kindness, exhibit self-control and restraint, take responsibility for our actions, be honest, and display courage.

In order to remain the best Air Force the world has ever seen, supervisors need to value both character and ability. Think of character as one wheel on a high-performance motorcycle and ability as the second wheel. If you only have one wheel, you are not going to go very fast or far. You need both wheels. Likewise, our high-performance Air Force needs Airmen who are both high character and high ability. To that point, John Wooden, legendary basketball coach and teacher, says “Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.” You need both wheels, the absence of good character renders one’s physical abilities and accomplishments meaningless.

Goldfein once said, “You are going to succeed in your career by how much time you spend developing your personal character.” Therefore, we must never tire of doing what is right in all situations and daily display respect, kindness, self-control, responsibility, honesty, and courage. In addition to the temporary boost in protein and Vitamin D, that 50-cent chocolate milk also provided me with a permanent boost in character development.

DOCUMENT SERVICES ONLINE

The logo consists of three 3D cubes. The first cube is red with a white 'D', the second is blue with a white 'S', and the third is yellow with a white 'O'.

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Email: david.brown4@dla.mil

Base Thrift Shop

The Base Thrift Shop is open from
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Consignments are welcome until noon. Donations are accepted and very much appreciated. Donations can now be dropped off on the loading dock and inside the front doors 24/7. If they are left anywhere else we do not receive them.

A yellow plastic bin filled with various items, including a teddy bear, a basket, and other household goods.

It is located in
building 530.

Call 434-2954.

A blue plastic bin filled with various items, including a teddy bear, a basket, and other household goods.

The shop is a non-profit and all proceeds benefit Columbus Air Force Base Community.

A red octagonal stop sign with the word "STOP" in white.

A yellow school bus driving on a road.

When you see this sign, stop.
Help keep our children safe.

New Commissary changes show future additions, opportunities

Senior Airman Kaleb Snay

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

New changes to the Columbus Air Force Base Commissary have begun during the upgrade process that is sure to catch the eye of several customers.

Many shoppers will notice food items have moved from their normal location to a temporary spot in order to make room for brand new freezer and refrigeration units.

Phase one of the upgrade started in the old

soda and chip area in 2016 before they were moved out and construction on that side of the building began. According to Greg Runyon, Assistant Commissary Officer, they moved on to the second phases which involved bringing in a new set of freezers to be installed.

"We hope to have them finished and stocked up over the weekend," Runyon said. "There was a slight delay during the holiday season that complicated a few things, but they are working aggressively to incorporate other areas to catch up and complete it on time."

Currently all of the upgrades are projected to be finished Aug. 17, 2017, and the finished product can already be seen coming to fruition, Runyon said. They have emptied out the old bread section and knocked down the surrounding walls. That location has been marked as the new permanent location of the sushi bar, the Grab and Go drink and sandwich coolers, and a brand new rotisserie chicken stand, right outside the self-checkouts.

"A rotisserie chicken stand is something that customers have been asking us about for years,"

Runyon said. "Now we finally get to bring one here."

Despite all the construction, the Commissary does not plan on any closures in the future due to the upgrade. According to Runyon, most work that would require the facility to shut down is scheduled for Monday when they are closed regularly.

Upcoming changes include replacing all refrigeration on the sales floor such as deli, produce and meat department cases. Several refrigerator cases will also have multi-deck shelves much like other grocery stores, Runyon said.

"We haven't had a refrigeration upgrade in the store since 1996," Runyon said. "These cases are 20 years old, so we are finally joining the 21st Century. It will be cleaner, more organized and it will be easier to find what you are looking for."

Runyon also mentioned that more shelf space means they can offer a wider variety of groceries and more. Along with those changes are new floor and ceiling tiles all across the store and a new paint scheme on the walls.

"This is an example of what happens to the surcharge dollars that a lot of people ask ques-

tions about at the register," Runyon said. "The five percent that was required by Congress to be added to every order. This renovation is being paid for out of those funds."

Many customers already love the new changes and while the chaos of moving items around can make shopping a little confusing, customers appreciate the phased process that keeps the Commissary open, said Jean O'Neil, U.S. Air Force retired. Several employees have also expressed their excitement for the changes.

"I love the changes," said Quintina Walters, Commissary Store Associate. "It's bringing life back to the store. The bright colors bring out happy faces and happy customers." Despite the "growing pains," Runyon has high spirits for the changes and wants all shoppers to stay assured of the upgrades.

"I think it's going to be wonderful for the store. It's a rough road because of how the phase work has us moving things and it gets things out of order," Runyon said. "When this is done, it's going to be a beautiful Commissary and it's going to be first rate. It's going to be a wonderful benefit for Columbus Air Force Base."



The old Commissary bread section is emptied and the surrounding walls have been removed March 1, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The location has been marked as the new permanent location of the sushi bar, the Grab and Go drink and sandwich coolers, and a brand new rotisserie chicken stand, right outside the self-checkouts.



Bobby Couch, 14th Operations Support Squadron Air Traffic Controller, examines options in the meat aisle March 1, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Along with the changes to the refrigeration units, the Commissary will receive new floor and ceiling tiles across the store and a new paint scheme on the walls.



New freezers now replace the older units at the Commissary March 1, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Despite all the construction, the Commissary does not plan on any closures in the future due to the upgrades.



Quintina Walters, Store Associate, and Valandria James, Store Worker, stock produce March 1, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Upcoming changes include replacing all refrigeration on the sales floor to include deli, produce and meat department cases.