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Sunday P.M. Rain High 79°F Low 59°F	Monday Thunderstorms High 75°F Low 55°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Mayor's 10th annual Unity Picnic
The City of Columbus' 10th Annual Mayor's Unity Picnic is at 4 p.m. April 1 at the Columbus Riverwalk Park. Free food, live music and children's activities will be available for attendees. Call 251-4016 for more information.

SUPT Class 17-07 Graduation
Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-07 graduates at 10 a.m. April 7 at Kaye Auditorium.

14th Operations Support Squadron Change of Command
The 14th Operations Support Squadron is hosting a Change of Command ceremony at 9:14 a.m. April 13 at the McAlister Fire Station.

Inside

Feature 8

The Columbus AFB nature trails are highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force photo by Joel Martinez
Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command, passes the 19th Air Force guidon to Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Doherty, during the 19th Air Force change of command ceremony March 28, 2017, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. Members of the numbered Air Force unit will oversee 19 training locations, with 16 total force wings, 10 active duty, one Air Force Reserve and five Air National Guard units. More than 32,000 members of 19th Air Force operate more than 1,350 aircraft from 29 different aircraft models. Members of the 19th Air Force are responsible for training aircrews, air battle managers and weapons directors, plus Air Force Academy Airmanship Programs and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape training.

New commander takes reins at 19th AF

Mark Aaron Locken
Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Wing commanders from across the Air Education and Training Command welcomed the new 19th Air Force commander during a change of command ceremony here March 28.

Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Doherty received the guidon for 19th Air Force from Maj. Gen. James B. Hecker as Lt. Gen. Darryl

L. Roberson, AETC commander presided. Friends, family, and many Airmen from across the command were in attendance. “We’re going to look at innovation, at all the ideas that are out there,” Doherty said. “We’ll bring creative ideas forward to make better aviators and operators in the future. We need to recognize and prioritize our people. People come first. They are our number one weapons system.”

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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 (18-01)	0.84 days	3.88 days	Apr. 24	48th (17-07)	-3.21 days	2.72 days	Apr. 7	49th (17-FBC)	-1.51 days	0.20 days	Mar. 30	T-6	2,753	2,913	15,225
41st (17-15)	0.34 days	0.49 days	Mar. 31	50th (17-07)	-0.98 days	1.18 days	Apr. 7					T-1	819	764	3,972
												T-38	1,020	843	5,092
												IFF	406	414	2,216

* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.

The graduation speaker is Gen. Robin Rand, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 40 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.

19TH AF

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Doherty's previous assignment was as the 82nd Training Wing commander, at Shepard Air Force Base, Texas, before coming to JBSA-Randolph. He has flown the F-15 Strike Eagle, T-38 Talon, and the B-52 Stratofortress, compiling more than 3,800 pilot hours. He was commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program at Iowa State University in 1987.

Members of the 19th Air Force are responsible for training aircrews, air battle managers and weapons directors, plus Air Force Academy Airmanship programs, and survival, escape, resistance, and evasion.

Headquartered at JBSA-Randolph, 19th AF spans and includes 19 training locations,

with 16 total force wings: 10 active duty, one Air Force Reserve, and five Air National Guard units. The organization includes more than 30,000 personnel who operate more than 1,350 aircraft from 29 different aircraft models.

"He went on to successfully command at every level of command available to him in the Air Force while still finding a unique way to care for every Airman and to leave a long-lasting positive impact on their lives and families," Roberson said about Doherty. "I'm going to ask you to keep the throttles pushed forward as you lead the mighty men and women of the 19th Air Force. We are your wingmen. Airpower starts here!"

The numbered air force was reactivated Oct. 1, 2014.

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.

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Baptist Cancer Center holds a **support group for cancer survivors** and their families the third Friday of every month from noon-1pm. The next meeting will be held April 21st, room 5PT, past the gift shop. For information call 244-2923 or 800-544-8767, ext. 2923

Baptist Cancer Center offers **free prostate PSA screenings** for men over 40. Screenings will take place every other month at the Columbus location (April 28th, June 30th, August 25th and October 27th). April PSA screenings will be held from 8-11:45a and from 1-2p. Make an appointment by calling at 244-4673 or 800-544-8767, ext. 4673.

Dr. Josh Griffin and Dr. Ben Woodson will discuss the "**UroLift system**" to treat symptoms of BPH (enlarged prostate) at Baptist Golden Triangle's free community education luncheon Thursday, April 6, noon-1p, room 5 PT, near the Gift Shop. Lunch provided. Call 662-244-1132 to register.

Dr. Peter Tofts will discuss "**Smoking Cessation Tips**" at Baptist Golden Triangle's free community education luncheon Thursday, April 13, noon-1p, room 5 PT, near the Gift Shop. Lunch provided. Seating is limited; call 662-244-1132 to register by April 6.


Join us for a weekly education/support group meeting for people with **congestive heart failure** at Baptist Golden Triangle. Program runs on a 6-week cycle, you may begin at any time. Held each Thursday, 11am-noon, Outpatient Pavilion Board Room. For information call 244-1953 or 244-2132.

Baptist Golden Triangle offers **childbirth classes** each month. Classes are held on each Tuesday night at 6 p.m. To pre-register call the Education Department at 244-2498 or 800-544-8762, ext. 2498.

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

Baptist Golden Triangle is seeking caring, compassionate people to join an elite group of volunteers to help in a variety of hospital settings. For more information, call 244-1165.

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Annual Spring Pilgrimage Community Partnership Kick-off, 1 p.m. @ Marriot		Dr. Doris Edwards visit Clothesline T-Shirt, @ Commissary	Wingmen/Daedalian, 6 p.m. @ Proffitts Porch	SUPT Class 17-07 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye AFA Community Partner Lunch, Noon @ Club	8th-9th: Autocross, @ SAC Ramp	
10 AFAF	11	12	13	14	15/16	SAPR Obstacle Run, 7 a.m. @ Fitness Center 14th OSS Change of Command, 9:14 a.m. @ Fire Station
				SUPT Class 17-08 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club		

NEWS AROUND TOWN

March 30 – April 8

Experience the beauty and grandeur that makes Columbus' Spring Pilgrimage an event not to be missed. The 77th Annual Columbus Spring Pilgrimage Columbus Spring Pilgrimage has evolved from a tour of homes in its infancy to today's diverse and deeply satisfying 10-day celebration of Southern history, architecture, culture, food and fun. Many home tours feature recreated activities of the 1800s, complete with period cos-

tumes, which add excitement and authenticity to this historic event. Download the 77th Annual Columbus Spring Pilgrimage brochure from visitcolumbusms.org.

April 1

Join friends and neighbors for good food and hot blues at Columbus' historic Catfish Alley from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Come out and enjoy the wares of food vendors and artisans while you soak in the sounds of live blues.

April 22

Join runners and walkers for the Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center's 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Color Fun Run April 22 at the Columbus Riverwalk. Registration begins at 7 a.m., the 5K begins at 8 a.m. and the Kids' Color Fun Run begins at 8:45 a.m. Parents are also welcome to participate in the kids' run. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Preregister online at lifechoicesms.eventbrite.com.

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Happy Irby legacy charity continues to thrive

Sonic Johnson

14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Local community members and Columbus Air Force Base Airmen came together for the Happy Irby Christmas Fund Golf Tournament March 24, 2017, at the soon-to-close Whispering Pines base golf course.

Twenty six foursomes showed up to play in this year's tournament.

With the near-record turnout of 104 golfers, the 1 p.m. shot-gun start was expanded by golf course officials to add an additional 9 a.m. tee time. Seven teams golfed the earlier tee time and finished in time to join the afternoon golfers in the club house for lunch.

The Happy Irby Christmas Fund is a thriving private organization that benefits thousands of adults and children alike. Last year, the fund provided clothing and supplies to over 450 children in the local schools and community. In addition, the Happy Irby Fund delivered over 120 fruit baskets to shut-ins and elderly who would otherwise be alone.

In 1996 the Happy Fund became part of the Combined Federal Campaign with 100 percent of donations collected used to provide gifts. Local fund raisers such as the CAFB Annual Happy Fund Golf Tournament and private donations are accepted throughout the year to keep Happy Irby's dream alive.

The 2017 Happy golf tournament received \$7,000 in tournament and hole sponsors and \$3,400 in golfer registration generating



U.S. Air Force photo by Sonic Johnson

Competitors in the Happy Irby Christmas Fund Golf Tournament gather at the end of the second hole of the Whispering Pines base golf course March 24, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Happy Christmas Fund Golf Tournament has been played on Columbus AFB for over 20 years.

nearly \$11,000 for the charity.

Whispering Pines is scheduled to close at the end of April this year, which may have contributed to the record turnout this year. The Happy Christmas Fund Golf Tournament has been played on Columbus AFB for over 20 years and was initially played in October. After Happy Irby's death in 2009, the tournament moved to the spring and is anchored around Happy's birthdate of March 27, beginning with the 2010 tournament.

The golfers from the 43rd Flying Training Squadron led by Lt. Col. Tom McElhinney were the tournament winners with a score of 29 strokes for the 9-hole tournament. Lt. Col. Steve Cochran, Maj. Luke Borer and Capt. Christopher Rob-

erts rounded out the Firebird foursome.

Second place was a team from the community made up of Ed Edwards, Columbus AFB Wingman Mark Alexander, Joe Fleming and T. Stone. Third place was taken by Walt Guenther, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, Hal Larken, 14th CES, Darrell Petters, 14th CES and Dale Guadagno L-3 Communications.

"The Happy Irby Tournament supports a charity that cares about children," remarked George Irby, Chairman of the Happy Irby Christmas Fund. "It also provides a chance for community members and base Airmen to come together for a good cause and a little competitive golf!"

Security and policy review

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

Rand to speak at 17-07 graduation

Columbus Air Force Base welcomes Gen. Robin Rand as the keynote speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-07's graduation April 7.

Rand is the Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, and the service component commander to U.S. Strategic Command for all bombers, Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) and Nuclear Command, Control and Communications (NC3) systems.

As the commander, he is responsible for organizing, training, equipping and maintaining combat ready forces that provide strategic deterrence, global strike and combat support to USSTRATCOM and other geographic combatant commands. The command comprises more than 33,700 professionals operating at two numbered Air Forces and eleven active-duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve wings. Weapons systems assigned to the command include Minuteman III ICBMs, B-1, B-2 and B-52 bombers, UH-1N helicopters, the E-4B National Airborne Operations Center aircraft (NAOC) and the NC3 system.

Rand was commissioned in 1979 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He's had multiple flying tours, served as an air liaison officer with the U.S. Army, and has had staff tours on the Joint Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense and Air Staff. His previous commands include the 36th Fighter Squadron, USAF Weapons School, 8th Fighter Wing, 56th Fighter Wing, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at Balad Air Base, Iraq, 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern) and prior to this assignment, Air Education and Training Command.

Rand is a command pilot with more than 5,080 flying hours, including more than 470 combat hours.

EDUCATION

1979 Bachelor of Science degree in aviation science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
1983 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
1986 Air Command and Staff College, by seminar
1988 Master of Science degree in aeronautical science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida
1990 U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada
1998 Master of Arts degree in national security policy, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island
2010 Joint Flag Officer Warfighter Course, Maxwell AFB,

Alabama

2012 Pinnacle Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1979 - July 1980, Student Pilot, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Arizona
2. August 1980 - December 1980, T-37 Pilot, pilot instructor training, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. January 1981 - May 1984, T-37 Instructor Pilot, 82nd Flying Training Wing, Williams AFB, Arizona
4. May 1984 - July 1984, AT-38 Pilot, fighter lead-in training, Holloman AFB, New Mexico
5. August 1984 - January 1985, F-16 Pilot, F-16 training, 63rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, MacDill AFB, Florida
6. February 1985 - December 1986, F-16 Pilot, 612th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Torrejon AB, Spain
7. December 1986 - June 1988, Air Liaison Officer, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armor Division, Bamberg, West Germany
8. July 1988 - October 1988, F-16 Pilot, F-16 training, 311th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Luke AFB, Arizona
9. October 1988 - December 1989, F-16 Flight Examiner, 432nd Tactical Fighter Wing, Misawa AB, Japan
10. January 1990 - April 1990, F-16 Pilot, USAF Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nevada
11. April 1990 - July 1992, F-16 weapons Officer, 13th Fighter Squadron; and Weapons and Tactics Flight Commander, 432nd Operations Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan
12. August 1992 - September 1994, F-16 Operations Officer, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
13. September 1994 - July 1997, Operations Officer and Commander, 36th Fighter Squadron, Osan AB, South Korea
14. August 1997 - June 1998, Student, Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island
15. June 1998 - May 2000, Policy Planner, Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
16. May 2000 - March 2001, Deputy Commander, 56th Operations Group, Luke AFB, Arizona
17. April 2001 - April 2003, Commandant, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nevada
18. May 2003 - May 2004, Commander, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, South Korea
19. June 2004 - June 2006, Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Arizona
20. July 2006 - July 2007, Commander, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad AB, Iraq
21. August 2007 - August 2009, Principal Director for Middle East Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
22. August 2009 - November 2011, Director, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force; and Special Assistant to the Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
23. December 2011 - September 2013, Commander, 12th

Air Force, Air Combat Command, and Commander, Air Forces Southern, U.S. Southern Command, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona

24. October 2013 - July 2015, Commander, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas

25. July 2015 - present, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 1998 - May 2000, policy planner, Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy (J5), Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel
2. July 2006 - July 2007, Commander, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad AB, Iraq, as a brigadier general
3. August 2007 - August 2009, Principal Director for Middle East Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a brigadier general and major general
4. December 2011 - September 2013, Commander, Air Forces Southern, U.S. Southern Command, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, as a lieutenant general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot
Flight hours: More than 5,080
Aircraft flown: Primarily F-16

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters
Bronze Star Medal
Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Korea Defense Service Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze stars
Republic of Korea Order of National Security Merit (Samil Medal)
Colombian Air Force Cross of Aeronautical Merit (Grand Cross)
Brazilian Air Force Order of Aeronautical Merit (Grand Officer)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1979
First Lieutenant May 30, 1981
Captain May 30, 1983
Major July 1, 1990
Lieutenant Colonel Feb. 1, 1995
Colonel Feb. 1, 2001
Brigadier General Jan. 1, 2006
Major General June 1, 2009
Lieutenant General Dec. 1, 2011
General Oct. 10, 2013

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LEADERS

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The commanders also testified that total force contributions are essential to enabling future joint force success.

"The Air Force Reserve leverages the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation to increase capability and ensure interoperability in the joint fight," Miller said. "We are the smallest Air Force that we've ever been, and it takes each one of our components at this table to get the mission done."

TECHNICIANS

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during the day."

Blomberg explained that NVG's and the cameras on robots and M-ATV's drastically altered depth perception and peripheral views, as well as provided very limited lines of sight. Because of these complications, a simple scenario during the day becomes increasingly complex at night.

"These are perishable skills," said Blomberg. "If you don't practice operating at night, you're going to be in for a bad time."

Aside from utilizing various tools, equipment and vehicles to complete their training, EOD technicians were able to practice using live explosives thanks to a brand new EOD range, which saw its first use on Feb. 10, 2017.

During Vigilant Walrus, EOD technicians utilized the new range as a staging point for scenarios, as well as a location for disposing munitions and explosives.

"The range allows us to train with almost all of our explosives and explosive tools in a safe and controlled environment," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Metts, an EOD technician with the 379th ECES. "The range allows us to continue to strengthen our technical skills by utilizing our demolition explosives, and also acts as an emergency disposal location in the event of any improvised explosive ordnance or damaged munitions identified by munitions personnel."

EOD personnel were able to accomplish a variety of training during the exercise, ranging from night vision operations to dealing with airfield bombings. Over the four days, the technicians were constantly on their toes and never knew when the next call would occur, but their endurance and perseverance paid off in the end.

"The exercise gave the (EOD technicians) the training, knowledge and experience that, if a call occurred along the lines of what they saw, would allow them to respond much faster," said Blomberg. "We would be ready to go and react in probably a quarter of the time that would have taken prior to the exercise."

Fallen Airman remembered by comrades

Senior Master Sgt. Gloria Wilson
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — With a packed room of not just people, but also emotion, Staff Sgt. Alexandria Morrow was remembered by colleagues and friends March 23, 2017, during her memorial service at her deployed location.

Members of her deployed unit, 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, shared stories and memories that painted a picture of a weapons load crew chief who touched the lives of many.

"We mourn for Alexandria Mae Morrow because she was one of the kindest people many of us have ever known," said Lt. Col. Paul Tower, the 332nd EMXS commander. "She was a loving wife to her husband, an amazing mother to her children, and our fellow warrior and friend—a friend who could be trusted in the toughest of times."

Morrow's caring ways earned her the nickname 'Mother Alex' not only amongst her immediate teammates, but from those she encountered on the flightline and also worked with at her home station of Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Passut, the 332nd EMXS weapons section chief, deployed with Morrow from Mountain Home and shared that not only was she an amazing person, she was also an amazing Airman. He listed her many accomplishments and how if someone wanted something done right they knew Morrow was the person for the job.

"She rolled into the weapons section office at Mountain Home AFB on a Wednesday in early 2010 and said, 'Hi, I'm Airman Gleason, what do I need to do?'" Passut said. "Her potential progressed and as she became a Senior Airman we had a need for team chiefs. Due to her dedication and drive she ended up becoming the first Senior Airman team chief in 389th Aircraft Maintenance Unit history. Although, that is an NCO job, she was our first pick to lead that crew."

At her deployed location, this 7-year veteran was known as a professional that was not only proficient at her job, but also passionate about it. So much so that when the commander for United States Central Command came for a visit, she was selected to brief him on weapons loading operations.



(Left to right) Staff Sgt. Alexandria Morrow, a 332nd Air Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron weapons load crew chief, Gen. Joseph L. Votel, the United States Central Command commander, Senior Airman Lucas Marthaller, of the 332nd EMXS, and Staff Sgt. Carlos Olivarez, of the 332nd EMXS pose for a photo Feb. 23, 2017, in Southwest Asia. Morrow died from injuries sustained while performing work duties in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

From briefing the CENTCOM commander, to everything else she set out to do, her passion and her love was infectious and evident by those who came in contact with her.

"How do we measure the impact someone's love has on others?" said Capt. Wesley Sheppard, the expeditionary aircraft maintenance unit officer in charge. "I realized the best measure was in the amount of love our team felt for her. We can see how much she loved others by the emotions, the looks on everyone's faces as we processed that we lost the mom of the flightline. We could see it by the tears that rolled down our faces and by the tight hugs we gave each other."

Sheppard went on to explain, "She loved so much that she sacrificed her life defending our country and millions of people, including the defenseless in Iraq and Syria. She died protecting innocent women, children, the old and young, and people of every race and religion...If that's not love I don't know what is."

'Mother Alex's' memorial service was testament to that love as well as a variety of other emotions, and in addition to evoking emotion, it was about honor and commitment.

Col. Clinton Eichelberger, the 332nd AEW commander, helped put who Morrow was into perspective, and also put into perspective her legacy and contributions as he spoke to an audience of her wing teammates.

"Service for Staff Sgt. Morrow was unquestionable," Eichelberger said. "What she led every day is now going down in history books. What you do every day is going down in history books."

His words seemed to resonate throughout the room packed full of service members who are making a difference daily and helping defeat terrorists, like ISIS, who mean the world harm.

"Everybody here is fighting because the freedoms we have and the values we are promoting are not free," he said. "Everybody here is sacrificing, your families back home are sacrificing, and every once in a while we have a sacrifice that goes above and beyond. These are the moments that we cannot forget because the sacrifice of Sergeant Morrow, the sacrifice of bringing these freedoms and values to our families back home, is one thing I will never forget."

"Let us always remember what Sergeant Morrow stood for."

BLAZE Hangar Tails: B-2 Spirit

Mission

The B-2 Spirit is a multi-role bomber capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear munitions. A dramatic leap forward in technology, the bomber represents a major milestone in the U.S. bomber modernization program. The B-2 brings massive firepower to bear, in a short time, anywhere on the globe through previously impenetrable defenses.

Features

The B-2 provides the penetrating flexibility and effectiveness inherent in manned bombers. Its low-observable, or "stealth," characteristics give it the unique ability to penetrate an enemy's most sophisticated defenses and threaten its most valued, and heavily defended, targets. Its capability to penetrate air defenses and threaten effective retaliation provides a strong, effective deterrent and combat force well into the 21st century.

The revolutionary blending of low-observable technologies with high aerodynamic efficiency and large payload gives the B-2 important advantages over existing bombers. Its low-observability provides it greater freedom of action at high altitudes, thus increasing its range and a better field of view for the aircraft's sensors. Its unrefueled range is approximately 6,000 nautical miles (9,600 kilometers).

The B-2 has a crew of two pilots, a pilot in the left seat and mission commander in the right, compared to the B-1B's crew of four and the B-52's crew of five.

Col. John Nichols, former 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, has been selected for promotion to brigadier general and will go on to command the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Montana. Congratulations!

Background

The first B-2 was publicly displayed on Nov. 22, 1988, when it was rolled out of its hangar at Air Force Plant 42, Palmdale, California. Its first flight was July 17, 1989. The B-2 Combined Test Force, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base, California, is responsible for flight testing the engineering, manufacturing and development aircraft on the B-2.

The combat effectiveness of the B-2 was proved in Operation Allied Force, where it was responsible for destroying 33 percent of all Serbian targets in the first eight weeks, by flying nonstop to Kosovo from its home base in Missouri and back. In support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the B-2 flew one of its longest missions to date from Whiteman to Afghanistan and back. The B-2 completed its first-ever combat deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, flying 22 sorties from a forward operating location as well as 27 sorties from Whiteman AFB and releasing more than 1.5 million pounds of munitions. The aircraft received full operational capability status in December 2003. On Feb. 1, 2009, the Air Force's newest command, Air Force Global Strike Command, assumed responsi-

bility for the B-2 from Air Combat Command.

General characteristics

- Primary function:** multi-role heavy bomber
- Contractor:** Northrop Grumman Corp. and Contractor Team: Boeing Military Airplanes Co., Hughes Radar Systems Group, General Electric Aircraft Engine Group and Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc.
- Power plant:** four General Electric F118-GE-100 engines
- Thrust:** 17,300 pounds each engine
- Wingspan:** 172 feet (52.12 meters)
- Length:** 69 feet (20.9 meters)
- Height:** 17 feet (5.1 meters)
- Weight:** 160,000 pounds (72,575 kilograms)
- Maximum takeoff weight:** 336,500 pounds (152,634 kilograms)
- Fuel capacity:** 167,000 pounds (75,750 kilograms)
- Payload:** 40,000 pounds (18,144 kilograms)
- Speed:** high subsonic
- Range:** intercontinental
- Ceiling:** 50,000 feet (15,240 meters)
- Armament:** conventional or nuclear weapons
- Crew:** two pilots
- Unit cost:** Approximately \$1.157 billion (fiscal 1998 constant dollars)
- Initial operating capability:** April 1997
- Inventory:** active force: 20 (1 test); ANG: 0; Reserve: 0



U.S. Air Force photo by Bobbie Garcia

The B-2 Spirit aircraft is a multi-role bomber capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear munitions. A dramatic leap forward in technology, the bomber represents a major milestone in the U.S. bomber modernization program.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Scott H. Spitzer

A B-2 Spirit aircraft approaches the boom of a McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, KC-10A Extender aircraft. The B-2 brings massive firepower to bear, in a short time, anywhere on the globe through previously impenetrable defenses.

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 Senior GPS Workshop

This workshop is held from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 3 - 7. 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.

Resume and Cover Letter

The Resume and Cover letter workshop is from 9 - 10:30 a.m. April 11. The workshop helps with preparing and writing an effective civilian resume and cover letter. To sign up, call 434-2839/2790.

Federal USAJobs Workshop

The Federal USA Jobs Workshop workshop is from 9 - 10:30 a.m. April 12. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search, using USAJobs. Call 434-2790 to register.

Bundles of Joy

This workshop is from 1 - 3:30 p.m. April 12, and is for active-duty families assigned to Columbus AFB who are expecting or have a child up to 4 months of age. It is an Air Force Aid Society program with presentations about topics such as Tri-Care, Child Care, Breastfeeding, Car Seat Safety, and Labor & Delivery. For more information or to register, call 434-2790.

Start Smart

This workshop is from 1 - 3 p.m. April 13. It is designed for personnel getting ready to enter the workforce and how to negotiate your skills. Start Smart is a "nuts and bolts" approach to salary and benefits negotiation facilitated by MUW faculty. To register and for more information, please call 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief will be from 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. April 18. It 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 call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop, 1 - 2 p.m. April 18, 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. To register and more information please call 434-2839/2790.

Smooth Move

This class, 10 - 11:30 a.m. April 19, provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. You learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and A&FRC. Please call 434-2790 to register.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program, 5 - 7 p.m. April 27, is a

OG Honorary Commander takes flight in T-38



U.S. Air Force photo by Sharon Ybarra

Gary Dedeaux, 14th Operations Group Honorary Commander and owner of Gary's Pawn and Gun, poses for a photo before a flight March 22, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Dedeaux and his family visited the base to take flight in a T-38C Talon.

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. Call 434-2790 to register.

Pre-separation Counseling

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. The counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m. It takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

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

Survivor-Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan. As with all good decision-making, you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision, and be wary of anyone telling you they can offer you a better deal. Always get

the true facts about the SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling (662) 434-2720.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

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

Chapel Schedule

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

Catholic Community

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

Protestant Community

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

Ecumenical services

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

Visit 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.

Ryan Daniel Concert

The Columbus Club will host country music singer Ryan Daniel at 6:30 p.m. March 31 for a free concert in the field adjacent to the club.

Dean Edwards Comedy Show

The club hosts comedian Dean Edwards and guests at 7 p.m. April 1 for a free comedy show. Call 434-2489 for more information.

Child Abuse Awareness 5K Run

A Child Abuse Awareness 5K Run begins at 7 a.m. April 7 at the Fitness Center.

Youth Spring Fling & Egg Hunt

A Youth Spring Fling and Egg Hunt is from 9 - 11:30 a.m. April 8 at Freedom Park. Come out for food, fun, games and an egg hunt. Call 434-2504 for more information or to volunteer.

Petrified Forest Trip

A Petrified Forest trip is from 7:45 a.m. – 5 p.m. April 22. Cost is \$15 per person. Sign-up at ODR or call 434-2505.

Unlimited Bowling

Unlimited bowling is Fridays and Saturdays in April from 6 – 11 p.m. Unlimited bowling \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years old.

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 from 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.

Laser Bowling Special

The Bowling Center offers Laser 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.

Wood Shop

Is now open Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.

Skeet & Trap

Available at Outdoor Recreation. Call 434-2507 for more information.

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 Out-

door 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 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, 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.

Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed

Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? For more information, contact 434-7836.

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.

DECA

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and in-store demos will highlight the nutritional value of Kashi and pears.

- Overseas Service Corporation and their partners present the “Fisher House Theme Event,” a stateside-only sale to raise awareness and money for The Fisher House Organization. The Fisher House is a “home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and Veterans Affairs medical centers. Look for special prices and coupons supported by a coupon flyer and mass displays in all stateside stores from participating manufacturers.

- The Clorox Company and Bush's Best are teaming up with Kimberly Clark to host the 10th annual “Race for Savings” NASCAR-themed in-store sales event from April 10-23 stateside only. Patrons at participating stores can enter to win a NASCAR Memorial Day Race Package in Charlotte, North Carolina. Two grand prize race packages will be given away nationally. Each prize package includes airfare for two, hotel, race tickets for the Nextel Cup race as well as a \$300 VISA cash card for meals and incidentals. Check out special NASCAR/JTG Daugherty Racing displays in the commissaries for details on how to enter.

“As we honor our military children, don't miss out on these opportunities to save even more,” Russ said. “For everyone in the family, the commissary is always worth the trip.”

About DeCA: The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Commissaries provide a military benefit and make no profit on the sale of merchandise. Authorized patrons save thousands of dollars annually on their purchases compared to commercial prices when shopping regularly at a commissary. The discounted prices include a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

VIEWPOINT**Developing the daily cross-check**

1st Lt. Jake Randolph
37th Flying Training Squadron T-6 Instructor Pilot

As a flight instructor, one of the most important things I teach to new students is the cross-check.

People tend to get overwhelmed when first learning to fly due to the large amount of information flooding their senses at once. The key to counteract this is to develop a pattern of where to focus their attention and what to ignore.

Many mistakes in aviation can be traced back to focusing on the wrong things. An efficient cross-check allows a pilot to notice trends, information and threats quicker because their attention is on what matters during that phase of flight.

Developing your own daily cross-check can greatly improve the quality of your life. It can be very easy to let the small and insignificant things in life overwhelm or distract us if we do not have a disciplined cross-check. Instead of focusing on what you can't control, focus on things that will get you closer to your goals.

For example, the most successful students are normally the

ones who can continue to focus on the mission when they make a mistake. It is very tempting for them to dwell on what they did wrong and how it will affect their grades, but this leads to more mistakes due to a lack of focus on what is coming up. We call this the “snowball effect” because a small mistake starts to roll downhill and turns into a full avalanche if it is not stopped.

There's a tragic story of an airliner that crashed and killed over 100 people because the pilots were focused on a small light that had failed to illuminate. They did not cross-check the altitude for almost five minutes because they were focused on something that really wasn't that important. These pilots had developed a cross-check but just got complacent at the wrong time. My point is that even if you have reached some success in your life, you can still benefit from retuning your focus daily.

My daily routine consists of thinking about a few goals, both short term and long term, and what I need to do that day or week to get closer to accomplishing those goals. This

allows me to redirect my focus to those few things instead of letting my circumstances determine where I focus. “Where your focus goes energy flows” is a relevant quote I heard recently. With energy and time being two of our most finite resources, we do not want to waste them.

Think about how many marriages, careers and friendships have ended because people focused on the small things and caused them to snowball. If you can learn to focus on the big picture and not get stuck in the mud of life, then often you'll find that the small things work themselves out. Whether you realize it or not, you will always be focused on something. If you focus on unimportant or negative things, then you are wasting precious energy that can be used to pursue your goals and dreams.

As you practice your daily cross-check, you'll find it gets easier to recognize when you get distracted and redirect your focus. My challenge to you today is to figure out where your focus is, where it needs to be, and to develop your own daily cross-check that will benefit you.

VISIT COLUMBUS AFB'S BEAUTIFUL NATURE TRAILS



The Sparkleberry Trail meanders through deeply wooded areas March 29, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. There are many different types of plant life along the trail.



The Timberlane Nature Trail sign marks the start of Columbus Air Force Base's nature trails, March 29, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The trail is split into three separate trails that range between one to two and one-half miles long.



Sac Lake is located along Perimeter Road, March 29, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Sac Lake has a few recreational areas for visitors to use while walking the Timberlane Nature Trails.



A Yellow-Bellied Water Snake sits by the edge of Sac Lake March 29, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Yellow-Bellied Water Snake is non-venomous but might bite if harassed.



A plot of land is reserved for a wildflower sanctuary March 29, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Visitors can see many different flora along the trails but are asked to not disturb the environment.



Deer tracks dot the Willow Oak Trail March 29, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The trails have an abundance of wildlife for visitors to see.