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## Weather

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

## News Briefs

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. April 18 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

### 50th Flying Training Squadron Change of Command

The 50th Flying Training Squadron is hosting a Change of Command ceremony at 8:50 a.m. April 21 at the McAllister Fire Station.

### Enlisted Promotion Ceremony and Quarterly Awards Ceremony

The monthly enlisted Promotions ceremony is at 3 p.m. April 28 at the Columbus Club. Immediately following will be the 1st Quarterly Awards Ceremony.

## Inside



### Feature 8

The Columbus SAPR Office is highlighted in this week's feature.

# Fond farewell to golf, happy hello to family fun, fitness

**Lt. Col. Daniel Akeredolu**  
14th Force Support Squadron  
Commander

Our Real Property Office tracks the opening of our golf course to 1942 — a span of time encompassing several generations and cultural trends.

Suffice it to say our course has served its purposes very well over those corresponding 75 years.

However, on April 30, 2017, golfing operations on Columbus Air Force Base will cease and we will welcome in these beautifully repurposed 50-plus acres for evolving readiness and quality-of-life initiatives.

We move forward with mixed emotions. For many, there is a sense of excitement as they imagine the “what’s to come.” Others will understandably miss our “old” course.

As one of our patrons stated, “Our greatest military leaders supported golf, particularly after World War II as it has always been thought to instill and promote shared values and character.” I submit to you that our future concepts for the golf course grounds will still provide and promote opportunities for shared values and character ... just evolved, to meet contemporary needs and desires.

Philosophically, while it is accepted that Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs are essential components to military readiness, the tactics, techniques and procedures we use to deliver these services cannot remain static.

There are two funding sources that facilitate MWR program operations. First, our Congress authorizes expenditures, depending on the activity categorization, that are termed Appro-

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sonic Johnson

**Howard Ferguson, retired Air Force master sergeant and a member of the Whispering Pines golf course since 1977, tees off at the 2017 Happy Irby Golf Tournament March 24, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. This tournament was one of the last to be played on these greens in a history of over 75 years.**

## 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)	1.64 days	3.42 days	Apr. 24	48th (17-08)	1.74 days	2.83 days	Apr. 28	49th (17-GBC)	0.78 days	-2.96 days	Apr. 27	T-6	1,088	1,163	16,623
41st (18-02)	4.11 days	2.17 days	May 16	50th (17-08)	-0.13 days	-0.28 days	Apr. 28					T-1	312	264	4,310
* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.												T-38	408	500	5,551
The graduation speaker is Col. Dean Lee, Director of Safety, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.												IFF	156	164	2,419





# 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.*

## Parrish receives BLAZE 5/6 Leadership Highlight



Airman 1st Class Austin Parrish, 14th Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment Apprentice, right, receives the BLAZE 5/6 Leadership Highlight April 4, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Airmen who receive this recognition exceed standards and exhibit leadership qualities.

U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Dublin

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
17 AFAF	18	19	20	21	22/23	May 9: Wing Newcomers Orientation
Argentinean AF visit	Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	Deputy Chief of Chaplains visit		50th FTS Change of Command, 8:50 a.m. @ Fire Station	22nd: International Student Social, 3 p.m. @ Columbus Club	May 18: CCAF Graduation
		Golden Triangle Leaders Tour		Arbor Day Tree Planting, 3:30 p.m. @ CDC		May 19: SUPT Class 17-09 Graduation
24 AFAF	25	26	27	28	29/30	May 25: 37th FTS Change of Command
		Hearts Apart, 5 p.m. @ A&FRC	Daedalians Meetings, 6 p.m.	SUPT Class 17-08 Graduation, 8 a.m. @ Club	29th: 14th FTW Golf Tournament	May 25: Memorial Day Retreat Ceremony
				Enlisted Promotions/Quarterly Awards, 3 p.m. @ Club		May 26: AETC Family Day
						May 26: Independence Pool Opens
						May 29: Memorial Day Holiday

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# Razor Talon provides joint training for air, ground components

Airman 1st Class Kenneth Boyton  
4th Fighter Wing

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. — The opposing force scurried around the arid airfield to prepare for an oncoming attack. Without warning, a pair of A-10C Thunderbolt IIs screamed toward the airfield and simulated multiple strafing runs decimating a radar jammer. A Tactical Air Control Party specialist embedded with the 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, confirmed the target was destroyed from a hideout in the woods nearby.

A C-17 Globemaster III out of Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina, flew out of the clouds overhead and delivered simulated support of 82nd Airborne Division members who would parachute to the ground and take over the airfield by any means necessary.

Within a short amount of time, American forces gained control of the airfield and exercise Razor Talon continued. “Razor Talon is an integral part of training,” said Capt. Dan Lusardi, a 75th Fighter Squadron A-10C pilot. “As an A-10 pilot, we rarely have a chance to practice with other branches and have our capabilities fully utilized. It’s rare that we practice both air-to-ground and air-to-air procedures, especially at the same time.”

Lusardi added this type of training not only sharpens pilots’ tactics, techniques and procedures, but also allows them to work better with other military branches during real world operations.

Maj. Mike Malone, the chief officer in charge for Razor Talon, said one of the main objectives of the exercise is to help Airmen better integrate with other branches and other aircraft.

“We want to integrate all military personnel so we can synchronize our effects and continue to dominate our adversaries as a unified fighting force,” said Malone.

Twenty-one aircraft supported this Razor Talon. Each aircraft played a pivotal role in the success of the exercise. Fourteen of the aircraft were Seymour Johnson AFB



Airman 1st Class Seth Elich, 14th Air Support Operations Squadron tactical air control party, listens to communications during exercise Razor Talon, April 7, 2017, at Atlantic Field Marine Corps Outlying Field, North Carolina. Razor Talon was created by the 4th Fighter Wing in March 2011 to prepare and sharpen the skills of aircrew for real-world missions.

F-15E Strike Eagles, which were tasked to simulate the destruction of ground targets. Four F-22 Raptors from Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, fought simulated opposing forces in the air and on the ground, and two A-10s from Moody AFB, Georgia, provided close air support for

ground forces.

“In a real world environment, there are a lot of moving parts,” Malone said. “Razor Talon allows us to join forces and use those moving parts at a good pace in a safer environment.”

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kenneth Boyton

## NEWS AROUND TOWN

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](http://lifechoicesms.eventbrite.com).

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## GOLF

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priated Funds. This source is the one most familiar to you because virtually all other units, outside of the 14th Force Support Squadron, deal exclusively with this funding mechanism. The second source of funding is derived from patron support, otherwise referred to as Non-Appropriated Funds, and its management is within the exclusive domain of your force support squadron.

The competition for APFs has intensified as this pool has shrunk over the years. To that end, the APF versus NAF balance of support to MWR entities has tilted significantly toward more reliance on NAFs.

NAF-funded activities survive when they prove to be self-sustaining. Differing base missions and populations have produced uneven results in what activities prove self-sustaining on a given installation — meaning, because a golf course is self-sustaining at one base, doesn't mean that all Air Force golf courses should expect to reach self-sustaining status given the base mission, operations tempo and demographics.

In recent years, play at the course has significantly decreased and the fiscal realities have become too formidable. The number of rounds played has steadily declined over the years and in 2016, rounds played were down by 55 percent compared to 2012. Further, in 2016 only 22 percent of the rounds played at Whispering Pines were done so by active-duty personnel, and of the 38 golf course members,

*As one of our patrons stated, “Our greatest military leaders supported golf, particularly after World War II as it has always been thought to instill and promote shared values and character.” I submit to you that our future concepts for the golf course grounds will still provide and promote opportunities for shared values and character ... just evolved, to meet contemporary needs and desires.*

only four were active duty.

Since 2007 our course has not met the Air Force standard for being a self-sustaining MWR activity. Specifically, the Columbus MWR Fund has had to augment golf course operations and maintenance costs, totaling over \$275,958 from 2007 to present, due to the decreasing number of rounds of golf played and low membership totals. This means MWR funds that could go toward other activities at Columbus AFB, had to be redirected to augment the golf course. Additionally, over the next six years, we project another \$340,000 bill against that same MWR fund. Ultimately, we want to provide programs our Airmen and their families

want to see in support of their decompression and regeneration needs.

After a valiant try, we have come to accept that the MWR needs of Columbus AFB residents will be better served by transforming the golf course into a venue for broader family-oriented activities befitting our base demographics. We hope you will take maximum advantage of the current golf cart trails for running, biking and walking. We are currently drafting plans and seeking Air Force funds for an improved fit trail for running, biking and walking -- to include lighting and outdoor fitness equipment.

The renowned café and its daily lunch specials will remain open for your dining enjoyment and convenience. Foot Golf will also be available at no charge. Unit physical training events, youth nature scavenger hunts, Frisbee, movies in the fairway, and Easter egg hunts will be on the list of “things to do” at the Whispering Pines.

To please our golf enthusiasts, we are at various points in discussions with the likes of Lion Hills, Green Oaks, Elm Lake, Old Waverly and Mossy Oak golf courses to forge a deal that will get Airmen the best rates possible. Additionally, the driving nets and chipping area will remain in place so you can keep these areas of your golf game sharp.

Your thoughts on how best to meet your future recreational needs are welcomed. Be on the lookout for a soon-to-be released survey seeking your input so we can advocate for funding to offer you more of what you want to see. In the end, we will bring forth an even better Columbus AFB with enhanced recreational and quality-of-life activities.

## Hunt Housing tip of the week



Residents, occupants and their guests are required to abide by all traffic regulations set forth on the installation and within the residential community. Speed limits within the community are limited to 15 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted and will be strictly enforced.

## Columbus AFB Top 3 spotlight



**Date:** 17 Mar 2017  
**Category:** Airman  
**Nominee Name/Grade:** A1C Brianna Tate  
**Unit:** 14th FSS/FSMPM

### Information:

- Home Town:** Monroe, Michigan
- Time in the Air Force:** 1 Year, 10 Months
- Time at Columbus AFB:** 7 Months
- Career Short Term Goals:** Improve fitness scores to achieve a 90+% PT score.
- Career Long Term Goals:** Earn CCAF; become a Recruiter.
- Nominated by:** MSgt Victoria Thornton
- Nomination reason:** Outstanding Performance



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## JROTC Award



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Master Sgts. Eric Severs and Kristina O'Meara, Air Force Sergeants Association, pose for a photo with Cadet Sykema Cockrell April 12, 2017, at Columbus High School. Cockrell received the Air Force Sergeants Association Certificate of Recognition, on behalf of AFSA Chapter 651, for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership ability.

## Lt. Col. Winning takes command of the 14th Operations Support Squadron



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

Col. Stan Lawrie, 14th Operations Group Commander, passes the 14th Operations Support Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. James Winning, the new 14th OSS Commander during a change of command ceremony April 13, 2017, at the McAllister Fire Station on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Winning was previously the Director of Operations for the 14th Student Squadron on Columbus AFB, Mississippi.

## EpiPen recall

The generic drug manufacturer, Mylan, announced a recall of two medications dispensed at military and civilian pharmacies worldwide. The two recalled medications are specific lots of 0.15 mg and 0.3 mg epinephrine auto-injectors (EpiPen) and all strengths of atorvastatin calcium (generic Lipitor) oral tablets. Wright-Patterson AFB Pharmacy has dispensed these medications in recent months.

The EpiPen recall is a result of two reports of device malfunction which may result in the device failing to inject its medication properly. The incidence of the defect is extremely rare and follow up testing by the manufacturer across the potentially affected lots has not identified any defective units.

Affected lot numbers include: 5GN767, 5GN773, 5GM631, 5GM640, 6GN215, 6GN082, 6GM072, 6GM081, 6GM088, 6GM199, 6GM091, 6GM198, and 6GM087.

Lot numbers are located on the medication box or on the individual auto injectors. Patients that have an affected lot number are asked to contact Stericycle at 877-650-3494 to obtain a voucher for a replacement product. After receiving a voucher, patients may redeem the voucher at any Tricare network retail pharmacy, any Military Treatment Facility pharmacy, or through the Tricare Mail Order Pharmacy to receive a replacement.

# Cadets learn about AF through Pathways to Blue

Master Sgt. Tammie Moore  
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — The third annual Pathways to Blue event, designed to help ROTC cadets make their Air Force career choices, was April 7-8, 2017.

The diversity and inclusion event, attended by more than 175 ROTC cadets from seven universities, is a 2nd Air Force initiative aimed to help build future leaders in the Air Force.

"I'm honored and privileged to have the opportunity to host this great event," said Maj. Gen. Bob LaBrutta, the 2nd AF commander. "The 2nd AF mission is to train, develop and inspire the world's premier Airmen to power the world's greatest Air Force. This program is important because our nation is a melting pot and in order for us to compete, we have to recruit the best of the best and ensure everyone understands there is a place in the U.S. Air Force for them."

Throughout the event, the cadets will meet with officers from 36 different career fields ranging from cyber operators to remotely piloted aircraft sensor operators to learn firsthand what their jobs entail.

"This will broaden their awareness of various occupations that are in high demand, but often undermanned," said 1st Lt. Christain Torres, the 2nd AF budget officer and Pathways to Blue project officer. "All of the venues are specifically designed for ROTC cadets and enlisted personnel to ask questions and achieve a better understanding of the knowledge, education, training and experiences required for serving in a specialty."

In addition to learning about various careers, the cadets stayed in base lodging, ate in the dining facility, participated in physical training sessions, received incentive flights and engaged in a speed mentoring session. The physical training session featured memorial push-ups in honor of Lt. Col. William Schroeder, who was killed in the line of duty, a year ago to the day.

"This is going to be a significant way to help everyone understand the importance of physical fitness and also bring history, heritage, what it is to be an Airman, sacrifice and those kind of things to bear," LaBrutta said.

According to Cadet Daniel Pierson, an Alabama University student, going through Pathways to Blue has been educational.

"I enjoyed flying in the C-130J Hercules and seeing some things I didn't necessarily think about doing," said Pierson. "There are some very interesting career fields that I think



U.S. Air Force photo by Kemberly Groue

Tech. Sgt. Timothy, a 352nd Battlefield Airmen Training Squadron instructor supervisor, spots Cadet Madeline Kirkpatrick, a Troy University student, as she climbs a caving ladder at Matero Hall during Pathways to Blue April 7, 2017, on Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. Pathways to Blue, a diversity outreach event hosted by 2nd Air Force, provides cadets briefings on technical and flying operations and an orientation flight in support of the Air Force's Diversity Strategic Roadmap program.

could be very rewarding. I'm still waiting to see some of the other career fields to see (what) direction I might want to go, but it has been a very good experience."

In addition, Pierson feels Pathways to Blue provided him with broader insight into the Air Force.

"I think it shows you the highlights of the Air Force, the best it has to offer; it shows you flying in planes, working in jobs that benefit other people, and benefit the country as a whole," he said. "I think that is really important when you are making your decision. You can see what the efforts of the

Air Force have on the nation."

When the event concludes LaBrutta hopes the cadets leave inspired.

"Anything that you want to do out in the community you can do right here in the U.S. Air Force," LaBrutta said. "We need our nation's best to be part of the world's premier Air Force so we can continue to do what we do for our nation ... security, safety and asset protection. We make sure the freedoms we hold dear are protected not only today, but into the future and (these cadets) can be a part of that (future)."



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# Special tactics Airman honored for role in liberating Afghan city

Senior Airman Ryan Conroy  
24th Special Operations Wing

Pope Army Airfield, N.C. — It was a 96-hour battle: four ambushes, 17 airstrike missions and the eventual safety of a 150-person team that led to one special tactics combat controller receiving the Silver Star April 7, 2017, at Pope Army Airfield.

Tech. Sgt. Brian Claghusey, a combat controller assigned to the 21st Special Tactics Squadron, was awarded the nation's third highest valor medal for his role in liberating Kunduz City, Afghanistan, from the Taliban over four days, Sept. 30-Oct. 4, while assigned to a joint special operations team.

"Brian is a consummate special tactics professional," said Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Guilmain, the chief enlisted manager of the 720th Special Tactics Group. "His recognition exemplifies the ground combat skill, airmanship expertise, and bravery that our Airmen bring to the joint special operations force."

Claghusey's medal contributes to his unit's legacy of valor; the 21st STS is one of the highest decorated Air Force units in recent history in terms of individual valor awards, totaling five Air Force Crosses and 10 Silver Stars since 9/11—there have only been only nine Air Force Crosses awarded since Sept. 11. All have been awarded to special tactics Airmen.

"The teams here aren't seeking any of this recognition; it's really about the job for them, and it's about the service to our nation," said Lt. Col. Stewart Parker, commander of the 21 STS. "If you saw these folks on a day-to-day basis in the squadron, it's just how we do business."

The night before the four-day battle, Claghusey, attached to a U.S. Army special forces team alongside Afghan National Army forces, was notified that an airfield in Kunduz province was overrun by Taliban forces. That night, the joint special operations forces team successfully took back and secured the airfield, with the Afghan army forces maintaining control of it.

The next morning, their team learned the entire city was under Taliban-control—and their mission was to liberate the city of Kunduz. The team planned quickly for the infiltration, borrowing light-skinned pickup trucks from the Afghan army and U.S. Army special forces Humvees to drive a 50-vehicle convoy into the city.

"As we passed the airfield, civilians were leaving in droves, which is a telltale sign that



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Ryan Conroy  
**Lt. Gen. Brad Webb, the commander of Air Force Special Operations Command, presents Tech. Sgt. Brian Claghusey, a combat controller with the 21st Special Tactics Squadron, a Silver Star April 7, 2017, at Pope Army Airfield, North Carolina. Following a 96-hour battle with Taliban forces in Afghanistan, Claghusey was credited with coordinating 17 close air engagements, resulting in 47 enemy killed in action without a single civilian or friendly casualty.**

the Taliban took over," Claghusey said. "The state of the city upon infiltration was completely desolate, with the exception of the Taliban."

Shortly after passing the airfield they secured the night before, the convoy was ambushed from a fortified building. Claghusey, riding in the fourth vehicle with the ground force commander, suppressed enemy fire by coordinating an AC-130 gunship strike on the building.

From that point on, Claghusey was constantly coordinating with aircraft above to relay information on the enemy's whereabouts along the route.

"The entire route was covered with Taliban forces, so there were several strikes along the way — one of the strikes was about 70 meters from friendly forces," Claghusey said. "The AC-130 did a phenomenal job of putting those rounds down and keeping us safe and allowing us to continue on."

Then, the convoy tripped a wire, triggering a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device and halting the convoy in its tracks. Claghusey's vehicle was at a four-way intersection and came under fire from two different machine gun locations at close distance. While Claghusey fought back with his personal weapon, two special forces Soldiers

in an all-terrain vehicle mounted with an M-240B machine gun put themselves between Claghusey's vehicle and the attackers to protect and suppress the ambush.

"Those two Soldiers who placed themselves between us and the attack were the only reason we survived that ambush," Claghusey said of the two who also received Silver Star for their actions during the fire-fight.

With the enemy forces fleeing their positions to maneuver behind the convoy, Claghusey quickly coordinated an AC-130 strike and eliminated the threat.

Claghusey and the team secured the Kunduz provincial chief of police compound, where they would continue to be attacked almost constantly for four days and nights.

At the compound, Claghusey received a call for help from an Army special forces element receiving accurate and relentless mortar, grenade launcher and small-arms fire.

"All that was going through my mind was that those guys needed my help and we're all out there together as a team," Claghusey said. "I can't do my job without them and vice versa."

Claghusey neutralized the enemies when he maneuvered to the attack site, coordinated with F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter jets, and

controlled strafing runs from about 140 meters away.

"The precision of the aircraft and the confidence that we have in each other as a team, from the controller on the ground and the aircrew ... we have a lot of faith in each other and they certainly didn't let us down out there," Claghusey said.

A couple of hours later, the Taliban began their final attack on the compound attempting to retake the team's position. Attacked from three sides, Claghusey willingly put himself in harm's way to coordinate airstrikes from the roof.

"I was exhausted ... it was a four-day fire-fight; however, at a certain point, your training kicks in and takes over," Claghusey said. "This wasn't the first time that I hadn't slept or been stressed out for four days straight — our training pipeline is two years and it does a really good job of building resiliency and putting you in stressful situations so you can immediately adapt to the situation."

Once on the roof, a special forces Soldier and Claghusey were immediately pinned down by small-arms fire for about an hour. They continuously fought back with their rifles, with Claghusey marking enemy positions with his grenade launcher for aircraft to effectively strike.

Despite rounds impacting less than a meter away, Claghusey controlled two danger-close, 500-pound bombs within 185 meters of friendly fighting positions, effectively stopping the onslaught of enemy forces on the compound—and ending the fight to liberate Kunduz.

Over the course of 96 hours of sustained and intense firefights, Claghusey coordinated 17 separate close air support engagements, with no civilian or friendly casualties, ensuring the safety of the 36 U.S. Army special forces personnel and 110 Afghan partner forces.

"I have absolutely no doubt that the [special forces team] would have taken casualties and would not have been successful if not for Brian on this mission," noted the Army special forces ground force commander in his eyewitness statement about that mission.

For Claghusey, it isn't about the recognition; it is about doing his job, and doing it well.

"To hear children playing in the street and people moving back into our homes ... to know that we were successful ... and these people were back in their homes, it was an incredible feeling," Claghusey said.

# Taking care of us

Capt. Jonathan Harris  
AFAF Wing Installation  
Project Officer

The Air Force Assistance Fund gives Team Blaze the chance to contribute to the greater good of their local Air Force community.

"Even though a lot of people think Air Force Assistance Fund and the Combined Federal Campaign are similar or maybe even the same, they are extremely different," said 1st Lt. Jack Neilan, 37th Flying Training Squadron. "AFAF is a chance to help our own branch, base and family. It could be helping the Airman living next door or the widow you sit next to at church. When we donate to AFAF, we know the money will help take care of us — which really hits home."

The AFAF is an annual effort to raise funds for the charitable affiliates that provide support to our Air Force family in need (active duty, retirees, reservists, guard and our dependents, including surviving spouses). The charitable affiliate organizations provide support in an emergency, with educational needs, or a secure retirement home for widows or widowers of our Air Force members in need of financial assistance. Each individual who donates has four options they can select from; AFAF representatives do not endorse one over another.

The first option is the Air Force Aid Society which has helped Airmen and their families in times of need since 1942. It may be for an everyday expense like a utility bill, something far more unexpected like the need to fly home for a family funeral, or a request for a special piece of medical equipment to improve the quality of life for a disabled child. Whether your emergency is big or small, AFAS is there to help — in 2015 alone, the society was able to support over 15,000 emergency cases totaling \$8.1 million.

Next is the Air Force Village, founded in 1970. The AFV is a retirement community with the core charitable mission to care for retired Air Force Officers' widowed spouses who need financial assistance. The AFV provides a secure, comfortable environment where widows are surrounded by friends in a home they cannot provide for themselves.

Similarly, the Air Force Enlisted Village mission is simple: to provide a home. Established in 1975, the AFEV ensures that surviving spouses of retired enlisted airmen are not living in less than desirable conditions or homeless. The AFEV also serves the mothers

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**Wing Staff Agencies POC:** Senior Master Sgt. Wade Steinback

of active duty and retired airmen and provides temporary housing to surviving spouses of enlisted members who die while on active duty.

Finally, there is the LeMay Foundation, founded by General and Mrs. Curtis LeMay, which awards grants to enlisted and officer retirees' surviving spouses. In 2015, LeMay Foundation gave over \$6,000,000 in assistance that benefitted widows with monthly grants to augment incomes that fall below the poverty line and it also provided one-time grants to assist with needs like hearing aids, dental care, and minor home repairs.

The 2017 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign will run until May 5. For more information or to donate, please contact Capt. Jonathan Harris at jonathan.harris.15@us.af.mil or Staff Sgt. Shaylah McKinney-Jones at shaylah.mckinney\_jones@us.af.mil. Additionally, each group and squadron also has its own project officer who can provide any assistance you might need.



# BLAZE Hangar Tails: F-15 Eagle

**Mission**


The F-15 Eagle is an all-weather, extremely maneuverable, tactical fighter designed to permit the Air Force to gain and maintain air supremacy over the battlefield.

**Features**

The Eagle's air superiority is achieved through a mixture of unprecedented maneuverability and acceleration, range, weapons and avionics. It can penetrate enemy defense and outperform and outfight any current enemy aircraft. The F-15 has electronic systems and weaponry to detect, acquire, track and attack enemy aircraft while operating in friendly or enemy-controlled airspace. The weapons and flight control systems are designed so one person can safely and effectively perform air-to-air combat.

The F-15's superior maneuverability and acceleration are achieved through high engine thrust-to-weight ratio and low wing loading. Low wing-loading (the ratio of aircraft weight to its wing area) is a vital factor in maneuverability and, combined with the high thrust-to-weight ratio, enables the aircraft to turn tightly without losing airspeed.

A variety of air-to-air weaponry can be carried by the F-15. An automated weapon system enables the pilot to perform aerial combat safely and effectively, using the head-up display and the avionics and weapons controls located on the engine throttles or control stick. When the pilot changes from one weapon system to another, visual guidance for the required weapon automatically appears on the head-up display.



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A row of F-15 Eagles from Kadena Air Base, Japan, line up before a takeoff. The F-15 Eagle is an all-weather, extremely maneuverable, tactical fighter designed to permit the Air Force to gain and maintain air supremacy over the battlefield.

For low-altitude, high-speed penetration and precision attack on tactical targets at night or in adverse weather, the F-15E carries a high-resolution APG-70 radar and low-altitude navigation and targeting infrared for night pods

**Background**

The first F-15A flight was made in July 1972, and the first flight of the two-seat F-15B (formerly TF-15A) trainer was made in July 1973. The first Eagle (F-15B) was delivered in November 1974. In January 1976, the first Eagle destined for a combat squadron was delivered.

The single-seat F-15C and two-seat F-15D models entered the Air Force inventory beginning in 1979. These new models have Production Eagle Package (PEP 2000) improvements, including 2,000 pounds (900 kilograms) of additional internal fuel, provision for carrying exterior conformal fuel tanks and increased maximum takeoff weight of up to 68,000 pounds (30,600 kilograms).

F-15C, D and E models were deployed to the Persian Gulf in 1991 in support of Operation Desert Storm where they proved their superior combat capability. F-15C fighters accounted for 34 of the 37 Air Force air-to-air victories. F-15E's were operated mainly at night, hunting SCUD missile launchers and artillery sites using the LANTIRN system.

They have since been deployed for air expeditionary force deployments and operations Southern Watch (no-fly zone in Southern Iraq), Provide Comfort in Turkey, Allied Force in Bosnia, Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

**General Characteristics**

**Primary function:** Tactical fighter

**Contractor:** McDonnell Douglas Corp.

**Power plant:** Two Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-100, 220 or 229 turbofan engines with afterburners

**Thrust:** (C/D models) 23,450 pounds each engine

**Wingspan:** 42.8 feet (13 meters)

**Length:** 63.8 feet (19.44 meters)

**Height:** 18.5 feet (5.6 meters)

**Weight:** 31,700 pounds

**Maximum takeoff weight:** (C/D models) 68,000 pounds (30,844 kilograms)

**Fuel Capacity:** 36,200 pounds (three external plus conformal fuel tanks)

**Payload:** depends on mission

**Speed:** 1,875 mph (Mach 2 class)

**Ceiling:** 65,000 feet (19,812 meters)

**Range:** 3,450 miles (3,000 nautical miles) ferry range with conformal fuel tanks and three external fuel tanks


**Crew:** F-15A/C: one. F-15B/D/E: two

**Armament:** One internally mounted M-61A1 20mm 20-mm, six-barrel cannon with 940 rounds of ammunition; four AIM-9 Sidewinder and four AIM-120 AMRAAMs or eight AIM-120 AMRAAMs, carried externally.

**Unit Cost:** A/B models - \$27.9 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars); C/D models - \$29.9 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars)

**Initial operating capability:** September 1975

**Inventory:** Total force, 249



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Laura Turner

An F-15 Eagle takes off from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. The F-15's superior maneuverability and acceleration are achieved through high engine thrust-to-weight ratio and low wing loading.

## 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.)

### 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 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.

### Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. May 1 – 5, and includes seminars on Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, MS Dept of Employment Security, Dept of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP and Dept of Labor TAP portion. Preseparation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance 8 – 12 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register call 434-2839.

### Career Technical Training

This transition event is held from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. May 8 – 9. The workshop explores technical careers for post military personnel using VA Educational benefits. It is conducted by CALIBRE, a private company contracted by DVA. Prior registration is required, company requires 10 days notification and must have minimum of eight participants to make. To register and more information call 434-2790.

### Pre-separation Counseling

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

### Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

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

## 50th FTS Honorary Commander takes to the skies



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

Scott Wetherbee, Mississippi State Interim Director of Athletics and 50th Flying Training Squadron Honorary Commander, right, prepares to fly with Lt. Col. Jason Hilburn, 50th FTS Commander, left, April 11, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. For his dedication to the Air Force's mission, Wetherbee was granted a flight in a T-38C Talon.

### 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 lo-

cated throughout the base for a one-time event, special events, or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Golf Course, Medical Clinic, Chapel, Airman Attic, Thrift Store, the Retiree Activities office and many others. For more information please call A&FRC at 434-2790.

### Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

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

### Personal Financial Readiness

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

### Learn How to Read Your LES

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

## 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



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# SAPR offers services, support

**Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force has made a commitment to end all sexual assaults through awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting and accountability. Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi supports that commitment through the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

The Columbus SAPR Office offers many services to those affected by sexual assault including SAPR hotlines, restricted and unrestricted reporting options, special victims counsel and medical care, all without reprisal.

There are many phone numbers that victims can call to report a sexual assault. The Columbus SARC hotline is (662) 364-0822 and

there will always be someone there to help guide a victim through the reporting process.

Restricted and unrestricted reporting options give the victim the ability to choose whether they want to make a case or not.

If the restricted option is chosen then a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator or victim advocate, and health care provider are the only people notified. The command will not be notified. The SARC or VA will help guide the victim to counseling. An unrestricted reporting option can be opened later but once the victim switches they cannot go back to restricted. They also receive legal help from the Special Victims' Counsel, an organization that bases their operations out of D.C. and do not fall under a chain of command in Columbus.

The unrestricted process is very similar to the restricted except the command is notified and an investigation will be initiated.

Dr. Marcia Stewart, SAPR Program Manager, and Carla Neal-Bush, SAPR Victim Advocate, make it their goal to always be smiling and boosting morale at community events. They want to be approachable and let everyone know that no matter what the situation, they will always do their best to help in any way they can.

"The attitude of the SAPR Program manager, SARC and VA has a great impact on the instillation," Stewart said. "If we give good vibes and are approachable, people won't have a problem coming to us."

The Columbus SAPR Office highly believes the "team work makes the dream work". Stewart and Neal-Bush said they always work together to help victims get the help they need.

"It like I always say," said Stewart. "Team work makes the dream work."



The Columbus Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office and Col. James Fisher, 14th Flying Training Wing Vice Commander, go over the rules of the SAPR 5k Run For Recovery and wish the participants good luck April 13, 2017, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. For every obstacle that a participant conquered, a ticket was rewarded to them for a final prize at the end of the run.



Airman 1st Class Michael Findlay, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Firefighter, and Carla Neal-Bush, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate, compete in a firefighter-themed obstacle course during the SAPR 5k Run For Recovery April 13, 2017, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The SAPR Office held a 5k run with five different obstacles that represent the steps to recovery after a sexual assault.



U.S. Air Force Photos by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert  
Carla Neal-Bush, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate, and Dr. Marcia Stewart, SAPR Program Manager, raise awareness of sexual assault by setting up a booth April 12, 2017, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Columbus SAPR office is sponsoring numerous events throughout the month.

