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Monday

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News Briefs

SUPT Class 17-08 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-08 graduates at 10 a.m. April 28 at Kaye Audi-

Enlisted Promotion Ceremony and Quarterly Awards Ceremony

The monthly Enlisted Promotions Ceremony is at 3 p.m. April 28 at the Kaye Auditorium. Immediately following will be the 1st Quarter Awards Ceremony at the same location.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. May 9 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

Inside



Feature 8

SUPT Class 17-08 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kave Auditorium.



Argentine air force 2nd Lt. Franco Zattara, Aviation Leadership Program student currently flying with Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-13, hands a framed gift to Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, April 22, 2017, at the international student social on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. International students gather once a year to get to know each other and celebrate the partnerships of our air forces.

Team BLAZE international students attend social

Senior Airman John Day

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Team BLAZE hosted a social for international students in pilot training April 22, 2017, at the Columbus Club here.

Columbus AFB has a large international training program with students from 21 different countries participating in SUPT, Aviation Leadership Program and Introduction to Fighter Fun-

International students attend SUPT under two different programs, Foreign Military Sales and ALP. FMS is a broad-reaching program that covers everything from purchasing weapons systems to training operations and maintenance personnel to

ALP is an aviation scholarship funded by the Secretary of the Air Force. Not only does Columbus train pilots, but also

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II

Overall

Track Select May 16

Squadron 48th (17-09) 50th (17-00)

5.23 days 1.42 days

The graduation speaker is Col. Dean Lee, Director of Safety, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.

PHASE III Squadron Overall Graduation -0.02 days 0.24 days

IFF Graduation 49th (17-GBC) -0.30 days -1.87 days

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future foreign air force leaders. This builds relationships throughout the world for years

ALP students only fly the T-6 aircraft, but train using a more extensive syllabus. They will spend roughly twice the amount of time in T-6s as a U.S. Air Force student and upon completion will receive their pilot rating.

At the social, international students, squadron commanders and group commanders gathered to get to know each other and celebrate the partnerships of the various air around the world.

and wear attire from their country of origin. met.

Second Lt. Lea Zolnay, SUPT Class 18-01, spoke about the social for a few moments before Argentine air force 2nd Lt. Franco Zattara, Aviation Leadership Program student, currently flying with SUPT Class 17-13, presented Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, with a framed gift from all the international students. Gosney then took the floor to address all in at-

He talked about the importance of the partnerships between the air forces and how lucky the base is to have students from all

Afterwards, the group ate, played games Attendees were encouraged to bring food and got to know students they may not have

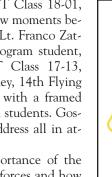
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Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the Wing Headquarters ouilding, BLDG. 724, suite 210. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.





As of press time, 37 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

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AFAF——	18-08 Pilot Partner Welcome, 6 p.m. @ Zachary's		AF Community Partnership Meeting, 8 a.m. @ Club	BLAZE Commons Grand opening, 8:30 a.m. @ Commons SUPT Class 17-09 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club Market Street — Festival	10/14	May 18: CCAF Graduation May 19: SUPT Class 17-09 Graduation May 25: 37th FTS Change of Command May 25: Memorial Day Retreat Ceremony May 26: AETC Family Day
8	Club Member breakfast, 6:30 a.m 9 a.m. Wing Newcom- ers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club Wing Command- er's Calls, 9 a.m., Noon, 4 p.m. @ Kaye	IO		12	13/14	May 26: Independence Pool Opens May 29: Memorial Day Holiday May 30: Wing Newcomers Orientation May 31: Enlisted Promotio May 31: Hearts Apart June 3: Columbus AFB Triathalon

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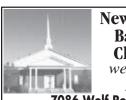
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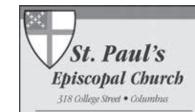
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United Blood Service blood drive will be held Friday, May 19, 11a-5:15p, Outpatient Pavilion Conference Center at Baptist Golden Triangle. All donors are encouraged to give the gift of life. For more information go to bloodhero.com.

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 May 19th, room 5PT, past the gift shop. For information call 244-2923 or 800-544-8767, ext. 2923 or email info.goldentriangle@bmhcc.org.

Baptist Cancer Center offers free prostate PSA screenings for men over 40. Screenings will take place every other month at the Columbus location (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 or email info.goldentriangle@bmhcc.org.

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 or email info.goldentriangle@bmhcc.org.

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 or email info.goldentriangle@bmhcc.org.

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Guard, Reserve units complete annual firefighting training with U.S. Forest Service

Tech. Sgt. Emerson Marcus

Nevada Joint Force Headquarters Public Af-

BOISE, Idaho — 121 sorties. 124 flight hours. 373,900 gallons of water dropped.

Impressive statistics for firefighting aircrew members and personnel from four different C-130 Hercules military units participating in a five-day Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System annual training sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service in Boise, Idaho. The training included Air National Guard units from California, Nevada and Wyoming and one from the Air Force Reserve in Colorado. In all, 400 people from multiple agencies worked the training and certification operation.

"The U.S. Forest Service has always been a strong partner with the Department of Defense when it comes to firefighting," said Col. Bryan Allen, the Air Expeditionary Group commander, which oversees the four military units for the MAFFS mission. "This is probably one of the clearest examples of the benefits of using military aircraft in a civil support role and the U.S. Forest Service is the agency that does it the best. The U.S. Forest Service and the four airlift wings within the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve have really figured it out, with everything from logistics to funding, to execution, to standardization and the direct result is we save American lives and property using military crews and equipment in a civil support role. We've really built a strong partnership with the U.S. Forest Service over the last 44 years."

Water drops for training were executed on lands within the Boise National Forest and Boise District Bureau of tardant on wildfires around the U.S. Land Management.

rolled into the back of a C-130 aircraft — can drop up to 3,000 gallons of water or fire retardant in six seconds through a nozzle on the rear left side of the plane.

and flight operations for military flight crews, lead plane pilots and other support personnel from the U.S. Forest

Service and other wildland firefighting agencies in advance of the upcoming fire season this summer.

"We have recognized the benefits to combine training periodically for operational consistency and standardization, not only with the air wings but for our personnel, as well," said Kim Christensen, the U.S. Forest Service deputy assistant director for operations. "The compelling reason to do a combined training again this year was the integration of the 152nd Airlift Wing, from Reno, (Nevada) into the MAFFS mission. We know we have a window of opportunity to get Reno proficient. The speed to that proficiency is important. When you have this kind of setting, with all four wings together, it provides a more complete setting to meet that objective.'

The 152nd Airlift Wing was named the newest unit in the MAFFS mission last year, replacing the 145th Airlift Wing, North Carolina Air National Guard. The 145th AW is in the process of converting to C-17 Globemaster

Participating Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units include the 153rd Airlift Wing from Cheyenne, Wyoming; the 302nd Airlift Wing from Colorado Springs, Colorado; the 146th Airlift Wing from Port Hueneme, California; and the 152nd Airlift Wing from Reno, Nevada. MAFFS is a joint Defense Department and U.S. Forest Service program designed to provide additional aerial firefighting resources when commercial and private air tankers are no longer able to meet the needs of the forest service.

In the past decade, military C-130s equipped with MAFFS delivered about eight million gallons of fire re-

"Obviously, we have our overseas contingencies we re-The U.S. Forest Service's large MAFFS equipment — spond to," said Lt. Col. Anthony Machabee, the 152nd Airlift Wing Operations Group. "That is a huge part of what we do in the Air Force. We take a lot of pride in doing that. But this is a domestic operation that we also The certification training includes classroom sessions take a lot of pride in doing. For us, this is a tremendous opportunity to be a part of this mission saving property and life. I can't speak more highly about this mission."

GOLDFEIN

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Squadron commander, an Air National Guard unit of special tactics Airmen in Louisville, Kentucky. "Keary dashed into the line of fire repeatedly — not out of disregard for the risks he face, but because of his regard for his fellow operator. Each time he did so, he made a deliberate decision to risk his own life to save another. He lived by the pararescue motto 'That Others May Live."

At the time, Miller was assigned to the 123rd STS. He was the combat search and rescue lead to recover two fellow special operations members from the top of Takur Ghar. During this mission, Miller is credited with saving the lives of 10 U.S. service members, and the recovery of seven who were killed in action.

"We always had a saying, 'Train as you fight,' and that's what we did," Miller said. "We were used to training to the point of failure so we wouldn't fail for real. That's the community we work in; we learn to adapt to stressful and unrealistic environments as a team.

Eleven years later and more than 100 miles north of Miller's mission, then-Staff Sgt. Baradat precisely directed 13 500-pound bombs and more than 1,100 rounds of ammunition during three hours of intense fighting against the Taliban in a steep valley, contributing to the safety of 150 troops and destruction of 50 enemy and 13 separate enemy fighting positions, in Afghanistan, April

To many, Baradat helped turn the tide of the battle, bringing close air support to deter an overwhelming enemy force. Teammates and aircrew recalled him stepping into the line of fire without regard for his own safety to protect the ground force.

"I don't feel like I was doing anything above or beyond or heroic that day; I was doing my job that I was supposed to do, with my team," Baradat said. "I had an amazing (U.S. Army) Special Forces team that I was with that day ... I was just a piece of the puzzle, and we couldn't have done it without everyone that day."

At the time, Baradat was on his third deployment to Afghanistan and was assigned to the 21st STS, the most highly decorated unit in modern Air Force history.

For both medal recipients, the upgrade was both unexpected and humbling – but the focus will always remain on their time serving their country.

"I don't feel a responsibility as a medal recipient; it's the oath we take and the enlistment to serve our country," Miller said. "In the military, you take pride into what you are signing up for ... the Air Force has core values you believe in, and that's your day-to-

BARGAIN LINE

April 29 - 30 Lion Hills Golf Course is hosting a 1-Man Scramble. This golf event is open to the public. For more information, contact Lion Hills Center and Golf Course, 2331 Military Road, Columbus, MS 39705, 662-328-4837.

News Around Town

May 5 - 6

The Market Street Festival will run May 5 - 6, in downtown Columbus. The festival offers over 250 arts, crafts and food vendors as well as dozens of special events, musical acts and activities throughout the festival. This is free and open to the public.

before the desired publication date. Ads turned Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@ us.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves

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Smith takes over 50th FTS



Col. Stan Lawrie, 14th Operations Group Commander, hands the 50th Flying Training Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. Nathan Smith at the 50th Flying Training Squadron Change of Command ceremony April 21, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Smith was previously the Chief of Safety.

49th FTS graduates IFF Class 17-GBC

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron graduated Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Class 17-GBC, here April 27,

Nine members graduated this phase of their training on their way to becoming fighter pilots and Weapon Systems Officers in the Combat Air Forces of the United States Air Force, the Republic of Singapore Air Force and the Royal Saudi Air Force.

The 49th FTS is responsible for active duty, guard, reserve, and international flying training in the AT-38C IFF aircraft. The 49th FTS provides training to fighter pilots and Weapon Systems Officers entering Air Force major fighter weapons systems, which include the A10C, F15C, F15E, F-15S, Eurofighter, F16, F-35 and F-22.

The nine-week course begins with tactical formation flights and then introduces pilots and weapon systems officers to basic fighter maneuvers and air-to-air employment in

offensive, defensive, and high aspect fight scenarios. Wingmen bound for aircraft with an air-to-ground attack capabil ity then move on to basic surface attack and surface attack tactics phases learning to employ ordnance against ground targets. The skills learned during IFF directly translate to the fighter aircraft these wingmen will fly in their follow-on training and employ in combat.

Congratulations to the following fighter wingmen:

Congratulations to the following lighter winghers.			
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Capt. Steven Brown	F-16		
2nd Lt. Nolan Kirkwood	F-16		
2nd Lt. Wesley Dean	F-22		
Capt. Huang Yong	F-16 (Singapore)		
2nd Lt. Khalaf Alwagdani	F-15 (Saudi Arabia)		
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Dorm Council:

Monthly meeting, 3 p.m. May 18 @Montgomery Village

Bullet writing seminar, 11:30 a.m. May 3 @Chapel

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Scott awarded BTZ



Senior Airman Henry Scott, 14th Operations Support Squadron Air Traffic Controller, center, is awarded Senior Airman Below the Zone by Master Sgt. Carmina Beedle, 14th OSS Superintendent, left, and Lt. Col. James Winning, 14th OSS Commander, right, April 21, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Also receiving BTZ during the month of April, was Airman 1st Class Aaron Marriott, 14th Civil Engineer Sauadron Firefighter, Airmen who receive BTZ will be promoted to the rank of senior airman six months ahead of schedule

Combating trafficking in persons

Master Sgt. Ryan Johnson

14th Force Support Squadron Combat Trafficking in Persons manager

Trafficking in Persons is the second largest criminal activity in the world.

It is defined as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by means of threat, use of force, coer-

TIP is a grave violation of human rights civil rights and stability, as well as a direct 14th Force Support Squadron, at 434-7004.

threat to our national foreign policy goals. Due to the seriousness of the crime, the egregious results in terms of human tragedy, and the disabling impact on our military readiness, the AF has established a zero tolerance for trafficking in persons.

While local threat assessments indicate that the threat of TIP is low, all airmen should identify and report suspicious behavior that may indicate TIP activities to your cion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse or chain of command, Security Forces, AFOSI

For more information about TIP-related and a worldwide criminal threat to security, issues contact Master Sgt. Ryan Johnson,



U.S. Air Force Photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert

Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

Children from the 14th Flying Training Wing Child Development Center plant a Japanese Maple tree in honor of Arbor Day April 21, 2017, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Child Development Center will use the tree to show children how important they are to the environment, and will charge the children with watering and caring for the tree.

CDC celebrates Arbor Day

Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert

14th Flying Training Wing **Public Affairs**

The Columbus Air Force Base Child Development Center does more than just take care of service members' children during the

On April 21, 2017, the CDC helped children become caretakers themselves by planting a tree in the front lawn of the center in honor of Arbor Day.

During the event, the children gathered around and listened to William O'Meara, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Health and Safety Officer, read the Arbor Day Proclamation. Then he talked about the importance of trees and their many benefits.

After the proclamation reading, the children took turns filling in the hole. Some of the children gently scooped dirt up and placed it in the hole while others dove in and

Arbor Day dates back to the late 1800s where it began as a school festival. This is the big reason why it quickly gained support through the U.S. as it helped children contribute to the environment.

In 1926, Arbor Day became an official holiday in Mississippi. In section 5, Chapter help ensure their own clean future.



161 of the 1926 Mississippi Code, the State and County Boards of Education were directed to set aside a special day each year in the public schools.

The CDC will use the tree to show children how important they are to the environment, and will charge the children with watering and caring for the tree.

Team BLAZE has recognized the importance of maintaining and caring for the environment and takes pride in ensuring future generations will have clean air.

Columbus Air Force Base is listed as an arboretum in Mississippi. An arboretum is a botanical garden dedicated to preserving trees.

By planting the tree, children at the CDC

Molding yesterday's trainees into tomorrow's Airmen

Airman 1st Class Mariette Adams 6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — (This feature is part of the "Through Airmen's Eyes" series on AF.mil. These stories focus on a single Airman, highlighting their Air Force sto-

In the early hours of darkness, the sound of reveille routinely rings throughout Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Trainees spring out of their beds to begin days filled with training, instruction and loud orders from their military training instructors.

The MTIs lead their flights through it all the long hours of in-processing, the days filled with classroom instruction, and the meticulous practices that build resiliency and focus

For Staff Sgt. Jessica Fairchild, a former MTI at JB San Antonio-Lackland, those long hours were worth it.

Six years into her career, Fairchild applied to be an MTI. She had dreams to be a teach er and chose to focus that drive into shaping the next generation of Airmen.

Fairchild said she wanted to make a difference through mentoring and pushing Airmen to do great things.

Despite dealing with the physical and mental demands of being an MTI, Fairchild said she loved it.

"I loved my job every day," she said. "It is the best job in the entire military to me, but it was also stressful."

Long hours and strict schedules pack both the trainees and instructors' days.

"Trying to get 60 people to the same place at the same time was challenging at times; trainees are on a tight schedule," Fairchild

Within less than two months, trainees must be physically fit and knowledgeable on military concepts in preparation of entering the operational Air Force.

"I wanted every single person to succeed," Fairchild said. "If some weren't getting the concepts, I would think 'what am I doing wrong?' I would then look to others to get different perspectives. Getting them to where they needed to be was always my goal."

The impact Fairchild had on her trainees has endured as the trainees became Airmen.

"Our MTIs helped us grow into the Airmen we are today," said Airman 1st Class Zenawi Tecle, a former trainee of Fairchild and now a 6th Security Forces Squadron entry controller. "They taught us discipline, mili-



a zero tolerance policy as a supervisor," said

Senior Airman Kristin Weiland, a 6th LRS

individual protective equipment technician.

"She maintains professionalism and will tell

you when you are doing something wrong,

but also helps you fix it and get better. She,

as my supervisor, makes me a better Airman."

child applied professionalism and dedication

to train thousands of people and groomed

Throughout her time in the military, Fair-

Staff Sgt. Jessica Fairchild (center), a former military training instructor and currently an individual protective equipment supervisor assigned to the 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron, pauses for a photo with Airman 1st Class Zenawi Tecle (left), a former trainee of Fairchild and now an entry controller with the 6th Security Forces Squadron, and Senior Airman Kristin Weiland (right), an individual protective equipment technician with the 6th LRS, Feb. 24, 2017, at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. Fairchild served four years as an MTI applying professionalism and dedication to train thousands of people and groomed them into Airmen before returning to her

tary customs and courtesies, and the importance of respecting rank to build the foundation we all use as Airmen in the operational

After four years, more than 50 flights and her for later in her career. thousands of trainees, Fairchild has now returned to her career field as an individual protective equipment supervisor assigned to the 6th Logistics Readiness Squadron at MacDill Air Force Base.

For Fairchild, the four years she spent training Airmen impacted her greatly.

"People reach out to me through email skills and applied them as a supervisor. and tell me how they are doing and how I

impacted them," she said. "Looking back and hearing from those I trained is rewarding."

Aside from following her passion for instructing, Fairchild's experience has prepared

"Being an MTI has prepared me for the next ranks," Fairchild said. "As an MTI, we handle many people and their individual needs within the flight. We learn to manage both time and people, as well as high pressure

situations with a fast learning curve." Additionally, she has taken her instructor

Someday she said she hopes to return and train more future Airmen who will then "Her experience as an MTI, has given her serve this great nation.

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Goldfein presents two Air Force Crosses

Senior Airman Ryan Conrov

24th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. — A 7-foot bronze statue stood prominently over a sea of multicolored berets, flanked by the 21st chief of staff of the Air Force and the Air Force's newest Air Force Cross recipients.

Two Airmen, whose heroics were separated by 11 years and 100 miles in the same war zone, solidified a special tactics legacy that has seen a great deal of action since 9/11.

"You represent the finest traits America can ask of its warriors, as you fight alongside joint and coalition teammates in crises of the highest consequence," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein. "When lives are on the line, you move carefully and deliberately into harm's way with protection of others in mind.'

Two Air Force Crosses were simultaneously presented to Airmen at the special tactics memorial as a result of a service-wide review of medals at Hurlburt Field April 20, 2017.

Goldfein presided over the historic event, presenting Christopher Baradat, a combat controller, who has since separated from the Air Force, and retired Master Sgt. Keary Mill er, a pararescueman, the service's highest valor award.

The Air Force Cross is presented for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations against an enemy of the U.S. These are the eighth and ninth Air Force Crosses to be awarded since 9/11-- all have been awarded to special tactics Airmen since the end of the Vietnam War.

"This is the essence of special tactics," Goldfein said. "You do what others cannot, or will not do, and you do it because it must be done, and because there is no one better."

Miller and Baradat were previously presented the Silver Star for their actions in Afghanistan in 2002 and 2013, before a service-wide review in 2016.

Both medal upgrades were due to a Defense Department-directed review of medals from recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan to ensure service members were appropriately recognized for their actions.

"We are a highly trained and capable ground combat force leading global access, precision strike, personnel recovery, battlefield surgery and command and control missions; when tandemed with air and space power, we can make the impossible, possible — the decisive edge in battle," said Col. Michael Martin, the 24th Special Operations Wing commander, about the special tactics force. "Keary Miller and Chris Baradat are prime examples of our professional and battle hardened ground combat force.'

During a 17-hour battle on an Afghan mountaintop, then-Tech. Sgt. Miller, a special tactics pararescueman --against overwhelming odds and a barrage of heavy fire from al-Qaida militants-- dashed through deep snow into the line of fire multiple times to assess and care for critically wounded U.S. service members, March 4, 2002.

"The legacy of Keary Miller is not one of momentary heroism, but of deliberate professional assessment, the application of great skill, and the willingness to risk his life to save another," said Lt. Col. Shane Mclane, the 123rd Special Tactics

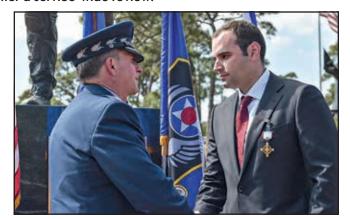


U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Ryan Conroy

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform a flyover as the Pensacola Christian College choir sings the National Anthem during a dual Air Force Cross ceremony April 20, 2017, at Hurlburt Field, Florida. Two Airmen were simultaneously awarded the service's highest medal for valorous action in combat. Retired Master Sqt. Keary Miller, from the Air National Guard's 123rd Special Tactics Squadron, and Chris Baradat, a former combat controller, both received Silver Stars for their actions in combat, which were upgraded after a service-wide review.



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein presents retired Master Sgt. Keary Miller, a former special tactics pararescueman, the Air Force Cross at Hurlburt Field, Florida, April 20, 2017. Two Airmen were simultaneously awarded the service's highest medal for valorous action in combat. Miller, from the Air National Guard's 123rd Special Tactics Sauadron, and Chris Baradat, a former combat controller, both received Silver Stars for their



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CAFB spouses fly at GTRA



Liz Poeppelman, Mommy Pilots of The Ninety-Nines Chairwoman, teaches Columbus Air Force Base spouses about flying April 22, 2017, at Golden Triangle Regional Airport in Columbus, Mississippi. The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships and



Columbus Air Force Base spouses are educated about the fundamentals of flying April 22, 2017, at Golden Triangle Regional Airport in Columbus, Mississippi. They learned about everything they would need to know for their flights.



Columbus Air Force Base spouses prepare to fly April 22, 2017, at Golden Triangle Regional Airport in Columbus, Mississippi. Spouses got a chance to fly in a Cessna at GTR and experience a bit of what pilots get to do on a daily basis.



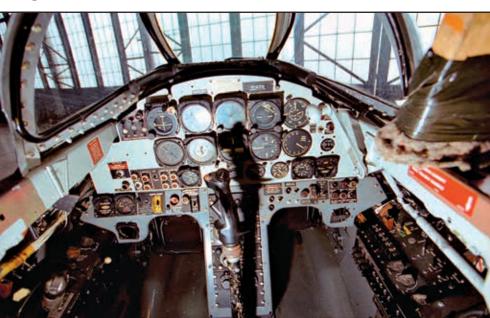
Columbus Air Force Base spouses taxi before they take off April 22, 2017, at Golden Triangle Regional Airport in Columbus, Mississippi, Thirty-five spouses experienced the wonders of flight and gained a greater appreciation for their military pilot spouses

BLAZE Hangar Tails: T-33A Shooting Star

The two-place T-33A Shooting Star jet was designed for training pilots already qualified to fly propeller-driven aircraft. It was developed from the single-seat F-80 fighter by lengthening the fuselage about three feet to accommodate a second cockpit.

Background

first flight in 1948. Production continued until 1959 with museum in 1962.



A Lockheed T-33A Shooting Star aircraft's front cockpit sits at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. It was developed from the single-seat F-80 fighter by lengthening the fuselage about three feet to accommodate a second

5,691 T-33s built. In addition to its use as a trainer, the T-33 has been used for such tasks as drone director and target towing, and in some countries even as a combat aircraft. The RT-33A, a reconnaissance version made primarily for use by foreign countries, had a camera installed in the nose and additional equipment in the rear

The T-33 is one of the world's best-known aircraft, having served with the air forces of more than 20 different nations Originally designated the TF-80C, the T-33 made its over several decades. The T-33A on display was flown to the

General characteristics

Armament: Two .50-cal. machine guns in nose

Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

Maximum speed: 525 mph

Cruising speed: 455 mph Range: 1,000 miles

Ceiling: 45,000 ft.

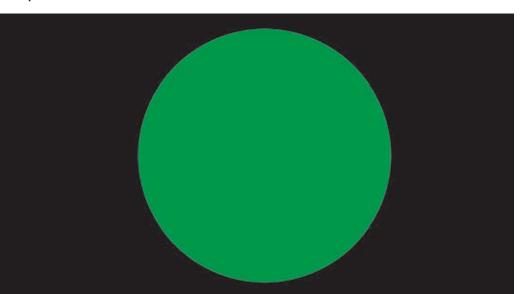
Span: 37 ft. 6 in. Length: 37 ft. 8 in.

Height: 11 ft. 7 in. Weight: 15,000 lbs. maximum

Serial number: 53-5974



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Air Force Readiness Programs

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

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is held from 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.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief will be from 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. May 9. 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.

Heart Link for Spouses

This event is 8 a.m. – noon May 10. It is for spouses new to Columbus AFB or the military lifestyle. The event is held at Columbus Club. It is a fun-filled spouse orientation program with info on protocol, finance, benefits, helping agencies, local conditions and prizes. It is a great way to meet others new to Columbus. To register and for more information, please call 434-2790.

Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop at 10:30 a.m. May 10 is on writing resumes, applications, and job search, using USAJobs. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

This workshop is held from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. May 11 - 12. The Entrepreneurship workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business. To register and for more information, call 434-2790.

Linked-In Workshop

The Linked-In workshop is from 2 - 5 p.m.

SAPR office hosts bingo



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert

Dr. Marcia Stewart, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Manager, and Carla Neal-Bush, SAPR Victim Advocate, host SAPR Bingo at the Columbus Club April 26, 2017, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The SAPR office put on many events during the Sexual Assault Awareness Month including a 5K Run for Recovery, Strikeout Bowling and a Color Run.

May 15 - 16. You can learn how to establish and use a Linked-In account. To register and for more information, please call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop, 1 - 2 p.m. May 16, allows the VA contractors to explain to service members; whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers Survivor-Benefit Plan 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. May 16, 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.

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. 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

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

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 Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for health providers. Counselors can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made with-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

Air Force Recovery Coordination

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 AFE 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 vou 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

9 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library) 10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service

Tuesdays: 5 p.m. - Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Li-

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 in one to two days. To contact the MFLC, call 6 p.m. – Adult Bible study on the Gospel of John 6 p.m. – Youth Group

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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.

Farewell Golf Tournament

Whispering Pines Golf Course will host its final tournament at 9:30 a.m. April 29 with a 2-person scramble for \$15 per person. Call 434-7932 for more information.

Mother's Day Craft

The Library inside the BLAZE Commons will offer a free kid craft-making event from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. May 4. Design a personalized gift for mom. Call 434-2934 for more information.

Cinco De Mayo Bowling

Celebrate Cinco De Mayo on May 5 with 75-cent bowling at the Bowling Center. Call 434-3426 for more information.

Monthly Fitness Run

May is National Fitness Month. Celebrate fitness with the monthly 5K fitness run at 7 a.m. May 5. The run will start and end at the Fitness Center. Commander trophy points will be awarded. For more information, call 434-2772.

Fitness Mini Expo

The Fitness Center will host a mini expo from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. May 5. Enjoy vendor exhibits, fitness activities and health screenings. For more information call

Breakfast Club

Club members enjoy free all-you-can-eat breakfast at the Columbus Club from 6:30 - 9 a.m. May 9 (non-members pay \$8). Enjoy traditional breakfast offerings featuring an omelet station and a waffle station. Call 434-2489 for more information.

Youth Summer Camp Registration

Register your child for summer camp at the Youth Center by May 12. The camp is offered for youth grades 1 - 7. Camp will be offered May 22 - Aug. 4. Open to the first 24 participants. For more information, call 434-2504.

America's Kids Run

The Youth Center will host the America's Armed Forces Kids Run at 8 a.m. May 13. Register online at www.americaskidsrun. org. For more information call 434-2504.

Moms Bowl Free

The Bowling Center is celebrating Mother's Day with a moms bowl free event all day on May 13. For more information call

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

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



Story Time and Circle Time

The Base Library offers Story Time every Friday at 11 a.m. for l 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.

Become a Member of the Columbus Club & Save

For More Information 434-2489

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

The 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

more information or to sign up, call 434-2772.

Skeet & Trap

Skeet and trap is 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 Outdoor Recreation for \$45 per case of 2,000. For more information, call 434-2505.

Make Your Shopping Easier

Force Support Squadron gift cards are available in increments of \$5 to fit any budget. They can be used at most Force Support Squadron facilities at Air Force installations 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.

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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

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

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

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 Referees needed for various sports at the Fitness Center. For service to the airport of your choice. Call 434-2505 for more in-

What does the Medical Support Squadron do?

Lt. Col. Jennifer Baggott

14th Medical Support Squadron Commander

It's one of the first questions I get asked during inspections and interviews. I have found that the easiest way to explain it has been, "we're like the Mission Support Group of the medical world."

Depending on the situation and the person who asked, the response may suffice.

Occasionally more information is wanted or needed for the requestor to understand. I will take this opportunity, and liberty, to brag about the great things we do.

Medical support squadrons are the backbone and beating heart of medical groups throughout the Air Force. Often times, the work that is done is tremendous in scope and importance, but so much of it is never seen by our patients and visitors. In fact, much of the work remains a mystery to staff members outside of the squadron ... unless something

Ancillary services provide support through various diagable for patient care. nostic and therapeutic services such as the Laboratory, Pharmacy and Radiology. Most people are quite familiar with the assists with scheduling appointments on and off-base, assists services offered at all of these areas. For those with trypano- with medical evaluations board processing and provides regphobia (fear of needles), please inform our staff in advance and Senior Airman Lisa Jackson, 14th MDSS Lab Technician, will take precautions to ensure your comfort and safety. Medical Records Technician, ensures all medical informa-

budget and manpower necessary to execute our mission effectively. The Medical Logistics Flight ensures the facility is proper treatment of all patients.

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properly maintained and cleaned, and all of the supplies and medical equipment are safe, correctly calibrated and avail-

The Tricare Operations and Patient Administration staff istration and beneficiary services information to patients. Additionally, Airman Christian Burgovne, 14th MDSS Our Resource Management team ensures we have the tion is properly secured and maintained in paper and elec-

Medical Readiness takes the lead to ensure all active duty medics are properly prepared and trained for any war or peacetime contingency. Commander's Support Staff and Medical Information Systems teams tie everything together

Personnel support and computers — would any unit function effectively without them? Airman 1st Class Estefania Briceno Ron, 14th MDSS Medical Administration Specialist, is key to the success of all of our personnel programs supporting the group. Her attention to detail enables the staff to concentrate on taking care of our patients' needs while she takes care of personnel needs.

Today, 16 members of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-08 will graduate and receive their silver wings. Many of them have dreamed about this moment since they were small children, but none of them accomplished this feat by themselves.

"The medical support squadron is a huge help for many students," said Capt. Christopher Johnston, SUPT 17-08 Class Leader. "The airsick program has helped students graduate who otherwise would not have continued training."

The 14th MDSS partners with the rest of the medical group to make the program possible.

At every commander's call and during several meetings, l take a moment to review the Team BLAZE Mission ... Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight. It is the perfect opportunity to remind everyone of what we do ... we support the mission.

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Base Thrift Shop

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

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



It is located in building 530.

Call 434-2954.



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



SUPT Class 17-08 earns silver wings





Capt. Kevin Donovan Derry, N.H. F-16, Holloman AFB, N.M.



Capt. Christopher Johnston Columbus, Miss. F-16, Holloman AFB, N.M.



1st Lt. Michael Ling Cocoa Beach, Fla. HC-130, Patrick AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. Joseph Goode2nd Lt. Cody HaHarker Heights, TexasWrightwood, Calif.F-35, Luke AFB, Ariz.F-15E, Seymour-Je

2nd Lt. Cody Hancock Wrightwood, Calif. F-15E, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-08 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at Kaye Auditorium. Col. Dean Lee, Director of Safety, Air Education and Training Command, Joint

rector of Safety, Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, is the graduation guest speaker.

Students will receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lt. Joseph Goode, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Tyler Newport, T-1, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to Capt. Christopher Johnston, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Joseph Wioncek, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

2nd Lt. Joseph Goode, T-38, and 2nd Lt. Tyler Newport, T-1, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 17-08.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turbo-prop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and

cross country navigation flying.

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

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

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

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

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 76.4 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot

wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 17-08 pilot partners are Baptist Memorial Hospital and Columbus Main Street.



2nd Lt. Brandon Belcher New Kent, Va. CV-22, Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Natasha Boozell Dallas, Texas T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Kyle Dinser South Lyon, Mich. KC-135, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.



2nd Lt. Jantz Johnson Murrieta, Calif. C-17, JB Lewis-McChord, Wash.



2nd Lt. Travis Mallory Memphis, Tenn. C-17, JB Charleston, S.C.



2nd Lt. John McGee Muncie, Ind. F-16, Holloman AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Jake Miller Crofton, Md. C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark.



2nd Lt. Tyler Newport
Atlanta, Ga.
C-21, Scott AFB, III.



2nd Lt. William Striegel
Gig Harbor, Wash.
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Matthew Villanueva Riverside, Calif. C-17, JB Lewis-McChord, Wash.



2nd Lt. Joseph Wioncek Beverly, Mass. KC-135, Birmingham ANGB, Ala.