

# 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 27 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

*Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
8 Nurse and Medical Tech Week  Hitching Lot Farmer's Market begins	9 Club Member breakfast, 6:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. @ Club Wing Newcomers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club Wing Commander's Calls, 9 a.m., Noon, 4 p.m. @ Kaye				13/14	May 25: 37th FTS Change of Command  May 25: Memorial Day Retreat Ceremony  May 26: AETC Family Day  May 26: Independence Pool Opens  May 29: Memorial Day Holiday  May 30: Wing Newcomers Orientation  May 31: Enlisted Promotions  May 31: Hearts Apart  June 3: Columbus AFB Triathlon  June 8: 14th CPTS Change of Command  June 9: SUPT Class 17-10 Graduation
15 Police Week	16 18-09 Pilot Partner Welcome, 6 p.m. @ Gregory Construction	17 MWD Rex Retirement, 10:14 a.m. @ Club	18 CCAF Graduation, 3 p.m. @ Club	19 87-05 Reunion  SUPT Call 17-09 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	20/21	20th: Chief Induction Ceremony, 6 p.m. @ Club

**LEE**  
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Lee then took the time to go over each assignment for the graduates and explain the amazing things each aircraft is capable of.

He closed the speech with another congratulations and an expression of pride in the members of SUPT Class 17-08.

"I want to congratulate you on your pilot graduation," Lee said. "I can't wait to see the awesome things you will do in the next 20 to 30 years. I wish you the best and salute you."

Lee was commissioned in April 1988 as a distinguished graduate from the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps at Brigham Young University, Utah, where he majored in cartography. He earned his pilot wings at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and was later assigned to fly the O/A-10 Thunderbolt II at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. He was selected to fly the F-15E Strike Eagle at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina, and served as an exchange officer with the U.S. Navy, flying the F/A-18 Hornet and T-34C Turbommentor at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia. After U.S. Army Command and General Officer School, Lee returned to fly the F-15E at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

He has served as commander at the squadron and group levels. He has deployed as a

*The colonel imparted three pillars of wisdom to the newest pilots. With each pillar, he also gave a story from his career, explaining that pillar's relevance.*

Battalion Air Liaison Officer with the First Cavalry Division during Operation Desert Storm, and has flown sorties in support of operations Desert Shield, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, with more than 300 combat hours.

Lee leads flight, ground and explosive mishap prevention programs for nearly 62,000 command personnel charged to recruit, train and educate more than 293,000 people annually via Air Force Recruiting Service, Air University and 2nd and 19th Air Forces.

His safety oversight includes the command's 23 wings, 12 bases and five geographically separated groups, as well as nearly 1,370 trainer, fighter and mobility aircraft.

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# Weather flight critical to coalition mission

**Master Sgt. Benjamin Wilson**  
407th Air Expeditionary Group  
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Dropping bombs on target in Syria and Iraq during combat missions supporting Operation Inherent Resolve requires a complex array of information, including intelligence gathered well in advance of the combat sortie.

Often times, this intelligence is gathered by coalition partners flying out of the 407th Air Expeditionary Group. But there is an unseen force providing those units information critical to their mission.

“When you are watching for vehicle traffic or personnel traffic, you are not looking for something that is very big,” said Master Sgt. Tommy Tam, the 407th Expeditionary Operation Support Squadron superintendent and weather station flight chief. “You have to get into some very fine detailed imagery and if a cloud is blocking that, then it impacts the mission.”

Tam said even seemingly benign weather conditions can have an impact on the effectiveness of operations.

“From an (intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance) standpoint the biggest issue they will come across is cloud cover,” he said. “It seems pretty innocent; just because you have a cloud in the sky doesn’t mean you have bad weather, but it is a direct impact to what they are able to do.”

Both the Italian and Polish Air Forces rely on the weather forecasts generated by the U.S. Air Force to complete their missions.

“The air component performs recon-



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Benjamin Wilson  
**A Polish air force pilot performs preflight checks in an F-16 Fighting Falcon before taxiing for a mission at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group, April 24, 2017. The Polish airmen are part of the 60-nation coalition force supporting Operation Inherent Resolve in the fight against ISIS.**

naissance missions for support of Inherent Resolve Operations,” said Polish Air Force Capt. Grzegorz Jasianek, the Polish Military Contingent of Operation Inherent Resolve public affairs officer. “Imagery Intelligence is based on aerial photography. That is why the weather is so important. It has a huge impact on mission performance and image quality,” he said.

However, providing this critical infor-

mation to coalition partners does not come without its challenges.

Although Tam’s flight has always been able to give pilots updates while in flight, it wasn’t until recently they were able to update the coalition partners of changing weather conditions prior to entering the aircraft. This was due to differences in the communication networks used by the separate nations.

After identifying the problem, the weath-

er flight here worked to ensure Italian and Polish air forces are able to receive the information required for execution of their operations whenever it is required.

The U.S. Air Force provides the coalition forces located here with a daily product called the mission execution forecast, which includes everything from temperature, pressure and wind speeds to lunar data for night operations.

In addition, the flight provides hourly weather observation and issues the watches, warnings and advisories for the installation.

According to Tam, the majority of the technical data used to compile their forecasts comes from the 28th Operational Weather Squadron, at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. However, the weather flight here also has an instrument cluster on the flightline to collect local weather data.

“The biggest piece that gives us our observing capabilities is our tactical weather equipment,” he said. “It gives us all the information we need, such as winds, temperature, sky conditions and lightning.”

And this is the information imperative to successful mission execution by our coalition partners.

“Help of U.S. Air Force weather Airman to perform our mission is priceless,” said Jasianek. “Meteorological data that they send allows for proper planning of air missions in the station area as well as over the territory of the task. That is why it is so important to cooperate with Polish and American soldiers who are working together to fulfill the motto of our mission: one mission, many nations.”

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## POLICE WEEK 2017

- Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 24 Hour Security Forces March
    - Begins at 0700 at Wing HQ Bldg
- Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Torch Run
    - 0900 at Visitor Center
  - Demonstrations (MWD, Weapons Display, Red Man Suit, SMC)
    - 1000-1300 at Bldg 205
- Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - MWD Rex Retirement Ceremony
    - 1014 at Columbus Club
- Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Fallen Defender/OSI Presentation
    - 0900 at Columbus Club
- Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Police Week Kickball Game (SF only)
    - 0700 at Softball Field #1
  - Police Week BBQ/Potluck (SF only)
    - 1130 at Freedom Park
  - Retreat Ceremony
    - 1700 in front of Wing HQ
- Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Police Week Parade through State/Magnolia Housing
    - 1000 Meet at Bldg 205



## Last tournament held at Whispering Pines golf course



U.S. Air Force photo by Sonic Johnson  
**Steve Reedy, Whispering Pines golf course manager, briefs golfers on the rules of the tournament April 29, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. This marked the last tournament in the 75-year history of the Whispering Pines golf course. While the golf course is closed, the café will remain open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tuesday - Friday and Footgolf is now free.**



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Doublin  
**Seven of Team BLAZE’s enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotions ceremony April 28, 2017, at Kaye Auditorium on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.**

## Seven enlisted Airmen promoted at ceremony

**14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs**

Seven of Team BLAZE’s enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotion ceremony April 28, 2017, at Kaye Auditorium.

Promoted during the month of April were:

**Airman Christian Burgoyne, 14th Medical Operations Support Squadron**

**Senior Airman Jacob Bolton, 14th Medical Support Squadron**

**Senior Airman Derik Grimes, 14th Operations Support Squadron**

**Staff Sgt. Evan Narred, 14th Security Forces Squadron**

**Tech. Sgt. Curtis Bingham, 14th OSS**

**Master Sgt. Sean Moore, Wing Staff Agency**

**Senior Master Sgt. Eric Gloss, 14th Force Support Squadron**

### Professional Organization Corner

**Dorm Council:**  
Monthly meeting, 3 p.m. May 18 @ Montgomery Village

**5/6:**  
Monthly meeting, noon May 31 @ Club

**CGOC:**  
Monthly meeting, 11 a.m. May 5 @ Lost Pizza

## BARGAIN LINE

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## NEWS AROUND TOWN

### May 5

Mississippi University for Women presents a Choral Concert at 7:30 p.m. May 5 in Poindexter Hall, Connie Sills Kossen Auditorium. The performance is free and open to the public.

### 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.

### May 8

Dramatic and musical performances by students from the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science celebrate the anniversary of Emancipation in Columbus. Students will also portray significant African-American leaders of the late 19th and 20th centuries. All are invited. This annual program is free

and open to the public.

### May 11-13

The Columbus Community Theatre and Columbus Arts Council present a Southern-Fried Wedding Comedy, “Dearly Beloved,” May 11 – 13. Performances will be at 7 p.m. nightly with a 2 p.m. Saturday matinee in the Rosenzweig Arts Center Omnova Theater. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Contact the CAC at 662.328.2787 or visit their website at columbus-arts.org.



# Quarterly awards ceremony distinguishes great performers

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The 14th Flying Training Wing's best of the best were showcased during the first quarterly awards ceremony April 28, 2017, at the Kaye Auditorium. The Team BLAZE first quarter award winners are:

**Airman of the Quarter:** Airman 1st Class Gabrielle Achuff, 14th Medical Operations Squadron

**NCO of the Quarter:** Staff Sgt. Savannah Jones, 81st Fighter Squadron

**SNCO of the Quarter:** Master Sgt. Nathan York, 81st FS

**CGO of the Quarter:** Capt. Jonathan Banta, 14th MDOS

**FGO of the Quarter:** Maj. Lorna Blodgett, 14th MDOS

**Honor Guard of the Quarter:** Senior Airman Jacob Bolton, 14th Medical Support Squadron

Flight Commander of the Quarter: Capt. Kristof Lieber, 14th Operations Support Squadron

**IP of the Quarter:** 1st Lt. Jason Cryder, 41st Flying Training Squadron

**Cat I Civilian of the Quarter:** Jason Ebbert, 14th Security Forces Squadron

**Cat II Civilian of the Quarter:** Phillip Walker, 14th MDSS

**Cat III Civilian of the Quarter:** Eric Gonzales, 14th Contracting Squadron

**Volunteer of the Quarter:** Mike Jago, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Innovation Team of the Quarter:** Diagnostics and Therapeutics Flight, 14th MDG

**Cat I NAF Employee of the Quarter:** Sallie Harris, 14th Force Support Squadron

**Cat II NAF Employee of the Quarter:** Margret McIntyre, 14th FSS

The 2017 first quarterly awards winners or their representatives pause for a photo on stage at Kaye Auditorium April 28, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The ceremony honored the wing's outstanding professionals for the months of January through March 2017 whose drive, determination and dedication earned them this recognition.

14 FTW hosts community partnership meeting



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Savannah Stephens

More than 70 14th Flying Training Wing and local community members attended a community partnership meeting May 4, 2017, in the Columbus Club at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The meeting was intended to create an understanding of shared opportunities and challenges among community partners and to capture initial ideas on how to create base and community partnerships.

Team BLAZE waves flag at MSU



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

Team BLAZE members attend the 2017 Mississippi State University versus Auburn University Military Appreciation Day Baseball Game April 29, 2017, in Starkville, Mississippi. The volunteers assisted other service members in holding the flag for the ceremonial first pitches and the playing of the national anthem.

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# Hill F-16s train in NATO exercise

Senior Airman Justin Fuchs  
419th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

ALBACETE AIR BASE, Spain — Eight F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft and more than 200 Airmen from the active duty 388th Fighter Wing and Air Force Reserve 419th FW from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, are currently at Albacete Air Base, Spain, to participate in the NATO Tactical Leadership Program through May 19, 2017.

TLP is an annual NATO mission commander's school training program and is designed to provide joint training to increase NATO air defense with participating allies.

"The Tactical Leadership Program is a good opportunity for all the participating nations to work together," said Master Sgt. Daniel LaBrake, the combined aerospace logistics coordinator and the only enlisted member from the U.S. Air Force stationed at the Albacete AB.

Hill's fighter wings are training with NATO allied air forces from 10 other countries.

"This is excellent training with some intense air operations and top of the line NATO jets from our coalition allies," said Lt. Col. Surya Frickel, the 466th Fighter Squadron commander.

During the large force exercise, the Hill AFB pilots will fly alongside 20-30 allied aircraft daily and against as many adversaries. Part of the learning that goes on is how to operate safely with the different aircraft and unfamiliar environments, as well as different languages and procedures.

"This exercise is a good example of the United States' cooperation and long-lasting commitment to the security of Europe and maintaining readiness with our NATO allies," Frickel said.

Though the wings have been on several training deployments together, this is the first time the 419th and 388th FWs are participating in TLP.

"Traditionally, squadrons stationed in Europe participate in TLP," LaBrake said. "So it has been a new challenge to coordinate all of the moving parts so these Airmen can come overseas and get this experience."

The deployment marks the last time the iconic multi-role fighter is scheduled to de-

ploy from Hill AFB. F-16 aircraft from Hill's fighter wings have been flying over the skies of northern Utah for nearly 40 years.

"This is the last time the F-16 will deploy with the Hill designator HL painted on its tail," said Col. Michael Miles, 388th Maintenance Group commander. "We are extremely proud of the job we have done with the F-16 and we must do our best here at TLP to preserve the memory of the aircraft that is so dear to our hearts."

Hill's fleet of F-16s is being replaced by the Air Force's newest fighter jet, the F-35 Lightning II. The first operational F-35As arrived at Hill AFB in October 2015. Hill currently has 20 F-35As and will eventually be home to 78 aircraft and three operational squadrons by the end of 2019. The 388th and 419th FWs fly and maintain the aircraft in a total force partnership, which capitalizes on the strength of both components.

F-16 Fighting Falcons from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, taxi down the runway April 21, 2017, at Albacete Air Base, Spain, to participate in the Tactical Leadership Program. TLP is an annual NATO Mission Commander's School training program designed to provide joint tactical training with NATO allies to increase NATO coordination and strengthen combined air operations.



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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.)

#### 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.

#### Veterans Family Day

This event will be held 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. May 9. Its purpose is to inform veterans about services available to veterans through the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center and the Birmingham Vet center. In addition, the Lowndes County Veterans Services Officer and Dept of Veterans Affairs Contractor will be available to answer questions. Grilled hot dogs, chips and water will be provided. This is a great chance to ask questions about benefits available. For more information call 434-2790.

#### Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop, from 1-2 p.m. May 9, allows the VA contractors to explain to service members, whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers and what they are able to provide throughout the member's military career and how to apply for benefits. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

#### 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.

## SAPR symbolic candlelight vigil observed



Team BLAZE observed a symbolic candlelight vigil April 27, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The vigil represented all military members who have been a victim of sexual assault.

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. 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.

#### 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. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

#### Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

These briefings are mandatory briefings for

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

#### Survivor-Benefit Plan

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#### Military and Family Life Consultant Program

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#### Volunteer Opportunities

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

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### 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

# Experience Coffee House on 5th, on base

Senior Airman John Day  
14th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

"It's an experience, not just coffee."  
The BLAZE Commons held its

grand opening for Coffee House on 5th May 5, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base.

The base's only coffee shop will be run by Coffee House on 5th, a local Columbus brewery looking to branch out.

"We were excited when we were approached about bringing our coffee on base," said C.J. Andrews, Coffee House on 5th Co-Owner. "We have a lot of military that come downtown to get their coffee, but how much more convenient would it be to be able to get the same coffee on base too?"

At its downtown location, Coffee House on 5th has been operational for five years, but in that time has earned its reputation and has been listed in the top 13 coffee houses in Mississippi by onlyin-mystate.com.

"Our signature roast is unique to us," said Jody Andrews, Coffee House on 5th Co-Owner. "No other coffee shop that gets the same beans uses our roast."

The full menu is not fully incorporated at this time, but will grow to include specialty coffee, hot chocolate, signature teas, 100-percent fruit smoothies, a large variety of homemade pastries, sandwiches, seasonal soups, hand-dipped ice cream and more.

"All of our baked goods are made fresh," Jody said. "People come from all over to try our sweet potato muffins."

The hours for the shop will begin as Monday - Friday from 6 a.m. - 4 p.m. and will be reevaluated after 30 days to better serve their customers.

In addition to a limited drive thru service, patrons may call 434-CAFE (434-2233) to place orders ahead of time. Guests who chose to enjoy their food and beverages inside have access to free Wi-Fi.

Coffee House on 5th will also cater their services to individual groups and squadron-level events.



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A customer orders from the drive thru window of the BLAZE Commons coffee shop, Coffee House on 5th, May 3, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. In addition to a limited drive thru service, patrons may call 434-CAFE (434-2233) to place orders ahead of time.

"This is an incredible opportunity," C.J. said. "It is an honor to serve the men and women who serve our country. Come on down for breakfast or lunch. It's, more than just coffee, it's an experience."



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

Coffee House on 5th's on-base location menu will include specialty coffee, hot chocolate, signature teas, 100 percent fruit smoothies, a large variety of homemade pastries, sandwiches, seasonal soups, ice cream and more. The hours for the shop will begin as Monday - Friday from 6 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Security Forces: Did you know?



Did you know it is illegal to park within 10 feet of a fire hydrant or street corner, or within 20 feet of a marked pedestrian crossing?

For more information, see Columbus Air Force Base traffic code AFMAN 31-116 CAFB Sup chapter 4.6.2. - 4.7.12, and Mississippi traffic code 63-3-901 (1).

Please direct any questions and concerns to the Security Forces Operations section at 434-3154.

## Hunt Housing tip of the week



Per Wing Safety, please refrain from installing birdfeeders at your residence to prevent mishaps for our aircraft and to ensure the safety of our aircrews.



# JUSTICE TIMES

APRIL 2017

## STATUS OF DISCIPLINE BY THE NUMBERS– 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2017

### Columbus Air Force Base Article 15s

A Second Lieutenant received forfeitures of \$1,486 pay and a reprimand for operating a vehicle while intoxicated on Columbus Air Force Base.

A Technical Sergeant received a suspended reduction to Staff Sergeant, 12 days extra duty, and a reprimand for soliciting another to commit an offense, and two counts of making a false official statement.

An Airman received 14 days extra duty, 14 days restriction to base, and a reprimand for two counts of misusing their Government Travel Card.

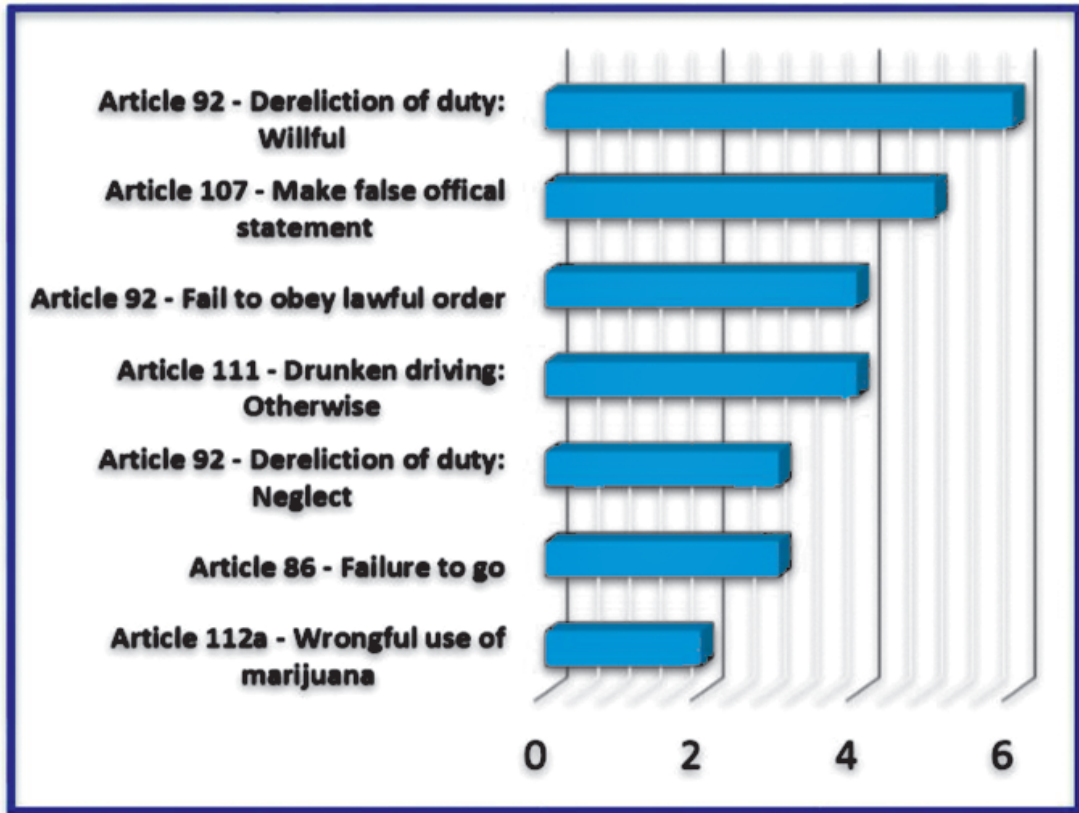
An Airman Basic received 14 days extra duty, suspended forfeitures of \$250 pay for two months, and a reprimand for two counts of failing to go to their directed place of duty.

#### JUSTICE FACTOID:

When a member accepts an Article 15, it is not an admission of guilt. The member is simply accepting the forum, rather than demanding to go to a court-martial.

### “7 Deadly Sins of 19th Air Force”

Below are the most common specifications of misconduct offered under for Article 15s in our Numbered Air Force this quarter



### 19th Air Force Courts-Martial and Article 15s

Luke AFB	Altus AFB	Laughlin AFB	Vance AFB	Columbus AFB	19 AF Totals
3 Courts-Martial	0 Courts-Martial	1 Courts-Martial	1 Court-Martial	0 Courts-Martial	5 Courts-Martial
13 Article 15s	8 Articles 15s	4 Article 15s	6 Article 15s	4 Articles 15s	35 Article 15s

### 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.

### 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 434-2772.

### 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](http://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 434-3426.

### 9 Pin No Tap Bowling Tournament

The Bowling Center will host a 9 Pin No Tap Bowling Tournament at 2 p.m. May 20. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners. Call 434-3426 for more information.

### Intramural Bowling League

Letter of intent for intramural bowling is due to the Fitness Center by May 25. League play will start at 6 p.m. June 12. Call 434-3426 or 434-2772 for more information.

### Pool Opening

Independence Pool will open at noon May 26. The daily rate is \$3 for non-Club members and \$2 for members. Summer passes are available based on family size. Call 434-2505 for more information.

### Story Time and Circle Time

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

### Fitness/Time Out Child Care

The Child Development Center offers child care from



8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is only \$4 per hour. Sign up one week in advance at the CDC or call 434-2479 for more information.

### The Overrun Open Friday Nights

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed

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

### Referees Needed

Referees needed for various sports at the Fitness Center. For more information or to sign up, call 434-2772.

### Skeet & Trap

Skeet and trap is available at Outdoor Recreation. Call 434-2507 for more information.

### Make Your Shopping Easier

Force Support Squadron gift cards are available in increments of \$5 to fit any budget. They can be used at most Force Support Squadron facilities at Air Force installations worldwide and they never go out of style. Purchase your gift card at one of the following locations: Bowling Center, Golf Course or Youth Center. For more information, call 434-3426.

### Take & Bake Pizzas at the Bowling Center

Grab-and-go ready pizzas for you to take home and bake yourself are available at the bowling center. Save \$2 per pizza. Large and medium pizzas only.

### Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed

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

### Interested in Sponsoring with Columbus AFB?

Want your business to reach the 18,000 active-duty military, family members, civilian employees and retirees living and working at Columbus AFB? If you are interested in event sponsorship or donations, please contact our sponsorship coordinator at 434-2337.

### Free Fitness Classes

Free classes are available at the fitness center. Classes range from P90X, Hot Fusion, Jiu Jitsu and Floor Core & More. For more information on class schedules, call the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

### RV Storage Lot

Don't clutter your home space, park with us. Outdoor Recreation offers a great place to store your RV year around. You will have 24-hour access and can pay monthly or yearly. For more information, call 434-2505.

### Instructional Classes at Youth Center

Youth Programs is offering piano lessons, guitar lessons, tumbling classes, dance classes, and martial arts instruction. Times and ages vary for all classes. Call 434-2504 or stop by the Youth Center for more information.

### Fitness on Request

CAFB Fitness and Sports offers a truly comprehensive group fitness platform that is available all day and completely customizable to meet your needs with over 30 different classes on the Fitness on Request system. For more information, call 434-2772.

### Space A Lodging

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

### Ride in Style

If you don't want to leave your car at the airport over a vacation, we can help you out. Outdoor Recreation offers a shuttle service to the airport of your choice. Call 434-2505 for more information.



# Change from outside in

**Capt. Andrew Kline**  
14th Operations Group  
Commander's Action Group

“Aristotle observed that people become virtuous by acting virtuous; if you do good, you'll be good.”

His insight has been confirmed in a wealth of social psychology research showing that people change their minds by first changing their behavior. Simply put, change happens from the outside in, not from the inside out.

Has the time come for the pendulum to swing away from individually focused, self-reflective training toward actions in service of organizational or personal change?

Increasing leadership capacity is a central part of our Air Force business strategy. Unfortunately, some of the formal leadership development efforts often fall short of expectations.

At best, flight commanders, section chiefs and the like gain valuable personal insights but fail to learn how to apply those insights and create value for their respective organizations. As leaders and supervisors step into greater organizational roles, there are drawbacks to popular, self-awareness-centered approaches to developing skills and abilities to manage resources. There are alternative paths to learning leaders can take to achieve the transformative results desired.

Prepare your people and subordinates to go solo. Many Airmen wait for a formalized job move or a PCS to start a transformation. But subtle and not-so-subtle changes in today's work environment creates new expectations for leaders' behavior before their duty titles change.

Effective leadership development starts by helping individuals recognize when they are in a do-it-yourself situation. Then guide and mentor them to make three key changes in behavior:

1. Everyday tasks must be strategic. Typical supervisors allocate too much time to routine daily operations. Leaders must strive to stay on the macro level and out of the weeds. To manage better, they must redefine their jobs away from the work they prefer to do and do best and contribute more strategically to the workplace.
  2. Diversify your AF and personal networks. Most individuals get their data and support from a narrow range of usual suspects. To develop a more strategic view of their workplace, they must expand their grids outside their immediate functions and elements. Solicit help and advice from a broad scope of individuals.
  3. Transform leadership styles. Most leaders have technical strengths and weaknesses that allow them to perform well in most conditions but fall short in others. They must situationally experiment with unfamiliar and seemingly inauthentic ways to inspire and influence people.
- We have all heard that old saying, leadership is the

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Force business strategy.*

art of influence. Go motivate others in your workplace and your community. Be passionate about something to inspire your peers. Flight commander, section chief, POC opportunities and early supervisory roles are a prime time to test your skills with situational leadership styles.

Target oversight. Outdated leadership training aims to alter the way we think, assuming if we start to think like a leader, then we will act like one.

It assumes the knowledge needed to change a person can be gleaned through an introspection course. This technique does not always yield sustainable personal change. A way to modify habitual thinking is by doing things against the way you have always done it.

Social psychology research shows an alternative approach where individuals deduce their qualities and competencies by observing their actions, all while failing to act according to their stated views. If the way we act drives how we think, then the key to change is increasing oversight: the fresh, external perspective that comes from doing new, different things.

Oversight comes from plunging ourselves into new projects and activities, interacting with people outside our daily routines and experimenting with new ways to get things done. Oversight learning is a key component of managing different levels of leadership opportunities throughout one's career.

It's about identity, not competencies. The way we typically study leadership sustains the fallacy of changing from the inside out. We identify high-performing or innovative leaders and, inevitably, we discover they are highly self-aware, purpose-driven and authentic. However, knowing their competencies does not tell us how they acquired them.

People become leaders by doing leadership work. Acting like a leader stems from proposing new ideas, making contributions outside our area of expertise or connecting people and resources to a worthwhile goal.

For example, identity development processes can be external and internal. The external process stems from developing a reputation for leadership potential; others' endorsement can dramatically change how we see ourselves. The internal process evolves a person's identity; as people come to see themselves as leaders, they seize more opportunities to lead.

The self-awareness goals for most leadership development efforts are sound, but the methods we use to attain them are insufficient. Who you are as a leader is not a fixed, starting point in a development journey.

It's the outcome of a learning process powered by a person's increasing oversight. To lead, take action in service of personal and organizational changes.

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Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

# BLAZE Hangar Tails: A-10 Thunderbolt II

## Mission

The A-10 Thunderbolt II has excellent maneuverability at low air speeds and altitude, and is a highly accurate and survivable weapons-delivery platform. The aircraft can loiter near battle areas for extended periods of time and operate in low ceiling and visibility conditions. The wide combat radius and short takeoff and landing capability permit operations in and out of locations near front lines. Using night vision goggles, A-10 pilots can conduct their missions during darkness.

Thunderbolt IIs have Night Vision Imaging Systems, or NVIS, goggle compatible single-seat cockpits forward of their wings and a large bubble canopy which provides pilots all-around vision. The pilots are protected by titanium armor that also protects parts of the flight-control system. The redundant primary structural sections allow the aircraft to enjoy better survivability during close air support than did previous aircraft. The aircraft can survive direct hits from armor-piercing and high explosive projectiles up to 23mm. Their self-sealing fuel cells are protected by internal and external foam. Manual systems back up their redundant hydraulic flight-control systems. This permits pilots to fly and land when hydraulic power is lost.

The A-10 has received many upgrades over the years. In 1978, the aircraft received the Pave Penny laser receiver pod, which sensed reflected laser radiation from a laser designator. Pave Penney has now been discontinued in favor more capable advanced targeting pods. The A-10 began receiving an inertial navigation system in 1980. Later, the Low-Altitude Safety and Targeting Enhancement (LASTE) upgrade provided computerized weapon-aiming equipment, an autopilot, and a ground-collision warning system. In

1999, aircraft began to receive Global Positioning System navigation systems and a new multi-function display. In 2005, the entire A-10 fleet began receiving the Precision Engagement upgrades that include an improved fire control system (FCS), electronic countermeasures (ECM), upgraded cockpit displays, the ability to deliver smart bombs, moving map display, hands on throttle and stick, digital stores management, LITENING and Sniper advanced targeting pod integration, situational awareness data link or SADL, variable message format, or VME, GPS-guided weapons, and upgraded DC power. The entire A-10 fleet has been Precision Engagement modified and now carries the A-10C designation.

The Thunderbolt II can be serviced and operated from austere bases with limited facilities near battle areas. Many of the aircraft's parts are interchangeable left and right, including the engines, main landing gear and vertical stabilizers. Avionics equipment includes multi-band communications; Global Positioning System and inertial navigations systems; infrared and electronic countermeasures against air-to-air and air-to-surface threats. And, it has a heads-up display to display flight and weapons delivery information.

The Thunderbolt II can employ a wide variety of conventional munitions, including general purpose bombs, cluster bomb units, laser guided bombs, joint direct attack munitions or JDAM, wind corrected munitions dispenser or WCMD, AGM-65 Maverick and AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles, rockets, illumination flares, and the GAU-8/A 30mm cannon, capable of firing 3,900 rounds per minute to defeat a wide variety of targets including tanks.

## General Characteristics

**Primary Function:** Close air support, Airborne Forward



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Norman

**Col. Jon Mott breaks the record for the most documented hours in an A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft during a refueling mission March 30, 2007. The A-10 Thunderbolt II has excellent maneuverability at low air speeds and altitude, and is a highly accurate and survivable weapons-delivery platform.**

Air Control, Combat Search and Rescue

**Contractor:** Fairchild Republic Co.

**Power Plant:** Two General Electric TF34-GE-100 turbofans

**Thrust:** 9,065 pounds each engine

**Wingspan:** 57 feet, 6 inches (17.42 meters)

**Length:** 53 feet, 4 inches (16.16 meters)

**Height:** 14 feet, 8 inches (4.42 meters)

**Weight:** 29,000 pounds (13,154 kilograms)

**Maximum Takeoff Weight:** 51,000 pounds (22,950 kilograms)

**Fuel Capacity:** 11,000 pounds (7,257 kilograms)

**Payload:** 16,000 pounds (7,257 kilograms)

**Speed:** 450 nautical miles per hour (Mach 0.75)

**Range:** 2580 miles (2240 nautical miles)

**Ceiling:** 45,000 feet (13,636 meters)

**Armament:** One 30 mm GAU-8/A seven-barrel Gatling gun; up to 16,000 pounds (7,200 kilograms) of mixed ordnance on eight under-wing and three under-fuselage pylon stations, including 500 pound (225 kilograms) Mk-82 and 2,000 pounds (900 kilograms) Mk-84 series low/high drag bombs, incendiary cluster bombs, combined effects munitions, mine dispensing munitions, AGM-65 Maverick missiles and laser-guided/electro-optically guided bombs; infrared countermeasure flares; electronic countermeasure chaff; jammer pods; 2.75-inch (6.99 centimeters) rockets; illumination flares and AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles.

**Crew:** One

**Unit Cost:** \$18.8 million

**Initial operating capability:** A-10A, 1977; A-10C, 2007

**Inventory:** Active force, 187; Reserve, 49; ANG, 107



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Greg L. Davis

**The A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft is the first Air Force aircraft specially designed for close air support of ground forces. They are simple, effective and survivable twin-engine jet aircraft that can be used against all ground targets, including tanks and other armored vehicles.**



# Team BLAZE is green for Earth Day



Team BLAZE members clean the nature trails April 25, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Volunteer community members picked up litter and trimmed the trails in honor of Earth Day.

U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

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

For the last 47 years, April 22, Earth Day, has been a day where the focus is on the environment.

Columbus Air Force Base is all about being ecofriendly and making sure that our mission to Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen and Feed the Fight doesn't compromise the environment.

The first Earth Day was in 1970, a year after a massive oil spill in 1969. U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson is known as the founder of the holiday, as he used the incident to teach the public how much of an effect humans had on the environment. Nelson's support came from the college age group, hence why Earth Day falls between spring break and final exams.

Some things Team BLAZE members do to help the environment are take part in voluntary base clean ups with Frank Lockhart, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, use hybrid vehicles at Vehicle Operations and also use the base's recycling program.

The Recycling Center is one of the biggest way Columbus contributes to the environment. Their work stops landfills in Mississippi from filling up even faster than what they already are.

There are multiple items that people can recycle. Paper, cardboard, glass, oil, wood including tree branches, electronics, batteries, plastics and all kinds of metals are just a few common items that can easily be tossed into a recycle bin versus the trash.

Mike Blythe, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Solid Waste Qualified Recycling Program Manager, said Mississippi is not opening up anymore landfills and so Columbus has to do all we can to prevent filling up the space that is left.

"The more trash we can recycle, the better off we are," Blythe said.

Not only does recycling help the environment, Blythe said it saves money and lots of it. He said it is approximately \$350 cheaper per



ton to recycle than to just throw trash away.

The recyclables the center collects are sold in separate categories to different bidders. The glass they collect is turned into sand and potting soil, the printer toners are shipped back to their manufacturers, the metal is sold to a local scrapper and the list continues on.

The center even encourages Team BLAZE members who live off base to bring their recyclables on base as it helps support the cause.

"People don't realize it but it is cheaper to recycle," Blythe said. "We save more by recycling than just throwing it away."

The center has been successful in keeping Columbus Air Force Base ecofriendly. The center has an approximate trash conversion rate of 59 percent. The center was recently recognized for their hard work with two awards, the Mississippi Recycling Hero Award and the Keep Mississippi Beautiful Award.

One of the center's goals is to work to help future generations have adequate space for all their waste needs. Landfills only have a limited amount of space and without recycling they would fill up even quicker.

"We are going to run out of room in the landfills," Blythe said. "We need room for our kids to place their trash."



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

Multiple machines crush, shred and pack recyclables at the recycling center May 2, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The money saved from recycling bought the center new equipment designed to help ease the process of recycling.



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

The recycling center has a 24-hour drop-off station located by Outdoor Recreation at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Team BLAZE members who live on and off base can bring their recyclables to the center anytime.