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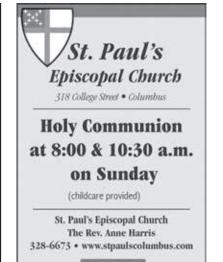
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Friday

Saturday Mostly Cloudy W/Chc High 84ºF Low 69ºF



Monday

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Columbus Air Force Base Triathlon

The 14th Force Support Squadron is hosting a Spring Triathlon June 3. The first heat begins at 7 a.m. at Independence Pool.

14th Comptroller Squadron Change of Command

The 14th Comptroller Squadron is hosting a Change of Command ceremony at 2:14 p.m. June 8 at the Columbus Club.

SUPT Class 17-10 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-10 graduates at 10 a.m. June 9 at Kaye Audito-

Inside



Feature 8

The Memorial Day Ceremony is highlighted n this week's feature.

NYANG Assistant Adjutant General to speak at graduation

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Brigadier General Thomas J. Owens II, Assistant Adjutant General - Air, New York National Guard, Latham, New York, will speak at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-10's graduation here June 9, 2017.

He is the primary advisor on all Air Guard matters to the Adjutant General. He assists the commander in ensuring mission readiness for the five New York Air National Guard flying wings, the Eastern Air Defense Sector and several geographically separated units.

General Owens received his commission in 1985 as a Distinguished Graduate of the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science, Knoxville, Tennessee After completion of pilot training, General Owens served in numerous operational assignments in the New York Air National Guard.

Prior to becoming the Assistant Adjutant General for Air, he served as the Commander of the 106th Rescue Wing, located in Westhampton Beach, New

General Owens is a command pilot with more than 3,900 flying hours in the A-10, F-16, MQ-1, HC-130 and HH-60G to include over 450 combat hours during 120 F-16 combat sorties over Southwest Asia. He has flown in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Provide Comfort, Operation Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Noble Eagle, Oper-



ation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

He has commanded at the squadron, group and wing levels.

EDUCATION

1983 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

1984 Master of Engineering, Electrical, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 1993 SOS, by non-residence

1998 ACSC, by non-residence 2001 Master of Business Administration in Business Administration, Cornell

University, Ithaca, New York 2002 Air War College (AirWC), by correspondence

2006 Harvard University National In-

ternational Security, by in residence 2011 Joint Task Force Commanders

Course (NORTHCOM), by in residence 2013 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education (AJPME), by in res-

2016 Syracuse University - National Security Studies Management Course (NSSMC), by in residence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1985 - November 1985 Officer Candidate, Academy of Military Science, Knoxville, Tennessee

2. November 1985 - November 1986. Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas

3. November 1986 - March 1987, Student, Fighter Lead-in Training, 479th Tactical Training Wing, Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

4. March 1987 - July 1987, Student, A-10 Replacement Training, Barksdale Air Force Base, Shreveport, Louisiana

5. July 1987 - June 1989, Aircraft Commander, A-10, 174th Tactical Fighter Wing, Syracuse, New York

6. June 1989 - January 1991, Aircraft Commander, F-16, 174th Tactical Fighter Wing, Syracuse, New York

7. January 1991 - April 1991, Aircraft Commander, F-16, Al Khari Air Base

8. April 1991 - January 1997, Aircraft Commander/Instructor, F-16, 174th

Fighter Wing, Syracuse, New York 9. January 1997 - June 1997, Student,

F-16 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course See **OWENS**, Page 3

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

IFF Wing Sortie Board PHASE III PHASE II Overall Track Select Squadron Overall Graduation Graduation 49th (17-IBC) -7.86 days -3.05 days 1.51 days 48th (17-10) -4.20 days -0.22 days 5,478 50th (17-10) 2.23 days -1.17 days 7,271 2.71 days 1,041 * Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling. 411 435 The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Thomas Owens, Assistant Adjutant General - Air, New York National Guard, Latham, New York.

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates its lieutenant colonel

The selected lieutenant colonels Neil Gregory, 37th Flying Train-

ing Squadron Christopher Harris, 41st Flying Training Squadron

Nathan Preuss, 49th Flying Training Squadron

Shawn Redmond, 14th Security Forces Sauadron

Jacob Stevens, 81st Fighter

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News



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Events

une 20: Wing Newcomers

une 22: Hearts Apart

June 24: Columbus AFB

June 29: 14th FSS CoC

June 30: SUPT Class 17-11

June 30: Enlisted Promo-

July 1: Fireworks on the

July 3-4: AETC Family Day

July 6: Col. Fisher Fini-flight

July 7: Col. Fisher Retire-

July 13: 14th SFS CoC

July 14: 14th CONS CoC

Drientation

Color Run

Graduation

and holiday

Col. Stan Lawrie, 14th Operations Group Commander, hands the 37th Flying Training Squadron guidon to Lt. Col. William Free at the 37th Flying Training Squadron Change of Command ceremony May 25, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The change of command signifies a formal transfer of authority and responsibility for a unit, ensures the unit is never without official leadership and signifies an allegiance of soldiers to their unit's commander.

<u>Fri</u>

SUPT Class

17-10 Gradua-

tion, 10 a.m. @

14th FTS CoC,

8:49 a.m. @ Fire

Pilot for a Day

Night, 5:30 p.m.

Assignment

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Station

Sat/Sun

10th & 11th:

Autocross, @

17/18

SAC Ramp

<u>Thur</u>

14th CPTS

Change of

Command,

2:14 p.m. @ Club

Enlisted Dorm

Dinner, 5 p.m.

@ Montgomery

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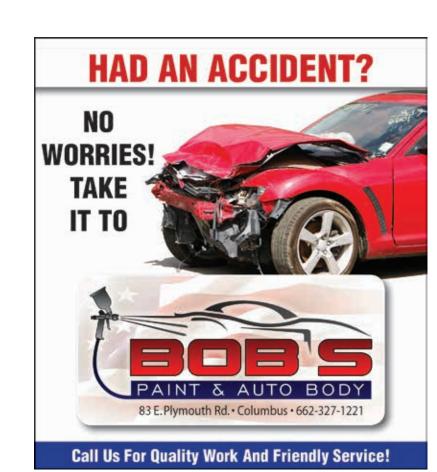
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2017 is the Bicentennial of Mississippi and this summer we will celebrate the 200th birthday in West Point with Bike-Centennial. Ride your bike, or walk, along a half-mile stretch of the Kitty Dill Walking Trail as you stop along the way, learning the history of Mississippi and West Point.

June 13 – July 28

June 24

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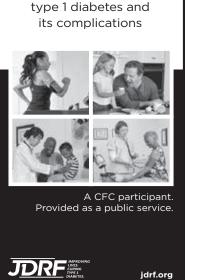
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10. June 1997 - August 1999, Squadron Weapons Officer, Chief of Standards and Evaluation, 174th Fighter Wing, Syracuse, New York

- 11. August 1999 May 2000, Operations Officer, 138th Fighter Squadron, Syracuse, New York
- 12. May 2000 May 2001, Chief Weapons and Tactics, 174th Operations Support Squadron, Syracuse, New York, Fulltime MBA Student, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
- 13. May 2001 May 2003, Commander 138th Fighter Squadron, Syracuse, New York
- 14. May 2003 June 2005, Commander, 174th Operations Group, Syracuse, New
- 15. June 2005 June 2006, Air Force National Security Fellow, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts
- 16. June 2006 September 2006, Assistant Vice Commander, 174th Fighter Wing, Syracuse, New York
- 17. September 2006 January 2007, Deputy Operations Group Commander, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq
- 18. January 2007 September 2009, Assistant Vice Commander, 174th Fighter Wing, Syracuse, New York
- 19. September 2009 April 2016, Commander, 106th Rescue Wing, Westhampton Beach, New York
- 20. March 2016 Present, Assistant Adjutant General, Latham, New York

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot Flight Hours: More than 3,900 Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, A-10, F-16A/ B/C/D, MQ-1, HC-130, HH-60G Pilot Wings: Reese Air Force Base, Texas

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Air Force Training Ribbon

Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Nov. 7, 1985 First Lieutenant Nov. 7, 1987 Captain Mar. 17, 1990 Major Mar. 30, 1994 Lieutenant Colonel May 27, 1999 Colonel Jul. 22, 2004 Brigadier General Apr. 1, 2016

(Current as of November 2016)

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 15 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.





Ten of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotions ceremony May 31, 2017, at the Columbus Club on Columbus Air Force Base, Missis-

Ten enlisted Airmen promoted at ceremony

14th CES

14th Flying Training Wing **Public Affairs**

Ten of Team BLAZE's enlisted Airmen were promoted during the enlisted promotion ceremony May 31, 2017, at the Comunications Squadron lumbus Club

Promoted during the month of May tracting Squadron

Airman Justin Weeter, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Airman 1st Class Ryan Heman-Ackah, 50th Flying Training Squadron

Airman 1st Class Devon Johnson, Staff Agencies

Staff Sgt. Dimitri Muñoz, 14th Medical Operations Squadron

Senior Airman Cameron Budrow,

Senior Airman Henry Scott, 14th CES

Staff Sgt. Angelynn Bailey, 14th Com-

Staff Sgt. Jake Camacho, 14th Con-

Staff Sgt. Jasmine Robinson, AFOSI

Master Sgt. Jimmy Kitchens, Wing

Hunt Housing tip of the week



Remember to always give proper notice before moving out of base housing. Visit the housing office with orders in hand to complete the official notice to vacate form with a member of the housing team. A 30-day notice is required, but short-notice orders will not always allow for residents to give the full 30 days. You will also need to know your TMO pickup dates before any inspections can be scheduled.

VBS still needs volunteers

14th Flying Training Wing Chapel

cannot take place without the help of others.

The 2017 VBS, "Rome: Paul and the Underground Church," takes place June 5 – 8 and is still in need of more 👚 crafts and eat snacks. Any help with crafts and snack time

This year the children will be divided into groups and will be one adult family leader and one assistant leader that will be at least 12 years old. Family leaders will have small activities to do with their group and they will lead them to free to call 434-2949 or 434-2500.

the different areas in Rome. We still need volunteers for

This year VBS is centered on performance art. We would Though the annual summer Vacation Bible School on really like to have people willing to act out short skits and Columbus Air Force Base is a chapel-sponsored event, it—even have people play extras in the background of the mar-

> The marketplace will be the area where children will do would be a great help.

Finally, help is needed with game time. This job is for travel to the different areas in "families" of up to 10. There someone with high energy who can demonstrate the games

If you have any other questions or concerns please feel

14th Medical Group offers secure messaging

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

A new system, the Patient Portal's Secure Messaging powered by Relay-Health, allows Airmen and their families to use the internet to access their

"Secure Messaging is a new way to ask your provider non-emergency questions without going to the clinic," said Capt. Elizabeth Seitz, 14th Medical

Airmen and families can request appointments and medication renewals, receive laboratory and radiology results, receive reminders about future appointments or tests and ask medical Manager, or Specialist.

can manage their health care, they can — that will help prove your identity to the — invitations in your email.



access patient information handouts in 14th MDG. the library feature.

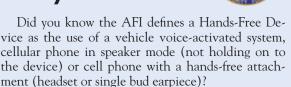
The new system allows the 14th MDG to send out messages to its pally the first one. To stop this, add their tients, such as flu immunizations avail-

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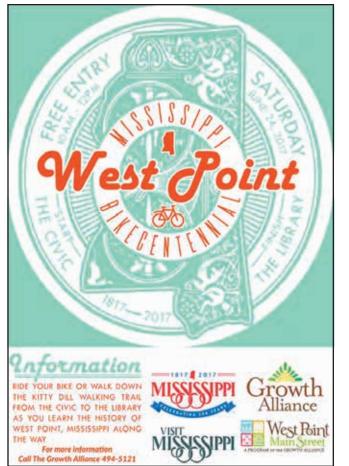




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DUNFORD

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when you graduate," Dunford said. "By the time that you make major, the United States Air Force is going to look much different even than it does today."

That kind of change will require a lifelong pursuit of education, he said, but one aspect of the military profession hasn't changed

Human, not hardware, determines success

"At the end of the day, the military profession is about people," the general said "The primary difference between success and failure on and off the battlefield has historically been about the human, not about the hardware Notwithstanding all the changes in our profession ... I believe you can primarily attribute any success that we've had on the battlefield in our history to the actions of individual Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines. Their willingness to go out day after day and do what must be done has made the difference."

That willingness doesn't come from doctrine, techniques or new weapons systems or equipment, Dunford told the graduating class. "The will to endure when the going gets tough, the willingness to put yourself at risk and to put the needs of your wingman ahead of your own – all that comes from intangibles," he said.

The chairman quoted a World War I Marine who, when speaking of the dedication of the Marines in the regiment, spoke of "such things that regiments hand down forever." He told the young Air Force officers to think of it as "such things that squadrons hand down forever."

"I am referring to qualities like courage, honor, commitment, loyalty and selflessness," Dunford said.

Ordinary Airmen accomplishing extraordinary things

Dunford gave the graduates two examples of ordinary Airmen who accomplished extraordinary things. He spoke of Richard Brims, a 1971 Air Force Academy graduate who earned the Air Force Cross for his actions in rescuing the crew of the SS Maya-Khmer Rouge in Cambodia. Brims and his squadron were dispatched to rescue the ship who did extraordinary things."



delivers the commencement speech to the U.S. Air Force Academy Class of 2017 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, May 24, 2017. The over 900 graduates will go on to serve as second lieutenants across the Air Force.

and the crew of 39. Their job was to insert **Heroism in Afghanistan** 200 Marines on the nearby island of Koh

the landing zone twice.

"On his last trip, Lieutenant Brims made the team took 20 casualties. three unsuccessful attempts to land," Dunford said. "The Marines on the island tried to wave him off, saying it was too dangerous for him to land. But he wasn't going to leave those Marines. He landed and loaded 27 Ma-

of his crewmen ran to the tree line to grab two other Marines who were laying down a base of suppressive fire to allow the evacuation to take place. "He is justly remembered as a hero," the general said. "But that hero sat right where you sit today. He walked the same halls, and he studied the same subjects. guez in May 1975 after it was seized by the He's the same guy who was pulling pranks on graduation day. He was an ordinary Airman

Dunford told the new officers they don't have to look far back for examples, citing The Khmer Rouge heavily defended the Maj. Alex Hill, who was commissioned in island, and the Marines and Airmen were 2006. In November, Hill commanded an met by a buzz saw. Soon, 11 helicopters were AC-130 gunship called Spooky 43. It was downed, leaving only three to extract the providing overwatch for a team of 55 Amer-Marines left on the island. Brims returned to ican and Afghan special operators that was ambushed and surrounded. Within minutes,

Hill and his crew launched into action and began firing at the enemy, mostly within about 40 yards of friendly forces – the very definition of the term "Danger Close."

Their actions allowed the ground forces to regroup, but didn't halt the enemy. Eventual-He held his position under fire while one ly, the gunship was shooting within 15 yards of the friendly forces. "In total, Spooky 43 fired 21 Danger Close missions that day and saved over 50 lives on the ground," Dunford

It was an impressive team achievement, and people can read about the mission on the Internet. But what the write-up doesn't say is it was the first deployment for four of the crew members, and the first combat mission for one of them. It doesn't say that one of the where those qualities flourish."

sensor operators missed the crew brief that day because the major let him go off to see the video teleconference of a memorial service for one of his fellow Airmen. It doesn't say that one of the loadmasters was being treated for combat stress because he had a close encounter with a surface-to-air missile one year prior, right where that action took place, Dunford said.

"You won't read that when Major Hill landed to rearm and refuel, he put his hand on each of his crewmen and looked them in the eyes to see if they were OK," the general said. "He also asked them, 'Can you go back?' None of them hesitated. They all went back.

"Maj. Hill's crew performed that day not because he was a major, but because he was a leader with a warrior ethos. [Hill is] a leader who was technically and tactically competent, but also a leader who trusted and cared for his Airmen and earned their trust in re-

Leading from the front

Brims and Hill epitomize the idea that it wasn't about them and their individual actions, the nation's top military officer told the graduates. "It was about the Marines on Koh Tank Island and the special operators on the ground in Afghanistan," Dunford said. "It was about the crews. Your predecessors knew that individual competence, intellect and physical skills are all actually part of the sticker price for being an officer. You're not going to get any more credit for that after to-

Those officers knew it was about leading from the front and instilling spirit in their units and a bond of trust within their crews, along with a commitment to excellence and to the mission. Dunford said

"What's going to distinguish you as a leader is not your ability to develop cyber tools, fly a joint strike fighter or maintain satellite constellation – we expect you to do all that. You're graduates of the United States Air Force Academy," Dunford said.

"What is going to distinguish you as a leader is your personal example," he told the new officers. "Your ability to create an environment where those intangible qualities I spoke about -- those qualities that are passed down from one generation of Airmen to the next -- your task is to build an environment

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RPA culture continues innovation

Senior Airman Chase Cannon 49th Wina Public affairs

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. The RO-1 Predator, later designated as the MQ-1, was the right aircraft at the right time following the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

While the nation was recovering from the largest attack in its history since the bombings of Pearl Harbor, members of the Pentagon prepared for a war they already knew would present new challenges the Defense Department had not faced before.

"We were able to arm the Predator at a critical time," said retired Gen. John Jumper, a former Air Force chief of staff. "There is no other single enterprise in the Air Force that has produced results like (remotely piloted aircraft)."

Even though the arming of RPAs is standard practice for current operations, it was not always the clear choice.

"I had to kick down doors," Jumper said. "It I had not been a four star general, (arming the RQ-1) never would have happened."

One of the biggest obstacles while trying to accomplish the goal of arming the RQ-1 was the fear that the exhaust from the missile would blow the propeller off of the aircraft.

"We propped it on a stand on top of a moun-



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Chase Cannon

Retired Gen. John Jumper, a former Air Force chief of staff, meets leadership at Holloman Air Force Base. New Mexico, May 19, 2017, During his visit he was updated on current remotely piloted aircraft training, given a look into the possibilities of future unmanned aircraft technology, and attended virtual drone racing obstacle course demonstration. Jumper is most known within the RPA community for his work arming

propeller off," Jumper said.

the first step in a series of events that led the have that capability matured by the time we RPA community to where it is today.

"There have been several milestones, I tain and aimed it at a target down in a valley, think the one that probably made the biggest

turned on the motor to see if it would blow the difference was when we were able to put the Hellfire missile on the Predator," Jumper said. The successful arming of the Predator was "We were able to do that at a critical time and started dealing with the (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) crisis."

The culmination of Jumper's vision has led gies)."

over the world

"The arming has probably made the biggest single difference that we have had so far, and I think that it has paid off in many ways," Jumper said. "We are now carrying 500-pound bombs on the MQ-9 Reaper and that's a big change."

Jumper has been tirelessly pushing for the advancement of RPAs for years, and can be cited as a major advocate for their use.

"Retired Gen. John Jumper has been a leading advocate for remotely piloted aircraft since the 1990s, when he was a three star general," said Col. Houston Cantwell, the 49th Wing commander. "He has been the strongest force behind the continued advancement of these technologies."

RPAs are still advancing, with new innovations every year.

"These systems are going to be around for a while," Jumper said. "We have got to be able to capitalize on the most precious thing we have with these vehicles, and that's persistence. It is not payload, it is not speed, we have got aircraft that do that better. What we do have is persistence. Staying airborne for a long period of time, how do we make that better? Well, we build the next generation of these (technolo-

Airmen stop woman from jumping off bridge

Ron Mullan

72nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — What started as an ordinary day for three Airmen from Tinker Air Force Base soon turned into anything but ordinary. Their quick reaction and application of the Air Force's wingman concept saved a life May

Capt. Justin Phelps and 1st Lt. Camden Rogers of the 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, were returning to base from lunch when they spotted a woman leaning over the edge of the bridge at I-40 near the Tinker Gate.

"We were stopped at the red light and looked toward our left and a woman was on the top of the bridge looking over, visibly crying and upset," Rogers said.

Realizing that something wasn't right, the two immediately took action. After pulling their car over to the side of the road, they scrambled up the grassy embankment attempting to engage the distraught woman. Spotting the two men climbing the embankment, Tech. Sgt. Corey Irwin, of the 552nd Operations Support Squadron, stopped his truck on the median of Air Depot Boulevard to block traffic and distracted the woman by talking

"My instinct was, 'Maybe I could catch her," Irwin said.



Capt. Justin Phelps, 1st Lt. Camden Rogers, both of the 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Corey Irwin, of the 552nd Operations Support Squadron, intervened when a woman was contemplating jumping off a bridge near Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, May 10, 2017.

"Probably unrealistic, but if nothing else, it was a human face for her to see and to distract her."

Not only were Phelps and Rogers worried about the woman to her from below allowing Phelps and Rogers to get close to her. jumping, they also had to contend with high-speed traffic on the

The woman, who was upset over family matters, told the two men that nobody cared and she just wanted to die.

Phelps knew it didn't look like a good situation. "I've had too many friends, military and otherwise, that did not reach out prior to committing suicide, and sadly they're no longer with us," he said. "So it's good to be able to help someone. If they are having a bad day, sometimes it just takes a good wingman getting involved and talking to one another."

Phelps and Rogers eventually talked the woman into moving off the bridge and on to the side of the road until the Midwest City Police Department arrived to take her into protective custody and get her some help.

"This courageous action speaks volumes, and also reflects highly on the United States Air Force," said Midwest City Police Chief Brandon Clabes. "From a law enforcement standpoint, this mental health crisis had the strong potential of a violent and tragic outcome."

Clabes added this crisis was diverted through unselfish actions by active military members and "they saved one of the most precious things our world has to offer: a life."

Airmen at Tinker AFB are trained in basic first aid as well as being able to identify and assist someone who might be in need. This incident was a great example of something they prepare for

BLAZE Hangar Tails: F-15 Eagle

Mission

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

Features

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

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

maintain air supremacy over the battlefield.

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

Background

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

68,000 pounds (30,600 kilograms).

For low-altitude, high-speed

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

The single-seat F-15C and twoseat F-15D models entered the Air Force inventory beginning in 1979. These new models have Production Eagle Package (PEP 2000) improve-

An F-15 Eagle aircraft takes off from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. The F-15's superior maneuverability and acceleration are achieved through high engine thrust-to-weight ratio and low wing loading. ments, including 2,000 pounds (900 Desert Storm where they proved kilograms) of additional internal their superior combat capability. fuel, provision for carrying exterior conformal fuel tanks and increased maximum takeoff weight of up to ries. F-15E's were operated mainly

F-15C, D and E models were deployed to the Persian Gulf in 1991 in support of Operation

models) 68,000 pounds (30,844 ki-F-15C fighters accounted for 34 of Fuel Capacity: 36,200 pounds the 37 Air Force air-to-air victo-(three external plus conformal fuel at night, hunting SCUD missile launchers and artillery sites using the LANTIRN system.

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

General Characteristics

Primary function: Tactical

Contractor: McDonnell Doug-

Power plant: Two Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-100, 220 or 229

turbofan engines with afterburners Thrust: (C/D models) 23,450 ounds each engine

> Wingspan: 42.8 feet (13 meters) Length: 63.8 feet (19.44 meters) **Height:** 18.5 feet (5.6 meters) Weight: 31,700 pounds

Payload: depends on mission Speed: 1,875 mph (Mach 2

Maximum takeoff weight: (C/D

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

Ceiling: 65,000 feet (19,812

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

fuel tanks Crew: F-15A/C: one. F-15B/

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

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

Initial operating capability: September 1975

Inventory: Total force, 249



an all-weather, extremely maneuverable, tactical fighter designed to permit the Air Force to gain and

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Abby Young A row of F-15 Eagle aircraft from Kadena Air Base, Japan, line up before a takeoff. The F-15 Eagle is

VIEWPOINT AF News

Leadership is not a position, it's an attitude

Lt. Col. James Winning 14th Operations Support Squadron Commander

Often in the military, leadership is viewed as a title or position that one tries to achieve.

These titles and positions generally carry a degree of government-issued cell phone.

with what leadership is and what it is not.

Leadership is not a position ... it's an attitude. I would attitude.

argue that leadership boiled down to its simplest form is the ability to influence others.

The scope of influence in the military is often associated with various positions and titles, but true leadership is the ability to inspire people to take a vision and accept

In order for this type of influence to occur, a true authority, potentially a parking spot and sometimes a leader must develop a relationship that is based on trust. This trust must incorporate direct and clear communi-However, these positions should never be confused cation, consistency in action and words, transparency, competence, empathy and a positive, humble, servant

The bottom line is, leadership is granted by those who follow. Leadership cannot be demanded. Leadership cannot be coerced. Leadership must be earned.

In order for an organization to function properly, leadership must be incorporated into the fabric of a unit. Every member must be able to not only to follow, but also able step up and lead within their scope of influence. As long as everyone is working toward a common vision, the organization will flourish

True leadership relies on developing relationships. Developing relationships relies on investing in people. Leadership is not a position ... It's an attitude, dude.



Main Event: Create a team with no more or less than 6-10 people per team

When: June 15 @ 4 p.m.

Sign-up: NLT June 2 (Get with your Squadron

Representative)

Where: Tennis Court



Columbus AFB Sexual-Assault Prevention and Response

Team:

SAPR Program Manager: Dr. Marcia Stewart

Alternate SARC: 1st Lt Aimee St Cyr SAPR VA: Ms. Carla Neal-Bush

VVA: SSgt Holly Sivard, SSgt Casey Washington, SSgt Roger White, and SSgt Braxton Crismore



Updated AtHoc alert system delivers urgent news directly to subscribers' fingertips

Capt. Jennifer Nentwig

Air Education and Training Command **Public Affairs**

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, RANDOLPH - Texas — Air Education and Training Command Airmen and their families have always been able to get information on the latest happenings at their location on their work computer, but now members and their families can receive immediate notifications through an improved AtHoc alert system and the new AtHoc mobile app available in the Apple App and Google

AtHoc is an emergency mass notification system that sends alerts to AETC members' computers and cell phones. Every military and civilian in AETC is required to maintain an upto-date AtHoc profile, including an after-hours contact number, a work email address, and – if he or she has a duty cell phone – a duty cell contact number.

"We need all AETC members to sign up for AtHoc alert messages via SMS text messaging and download the mobile application," said Lt. Gen. Roberson, AETC commander. "Rapidly and effectively alerting AETC Airmen and our families about emergency situations is a critical component to responding to these events and ensuring the safety of our people."

By subscribing for cell phone calls or text messages through the newly updated, more efficient AtHoc alert system, users will receive notifications regarding a select category of emergency events that require immediate communication. Examples of situations in which are alerts sent to personal devices include active shooter events, hurricane conditions, tornado watches and warnings, security incidents, base closures and delayed reporting.



U.S. Air Force graphic by Senior Airman Chip Pons

"The command post can only send certain alerts to your personal device, and they aren't always the same as the messages that pop up on your computer," said Chief Master Sgt. John Morris Jr., AETC Command Post functional manager.

A listing of devices the installation command post sends alerts to for each respective incident is in Air Force Instruction 10-206 table 8.1, "EMNS Targeting Chart," and can be viewed via the "HELP – Air Force Network" link in AtHoc.

"I'd say only one or two AtHoc alert messages go out to cell phones in an average month," Morris said.

Members of the command post and the communications community are putting together a campaign to ensure all AETC members know about AtHoc, reaching out through channels such as newcomers' orientations, base newspapers and websites, and emails from leadership. Based on the AETC requirements for individuals' contact information, the team is striving to ensure 100 percent of AETC members have updated their profiles.

AETC members who receive notifications on their phones Communication Focal Point.

will benefit by having close-to-real-time situational awareness.

"Let's say there is a situation where there is bad weather, and your base initiates delayed reporting procedures. You could receive an immediate call or text message with that news," Morris said. "Or you can look at a real-world situation like the shooting last year on Lackland's Medina Annex. The JBSA command post sent out an alert that day to let people know there was an active shooter situation, so people who had subscribed to the alerts knew to stay away."

The AtHoc alert system is an opt-in system, so members must manually update their profiles with their contact information to receive notifications on personal devices.

"AtHoc doesn't pull from any existing systems like the global address list because we are asking for people's personal. after-work contact information," Morris said. "We implore everyone to sign up because it really is the quickest way to get important messages. AtHoc has continuously improved during the past six years and includes more features to ensure members have the latest information at their fingertips. It's leaps and bounds better than the old recall roster system. where multiple people have to call multiple people."

To ensure their AtHoc profiles are complete and up-todate, AETC members can find the purple AtHoc icon at the bottom right corner of their desktop screens and right click on the icon. Next, select "Update My Info," select a CAC certification and view the AtHoc self-service page. From there, users can update their personal information, their device information and their unit-specific information.

For answers to frequently asked questions, click on the AtHoc icon and go to the "Help" page. For additional information or technical assistance, contact your installation

Dunford urges new AF officers to lead in Academy graduation address

Jim Garamone

DoD News, Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — While the new officers of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Class of 2017 must never stop learning, it's time to lead, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said at graduation ceremonies in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford thanked duty in a very challenging time.

"The world changed when you were about porting combat operations and are joined lead to excellence that matters."

by thousands more Soldiers, Sailors and Ma-

The general stressed the priority for the new officers changed today with their commissioning oath. "The focus is not on you MPA or your PEA," he said, referring to their grade point average, military performance and physical education averages. "It's not about the superintendent's pin on your the 979 graduates for answering the call to uniform, and it's not about your accomplish- of change in the world. "In my own career, I ments on the athletic field.

"After today, your success is seldom going is even close to what it is today," he said. 5 years old, and we've been at war now for to be measured by what you as an individual almost 16 years," he said. "Today, there are can achieve," he continued. "Mostly it will more than 100,000 Airmen standing watch be about what your squadron achieves. And around the world. Many are directly sup- it is going to be how you inspire those you

Willingness to embrace, lead

Flexibility is going to be key to any success the young officers will have in the service, Dunford said. "As you drive out the South anymore. It is not about your GPA, your Gate this afternoon, you need to do so with a willingness to embrace and lead change,"

Dunford, who was commissioned in 1977, said flexibility is required because of the pace can't think of a time when the pace of change

When he entered active duty, the chairman said, the Marines were still outfitted in cold-weather gear from the Korean War. "Our radios, our rifles and our machine guns were leftovers from Vietnam, he said. "The

jeeps would have been familiar to World War II veterans, and to be quite honest with you so would the tactics.' No more. From clothing to aircraft to

command-and-control systems, service members are breaking new ground and that is driving strategy and tactics, Dunford said. "In the past four years, the world's greatest Air Force has tripled the number of remotely piloted aircraft," he added.

The service made similar advancements in space and command-and-control systems. as well as in cyber stealth and precision capabilities, he noted. The Air Force fielded the F-22 Raptor and is now fielding the F-35A

"The pace of change is not going to stop See **DUNFORD**, Page 13

Funnel Cakes

Celebrate National Donut Day June 2 with funnel cakes at the Bowling Center for \$5 each while supplies last. For more information, call 434-3426.

Base Triathlon

Columbus AFB will hold a Swim, Bike & Run Triathlon June 3. Check-in is from 6 – 6:45 a.m. and the first heat starts at 7 a.m. This event is free to participate. Prices are as follows: \$15 for a T-shirt and medal, \$9 for a T-shirt, \$6 for a medal. All ages are welcome including children. Call the Fitness Center at 434-2772 for more information.

Ladies Bowling League

The Bowling Center is offering a ladies bowling league starting at 10 a.m. June 8. The 8-week league will occur every Thursday. The first league meeting will be June 1. Call 434-3426 for more

Father's Day Craft

The library will have a Father's Day craft station open from 11a.m. – 7 p.m. June 8.

Penny-A-Pin Bowling

Enjoy penny per pin bowling at the Bowling Center June 12 - 16. Only pay for the pins you knock down. For example, if you play 3 games and score a 364, then you only pay \$3.64. Excludes shoe rental. For more information, call 434-3426.

Library Summer Reading Program

The Library Summer Reading Program begins June 15. Please see the Library for the schedule of activities.

Dads Bowl Free

All fathers bowl free at the Bowling Center June 17 in honor of Father's Day. Call 434-3426 for more information.

Daddy, Daughter Dance

There will be a Daddy Daughter Dance at 6 p.m. June 17 at the Columbus Event Center. Prices are \$30 per couple and \$12 for an additional daughter. Sign up by June 12. There will be games, music, food and a photo booth. Call 434-2489 for more information.

Breakfast at the Club

The Columbus Club will host a free breakfast for club members from 6:30 – 9 a.m. June 20. Breakfast includes classic breakfast choices and a waffle station.

A Night of Elegance: Wine Tasting Poolside

Join the Columbus Club for a night of wine tasting, finger foods and live music at 7 p.m. June 23. Prices are \$10 for club members and \$12 for non-members. Call 434-2489 to sign-up.

Color Run The 5th Annual Columbus AFB 5K Color Run will take place at 8:30 a.m. June 24. Only \$10 per person. Register by June 19. Call 434-2504 for more information.

Coffee House on 5th now open at the BLAZE Commons

6 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday – Friday and serves coffee items, smooth-son every Friday and Saturday night from 5 – 8 p.m. You also may formation, call 434-2505.



ies, breakfast and lunch items. Drive-thru service available as well as call ahead. 434-CAFÉ (2233). The commons also houses the Library, an ITT and ODR kiosk, a computer lab, and FedEx dropoff point.

Columbus AFB Cinema

Enjoy free movies on select dates through May and June. Pick up a movie guide with movie schedule, times and locations at any FSS facility or check it out on Facebook at ColumbusAFB Living.

Base Pool Hours

Independence Pool is open daily from noon – 7 p.m. 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

Fitness/Time Out Child Care

The Child Development Center offers child care from 3:30 – 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. - midnight. Bar menu includes chicken wing basket, chicken tender basket, club wrap, or buffalo chicken wrap. For more information, call 434-2419.

Story Time and Circle Time

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

Laser Bowling Special

The Blaze Commons Coffee House on 5th is open from The Bowling Center offers Laser Bowling for only \$12 per per- have 24-hour access and can pay monthly or yearly. For more in-

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. - 2 p.m.

Lawn Mower and Bicycle Repair

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

Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed

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

Referees Needed

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

Skeet & Trap

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 or \$45 per case of 2,000. For more information, call 434-2505.

Make Your Shopping Easier

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

Take & Bake Pizzas at the Bowling Center

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

Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed

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

Interested in Sponsoring with Columbus AFB?

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

Free Fitness Classes

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

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

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.)

Smooth Move

The Smooth Move class takes place from 10 - 11:30 a.m. June 6. The class provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. You learn what to expect from TMO, Housing, Military Pay, Legal, Billeting, Tri-Care, Medical Records, and A&FRC. Please call 434-2790 to register.

Resume and Cover Letter

The Resume and Cover letter workshop is from 9 – 10:30 a.m. June 7. The workshop helps with preparing and writing an effective civilian resume and cover letter. To sign up, call 434-2839/2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is from 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. June 20 and is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Columbus Club. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop from 1 - 2 p.m. June 20 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 **Program** or to register call 434-2790.

Pre-separation Counseling

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

Pre, Post Deployment Tour Brief

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

Survivor-Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan. As with all good decision-making, **Program** you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision, and be wary of anyone telling lines and improves the way care and support are making a little yourself? As part of the Air Force 6 p.m. – Youth Group

Independence Pool opens with Luau Party



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

Connor Tolliver, son of Chief Master Sgt. Tracy Tolliver, 14th Medical Group Superintendent, slides down the slide at the Independence Pool opening May 26, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The pool opening Luau Party featured a buffet with games and music. The pool is open daily from noon - 7 p.m.

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

you they can offer you a better deal. Always get

The MFLC counselors provide non-medical

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Air Force Recovery Coordination

The Recovery Coordination Program stream-

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

Personal Financial Readiness

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

Learn How to Read Your LES

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

Zero Overpricing Program

Innovative Development Employee Awareness Program there are award incentives for price challenges that result in tangible savings. Ir accordance with AFI 38-401, responsible personnel will receive a monetary award. Personne are encouraged to participate on any overpricing issues daily. Please call Customer Support at 434-7178 for any advice or guidance.

Saint Leo University

SLU offers on-base classes in psychology criminal justice, and business administration Online and CD-ROM classes are also available Call Saint Leo at 434-8844 (dial 99 on-base) or stop by room 120 in building 926 (old Personne

DRMO

Recycle first by using the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office as your facility's source of supply. Authorized personnel may retrieve property free of charge if the property is still physically located here in Base Supply and marked at DRMO facilities. Other DRMO processing is available via the web at www.drmo.dla.mil. Cost of shipping will apply Please call Inspection at 434-7231 to review DRMO property or Stock Control at 434-7197 with questions or concerns you may have. Parkng and assistance is available in the back of building 158.

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

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

11:30-12:30 p.m. – Adoration

Protestant Community

Wednesdays:

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

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

Wednesdays: 4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal

Ecumenical services

6 p.m. – AWANA, a religious education program for children ages three years old to 6th grade Interested in saving the Air Force money and 6 p.m. – Adult Bible study on the Gospel of John

Team BLAZE Airmen gather outside of the Gene Smith Memorial Plaza for the Memorial Day Retreat Ceremony May 25, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Memorial Day is a day for remembering the men and women who died in service of the United States of America.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Day A two-ship T-1A Jayhawk formation performs a flyover to mark the end of the Memorial Day Retreat ceremony May 25, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Capt. Jordan Pierson, who died Oct. 2, 2015, and whose name was added to the memorial

wall, flew the T-1 as a student in Specialized

Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-07.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman John Day Senior Airman Luis Serrano Solano, Columbus Air Force Base Honor Guardsman, beains to play Taps during the Memorial Day Retreat Ceremony May 25, 2017, on Columbus AFB, Mississippi. The Memorial Day Ceremony honored our Nation's fallen airmen, soldiers, sailors, and marines, and included a special Memorial Service for Capt. Jordan

Memorial Day ceremony honors CAFB graduate

Master Sgt. Amanda Savannah 14th Flyina Trainina Wina Public Affairs

Though the day was bright and warm, building here May 25, 2017.

In addition to honoring all military members who gave their lives in defense of the nation, the ceremony also paid special tribute to Capt. Jordan Pierson, a Columbus Air Force Base Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-07 graduate.

fly the C-130J Super Hercules aircraft as died Oct. 2, 2015, in a tragic C-130J crash the crowd was quiet and somber during a at Jalalabad Airfield, Afghanistan. He was Memorial Day ceremony at Gene Smith the Aircraft Commander of TORQE 62 Plaza in front of the wing headquarters and was serving his second deployment to Afghanistan.

> Pierson's name was added to the Gene the ceremony. Smith Plaza memorial wall during the

"Captain Pierson is just one of the many service members – brave Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen –

After graduating SUPT. Pierson was as- who died protecting their country and all it ent today and the entire Team BLAZE: We a member of the 317th Airlift Group. He died defending a way of life ... the well-be- ued service to your communities." ing of their families, the future of their children, for free choice, moral values and the responsibility we all share in a democratic

"Not only do we pay tribute to Captain Pierson, we also honor his family and friends, those left behind, those who paid a very personal price for us and our nation," Gosney said. "On behalf of all those pres-

signed to Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, to stood for," said Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th are humbled by your sacrifice, inspired by Flying Training Wing Commander. "They your resilience and grateful for your contin-

The commander then reminded the crowd of what Pierson's and all other lost members' sacrifices means.

"The sacrifices like those of TORQE Pierson's family was also honored during 62 – along with a thousand others -- are strengthening new allies in the war on terror, and bringing hope, stability and progress to a troubled region," Gosney continued, "and, ultimately will lift a terrible threat from the lives of our children and grandchildren."

> Lt. Col. Joseph Framptom, 40th Airlift Squadron Commander, was stationed at Dyess with Pierson and deployed with him on his first deployment to Afghanistan. He spoke about Pierson's insatiable thirst for knowledge, work ethic and dedication.

> "Jordan was on a fast track to be an instructor pilot, but he never made it because of the tragic accident in Afghanistan," Framptom said. "Despite that, there's still quite a few things we can learn from the example that Jordan set and from Jordan

> "First of all, always strive to be the best that you can be, because Jordan did. Always learn as much as you can about the mission you're tasked to do, bring your A game every day, because Jordan did. And finally, in our business, we can never lose sight of the fact that sometimes even very simple mistakes can have tragic consequences."

Pierson's name joins the name of 84 other Columbus AFB pilot training graduates who have died in military aircraft accidents since 1972.

First Lt. Matt Herten, 48th Flying Training Squadron Instructor Pilot and narrator for the ceremony, also talked about the history of Memorial Day, which is believed to have begun in 1866 in Columbus, Mississippi, when a group of Southern women placed flowers on the graves of Union sol-

"News of this gesture swept the nation," Herten said. "In 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, national commander of a veteran's group called the Grand Army of the Republic, ordered his troops to observe May 30 as a special day 'for decorating the graves of the comrades who died in defense flicts.



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Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, addresses the crowd at the Memorial Day Retreat Ceremony May 25, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Gosney spoke about the meaning of Memorial Day and about Capt. Jordan Pierson, a former Columbus AFB Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training student who lost his life protecting our freedom and way of life.

of their country and whose bodies lie in almost every village or hamlet churchyard in

In 1882, Decoration Day was re-designated Memorial Day, saluting not only civil war dead, but the fallen warriors of all con-

The ceremony also included a 21-gun salute, the playing of Taps and a T-1A Jayhawk formation flyover.

"On behalf of a grateful nation and wing, we salute our fallen comrades and pledge that we will never forget," Herten



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Senior Airman Jacob Bolton, Columbus Air Force Base Honor Guardsman, unveils the name of a former 14th Flying Training Wing Airman during a formal Memorial Day Retreat Ceremony May 25, 2017, at the Gene Smith Plaza on Columbus Air Force Base. Mississippi, One side of the plaza wall displays the names of previously assigned Columbus AFB pilots who were killed in military aircraft accidents. Capt. Jordan Pierson, a Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 12-07 graduate, died Oct. 2, 2015, in a tragic C-130J Super Hercules crash in Jalalabad Airfield, Afghanistan.