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Weather

Friday  Partly Cloudy High 90°F Low 65°F	Saturday  Chance of PM Rain Showers High 88°F Low 58°F
Sunday  Partly Cloudy High 88°F Low 58°F	Monday  Chance of Rain Showers High 85°F Low 58°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled for 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

Enlisted Promotion Ceremony/ Staff Sergeant Release Party

The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions Ceremony is at 3 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Columbus Club and will be immediately followed by the staff sergeant release party. Open to all.

AETC Family Day

An Air Education and Training Command family day is Sept. 1. The family day is in conjunction with the Labor Day holiday, Sept. 4. Most Columbus Air Force Base offices will be closed.

Inside



Feature 8

The 14th FTW Leadership Structure is highlighted in this week's feature.

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (18-07)	-1.15 days	1.99 days	Aug. 31	48th (17-14)	-2.33 days	-0.63 days	Sept. 8	49th (17-LBC)	-7.17 days	-3.11 days	Sept. 20	T-6	2,307	2,247	29,080
41st (18-08)	-2.95 days	0.12 days	Sept. 27	50th (17-14)	0.56 days	0.01 days	Sept. 8	* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.				T-1	682	567	7,542
												T-38	886	863	10,192
The graduation speaker for SUPT Class 17-14 on Sept. 8 is Gen. James Holmes,Air Combat Command Commander.												IFF	346	319	4,244

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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb

Retired Col. Todd Phinney, during his last assignment he was the Chair of the Leadership and Warfighting Department at the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, speaks to Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-13 Aug. 18, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. SUPT graduations occur every three weeks; for every class that graduates, another class begins.

Phinney stresses importance of teamwork, leadership during graduation address

Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Retired Col. Todd R. Phinney, during his last assignment he was the Chair of the Leadership and Warfighting Department at the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, spoke to Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-13 here Aug. 18.

At the start of his speech Phinney congratulated the newest Air Force aviators and expressed to them that though their undergraduate pilot training is complete because of their hard work and dedication, no pilot earned their wings on their own.

He then gave a personal testimony about the first time he dropped bombs from his aircraft during a combat mission.

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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 57 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.

14th FTW SSgt selects

Congratulations to the following staff sergeant selects!

Senior airmen at Columbus Air Force Base selected for promotion are:

Nicholas Anthony, 14th Operations Support Squadron
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Charles Bassett, 14th Flying Training Wing Staff Agency
Kyle Beath, 14th FSS
Melissa Beers, 14th OSS
Devondra Brown, 50th Flying Training Squadron
Nickolas Candiano, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron
Rolando Chavez, 14th Medical Operations Squadron
Nathan Deline, 14th CES
William Farr, 14th CES
Andrew Galloza, 14th FSS
James Graham, 14th Security Forces Squadron
Ruth Graham, 14th Contracting Squadron

Patricia Harris, 14th MDOS
Nicholas Heckler, 14th SFS
Colin Hileman, 14th Communications Squadron
Jacob Hoeltje, 14th OSS
Zachery Hottel, 14th Operations Group
Justin Irvin, 14th Medical Support Squadron
Nabila Ivaldi, 14th CONS
Mario Jaquez, 14th CES
Russell Johnson, 14th Comptroller Squadron
Carl Ledford, 14th OSS
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CPR Classes are offered at Baptist Golden Triangle, 6:00 p.m., in the Patient Tower. Pre-registration is required. September classes will be held on the 11th and 25th. Call the Education Department at 244-2498 or 800-544-8762, ext. 2498.

Jeanette Manning with Behavioral Health will discuss **Drug and Alcohol Addiction** at Baptist Golden Triangle's free community education luncheon Tuesday, September 5, noon-1p, rooms 4 & 5 PT, near the Gift Shop. Lunch provided. Seating is limited; call 662-244-1132 to register by Aug. 29.

Baptist offers **FREE mammograms**, thanks to a grant from the Komen Foundation, to area women who are age 35 or above, have no insurance coverage for mammograms and who live in Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Clay, Monroe or Chickasaw counties. Call 244-2979 to see if you qualify.

Baptist Cancer Center holds a **support group for cancer survivors** and their families the third Friday of every month from noon-1pm. The next meeting will be held Sept. 15, room 5PT, past the gift shop. Relaxation is the topic and we will discuss the importance of having physical, emotional and spiritual releases. For information call 244-2923 or 800-544-8767, ext. 2923.

Doctor Peter Tofts, pulmonologist, will discuss **Ways to Stop Smoking** at Baptist Golden Triangle's free community education luncheon Thursday, September 28, noon-1p, room 5 PT, near the Gift Shop. Lunch provided. Seating is limited; call 662-244-1132 to register by Sept. 21.

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


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

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For more information contact the numbers listed above or email info.goldentriangle@bmhcc.org.



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News Around Town

Aug. 26
The 2017 Island Paddle Fest is scheduled for Aug. 26 at the Columbus River Walk. Registration starts at 7 a.m. Register online at islandpaddlefest.org. The first race will start at 9 a.m. and will be a 5.5-mile course.

Sept. 1
The 22nd Annual Black Prairie Blues Festival will be from 5-11:30 p.m. Sept. 1 at Mary Holmes College in West Point, Mississippi. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, visit www.wpnnet.org/index.php/attractions/howlin_wolf/blues_festival or call 662-295-8361.

Sept. 2
The 39th Annual Prairie Arts Festival will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 2 in downtown West Point, Mississippi. The festival will include fine arts, crafts, down-home southern cooking, four stages of live music, classic cars, kidsville and much more. More than 600 exhibits will be featured. For more information, visit info@westpointms.org.

The Mississippi State University football team will face off against Charleston Southern University at 3 p.m. Sept. 2 at Davis Wade Stadium in Starkville, Mississippi.

Sept. 16
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LANDING

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possibility and now he was going to land it.”

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On the A-10, the two main landing gear wheels are exposed, even when in the up position. It is part of the combat resiliency of the aircraft. And so, Capt. Brett DeVries landing his ‘Hog, right in the middle of the runway in a near textbook landing — caught on video by another pilot who was on the ground at Alpena.

“I flew him down, calling out his altitude,” Vickers said. “He came in flat, I mean it was a very smooth landing.”

“Capt. DeVries skills as a pilot were put to the test in this incident,” said Brig. Gen. John D. Slocum, the 127th Wing commander and himself a seasoned fighter pilot. “He demonstrated not only superior skill as a pilot but remained calm in an extremely challenging situation. To walk away from this scenario with no injuries is a true testament to his abilities as a world-class fighter pilot.”

After watching DeVries land, Vickers was directed to return to home station at Selfridge.

“That’s probably only a 35-minute flight, but it just felt like hours,” Vickers said.

After flying alongside DeVries during the landing, Vickers circled the field and saw his fellow Red Devil exit the aircraft on his own and run to the fire truck.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Terry Atwell

Capt. Brett DeVries (right) and his wingman Maj. Shannon Vickers, both A-10 Thunderbolt II pilots of the 107th Fighter Squadron from Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan. Vickers helped DeVries safely make an emergency landing July 20, 2017, at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center after the A-10 DeVries was flying experienced a malfunction.

“And I am thinking, did this just happen? That was the longest flight ever back, to Selfridge,” he said.

“There is a reason why we train as a two-ship or greater,” said Col. Shawn Holtz, Commander of the 127th Operations

Group and an A-10 pilot. “We rely on each other and need to have mutual support within the flight. Maj. Vickers was the definition of what a Wingman should be in this flight. He stuck with Capt. Devries and did everything in his power to see this through to a safe landing. Both of these pilots demonstrated not only superior flying skills, but represent the type of teamwork and professionalism that should be the goal of every Attack Pilot.”

In all, the flight lasted about 25 minutes from the time the canopy blew off until landing, though it felt longer to the two pilots in the air. An investigation is underway into the cause of the original malfunction. Thanks to DeVries’ skills in landing the aircraft, the damaged Warthog is expected to be able to eventually be returned to flying status. As for his fellow Airmen, the 107th as a whole stood down from flying for several days, but have since returned to regular flight ops.

Slocum said the two men will be submitted for appropriate recognition for their superior Airmanship during the July 20 flight. DeVries also received an email congratulating him from Gen. David L. Goldfein, the Air Force Chief of Staff.

“Again, I want to stress the training,” DeVries said. “Sometimes, perhaps we think, ‘Why do we have to do this training again and again?’ Well, in this case, the training took over and it is what made the difference.”

The A-10 is still at Alpena where it is being repaired and will return to the flying inventory at Selfridge.

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PHINNEY

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During a deployment to the Middle East, while flying a combat sortie, he had a decision to make after identifying a surface-to-air missile that put coalition forces in danger. He could either continue with the original mission, or destroy the SAM that may be jeopardizing other’s safety in the area. He fired his munitions and destroyed the SAM.

Upon his return from a successful mission, he said he remembered seeing the crew chief of his aircraft dancing, happy with the mission’s outcome; not realizing the crew chief was happy that the aircraft he put hundreds of hours into maintaining and preparing worked and saved allies’ lives that day.

“It wasn’t until later I understood why he was dancing,” Phinney said.

He said a lot of work is put in behind the scenes that a lot of people won’t see or hear about, and without it, the success of that mission wouldn’t have been possible.

“It is an honor and privilege to wear the wings, and we get out as the tip of the spear, but there is a whole shaft on that spear,” Phinney said. “There are so many unsung heroes from the day that I dropped bombs that will never get the excitement or praise.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb

Graduates of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 17-13 look at the American flag Aug. 18, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, before singing the Air Force Song. From start to finish the SUPT program takes about 13 months and students will have flown roughly 200 hours in training aircraft at Columbus AFB upon graduation.

He reminded the new pilots to remain humble and understand they are part of a team effort.

“These young officers from 17-13 are expected to be leaders; they are officers, and now they’re pilots,” Phinney said. “On any

given day we are both followers and leaders, even Col. [Douglas] Gosney as the wing commander will be a follower at some point during every day.”

Phinney said mastering the art of being a follower, learning the trade, watching other leaders, and building a toolkit from those lessons learned will make individuals and Airmen the best leaders they can be.

In the graduating class was 2nd Lt. Trevor Phinney, SUPT Class 17-13 graduate and son of the retired colonel. Phinney had the opportunity to pin on his son’s wings during the ceremony.

“I really wanted Trevor to pursue whatever he wanted in life,” his father said. “I am proud of him for choosing to serve our nation; I’m ecstatic for him because I know the opportunities the Air Force is going to provide for him and the other pilots.”

Also graduating from the same class was 2nd Lt. Caleb Fisher, grandson of Medal of Honor recipient Maj. Bernie Fisher.

The major was the first to receive the Air Force Medal of Honor in 1967 for his heroic acts during the Vietnam War. He was assigned to the 14th Special Operations Group, which was stationed in Vietnam at the time.



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Airmen observe solar eclipse



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The partial solar eclipse as seen Aug. 21, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The eclipse was the first one over the continental U.S. in 38 years. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes in front of the sun and casts a shadow across parts of the Earth.



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

Second Lt. Matthew Fracasso, 14th Student Squadron student pilot, observes the solar eclipse Aug. 21, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Fracasso used special glasses specifically designed for observing solar eclipses.

'No Second Guesses:' Selfridge pilots share story of emergency landing

(Editor's note: The following article has information used from www.deomi.org.)

‘Fight and save.’ French exchange pilot reaches multinational dream

Senior Airman Greg Nash
23rd Wing Public Affairs

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Al- lured by the distant chopping of helicopter blades, a young French boy diverts his atten- tion from his television screen to watch na- tive pilots rescue stranded hikers in Southeast France.

Glancing back at his favorite show, he notices an American pilot navigating a sim- ilar airframe, causing him to wonder what it would be like to fly a ‘chopper.’

Through sheer determination, Comman- dant Micka propelled himself to serve and fly for both nations. As part of the 67th Helicop- ter Squadron “Pyrenees”, Cazaux Air Base, France, he was proud to ‘Fight and Save,’ fulfilling the French air force helicopter com- munity’s mantra. Now, he’s a part of Moody Air Force Base’s 41st Rescue Squadron to contribute to their motto.

“‘So That Others May Live,’ is a (motto) I want to honor during my tenure here and I’m proud to represent my country as the only current French exchange pilot in the (U.S.) Air Force,” said Micka. “I was very excited to join the 41st RQS because of the mission similarities with my unit back home and also the United States’ and France’s rescue history together.

“I’ve seen the HH-60G Pavehawk throughout my deployments and the abil- ity to now fly one is special,” Micka added, who is the 41 RQS assistant director of op- erations and an HH-60 pilot. “It resembles and maneuvers a lot like my old airframe, the (French air force’s) EC-275 Caracal.”

According to Micka, in addition to the aircraft likeliness, he relished the two nation’s lengthy experience and capabilities in per- forming in hostile environments and high- lighted the 100th birthday of the nation’s being brothers in arms during World War I.

“I’ve always appreciated how the Ameri- cans aided France and also helped change the tide of the war,” said Micka. “Understanding the historic close relationship and similar mantras between these nations is very dear to me.”

Knowing his dedication of this symbolic relationship and his eagerness to learn to be a better pilot and wingman, one 41 RQS mem- ber speaks on how the unit has embraced Micka.

“(Micka) has proven and continues to prove he is an excellent ambassador for our French rotary wing partners,” said Lt. Col. Chris Richardson, the 41 RQS commander.



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Greg Nash

Commandant Micka, a French exchange pilot and assistant director of operations for the 41st Rescue Squadron, stands in front of an HH-60G Pavehawk, Aug. 2, 2017, at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. Prior to his arrival at the 41st RQS, Micka transitioned from flying the French air force’s EC-725 Caracal helicopter to learn the HH-60. Since his childhood, Micka aspired to serve and fly for the French and U.S. military as a rescue pilot.

“He consistently, much like his predecessors before him, brings outstanding insight, cred- ibility and experience to our squadron. His interactions with the (combat search and rescue) community, more specifically, the 41 RQS, are instrumental in building a bigger, more holistic approach to how we conduct and execute our mission.

“For as long as this partnership has been around, this squadron and our community continues to reap the benefits of experiencing how each respective partner and individ- ual unit integrate into and provide capability to the joint fight,” Richardson added. “This exchange program allows (U.S. Air Force) members to work with our French partners, while also allowing us to incorporate (Mic- ka’s) expertise into our own programs.”

Throughout his career, Micka said he’s gratified to have flown over 2,000 flight hours, completed 650 missions in hostile ter- ritory and participated in 13 deployments, but nothing yet compares to his first save.

“My first save was of a wounded Afghan child when I was a young co-pilot in this unit,” said Micka. “It was such an adrenaline rush and special moment for me. You don’t realize the impacts of everything you’re ac- complishing on a mission because you’re so in the moment. When you land and think about all the training you did to save someone’s life, it’s the best feeling in the world.”

Another great feeling for Micka is the abil- ity to become a more proficient pilot during

deployments. According to him, one aspect of accomplishing this doesn’t always involve maneuvering the controls in the cockpit.

“There’s nothing like being (entrenched) in an international coalition environment to achieve one goal,” said Micka. “The opportu- nity to build relationships, share tactics and familiarize myself with the 30 nations I’ve de- ployed alongside with has been great.”

Micka credits this exposure of different

nation’s aircraft and pilots for helping him prepare for his biggest challenge thus far.

“Overcoming the language barrier and im- proving my minimal English skills has been one of the hardest tests for me since my ar- rival (at Moody AFB),” said Micka. “Over time, I’ve sufficiently progressed through the process by getting accustomed to hearing dif- ferent accents in flight and in the simulator, reading emails and talking with my com- rades.”

As the 41 RQS ADO, Micka recently fin- ished his HH-60 qualification training. In the near future, he hopes to accomplish his main desire as part of the exchange program.

“One of the biggest purposes of the pro- gram is to deploy to save lives and brag about your combat experience,” said Micka. “It’s been my favorite part of the job since I’ve started. I’m doing the same mission I love, just in a different unit.”

Micka added that the program is so much more than one pilot getting to experience an- other country’s tactics and training. Accord- ing to him, it’s also about being able share what he’s learned.

“I hope to take my experiences back home to better help the 67th Helicopter Squa- dron,” said Micka. “My next goal is be their squadron commander and overall serve in the Air Force for as long as possible. Being open-minded and embracing challenges never mind helped me succeed. It hasn’t been an easy process, but it’s all definitely been worth it.”



Commandant Micka, a French exchange pilot and assistant director of operations for the 41st Rescue Squadron, actuates switches in a HH-60G Pavehawk, Aug. 2, 2017, at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. Prior to his arrival at the 41st RQS, Micka transitioned from flying the French air force’s EC-725 Caracal helicopter to learn the HH-60. Since his childhood, Micka aspired to serve and fly for the French and U.S. military as a rescue pilot.

BLAZE Hangar Tails: A-29 Super Tucano

Mission

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Empty weight: 3,200 kg (7,055 lb)

Max. takeoff weight: 5,400 kg (11,905 lb)

Maximum speed: 590 km/h (319 knots, 367 mph)

Cruise speed: 520 km/h (281 knots, 323 mph)

Stall speed: 148 km/h (80 knots, 92 mph)

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Range: 720 nmi (827 mi, 1,330 km)

Combat radius: 550 km (300 nmi, 342 mi) (hi-lo-hi profile, 1,500 kg (3,300 lb) of external stores)[174]

Ferry range: 1,541 nmi (1,774 mi, 2,855 km) [175]

Service ceiling: 10,668 m (35,000 ft)

Rate of climb: 24 m/s (1600 fpm)



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Dillian Bamman

Chris Carlson, a Sierra Nevada Corporation senior pilot, taxis an A-29 Super Tucano on the flightline during its first arrival, Sept. 26, 2014, at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. The 81st Fighter Squadron trains Afghan Air Force pilots at Moody AFB, and to date 17 pilots and 48 maintainers have been trained and have returned to Afghan- istan.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sonic Johnson

ALS class treated to lunch

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Members of Columbus Air Force Base Airman Leadership School Class 17-6 were treated to lunch Aug. 19 at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Stennis Lock and Dam East Bank in Columbus.

The Columbus Chamber of Commerce’s Military Affairs Committee and the local chapter of the Air Force Association hosted the event. The class and their families were also joined by several commanders, superinten- dents, first sergeants and their families.

ALS instructors travel to Columbus AFB from Maxwell AFB, Alabama, twice a year to hold the five-week course, saving the Air Force substantial travel dollars. The MAC and the AFA then team up to host the classes for a picnic at an off-base recreational facility to help introduce the members to a part of the community they may have yet to visit.

LEFT: Members of Columbus Air Force Base Airman Leadership School Class 17-6, 14th Flying Training Wing leadership and others pause for a picture during a picnic Aug. 19, 2017, at the U.S. Army Corps of En- gineers Stennis Lock and Dam East Bank in Columbus, Mississippi. The Columbus Chamber of Commerce’s Military Affairs Committee and the local chapter of the Air Force Association hosted the event.

Leadership structure is adaptable

Maj. Doug Hickey
14th Force Support Squadron
Commander

The topic of “leadership” is nothing new to the military environment, rather its basic structure is the foundation of success in various arenas. As creatures of habit, we tend to follow the typical hierarchical arrangement focused on lines of authority, communication, rights and duties of an organization.

This approach seems to be a pretty standard template, however, subjectivity must come into play in terms of how leadership is demonstrated and cultivated in the organization by individual leaders at all levels in response to the multitude of variables faced on a daily basis.

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I am a firm believer that things do need structure, but will also note that we need to be adaptable and willing to change in order to make improvements and achieve success. Status quo is no longer something viewed as acceptable in the business industry. We, in the Force Support Squadron, a customer service business, are experiencing this necessity for change first hand in the form of a Force Support Squadron restructure across the Air

Force which is likely unknown to other career fields. As part of this process, we are moving from a current structure having five flights to a flatter structure of nine distinct flights with the intent of providing both additional leadership and career development opportunities to the military and civilian workforces and removing unnecessary layers of management.

According to Forbes Magazine studies, this move to a more horizontal structure has

proven to increase transparency across all aspects of organizations, tear down “structural” walls, help streamline communication and collaboration within the workplace, empower staff, and improve networking.

Subjectivity comes into play when leaders exercise their right to determine when command and control, teamwork, and change are necessary. In essence, we must come to terms with the fact that the way we work is changing and be willing to take risks and challenge outdated ways of doing things.

In closing, some form of structure is key to stability is all aspects of life, but we cannot be blind to the fact that change is also necessary. The world is changing around us. Embrace it and enjoy the ride.

Afghan Air Force A-29 Training Extended to 2020

23rd Wing Public Affairs

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — The Secretary of the Air Force approved the Afghan Air Force A-29 training program to be extended here until Dec. 31, 2020.

This extension is based on the Afghanistan Air Force receiving six additional A-29 Super Tucano aircraft driving requirements for nine more pilots and 20 maintainers.

Since 2013, the United States Air Force has procured 20 A-29 aircraft for training and operational use by the Afghan Air Force. Training for these aircraft is conducted at Moody Air Force Base per a June 2014 strategic basing decision.

To support the training mission, the 81st Fighter Squadron was established in October 2014 and students began training in February 2015. The training plan was designed to produce 30 pilots and 90 maintainers through December 2018. To date, 17 pilots and 48 maintainers have been trained and have returned to Afghanistan.

For additional questions please contact Moody Air Force Base Public Affairs at 229-257-4146.



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1980 - 1990 GENERATION

US Air Force: Technology Milestones for 1980s

Missiles, Missile Defense, Tactical Missiles, and Related Technology

January 11, 1981: The Boeing Company delivered the first USAF air-launched cruise missiles to the 416th Bombardment Wing at Griffiss Air Force Base, New York. Capable of delivering a nuclear weapon to a target 1,500 miles away, the new missiles contained a terrain-contour-matching system that allows extremely low-altitude flight to avoid detection by enemy radar. (Haulman)

May 2, 1981: An airborne laser destroyed an aerial target for the first time when the Airborne Laser Laboratory (ALL), a modified KC-135 aircraft armed with a carbon dioxide laser, shot down a drone over White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. Two years later, the ALL successfully shot down five Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, proving its utility as an antimissile system. (Haulman)

October 2, 1981: President Ronald Reagan announced that the M-X missile would be deployed initially in existing missile silos. (Haulman)

July 1, 1982: United States Air Forces in Europe activated the 501st Tactical Missile Wing at Royal Air Force Greenham Common, United Kingdom. This unit was the first of six ground-launched cruise missile wings in Europe. (Haulman)

February 3, 1983: To modernize America’s retaliatory capability, Strategic Air Command completed the retrofitting of 300 Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles with new reentry systems. (Haulman)

July, 1984: The first Harpoon (AGM-84) missile was delivered to the 69th Bombardment Squadron, 42d Bombardment Wing, Loring Air Force Base, Maine. B-52s could launch the missiles to destroy enemy ships. (Haulman)

August 28, 1984: A C-5 Galaxy arrived at Florennes Air Base, Belgium, with the first shipment of support equipment for ground-launched cruise missiles in Europe. (Haulman)

August 23, 1985: Air Force Systems Command successfully conducted its first “cold launch” from an underground silo, a modified Minuteman launch facility at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. The cold-launch technique ejected the missile from the silo by gas pressure, and the propellant ignited after it became airborne. This technique caused less damage to the silo and reduced the time needed for another launch. (Haulman)

June 19, 1986: All USAF Rapier surface-to-air missile units in Europe became operationally ready. (Haulman)

October 10, 1986: The Air Force placed the LGM-118A, also called the Peacekeeper or MX missile, on alert duty. Each of these new intercontinental ballistic missiles could deliver warheads to 10 different targets. (Haulman)

December 8, 1987: The United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, agreeing to remove all intermediate-range (620–3,415 statute miles) missiles from Europe.

The agreement resulted in the inactivation of six USAF tactical missile wings equipped with ground-launched cruise missiles. (Haulman)

May 5, 1987: Strategic Air Command removed the last liquid-fueled Titan II missile from alert duty at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, ending the operational life of the nation’s largest intercontinental ballistic missile and the last one with liquid fuel. (Haulman)

May 4, 1990: The AIM-120A advanced medium-range air-to-air missile passed its final flight test for use on U.S. fighters. (Haulman)

New Aircraft Technology

March 17, 1981: McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company delivered the first KC-10A Extender tanker/cargo aircraft to Strategic Air Command. Substantially larger than the KC-135 tanker/cargo aircraft, the Extender not only could carry more fuel and cargo, but also could refuel more types of aircraft, including other KC-10s. On June 21, 1982, Strategic Air Command conducted a successful aerial refueling only 750 miles from the South Pole. During this southernmost in-flight refueling, a KC-10A Extender transferred 67,400 pounds of aviation fuel to a Military Airlift Command transport that was conducting resupply operations in Antarctica. (Haulman)



The primary mission of the KC-10A Extender was aerial refueling, but it also carried cargo and passengers. (Haulman)

June 18, 1981: The F-117 Nighthawk, the world’s first stealth combat aircraft, flew for the first time. Hal Farley piloted the revolutionary aircraft, which presented very little radar image, at Tonopah Test Range, Nevada. (Haulman) By 1983, the Air Force declared the system operational, and by 1986, thirty-six F-117s had been delivered, with the remaining twenty-six delivered by July 1990. (Dr. Paul G. Kaminsky) On November 10, 1988, the Air Force revealed the F-117 stealth fighter to the public for the first time. Manufactured by Lockheed, the F-117 could evade most radar detection with its radical shape and radar-absorbent surface. (Haulman)

September 15, 1981: Strategic Air Command received its first TR-1A reconnaissance aircraft. Built by Lockheed-California, this improved and enlarged version of

the U-2 reconnaissance aircraft could conduct all-weather day-and-night missions at altitudes exceeding 70,000 feet. (Haulman)

September 6, 1976: A Soviet pilot landed his MiG-25 Foxbat jet fighter in Hokkaido, Japan, and asked for asylum in the United States. Japanese and U.S. officials closely examined the aircraft and on November 15, returned it, dismantled, to the Soviet Union.

November 5, 1981: The first operational EF-111A defense-suppression aircraft was delivered to the 388th Electronic Combat Squadron at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. The EF-111A would eventually replace EB-66 and EB-57 aircraft to provide worldwide support of tactical air strike forces. (Haulman)

January 8, 1986: Military Airlift Command accepted delivery of its first C-5B Galaxy, an improved version of the C-5A, at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma. On October 4, 1989, a 60th Military Airlift Wing crew landed a C-5B Galaxy in Antarctica for the first time. With a load of 72 passengers and 84 tons of cargo, including two fully assembled Bell UH-1N helicopters, the huge aircraft landed without skis at McMurdo Station. (Haulman)

August 23, 1990: The 89th Military Airlift Wing received the first of two Boeing VC-25A presidential transport aircraft at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. The VC-25A was a modified 747-200B commercial transport that replaced the VC-137C for service as Air Force One. (Haulman)

Space

September 1, 1982: The Air Force activated Space Command, redesignated Air Force Space Command on November 15, 1985, following activation of United States Space Command—a joint organization—at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, on September 23, 1985. Between April 1 and May 1, 1983, the Air Force transferred 31 units and four installations from Strategic Air Command to Space Command, which took over missile warning and space surveillance systems. (Haulman)

September 13, 1985: The first antisatellite intercept test took place when a weapon launched from an F-15 successfully destroyed a satellite orbiting at a speed of 17,500 miles per hour approximately 290 miles above Earth. (Haulman)

June 14, 1989: On its first launch, the Martin Marietta Titan IV heavy-lift booster, nearly 20 stories tall, successfully lifted a Defense Department satellite into orbit. (Haulman)

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Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter at @columbusafbliving, Instagram at columbus_afb_living, or visit our website at www.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.

‘Get Connected’ Dodgeball Tournament

The Columbus Club is offering a free Dirty Dodgeball tournament Aug. 25. Learn how to get connected and stay connected with your club membership program. The tournament includes a team costume/uniform contest at 7 p.m. and tournament starts at 7:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, email paul.heagerty@us.af.mil.

Youth Fall Soccer

The Youth Center is offering Youth Fall Soccer for ages 3-18. All games played on base. Save \$5 if registered by Aug. 25; registration ends Sept. 15. Volunteer coaches needed. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Free Fitness Run/Walk

The Youth Center is offering a free fitness run/walk at 8 a.m. Aug. 26. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Free Bowl with a Pro

The Bowling Center is offering free bowling with Bob Learn and Matt McNeil at 11 a.m. Aug. 26. For information, contact 434-3426.

Grandparents Day Free Craft

Stop by the Base Library and create a Grandparent’s Day card during normal business hours Aug. 28-31. For more information, contact 434-2934.

New Pool Hours

The base pool hours are Saturday and Sunday from noon–7 p.m. until Sept 3. Lap swim is available Monday-Friday 6-7:30 a.m. until Sept. 22, Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.-noon. until Sept. 3. Last day of open rec swim will be Labor Day, Sept. 4. For more information, contact 434-2505.

End of Summer Pool Party

Independence Pool is offering an End of Summer Pool Party at 5 p.m. Sept. 3, that includes food, fun and jumpers. There will also be a free movie, “Captain Underpants,” at 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact 434-2507.

Free Movie at the Library

The Base Library is offering a free movie, “Boss Baby,” at 5 p.m. Sept. 7. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Brats and Brews

Celebrate the 70th Birthday of the Air Force with the Columbus Club from 5:30-11 p.m. Sept. 9. The cost is \$5 club

BOWL WITH A PRO

Bob Learn & Matt McNeil



August 26th at 11 a.m.

Advanced Lane Play and Ball Motion Session • (3) Hours

0 Presentation - Understanding lane play and ball motion

0 1 ½ Hours of on-lane instruction

Pro-Am Tournament Session • (3) Hours

0 Bowl three games with attendees

0 Qualify for feature match with Professionals

0 Giveaway prizes!

**The Bowling Center**
Phone: 434-3426

**IN ADDITION:**
30 Min Trick Shot Session!
Will perform trick shots, including some w/ attendees

members and \$7 non-members; includes brat, brew and ticket for single brew refill for \$1. This is an adult only event. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Ladies Bowling League

The Bowling Center is offering a ladies bowling league Sept. 11. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Free Annual Day for Kids

The Youth Center is offering a free day for kids from 4-5:30 p.m. Sept. 22. Enjoy fun, food and prizes. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Free Sprint Triathlon

The Fitness Center is offering a free Sprint Triathlon at 7 a.m. Sept. 23 at Independence Pool. Each adult participant will swim 300 meters, bike 22K, and run 5K. Individual, team, and youth categories available. For ages **5 years and up**. For more information, contact 434-2772.

The Overrun Open Friday Nights

The Overrun is open Fridays from 4:30 p.m. until midnight. For more information, contact 434-2419.

Library Hours of Operation

The Base Library hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Play Paintball

Book your next paintball event at Outdoor Recreation. The cost is \$10 per person for party of 10 or more; \$15 per person for party of nine or less. You must purchase paint at Outdoor Recreation for \$50 per case of 2,000 paint balls. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Lawn Mower and Bicycle Repair

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

Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed

Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? Arts & Crafts is looking for craft instructors, for more information, contact 434-7836.

Referees Needed

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

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, contact 434-3426.

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.

Instructors Needed

The Youth Center is seeking instructors for tumbling classes, dance classes, piano and guitar lessons. For more information, contact the Youth Center.

Fitness on Request

Columbus Air Force Base 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. Contact 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.

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

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 29 and is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is at the Columbus Club. For more information or to register, call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop is from 1-2 p.m. Aug 29 and allows the Veterans Affairs 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.

Smooth Move

The Smooth Move class is from 10-11:30 a.m. Sept. 7. The class provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. Attendees will learn what to expect from the Travel Management Office, housing, military pay, legal, billeting, TRICARE, medical records, and the Airman and Family Readiness Center. To register, call 434-2790.

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

The Transition Assistance Program Workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 11-15. The workshop will have seminars about: transition, military occupational code crosswalk, financial planning, health benefits, Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP, Department of Labor TAP portion. Pre-separation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance is eight to 12 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. For more information or to register, call 434-2790.

Career Technical Training

The Career Technical Training is a transition event and is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 18-19 and explores technical careers for post military personnel using VA Educational benefits. It is conducted by CALIBRE, private company contracted by DVA. Prior registration is required, company requires 10 days notification and must have minimum of eight participates. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

Federal USAJobs Workshop

The workshop is at 10:30 a.m Sept. 20 and involves advice/tips on writing resumes, applications and job searching when using USAJobs. For more information or to register, call 434-2790.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
Airmen from Columbus Air Force Base Airman Leadership School Class 17-6 run in formation Aug. 22, 2017, on Columbus AFB, Mississippi. Lt. Col. Charles Gilliam, 48th Flying Training Squadron Commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Bradley Reilly, 14th Operations Group Superintendent, ran with the ALS class in formation. ALS is a professional military education course that develops Airmen into effective frontline supervisors.

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The entrepreneurship workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 21. The workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested in 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. Sept. 25-26. Attendees will learn how to establish and use a Linked-In account. To register or for more information, please call 434-2790.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program is from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 28 and is a monthly event intended to provide community bonding, fun and appreciation for the families of active-duty personnel who are deployed, remote, or on an extended temporary duty assignment. Food and activities are provided. For more information or to register, call 434-2790.

Resume and Cover Letter

The Resume and Cover letter workshop is from 9-10:30 a.m. Oct. 4. The workshop helps with preparing and writing an effective civilian resume and cover letter. To sign up, call 434-2839/2790.

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 takes place 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 Airman and Family Readiness Center. Pre-deployment is at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment is at 1:30 p.m. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

Survivor-Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan. As with all good decision-making, you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision, and be wary of anyone telling you they can offer you a better deal. Always get the true facts about the SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling (662) 434-2720.

Military and Family Life Consultant Program

The MFLC counselors provide non-medical counseling to help Airmen (both single and married), their spouses and other family members to

cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges such as marital issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All consultants are licensed mental health providers. Counselors can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC, call 662-364-0504.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Personal Financial Readiness

Make the most of your money. Contact 662-998-0411, or 434-2790 for an appointment. Get help managing finances, resolving financial problems and reaching long-term goals such as getting an education, buying a home and planning for retirement.

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)
4:30 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 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
Wednesdays:
4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal
Thursdays:
5:30 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)

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

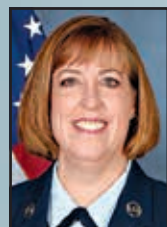
14th FTW command structure:

A look at your wing

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Group Superintendent

14th Operations Group



Col. Stan Lawrie
Group Commander



Chief Master Sgt. Brad Reilly
Group Superintendent

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Lt. Col. Jennifer Baggott
Commander



14th Medical Operations Squadron
Lt. Col. Matthew Ostler
Commander

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Lt. Col. Joshua Rogers
14 OG Deputy Commanders



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Lt. Col. William Free
Commander



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Lt. Col. Brent Drown
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Lt. Col. John Macasek
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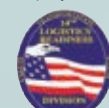


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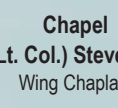
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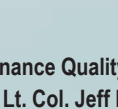
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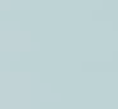
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