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The Dispatch is preparing to honor military veterans and active service members from the Golden Triangle in a special Veterans Day tribute section. We’re asking veterans or their families to complete and submit this form, along with photos that can be used in the publication. Submissions can be made in person, through the mail or by email. All physical photos submitted will be scanned and available for pick up after the publication prints on Sunday, Nov. 5. **Deadline for submissions is Oct. 20.**

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Sunday Rain High 87°F Low 61°F	Monday Partly Cloudy High 76°F Low 49°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight.

News Briefs

Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

Retiree Appreciation Day

Columbus Air Force Base will host a Retiree Appreciation Day from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Columbus Club. The event will feature an information fair and guest speaker Col. Guy Majkowski, the 14th Medical Group Commander.

Base Trick or Treating

Columbus Air Force Base will host base trick-or-treating from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 28. Children will be able to trick-or-treat through Capitol, State and Magnolia housing and fill their bags with candy.

Inside



Feature 8

Photos from the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo are highlighted in this week’s feature.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gross

Tech. Sgt. George MacEachern, 14th Medical Operations Squadron bioenvironmental engineer technician, shows students hazardous materials response equipment Oct. 3, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. Airmen from 14th MDOS showed some of the various careers that are available in the health field.

Airmen showcase AF opportunities to 7,000 students during career expo

By Staff Sgt. Christopher Gross
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

TUPELO, Miss. – More than 110 Airmen from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, spent several days showing more than 7,000 eighth-grade students, from 17 northeast Mississippi counties, some of the vast career opportunities the Air Force offers

during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo Oct. 3-5 at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo.

The expo was hosted by the CREATE Foundation and was sponsored by Toyota and more than 150 organizations. Airmen from Columbus AFB represented seven of the 18 career pathways

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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
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41st (18-10)	2.96 days	3.30 days	Nov. 16	50th (18-01)	12.05 days	-1.82 days	Oct. 27					T-1	308	239	239
* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.												T-38	385	398	398
												IFF	146	158	158

The graduation speaker for SUPT Class 18-01 on Oct. 27 is Col. Joel Carey, 12th Flying Training Wing Commander.

EXPO

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including aerospace, communications, engineering, government and public administration, health sciences, logistics and law and public safety; and within those pathways a total of 21 careers were showcased.

“Our motto for Imagine is ‘hands on, minds on,’” said Albine Bennett, coordinator of the Imagine the Possibilities expo and director of communications for the CREATE Foundation. “These eighth-graders ... think they know, or they might have an inkling [of what they want to do] but this is important not only to connect them to pathways but also connect them to mentors and individuals in our community who are in the careers that they aspire to be, so it’s important to connect our youth with our community and our business world and other organizations to show them what’s available.”

Bennett said the expo focused on eighth grade because as they enter ninth grade they begin choosing classes for a particular pathway. She said she hopes this expo sets them on the correct pathway to finish high school and get them started in the career they aspire to be a part of and succeed.

Some of those pathways can be found in the Air Force and that’s why Airmen from Columbus AFB attended, to inspire students and engage with them about the opportunities that await them if they do good in school.

“We want everybody else to understand that the Air Force is just not ... go deploy and it’s a warfighter,” said Master Sgt. Cory Little, 14th Security Forces Squadron Superintendent. “We want them to understand as well that we have stuff back here in the United States and abroad where we have a lot of the same career paths that are out in the civilian [sector] as well and it’s just a different way of doing it and actually serving.”

Little’s squadron showed students how they can be a part of the Air Force in a law enforcement capacity and also how they work with other local police and sheriff departments. Students were able to strike bags with foam baton sticks and 14th SFS Airmen even dressed in a protective RedMan suit and students were able to strike and yell out instructions until the Airman complied. Once the Airman complied, they were instructed to stop hitting.

Little said the participation was very rewarding and he hopes the students who attended grasp an idea, or several, that allows them to be inspired to pursue a particular career.

Bennett said the foundation is very appreciative the Air Force is able to show students the avenues the military provides.

“Our partnership with the Columbus Air Force Base is amazing, we are so thankful to have [them] on board,” Bennett said. “What makes the partnership special is that [the Airmen] are in different pathways which is amazing because these students can see what opportunities are available to them from different perspectives and it helps them realize that you can be a part of the Air Force or any other military branch and still be a part of the society and do your duty.”

Careers from the medical field were also represented by Airmen. Capt. David Marks, 14th Medical Operations Squadron Mental Health, said although the Air Force’s main objective is air superiority, “it takes so many people to support the effort, [and it’s] important for young folks to see what we do.”

At such a young age, Marks said the students probably don’t know what to pursue and it can be hard to push past that point.

“It’s a lot easier to start making goals like going to college and ... I think it’s just important to get a more clear vision of what they can do,” Marks said.

He said expos such as Imagine allow children to dream and “with those dreams they can set goals.”

See more photos on pages 8 and 9.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
16	17 Wing New-comers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	18	19	20 Retiree Appreciation Day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. @ Club	21/22 21st: MSU vs. Kentucky/Alabama vs. Tennessee	Oct. 31: Enlisted Promotions/Quarterly Awards Nov. 3: SUPT Class 18-02 Assignment Night Nov. 4: LSU vs. Alabama/UMass vs. MSU Nov. 9: International Spouses Luncheon Nov. 11: Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony Nov. 11: MSU vs. Alabama Nov. 14: Wing Newcomers Orientation Nov. 15: Hearts Apart Nov. 16: Daedalian’s Meeting Nov. 16: Dorm Dinner Nov. 17: SUPT Class 18-02 Graduation Nov. 18: Mercer vs. Alabama
23	24	25	26	27 SUPT Class 18-01 Graduation	28/29 28th: Base Trick or Treating, 6-8 p.m. @ Capitol, State & Magnolia housing 28th & 29th: Autocross, @ SAC Ramp	

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News Around Town

Oct. 13

Columbus Arts Council will host OctoBEER Fest 5:30 p.m. Oct. 13 in Northside Columbus. Their goal is bring the community together, strengthen relationships, and raise awareness of all the good downtown Columbus has to offer. They’ll have great German cuisine, and a selection of craft beers from Better Brands in West Point. Guests are asked to bring cash donations for the cause.

Oct. 14

The Mississippi State University football team will face off against Brigham Young University Oct. 14 at Davis Wade Stadium in Starkville, Mississippi.

Oct. 19-21

Celebrated novelist Daniel Wallace returns as the keynote author of the 29th annual Eudora Welty Writers’ Symposium, Oct. 19-21. Wallace will start off the symposium with his reading in Poindexter Hall’s Connie Sills Kossen auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19, followed by a book signing with all symposium authors. For a list of times and speakers, visit

http://www.muw.edu/welty. All symposium events will be held on the Mississippi University for Women campus and are free and open to the public.

Oct. 20-21

Caledonia Days 2017 are Oct. 20-21 at Ola J. Pickett Park in Caledonia, Mississippi. Food and craft vendors are open from 5-10 p.m. and live music begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 20. The vendors and local entertainment continue from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 21.

Oct. 27

Jason Aldean, country music singer, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Nov. 2

A Vietnam Veterans Memorial replica wall dedication begins at 10 a.m. Nov. 2 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Tupelo, Mississippi. This 300-foot permanent memorial is inscribed with the names of 58,267 veterans killed or are missing in action from the Vietnam War.

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Nellis AFB surgeons, UMC combine efforts to treat Las Vegas shooting victims

Senior Airman Kevin Tanenbaum
99th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

LAS VEGAS — “On Oct. 1, 2017, at 10:08 p.m., I was asleep in my bed like every Sunday before that,” said Maj. Charles Chesnut, a general surgeon assigned to the 99th Medical Group, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. “About an hour and a half later, I was awakened by the Air Combat Command emergency notification system: ‘Avoid downtown Las Vegas – active shooter on the strip.’”

Chesnut, along with three general and three resident surgeons assigned to the 99th MDG, responded to the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada to help treat patients injured during the recent active shooter incident in downtown Las Vegas.

“Within two hours after the incident, all the resuscitation bays were full and six patients were being operated on by trauma surgeons,” said Chesnut. “Everyone worked together taking care of these patients to do some good in the face of evil. We treated over 100 patients, ranging from surgical procedures to end of life care.”

The Air Force and civilian surgeons

worked hand-in-hand through the night to treat patients’ visible wounds in the operating rooms, while also addressing invisible wounds at the bedsides.

“We held their hands as they charged their cellphones, so they could reach out to family members who feared for their lives,” said Chesnut.

After a few hours, time blurred as the second wave of injured patients arrived around 3 a.m. from smaller hospitals that no longer had the capacity to treat.

“The environment down there was controlled chaos, but the disaster response plan that the hospital had in place for a mass casualty worked,” said Chesnut. “At no point did I feel like our capacity was overwhelmed.”

As 7 a.m. approached, the influx of patients ended, and the UMC began to settle.

“Days like we experienced at UMC are the toughest ones, when you have multiple patients injured while multiple patients are continuing to come to the hospital,” said Col. Brandon Snook, a surgeon assigned to the 99th MDG. “Those are some of the toughest days, but also very rewarding. We all see a problem and do what we



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kevin Tanenbaum
Lt. Col. Jason Compton and Maj. Charles Chesnut, 99th Medical Group general surgeons, pose for a portrait in the Mike O'Callaghan Military Medical Center at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, Oct. 3, 2017. The surgeons were two members of the team that took in trauma patients at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada during the Las Vegas shooting Oct. 1, 2017.

can to fix it to help out patients.”

“The acts of one person aren’t the acts of many,” said Chesnut. “That one man did terrible things to almost 600 people, but as we’ve seen in the days following,

hundreds of people have done amazing things to recover.”

(Editor's note: This is the second part of a three part series focusing on Nellis' support in the aftermath of the Las Vegas shooting.)

HEALING

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toiletries as well as adding some home cooking to the mix.

“I was starting to get antsy after the hurricanes – feeling guilty and helpless that I couldn’t help,” said Lauren, mother of twin boys and wife of Tech. Sgt. Alex Stephens, 58th Rescue Squadron pararescue-man. “So, I have made soup, baked cookies and other baked goods for the folks at UMC.”

Lauren said this is the first disaster of this magnitude she has faced in her five years as a military spouse, while Shannon said this attitude of giving is typical of the military spouse community she has known in her 10 and a half years as a military spouse.

“We’re used to picking up where there’s slack or when there’s a need,” said Shannon. “So, if there’s a need, we fill it because we know what it feels like to not hear from your loved ones and not know what’s going on in tragedy and loss.”

As the Las Vegas community heals, the Nellis AFB community will continue to provide support to Airmen, families and the community in any ways it can.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kevin Tanenbaum
Shannon Janelle, mother of two and wife of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Janelle, an instructor assigned to the Nellis Air Force Base First Term Airman Center, carries water to a donation site in downtown Las Vegas, Oct. 5, 2017. Shannon teamed with more than 30 spouses, friends and families to collect donated items for those at Sunrise Hospital, the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, the Las Vegas Convention Center and the Las Vegas fire and police departments.

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CAFB Airmen to compete in Alpha Warrior at Hurlburt AFB

Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
14th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Seven Airmen completed their qualification for the Alpha Warrior competition Oct. 2 here.

Columbus AFB will send seven members to compete in the Alpha Warrior course Oct. 14 at Hurlburt Field, Florida, where they will try to complete the course in the fastest time to reach the No. 1 spot in this year’s event.

The event will start off with a meet and greet of pro Alpha Warrior members Oct. 13.

Twenty-two Air Force bases will participate in the Alpha Warrior Air Force Tour Regional Qualifiers, and any Defense Department ID card holders can participate. The goal is to complete the Battle Rig (obstacle course) with a 100-percent completion rate in the fastest time to progress past the regionals.

“Eating right at the right time will be helpful to have a good competition at Hurlburt Field,” said Airman 1st Class Spencer Hurlburt,



Airmen complete their qualification for the Alpha Warrior competition Oct. 2, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Columbus AFB will be sending seven members to compete in the Alpha Warrior course at Hurlburt Field, Florida, they will be trying to complete the course in the fastest time to reach the number one spot in this year's event.

14th Operations Support Squadron airfield systems technician. “At the end of the day I’m very excited to represent my base and have a good time.”

The competition will be considered a permissive temporary duty

assignment for the athletes.

“The thing we are excited for is testing it out for ourselves and see how well we can perform against other bases,” said Carly Jones, 48th Flying Training Squadron Instructor Pilot.



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
Airmen recover after qualifying for the Alpha Warrior competition Oct. 2, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Alpha Warrior competition will be Oct. 14 at Hurlburt Field, Florida, with a meet and greet of pro Alpha Warrior members Oct. 13.

Jones and her husband both qualified and will attempt to compete on the same course they have seen on television for a few years now.

All the individuals competing from Columbus AFB

said this event has been helpful in keeping them ready for physical training and helping them stay in their best shape so they perform to the best of their abilities at Hurlburt Field.

Base Exchange to host Women's Day Event

The Columbus Air Force Base Exchange will host a Women’s Day Event from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 20. The event includes the Grand Opening of the Beauty Salon, Retiree Appreciation Day and several other things going on that day. The Salon’s Hours will be Tuesday – Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and closed Sunday and Monday.

Professional Development Bullet-Writing Seminar

A professional development bullet-writing seminar is from 8-9 a.m. Oct. 25 at the Education Center, building 916, room 6. This class is targeted to all enlisted junior Airmen, junior NCOs, and civilians looking to strengthen their professional writing ability. Please register at <https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-ED-AE-31/Course%20Registration/Registration/Registration.aspx>.

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| Nov. 4: | MSU vs. UMASS |
| Nov. 23: | MSU vs. Ole Miss |

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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

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Jason Michaels

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14th Force Support Squadron Marketing

The 14th Force Support Squadron is proud to present an international award-winning illusionist at 8 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Kaye Auditorium. This is a free family friendly show.

Jason Michaels, better known as “The Card Shark,” is a dynamic entertainer with astounding expertise in the arts of deception. He has been a student of sleight of hand, illusion and theater for nearly 25 years.

A storyteller by heart, Jason loves to blend impossible mysteries with unforgettable tales of adventure, danger and romance. Michaels has performed all over the world including London, Las Vegas, Shanghai, Beijing, Chicago, Atlantic City, Orlando, and his home, Nashville.

Opening for Michaels is comedy magician Ben Young. Young has performed his unique brand of comedy magic from New York to the Las Vegas Strip.

Young’s show focuses on the fun group experience. He believes magic is a true theatrical art form and has a quirky, twisted and absolutely hilarious interpretation. Outside of the entertainment history, Young holds a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and is a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

“It’s great that our Airmen have the opportunity to enjoy two world-class magicians, for free right here a Columbus AFB,” stated Paul Heagerty, 14th FSS event POC.

This Illusionist Tour is a LiveStage Production brought to you by Air Force Entertainment, a part of the Air Force Services Activity. AFE’s ongoing mission is to provide installations with no-cost quality entertainment.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

14th Medical Group

Not counting skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States.

When breast cancer is found early, treatment is most effective, and many women go on to live long and healthy lives. Getting screened does not prevent breast cancer, but if you have it, screening gives you a much better chance of finding it early and of surviving it.

Mammograms are the best tests for finding breast cancer early. Mammograms are a series of X-ray pictures of the breast that allow doctors to look for early signs of breast cancer before it can be felt. Most women who are 40 and older should have a mammogram every one to two years. Women should discuss with their doctor when they should start screenings and how often depending on their personal history.

Scientists are studying how to best prevent breast cancer. Some ways to lower your risk of getting breast cancer include: staying physically active by getting regular exercise, maintain a healthy weight, avoid using hormone replacement therapy (HRT) or find out the risks and benefits of HRT, and if it is right for you, limit the amount of alcohol you drink.

Some warning signs of breast cancer may include: a lump or pain in the breast, a lump that has changed, a change in the size or shape of the breast, thickening or swelling of part of the breast, irritation or dimpling of breast skin, redness or flaky skin on the breast, pulling in of the nipple or pain in the nipple area that does not go away, and blood or any other fluid from the nipple that is not milk when nursing a baby. Other conditions can cause these symptoms also. It is best to be seen by a primary provider to discuss any concerning symptoms.

All TRICARE beneficiaries age 40 and older can refer themselves for a screening mammogram without a doctor’s order or referral.

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Our Disease Manager can assist with scheduling your mammogram at our local facilities and other surrounding areas. Please call 662-434-2396 for any assistance needed with scheduling your mammogram or obtaining your results. Additional information can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast>.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Air Force Sergeant’s Association Chapter 651 meet with Mississippi District 1 Congressman Trent Kelly in his downtown Columbus office recently to discuss issues affecting Columbus AFB Airmen and families. As AFSA’s mission is “Defending the Enlisted Corps and the Families since 1961,” the organization represents Airmen and their families in Congress, the Department of Defense, the VA, and more.

Columbus AFB AFSA Chapter 651 meets with local congressman

Members of the Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Air Force Sergeant’s Association Chapter 651 met with Mississippi District 1 Congressman Trent Kelly in his downtown Columbus office recently to discuss issues affecting Columbus AFB Airmen and their families.

The issues discussed included Basic Allowance for Housing, Tricare, the G.I. Bill, military pay raises and retirement systems.

The local chapter of the non-profit Professional Military Organization has over 400 active, Guard, Reserve, and retired members. As AFSA’s mission is “Defending the Enlisted Corps and the Families since 1961,” the organization represents Airmen and their families in Congress, the Department of Defense, the VA, and more. Chapter 651 meets the third Thursday of the month at noon at the Columbus Club.

President: Master Sgt. Kristina O’Meara;
Vice President: Master Sgt. Eric Severs

500th F-35 pilot takes to the sky

Eglin Air Force Base Public Affairs

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. —The Air Force trained and graduated the 500th F-35 Lightning II pilot across the joint and international enterprise Sept. 19, 2017, at Eglin Air Force Base.

Maj. Chris Campbell, 461st Flight Test Squadron director of operations, is an F-16 Fighting Falcon test pilot with more than 1,000 fighter hours and 245 combat hours. He began F-35 Lightning II fighter pilot training at the 33rd Fighter Wing this summer and became the 500th pilot to graduate the program.

“As a test pilot, working on the F-35 is an opportunity for me to be a real force-multiplier,” Campbell said. “Flying the F-35 has been a long-term goal of mine. I am thrilled to be part of the program and I hope to make a positive impact.”

While training as an F-35A student pilot, Campbell completed approximately 200 hours of academics, 14 simulators, a high-speed taxi and six flights in the aircraft before being deemed qualified.

The coursework takes full advantage of emerging technology by leveraging virtual reality training for pilots to compliment the military’s most advanced weapon system.

“As we discover new ways to employ the F-35 based on its expanding capabilities, we have to adapt the way we train our pilots to ensure they meet the needs of our combat air forces,” said Col. Paul D. Moga, 33rd FW commander. “The world of fifth-gen tactics is rapidly evolving. It is changing the way we think, train and execute as a joint and multi-national force.”

Since the first aircraft was delivered in 2011, the F-35 enterprise and integrated training program have delivered more than 200 additional jets, produced more than 4,500 maintainers and flown more than 100,000 hours.

“The F-35 and the capabilities it brings to the joint fight are key to the Air Force’s ability to dominate in any air-space,” Moga said. “The Airmen we train and graduate today are the finest in the world. Their skills, coupled with



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jensen Stidham

An Air Force F-35 Lightning II student pilot climbs into an F-35 at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, July 7, 2017. Since F-35 pilot training began in 2011, the Air Force has trained and graduated 500 pilots across the joint and international enterprise.

the survivability and lethality of this weapon system, will ensure continued air superiority for the U.S., our partners and our allies for decades to come. Five hundred down, thousands to go.

“This milestone represents the epitome of a team effort: active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian, contractor, Air Force and Navy personnel all coming together with a common purpose to accomplish a common mission - train and graduate outstanding professionals for the combat air forces.”

Campbell plans to use his experience as a legacy test pilot to help improve the fifth-generation fighter through

developmental testing on the aircraft.

“The F-35 will be the backbone of the Department of Defense’s tactical fighter fleet,” Campbell added. “Making the product better in the developmental test phase will have a huge positive impact on the combat Air Force in the future.”

Eglin AFB is one of two bases in Air Education and Training Command responsible for the F-35 training mission. Together, Eglin AFB and Luke AFB, Arizona, enable AETC to provide F-35 flying and maintenance training that are critical to the joint fight.

Nellis AFB spouses bring healing to Las Vegas community

Master Sgt. Heidi West

99th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — In the five days since the Route 91 Harvest Festival shooting, the Nellis Air Force Base and Las Vegas communities have found strength in unified actions to rebuild hope.

As Las Vegas moves toward a state of recovery, Nellis AFB spouses are combining efforts to provide for the needs of community volunteers, displaced family members and hospital staff.

“It feels nice to have something to be happy about in such a tragedy,” said Shannon Janelle, mother of two and wife of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Janelle, an instructor assigned to the Nellis AFB First Term Airman Center. “It’s nice to know you can lean on the people around you when something like this happens.”

Nellis AFB has been the only duty station for the Janelles in a 10-year career. Naturally, when disaster hit Oct. 1, 2017, they joined with neighbors and community businesses to shuttle items downtown.

“I don’t really have anything to donate, but I do have a car and gasoline,” said Shannon to her community of spouses. “So, if you have it, I’ll take it.”

Shannon teamed with more than 30 spouses, friends and families to collect donated items for those at Sunrise Hospital, the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, the Las Vegas Convention Center and the Las Vegas fire and police departments.

With an outpouring response from the community, Shannon transformed her home

into a drop-off location, where volunteers could pick up items for distribution.

“Within an hour of requesting help, it started to snowball and became huge,” said Shannon. “We were taking in so much stuff, our cars couldn’t hold it all. We collected anything that could keep people moving forward and help them get through the next week.”

Military spouse Lauren Stephens played an integral role in the distribution of collected drinks, snacks, blankets, clothing and

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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.

Suggested Reading at the Base Library

Stop by the Base Library during normal business hours during the months of October and November and check out a book for your reading pleasure. Suggested reading will feature books related to these special days/observances: fire prevention, cookbook, report card, Count Your Buttons, election, Halloween, Veteran’s Day and Thanksgiving. For more, information contact 434-2934.

BLAZE Book Club at the Library

If you are interested in reading and discussing popular books, stop by the Base Library and pick up “The Light Between Oceans” by M. L. Stedman during normal business hours. The BLAZE Book Club will meet at 6 p.m. Nov. 16 for discussion. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Free Family Friendly Magic Show

Air Force Entertainment presents Jason Michaels, an illusionist/magician, at 8 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Kaye Auditorium. For more information, contact 434-2405.

Glow in the Dark 5K Run/Walk

The Youth Center is offering a Glow in the Dark 5K Run/Walk at 6 p.m. Oct. 27. This is a free event for all ages. Sign up at the Youth Center no later than Oct. 17. For more information, contact 434-2504.

Free Breakfast for Club Members

Start your morning at the Overrun. The Columbus Club is offering free breakfast from 6:30-9 a.m. Oct. 17 for club members; \$8 non-members. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Fiesta Party

The Columbus Club is offering a Fiesta Party at 5 p.m. Oct. 20. Event includes an all-you-can-eat taco bar, drink specials, kid’s activities and music by DJ Hustle. The cost is \$7 members; \$9 non-members; \$5 ages 5 – 11; free for children age 4 and younger. For more information, contact 434-2489.

October Fun with the Library

Stop by the Base Library from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 24-28 and get creative decorating a paper pumpkin. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Decorate a Pin Contest

Decorate a bowling pin and win! Stop by the Bowling

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Friday, October 13

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For More Information Call 434-2405

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Center during normal business hours and pick up a pin. Drop off entry for judging by 9 a.m. Oct. 27. Judging will be at 1 p.m. Oct. 27. You do not have to be present for judging. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Decorate a Paper Pumpkin

Visit the Base Library from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Oct. 24–28 and decorate a paper pumpkin. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Fall Spooktacular

The Columbus Club is offering a free Fall Spooktacular at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28. The fun event includes candy, a kids costume contest at 8 p.m. and ‘Monster House’ movie at 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Free Mango Languages

If you would like to learn a new language for free there are Mango Languages available at the Base Library. The program features real-life conversations in over 70 languages. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Play Paintball

Outdoor Recreation offers paintball for groups or individ-

uals. You must book 24 hours in advance; 17 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$15 per person for party of 10 or more; \$20 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.

The Overrun Open Friday Nights

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

Library Hours of Operation

The Base Library hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon. For more information, contact 434-2934.

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.

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.

Roberson holds AETC Senior Leader All-Call at Columbus AFB



Lt. Gen. Darryl L. Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command, speaks with 14th Flying Training Wing leadership during an AETC Senior Leader All-Call Oct. 5, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. During the briefing, Roberson spoke to leaders about ongoing AETC initiatives, the Continuum of Learning, Air Force Instruction reductions and changes, and the importance of delegating more authority to lower tactical-level commanders.



Lt. Gen. Darryl L. Roberson, commander of Air Education and Training Command, converses with 14th Flying Training Wing leadership during an AETC Senior Leader All-Call Oct. 5, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Roberson and AETC Command Chief Master Sergeant Juliet C. Gudgel spoke about future changes and ideas that can be implemented throughout their bases, groups and squadrons to more efficiently lead their students and Airmen.



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Commissaries begin accepting MILITARY STAR card

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. – To offer greater convenience to service members and their families and further strengthen funding of critical military Quality-of-Life programs, the military exchanges’ Exchange Credit Program is expanding acceptance of the MILITARY STAR card to Commissaries around the world. Leaders from the Defense Commissary Agency and the exchanges gathered at the Fort Lee Commissary, the first location to accept the card, to officially kick off the rollout during a ceremony Oct. 5.

“The entire military community wins when exchanges and the Commissary work together,” said Army and Air Force Exchange Service Director/CEO Tom Shull. “We are providing a new benefit military families have been requesting for years—MILITARY STAR card acceptance at the Commissary.”

Chief Master Sgt. Stuart Allison, DeCA senior enlisted advisor; Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, Army & Air Force Exchange Service senior enlisted advisor; Master Gunnery Sgt. Jose Lopez, Marine Corps Exchange senior enlisted advisor; Master Chief Petty Officer Shannon Howe, Navy Exchange Service Command master chief; and Col. Fred Hannah, chief



of staff, Combined Arms Support Command; were the first to swipe their MILITARY STAR cards at Fort Lee’s commissary.

“Being able to use the MILITARY STAR card at the Commissary is a big win not only for shoppers,” Allison said. “Having one convenient payment method specifically for military community demonstrates the commitment DeCA and the exchanges have for meeting the needs of service members and families in the most cost-effective way possible to maxi-

mize the value of each benefit.”

By Nov. 9, the card’s acceptance will be expanded throughout DeCA for all branches of service. Benefits of the MILITARY STAR card include:

- Two points per dollar on purchases and a \$20 gift card after 2,000 points earned.
- One of the lowest APRs (11.24 percent) among retail-issued cards no matter the cardholder’s credit score.
- Fair and flexible terms such as no annual, late or over-limit fees.
- 10 percent discount on first day of use, including at the commissary.
- Reduced interest deployment plan with no payments required for eligible customers.

The military community benefits as a significant portion of MILITARY STAR earnings support programs to make life better for service members and families including Army Child Development Centers, Youth Services and fitness centers, Air Force and Marine Corps Outdoor Recreation services, Quality-of-Life programs on Navy bases, overseas school lunches, combat uniforms and other activities critical to force readiness and resiliency.

For more information about the MILITARY STAR card, visit MyECP.com.

Visit www.columbus.af.mil to learn about Columbus AFB agencies and other important information.

Changes are coming to TRICARE

Air Force Medical Services

Changes are coming to your TRICARE benefit beginning Jan. 1, 2018. These changes will give you more benefit choices, improving your access to care, simplifying cost shares and allowing you to take command of your health.

The best way for you to prepare now is to update your information in DEERS, sign up for TRICARE benefit updates, and visit <https://tricare.mil/changes>.

Here are changes that you will need to know about:

Region Consolidation

Currently, there are three TRICARE regions in the U.S.: North, South and West. The North and South regions will combine on Jan. 1, 2018, to form TRICARE East, while TRICARE West will remain mostly unchanged. Two new contractors, Humana Military and Health Net Federal Services, will administer these regions. This change will allow better coordination between the



military hospitals and clinics and the civilian health care providers in each region.

TRICARE Select

On Jan. 1, 2018, TRICARE Select will replace TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra both stateside and overseas. Stateside, TRICARE Select will be a self-managed, preferred provider network option. You will not be required to have a primary care manager and therefore you can visit any TRI-CARE-authorized provider for services covered by TRICARE without a referral.

If you live overseas, TRICARE Overseas Program Select will be a preferred provider organization-styled plan that provides access to both network and non-network TRI-CARE-authorized providers for medically necessary TRICARE covered services. TRI-

CARE Select adopts a number of improvements, including additional preventive care services previously only offered to TRICARE Prime beneficiaries.

TRICARE Prime

TRICARE Prime is a managed care program option. An assigned PCM provides most of your care. When you need specialty care, your PCM will refer you to a specialist. Active duty service members and their family members do not pay anything when referred to a network provider by their PCM. All others pay annual enrollment fees and network copayments.

Enrollment

All current TRICARE beneficiaries will be automatically enrolled into plans on Jan. 1, 2018, as long as they are eligible. TRICARE Prime enrollees will remain in TRICARE Prime. TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra beneficiaries will be enrolled in TRICARE Select. During 2018, you can continue to choose to enroll in or change coverage plans.

In fall 2018, TRICARE will introduce an

annual open enrollment period. During this period, you will choose whether to continue or change your coverage for the following year. Each year, the open enrollment period will begin on the Monday of the second full week in November and run through the Monday of the second full week in December.

Are you ready? Take action now.

You can begin to prepare for the upcoming changes now by:

- Signing up for a DS Logon
- Updating your personal information in DEERS

This is your benefit – take command! Stay informed with the latest information.

In the coming months, more information will be available at www.tricare.mil/changes. To stay informed, sign up for email alerts. You can also get alerts by signing up for eCorrespondence in milConnect. By staying informed, you'll be ready for a smooth transition with TRICARE.

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.)

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, 434-2790 for more information.

Pre and Post Deployment Tour Brief

These briefings are mandatory 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. For more information, please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This orientation will be from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 17 and 26. It 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 call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop is from 1-2 p.m. Oct. 17 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. To register and more information please call 434-2839/2790.

Golden Triangle Employment Expo

The Golden Triangle Employment Expo is from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 18 at the American Legion Building in Columbus, Mississippi. Go to <http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov/> for list of participating vendors, more than 40 employers will be offering jobs. For more information call 434-2790.

Heart Link for Spouses

This event is from 8 a.m.-noon Oct. 19 at the Columbus Club. The event is for spouses new to Columbus Air Force Base or the military lifestyle. It is a fun-filled spouse orientation program with info on protocol, finance, benefits, helping agencies, local conditions and prizes. It is a great way to meet others new to Columbus AFB. To register and for more information, please call 434-2790.

Women's Day Event, Salon Opens

The Columbus Air Force Base Exchange will be having a Women's Day event from

Noxubee High School JROTC visits Columbus Air Force Base



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert
Twenty-four students from the Noxubee High School Air Force Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps stand in front of the 14th Operations Group Oct. 11, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The students toured the Aircrew Flight Equipment office, L3 maintenance and flew a T-1A Jayhawk simulator.

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 20, and it includes the grand opening of the Beauty Salon. The salon's hours will be Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and will be closed Sundays and Mondays.

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 Jamey Coleman, SBP counselor, at (662) 434-2720.

Military and Family Life Counselor Program

The Military and Family Life Counselor Program counselors provide a 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 counselors 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.

Personal Financial Resources

Need help with financial matters? Want to make the most of your money? The Personal Financial Counselor can help you and your family: manage finances; resolve financial problems; and reach long-term goals such as education, buying a home and planning for retirement. PFC services are no cost, private and confidential. For more information, call the PFC at (662) 998-0411 or 434-2790, or email PFC.Columbus.USAF@zeiders.com; the PFC is also located in the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

The Recovery Coordination Program streamlines and improves the way care and support is 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: have a serious illness or injury, are unlikely to return to duty within a specified amount of time or may be medically separated from the military. Additional details are available by contacting the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Employment Workshop

An employment workshop on local and base employment opportunities is held every Wednesday at 1 p.m., Airman & Family Readiness Center. The POC is A&FRC, 434-2790.

Relocation Assistance

A Relocation Assistance workshop on programs, services and resources available through the Airman & Family Readiness Center is held every Wednesday from 9 - 10 a.m. at the A&FRC. Topics of discussion include preparing for a move, environment/cultural issues or needs, adaptation and community awareness. The POC is A&FRC, 434-2790.

Sponsorship Training

An electronic version of sponsorship training called eSponsorship Application & Training (eSAT) is now available. It can be found on the Military INSTALLATIONS homepage militaryinstallations.dod.mil, under "Are You A Sponsor?"

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) Start date TBA
4 p.m. – Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary)
4 p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)
5 p.m. – Mass
Fellowship Dinner after Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month

Tuesdays:

11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass

Wednesdays:

11:30-12:30 p.m. – Adoration

Protestant Community

Sundays:

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

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

The sting of investing

2nd Lt. Riley Quinlan
14th Civil Engineer Squadron
Executive Officer

I was a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy Water Polo team during a training trip to Italy where we played water polo against the Italians in the Tyrrhenian Sea with a small castle in the backdrop and the local population on the shore watching the game. What is great about playing a game in the ocean is the level of physicality is much greater. The considerably larger Italians and the speedier Americans were clashing in what was shaping up to be a great game, until one of the Italians screamed and swam out of the water.

Before we knew it, the whole Italian team had swum to shore and thrown sticks into the water. We pieced together that there were jellyfish all around us and they wanted us to use the sticks to usher the jellies out of the area of play.

After more than a few stings, bandaged only by the thought that we were tougher than our opponents, we resumed play.

The risk of getting stung for the purpose of continued play and potential victory was a decision we were willing to make. Risk is an interesting concept as it is almost impossible to accurately quantify, and harder

to remove emotion.

Emotion is understandable when it comes to investing hard earned capital. Everybody fears a market crash and the loss of one's life savings.

I feel millennials are not investing in their future; heralding reasons such as lack of money and knowledge, and having too much student debt.

In fact, I think to decrease risk it is important to increase the amount of smaller investments made, instead of making less but larger investments. Make small sacrifices each day and month to invest in retirement. According to Michelle Bruce, the Columbus Air Force Base personal finance counselor, there are 1,300 millionaires in the Thrift Saving Plan and it is because they invest in funds, like the C and S fund, that over time returned 10.16 percent and 8.82 percent respectively.

If you are uneasy about the market or picking the right balance of funds, then seek the advice of a financial counselor. The Blended Retirement System will also be another investment option for Airmen, where they'll have the opportunity to have up to 5 percent matched, and can painlessly increase initial capital investment.

I am not an expert, but I have learned the TSP is a great way to easily invest in your future. In order to grow wealth, sometimes you have to get stung.

MyMC2 app

Welcome to the My Military Communities information page. MyMC2 is the mobile application that centralizes all of your installation's community events, organizations and services right in your pocket.



How do I get MyMC2 for my phone?

You can access this app by navigating to the native app store or market on your device and search for "MyMC2", or you can scan this QR code and it will take you directly to the download page in your phone.



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BLAZE Hangar Tails: C-17 Globemaster

Mission

The C-17 Globemaster III is the newest, most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the airlift force. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations when required. The inherent flexibility and performance of the C-17 force improve the ability of the total airlift system to fulfill the worldwide air mobility requirements of the United States.

General Characteristics

Primary Function: Cargo and troop transport
Prime Contractor: Boeing Company
Power Plant: Four Pratt & Whitney F117-PW-100 turbofan engines
Thrust: 40,440 pounds, each engine
Wingspan: 169 feet 10 inches (to winglet tips) (51.75 meters)
Length: 174 feet (53 meters)
Height: 55 feet 1 inch (16.79 meters)
Cargo Compartment: length, 88 feet (26.82 meters);

width, 18 feet (5.48 meters); height, 12 feet 4 inches (3.76 meters)

Speed: 450 knots at 28,000 feet (8,534 meters) (Mach .74)
Service Ceiling: 45,000 feet at cruising speed (13,716 meters)

Range: Global with in-flight refueling

Crew: Three (two pilots and one loadmaster)

Aeromedical Evacuation Crew: A basic crew of five (two flight nurses and three medical technicians) is added for aeromedical evacuation missions. Medical crew may be altered as required by the needs of patients

Maximum Peacetime Takeoff Weight: 585,000 pounds (265,352 kilograms)

Load: 102 troops/paratroops; 36 litter and 54 ambulatory patients and attendants; 170,900 pounds (77,519 kilograms) of cargo (18 pallet positions)

Unit Cost: \$202.3 million (fiscal 1998 constant dollars)

Date Deployed: June 1993

Inventory: Active duty, 187; Air National Guard, 12; Air Force Reserve, 14

Background

The C-17 made its maiden flight on Sept. 15, 1991, and

the first production model was delivered to Charleston Air Force Base, now known as Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, on June 14, 1993. The first squadron of C-17s, the 17th Airlift Squadron, was declared operationally ready Jan. 17, 1995. The Air Force originally programmed to buy 120 C-17s. Current budget plans increased the total number to 223 aircraft.

The C-17 is operated by Air Mobility Command at Travis AFB, California; Dover AFB, Delaware; Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.

The Air National Guard flies C-17s from the 172d Airlift Wing, Jackson, Mississippi, and the 105th Airlift Wing, Stewart ANGB, New York. Additionally, Air Force Materiel Command operates two C-17s at Edwards AFB, California, and Pacific Air Forces operates aircraft at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

The Air Force Reserve Command operates aircraft at March Air Reserve Base, California, and Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. Air Education and Training Command has 17 aircraft at Altus AFB, Oklahoma.



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

A C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, rests as a static display July 28, 2017.



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

Airman Nathaniel Chargualaf, 14th Security Forces Squadron installation entry controller, looks at a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft from Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, July 27, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The static display was made available to members of Columbus AFB.



To advertise in Silver Wings, call 328-2424

Columbus AFB Airmen represent job pathways at Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gross
Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, talks to students as they wait in line for the Rapid Strike simulator Oct. 3, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. Airmen from Columbus AFB represented seven pathways at the expo, including aerospace, communications, engineering, government and public administration, health sciences, logistics and law and public safety.



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens
Senior Airman Brianna Brown, 14th Medical Operations Squadron public health technician, talks with students Oct. 3, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. Airmen from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, showcased a total of 21 careers at the expo.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gross
Senior Airman Eliot Tremblay, 14th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog handler, gets bit while Senior Airman Kyle Jacob, 14th Security Forces Squadron MWD handler, yells out commands during a MWD demonstration Oct. 3, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. Law enforcement was one of the seven pathways that Airmen from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, represented.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gross
Tech. Sgt. Henry Schultz, 14th Logistics Readiness Squadron NCO in Charge of Logistics Plans, helps a student use ICODES software on a computer Oct. 3, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. The software is used to help find the center of balance on an aircraft.



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Senior Airman Kyle Jacob, 14th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog handler, gets bit while doing a MWD demonstration Oct. 3, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. MWD demonstrations were given several times throughout the three-day expo and handlers answered any questions from students and volunteers.



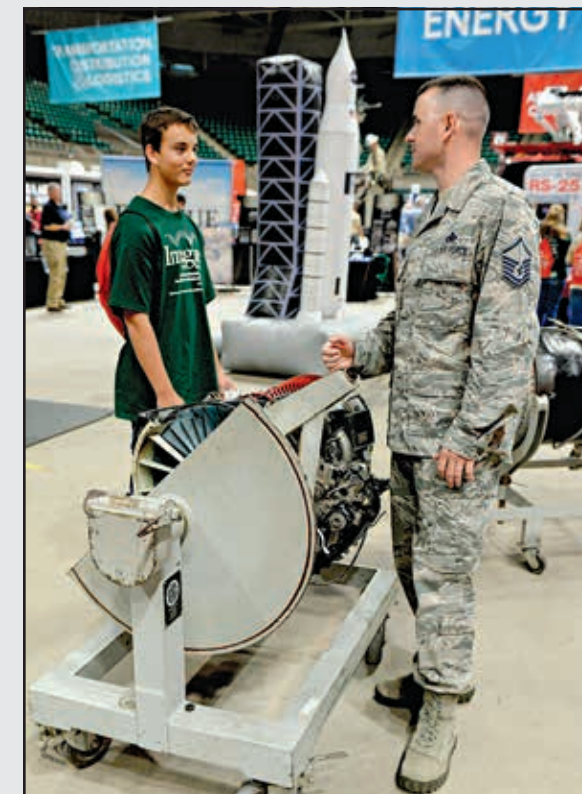
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Capt. Andrew Richter, 37th Flying Training Squadron Commander's Executive Assistant, talks with students Oct. 4, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. Airmen from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, represented seven pathways showcasing 21 careers.



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Senior Airman Jasson Adamson, 14th Security Forces Squadron unit trainer, shows a student how to use a baton while protecting themselves and what instructions should be given to have an individual comply Oct. 3, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. Airmen from the 14th SFS also had several weapons on display and had several military working dog demonstrations throughout the three days.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
Airmen from the 14th Communications Squadron talk with a group of students Oct. 4, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. The expo, hosted by the CREATE Foundation, showcased a multitude of career opportunities for more than 7,000 eighth grade students. The expo took place Oct. 3-5, and had Airmen from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, from various pathways and careers explain their missions and lifestyle.



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Master Sgt. Jimmy Kitchens, 14th Flying Training Wing contracting officer representative, speaks with a student about the maintenance career field options Oct. 4, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. The Air Force offers many different paths within single careers, from crew chief to aerospace propulsion, that all push the mission toward success.



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Lt. Col. Michael Cline, 14th Force Support Squadron Deputy Commander, talks with a student Oct. 4, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. The expo was hosted by the CREATE Foundation and was sponsored by more than 150 organizations.



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Airman 1st Class Sarah Sillitoe and Senior Airman Jasson Adamson, 14th Security Forces Squadron unit trainers, assist Airman 1st Class Ian Bennett, 14th SFS installation entry controller, with a RedMan suit Oct. 3, 2017, during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. Airmen from the 14th SFS showcased law enforcement capabilities that are available through the Air Force. The expo was from Oct. 3-5 and had more than 7,000 eighth grade students from schools throughout 17 northeast Mississippi counties attend. Airmen from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, represented 21 careers available in the Air Force.