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## Weather

<b>Friday</b>  Rain High 75°F Low 41°F	<b>Saturday</b>  Cloudy High 54°F Low 33°F
<b>Sunday</b>  Partly Cloudy High 66°F Low 43°F	<b>Monday</b>  Sunny High 69°F Low 49°F
Forecast provided by the 14 <sup>th</sup> OSS Weather Flight	

## News Briefs

### Vietnam Replica Wall Dedication

The dedication of the Vietnam Replica Wall will be at 10 a.m. Nov. 2 at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Tupelo, Mississippi. The wall will be a 60-percent scaled down version of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C.

### SUPT Class 18-02 Assignment Night

The Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 18-02 assignment night will start at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Columbus Club.

### Veterans Day Parade

The 2017 Veteran's Day Parade will start at 10 a.m. Nov. 11 at the Municipal Complex in Columbus, Mississippi, and end at the Lowndes County Courthouse. The parade will feature a fly over and wreath laying ceremony at 11:11 a.m. at the courthouse.

## Inside



### Feature 8

SUPT Class 18-01 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

## POW recalls mission that led to capture 50 years ago

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

WEST POINT, Miss. — On Oct. 25, 1967, now retired Lt. Col. Richard “Gene” Smith and his wingmen had orders to bomb the Paul Doumer Bridge in North Vietnam; the bridge was a mile long and one of the most heavily defended positions in Southeast Asia.

Smith said that leading up to the mission, he and his wingmen had a feeling one of them would not make it back. One of them didn’t.

“To be a fighter or a bomber pilot you have got to believe that if someone is going to get shot down, you just have to look around the room and say, ‘I wonder which one of the son-of-a-guns it’s going to be, because it won’t be me,’” Smith said. “That was the mentality you had to have.”

Prior to that day, Smith conducted a bombing mission in the F-105 Thunderchief. He said pilots would usually fly two out of every three days, but there were so many missions, he flew almost every day.

### The day prior

On Oct. 24, his mission had been changed from a place they had bombed many times prior, to an air base 30 miles from Hanoi that had never been bombed. Smith said there was much excitement between him and his wingmen.

“Boy, the blood pressure and the excitement went up, we were finally going to get to hit a base that had not been hit before,” Smith said. “We had flown right by it coming down Thud Ridge, we could actually see the MiGs taking off and there were a couple of [surface-to-air missile] sights and they would occasionally shoot missiles at us. But now we finally get to take the son-of-a-guns out.”

Smith said retired Col. Chester Griffin, who at the time was a captain and is a former 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, asked the force commander if he could lead the bomb flight. Smith left his bomb flight so Griffin could lead and became the force commander’s No. 2 man.

“It was a beautiful day and there was a lot of excitement,” Smith said. “We launched our 16 ships, four at a time. The force commander’s callsign was ‘Scotch’ so I was ‘Scotch 2.’”

They were about 20 miles away from the base and about three



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

**Retired Lt. Col. Richard “Gene” Smith, former 50th Flying Training Squadron Commander, holds a prisoner of war bracelet Oct. 17, 2017, in his home in West Point, Mississippi. The bracelet was one of hundreds he had returned to him after he was repatriated. The date Smith was shot down, Oct. 25, 1967, is inscribed on the bracelet, along with his rank and name. The bracelets help keep the memory of POWs and those missing in action.**

minutes before they approached the air base, a MiG-21 attempted to take him and his wingmen out. The bomber formation had an escort of F-4 Phantom IIs above them for protection, which then went into attack mode.

The bombers rolled in and started bombing the air base. Smith saw a few MiGs on the airfield and told a few wingmen so they could adjust their aim. He said there was a lot of fuel storage on the field and when they were flying away there was a massive explosion.

Smith said when they got back to base there was a good feeling. Stars and Stripes was there to interview them because it was such a big mission. They went and had fun at the local bar but Smith had to fly the next day around midday so he took it easy.

### Paul Doumer Bridge bombing

On Oct. 25, 1967, Smith went to his squadron and received

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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
37th (18-11)	-0.15 days	1.50 days	Oct. 20	48th (18-02)	-1.42 days	1.44 days	Nov. 17	49th (18-BBC)	2.44 days	1.93 days	Nov. 22	T-6	2,534	2,759	2,759
41st (18-10)	-0.60 days	3.35 days	Nov. 16	50th (18-02)	-1.44 days	-4.19 days	Nov. 17					T-1	793	632	632
* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.												T-38	825	965	965
												IFF	360	386	386



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Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.



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State home games

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Nov. 11: MSU vs. Alabama  
Nov. 23: MSU vs. Ole Miss

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<http://tickets.govx.com/ticket/mississippi-state-football/e/206869?near=mississippi>.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
30	31 Enlisted Pro- motions/Quar- terly Awards, 3 p.m. @ Club  CFC Kick-off Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. @ Club	1	2 Vietnam Wall Replica Dedi- cation, 10 a.m. @ Vet's Memorial Park in Tupelo	3 MSU ROTC Career Day, 1-4 p.m. @ Chapel/Flight- line SUPT Class 18-02 Assign- ment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club	4/5 4th: LSU vs. Alabama/ UMass vs. MSU	Nov. 14: Wing Newcom- ers 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 Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Nov. 24: AETC Family Day Nov. 30: Enlisted Pro- motions Dec. 1: SUPT Class 18-03 Assignment Night Dec. 2: Holiday Parties Dec. 5: Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade
6	7 Proud to be an American, 9:30 a.m. @ EMCC	8	9 International Spouses Lun- cheon, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. @ Old Waverly Golf Club	10 Veterans Day observed	11/12 11th: Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony, starts at 10 a.m., at the Municipal Complex in Columbus 11th: MSU vs. Alabama	

Road closures, limitations  
to run through Nov. 3

14th Civil Engineer Squadron

Maintenance will take place on several roads on Columbus Air Force Base throughout the next week. The work will close or impede the following roads/section of roads as follows:

Thursday, Oct. 26-29  
From 7:30 a.m. Oct. 26 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 29 the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron has scheduled to clean the barriers on Simler Boulevard inside the Main Gate near State-Flag Island. The 14th CES team will only work on one lane at a time. Security Forces personnel will manage traffic entering and exiting the base. Be prepared for changes to normal traffic flow.

Saturday, Oct. 28  
From 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. the 14th CES will barricade Imes Street

at Capitol Housing to Independence Avenue at the Medical Clinic rear entrance, and the C Circle clinic entrance on the parking lot side. Work on Saturday will include cleaning the barriers and cutting of asphalt. Once the work is complete, traffic may resume as normal.

Monday, Oct. 30-Nov. 3  
Each day the week of Oct. 30, a contractor will perform maintenance on the Active Vehicle Barrier Systems from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. They will work on the barrier systems in the following order: Independence Avenue, C Circle, Imes Street, and finally Simler Boulevard (first inbound, then outbound).  
Road closures and re-routing of traffic is expected during this time. Security forces personnel will manage traffic as work progresses at each of the locations.

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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 Nov. 17, room 5PT, past the Gift Shop. For information call 244-2923 or 800-544-8767, ext. 2923.


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News AROUND TOWN

Nov. 2  
A Vietnam Replica Wall dedication begins at 10 a.m. Nov. 2 at the Veteran's 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. A T-38C Talon flyover is planned.

Nov. 9  
The 3rd annual Veteran's 5K run will be at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at Nusz Hall on the Mississippi State University Campus in Starkville, Mississippi. To register, visit [www.racesonline.com/events/mississippi-state-veterans-day-5k](http://www.racesonline.com/events/mississippi-state-veterans-day-5k).

Nov. 10  
A Veteran Recognition Ceremony begins at 10 a.m. Nov. 10 at the Drill Field on the Mississippi State University Campus in Starkville, Mississippi. The event is hosted by Dr. Mark Keenum, MSU's 19th president.

sive. Contact [lindallgates@gmail.com](mailto:lindallgates@gmail.com) for more information.

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# Active-duty positions added for Guard, Reserve pilots

## Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air National Guard and Reserve pilots now have 20 more opportunities to fly in order to augment active-duty chronic vacancies across the force.

The Total Force Aircrew Management – Assignment Augmentation Process increased from 10 to 30 positions Oct. 1, 2017. TFAM-AAP positions are open to fighter pilots and fighter combat systems officers only.

“This is a growing total force program,” said Maj. Walt Ehman, TFAM-AAP chief. “It enables all air components to help fill pilot assignment positions around the world.”

The TFAM-AAP concept will help combat the current fighter pilot crisis by drawing on available and interested personnel with the right skills by bringing active reserve component fighter pilots into the active-duty force for two to three years using Military Personnel Appropriation days.

Born out of the 2014 Aircrew Summit, TFAM-

AAP integrates the management of active-duty, Air Guard and Reserve aircrew resources to maximize total force readiness.

“We already had a very successful process in place, now we’re building upon that by increasing the amount of MPA days available,” said Ehman.

Before TFAM, each component used its own model, in separate locations, to manage officers and career enlisted Airmen who fly and make up the aircrew force.

“TFAM enables the use of a single agreed-upon model, in one office, to make training and resource decisions, provide policy guidance, and make integrated recommendations to solving problems like aircrew shortfalls,” said Ehman.

Interested pilots can get the latest list of TFAM-AAP assignments from Volunteer Reserve System, Air Guard Human Resources or through their ARC/ANG Fighter Operations Groups.

The TFAM-AAP is one of a wide range of initiatives meant to reverse the current pilot manning crisis by increasing pilot retention, production and absorption into the force.

teach their students with more knowledge that cannot be foreseen otherwise.

“His focus has never been on making more rank or a different position, it’s just focusing on being the best pilot or instructor that he could ever be and making sure that’s portrayed by the students,” Oakley said. “What he brings to [piloting] from [baseball] is the work ethic that he had to bring him to the top level. That drive to be the best you can be is truly what has propelled him to do what he does here.”

Lindsay continues to work and help those with PTSD, as well as teach student pilots using the wealth of experience he has gained over his time in service.

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## SMITH

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news that the base he bombed had been bombed four more times. He said the base had been obliterated by his wing, another Air Force wing and two Navy wings.

Smith, who was also the supervisor of flying, was in the air traffic control tower when he got a call that his target was changed from the air base they had previously bombed, to the Paul Doumer Bridge. He told his No. 3 man to go make the flight plans until he could be relieved from his position.

“Your jaws tighten up, you get a little pale in your face and you heart races a little bit because that is downtown [Hanoi],” Smith said. “That’s the longest bridge in Southeast Asia [and] one of the most heavily defended positions in the history of aerial warfare.”

While Smith was waiting for someone to relieve him, he heard over the radio “Shark 3” had been shot down. The pilot was a former classmate of his while he in F-105 training at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

Smith said there was a sense of uneasiness among him and his wingmen about their upcoming mission, but they all tried to stay assured they would be fine.

As Smith and his wingmen were en route to the bridge, a plane in front of them had hydraulic problems and had to return to base with an escort which put the formation short two planes.

“We could see Hanoi 30 miles out from 13,000 feet in the air,” Smith said. “It was a clear day. We were receiving intel that there were no MiGs near us, but we could see the SAMs shooting at the Weasels that flew out in front of us.”

At about two to three minutes out, flak started to burst around them. With one minute left until they reached their target, the force commander called “burner out,” and the formation rolled in to drop their payload.

He said the flak was so heavy it was worse than the movies that depict the B-17 Flying Fortresses getting shot at over Germany.

Prior to the mission start, Smith had told his men to release their bombs when they hit 9,000 feet, whether their targeting system was exactly on the target or not.

When Smith hit 9,000 feet he dropped his bombs. When he went to pull the nose of his plane up and light the burner to gain back his speed, he was hit with an enemy flak round.

“I felt it get hit, it sounded like someone hitting a wash tub,” Smith said. “I looked in the cockpit to see if I had any red lights on the caution panel and I looked to see if I was still in formation and I was. Next thing I know the airplane tumbled.”



U.S Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert  
**Retired Lt. Col. Richard “Gene” Smith, former 50th Flying Training Squadron Commander, shows Courtney Cox, editor of Town and Gown magazine, documents and photos of when he was a prisoner of war, Oct. 17, 2017, in his home in West Point, Mississippi. Smith was shot down Oct. 25, 1967, and spent five and a half years as a POW.**

Smith experienced positive and negative G-forces that caused him to slip in and out of consciousness. He had a hard time reaching the ejection handle because the airplane was a “tumbling bucket of bolts in the sky.” To his recollection, he remembered telling himself he “was not going to die in this son-of-a-gun.” He then used his G-suit to help pull the ejection handle.

After he ejected, he reached to deploy his parachute, assuming he was at about 4,000 feet above ground. The parachute deployed and Smith checked it, then started taking inventory.

He said the first thing he noticed was that he could see the shin bone on his leg but it did not appear to be broken. He then checked his radio and tried to tell the formation he wasn’t going to make it back but he couldn’t override the emergency beacon. He broke the antenna off the radio and threw it, did the same with another radio and then tossed his .38-caliber revolver because he could see a large number of North Vietnamese soldiers coming to intercept him on the ground. Smith said he could hear bullets whizzing by him as he floated down.

## Being captured

When he hit the ground, an enemy soldier with an AK-47 shot a burst at Smith, hitting him numerous times. They then stripped him of his G-suit and flight suit with a machete, got him down to his shorts and a T-shirt and tied his hands with rope and wire.

“There were people all over me,” Smith said. “The militia, if we can call them that, was the only thing stopping them from killing me.”

Smith was handed to a small Vietnamese girl and he said he followed her for an un-



U.S Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert  
**Retired Lt. Col. Richard “Gene” Smith, former 50th Flying Training Squadron Commander, flips through photos Oct. 17, 2017, in West Point, Mississippi, stopping at a photo of when he and his wife, Rae, reunited after he returned to the U.S. in 1973. Smith was a prisoner of war in Vietnam from Oct. 25, 1967 to March 14, 1973.**

known length of time. He was then loaded in a truck and dropped at a hut, then loaded back up and taken into the depths of Hanoi. Two men guarded him in the back of the second truck.

“One looked older, like a master sergeant, and the other was a young recruit,” Smith said. “The younger one had a pistol and he was playing with [it]. The gun went off and missed my foot by three inches and missed the old sergeant’s by less than that. The older man took the gun and chewed him out.”

Smith said it was just getting dark when he pulled up to a prison camp, nicknamed the Hanoi Hilton. That is where the “fun and games” started, he said sarcastically. He was tortured and stayed in the interrogation room for almost a week.

“The interesting part of that as I go through it, is that I broke,” Smith said. “I gave them more than my rank, name, serial number and date of birth, but it turns out everyone did the same thing. They never got anything out of me that was worth any kind of military value.”

He was later put into the Heart Break section of the prison. They opened the door and threw him in his cell that was 6 feet long by 4 feet wide with a concrete bunk. The next morning they brought him some banana peel soup and he said he gobbled it up. Smith said after his initial week of torturing, he started to live like a prisoner of war, which is a lot harder than you’d think.

He moved to another part of the Hilton about the beginning of December and was put with three other prisoners. The cell was 8 feet long and 6 feet wide with two bunks and a small pot to use the bathroom. They had to be careful not to fill it quick because it could only be dumped once every 24 hours.

“One of the hardest things to do was to



Courtesy photo

**Then Maj. Richard “Gene” Smith, 333rd Tactical Fighter Squadron pilot, takes a photograph in front of an F-105 Thunderchief on Tahkli Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand. Smith spent five and a half years in captivity and was released March 14, 1973.**

acknowledge the fact that you were a POW,” Smith said. That you were not going to wake up in your bed at Tahkli [Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand].”

Smith explained that if anyone wanted to imagine what it was like, lock yourself in a closet for two hours with no phone or entertainment and then times it by five and a half years. He said he had to do math problems and try to remember his home life in order to stay sane.

In every cell there was a speaker. One day, Smith said he heard his name come on “Hanoi Hannah,” the nickname for the radio. His name was out and his family knew he was alive.

## Headed home

On March 14, 1973, after five and a half years in captivity, Smith was released from his captors and returned to Clark Air Base, Philippines. He was assigned a sponsor who took care of him and filled him in on how the world had changed. He was then reunited with his wife and children at what is now March Air Reserve Base, California.

“I came back to a wonderful family, to a wife who had done a beautiful job of raising my kids,” Smith said. “They all did good and she just did a wonderful job.”

Looking back 50 years, Smith said he doesn’t have any resentment for his captors. He actually felt sorry for them because they had to suffer the communistic rule.

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# 49th FTS graduates IFF Class 18-ABC

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron graduated Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Class 18-ABC Oct. 19. Seven members graduated this phase of their training on their way to becoming fighter pilots and weapon systems officers in the Combat Air Forces of the United States Air Force.

The 49th FTS is responsible for active-duty, Guard, Reserve and international flying training in the T-38C IFF aircraft. The squadron provides training to fighter pilots and WSOs entering Air Force major fighter weapons systems, which include the A-10C Thunderbolt II, F-15C Eagle, F-15E Strike Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon, F-22 Raptor and F-35A Lightning II.

The nine-week course begins with tactical formation flights and then introduces pilots and WSOs to basic fighter maneuvers and air-to-air employment in offensive, defensive, and high aspect fight scenarios. Wingmen bound for aircraft with an air-to-ground attack capability then move on to basic surface attack and surface attack tactics phases learning to employ ordnance against ground targets. The skills learned during IFF directly translate to the fighters these wingmen will fly in their follow-on training and employ in combat.

Congratulations to the following fighter wingmen:

1st Lt. Justin Dant	F-15E
1st Lt. Colton Huntsman	F-22
1st Lt. Nolan Mallory	F-16
1st Lt. Logan Pietrzak	F-15E
1st Lt. Jake Werner	F-16
1st Lt. Jake Wong	F-22
2nd Lt. David Breeze	F-15E



# Thanksgiving Brunch at the Columbus Club

**14th Force Support Squadron**

The 14th Force Support Columbus Club will provide an all you can eat Thanksgiving Brunch from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Nov. 16.

Featuring favorite holiday dishes elevated with Chef Lance Orsborn's unique touch, the menu is sure to please everyone. The price for this delicious feast is \$7 for Club members, \$9 for non-members, \$5 for kids ages 5-11 and free to youth 4 and under.

Begin the Thanksgiving celebration with traditional breakfast offerings then move on to the main course and stuff your plate with turkey, ham, dressing, and much more. Then end your meal on a sweet note with a slice of sweet potato pie.

Charleigh Ford, Columbus Club Manager stated, "Thanksgiving is a key event on the holiday calendar and we are happy to offer this brunch on the Thursday before Thanksgiving which allows a unique chance for co-workers to gather during lunch prior to Thanksgiving."

The Columbus Club will offer a similar brunch in December to kick off the holiday season. For more information on Club events, call (662) 434-2489.

**THANKSGIVING**

**BRUNCH BUFFET**

**AT THE COLUMBUS CLUB**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

**11AM - 1:30PM**

Turkey  
Ham  
Dressing  
Green Bean Casserole  
Turnip Greens  
Mash Potatoes w/Gravy  
Sweet Potato Pie  
Eggs  
Bacon  
Sausage  
Biscuit & Gravy

**\$7 Members**  
**\$9 Non-Members**  
**\$5 Kids 5-11**  
**Free to Ages 4 & Under**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 434-2489**

# 434-RIDE volunteers no longer required to stay in Montgomery Village during shift

**434-RIDE Staff**

Members of 434-RIDE recently sent out an approved memorandum that no longer requires volunteers to sit in the Montgomery Village by the Unaccompanied Enlisted Dorms.

The new procedure will involve the 434-RIDE dispatcher making test calls to the volunteer drivers and will then forward calls directly to volunteers' phones from 10:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m.

Volunteers will answer their phone by saying "434-RIDE" and will follow a checklist to log the correct details and information of the member requesting the ride.

During a shift, these are some rules that will apply to the volunteer.

- The driver must be in the local area during their shift.
- The driver will answer all incoming calls from the

dispatcher during their shift. Failure to do so will be documented by the dispatcher and will be reported to the respective POCs the next duty day.

- The driver will pick up the member upon receiving the request, and call the dispatcher upon picking up the member and after dropping off the member to ensure their own safety.

Each group still has responsibility for filling all volunteer requirements for the weekends under their control. The following groups will have responsibility for the following months:

- 14th Operations Group: February, May and August
- 14th Mission Group: March, June and September
- 14th Medical Group/Wing Staff Agencies: April, July and October

POCs and members of 434-RIDE will be able to answer more questions and go over proper procedures and duties of volunteers.

**434-RIDE**

**662-434-7433**

# F-35A scheduled for first operational deployment to Indo-Asia-Pacific

**Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs**

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii — Approximately 300 Airmen and 12 F-35A Lightning IIs from Hill Air Force Base, Utah's 34th Fighter Squadron are set to deploy to Kadena Air Base, Japan, for a six-month rotation. The aircraft and supporting personnel are scheduled to arrive at Kadena AB in early November 2017.

This marks U.S. Pacific Command's first operational tasking for the F-35A and builds upon the U.S. Air Force fifth-generation stealth fighter's successful debut in the Indo-Asia-Pacific at the Seoul International Aerospace and Defense Exhibition earlier this month.

"The F-35A gives the joint warfighter unprecedented global precision attack capability against current and emerging threats while complementing our air superiority fleet," said Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, Pacific Air Forces commander. "The airframe is ideally suited to meet our command's obligations, and we look forward to integrating it into our training and operations."

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U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Heather Redman

An F-35 Lightning II from Hill Air Force Base, Utah, taxis for take-off at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Oct. 13, 2017. The F-35A is being deployed under U.S. Pacific Command's theater security package program, which has been in operation since 2004. This long-planned deployment is designed to demonstrate the continuing U.S. commitment to stability and security in the region.



U.S. Air Force photo by Wayne A. Clark

Under Secretary of the Air Force Matthew Donovan speaks at the Aviation Week Program Excellence Symposium in McLean, Virginia, Oct. 23, 2017. Donovan highlighted the need for industry partnerships, ideas and future innovation.

# USecAF talks modernization during aviation week symposium

**Staff Sgt. Rusty Frank**  
Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Under Secretary of the Air Force Matthew Donovan discussed the importance of rapid modernization and innovation during the 2017 Aviation Week Program Excellence Symposium in Washington, D.C., Oct. 23, 2017.

"The range of global threats we face calls for a far more innovative, dynamic and cost-effective Department of Defense," Donovan said. "Speed is one of the most important attributes of a system designed to win. That is certainly true with air power."

When it comes to innovation, the Air Force is looking for new ways to do business, accelerating the transfer of ideas from the lab to the field, and putting the latest capabilities in Airmen's toolkits as quickly as possible.

"We must get faster in developing counter-options, at achieving a common operating picture of the battle space, networking it altogether and achieving overwhelming decision speed," he said.

Donovan warned that America's potential adversaries are gaining ground, investing in capabilities and innovating at a much faster pace than before. In order to stop their efforts the Air Force is looking at government and industry programs for new ideas.

"Our ability to adapt and respond faster than our potential adversaries is the greatest challenge we face," Donovan said to the audience of programmers and engineers. "We need your assistance — your partnership, ideas and innovation. It is going to take our combined efforts and partnerships to build a more lethal force with the inherent flexibility and responsiveness our Nation needs to maintain our competitive edge."

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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](http://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.

## Fall Spooktacular

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

## Air Force Art Contest

It's time to show off your art skills! The 2017 Air Force Art Contest is open from Nov. 1-30 to eligible adults and children ages 6-17. Amazon gift cards awarded to the top three winners in each category. For more information, contact the Arts and Crafts Center at 434-7836 or [www.myairstorcelife.com/artcontest](http://www.myairstorcelife.com/artcontest). Have your entry displayed in BLAZE Commons by contacting Arts & Crafts at 434-7836.

## BLAZE Teen Book Club

Interested in reading and discussing popular books? Stop by the Base Library and pick up "Wonder" by R. J. Palacio Nov. 6 during normal business hours. The BLAZE Teen Book Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Dec. 14 for discussion. For more information, contact 434-2934.

## School Age Thanksgiving Holiday Camp

The Youth Center is currently accepting registration for the School Age Thanksgiving Holiday Camp from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. on Nov. 20-22. Please Register by Nov. 15. The cost is based on annual family income. For more information, contact 434-2504.

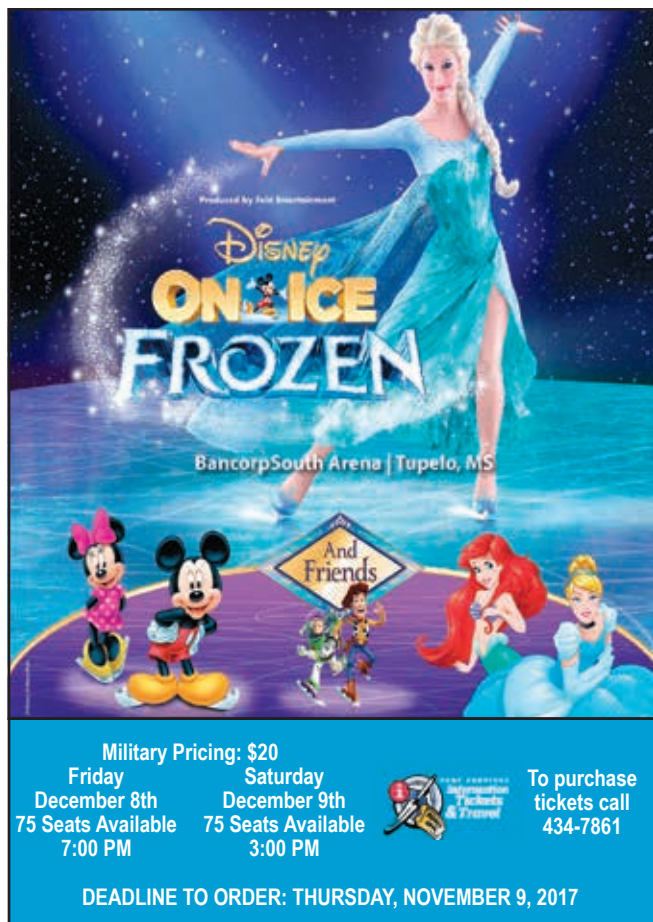
## Thanksgiving Brunch Buffet

The Columbus Club is offering a Thanksgiving Brunch Buffet from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Nov. 16. The menu includes: turkey, ham, dressing, green bean casserole, turnip greens, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potato pie, eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy. The cost is \$7 for club members, \$9 non-members, \$5 ages 5-11 and free for ages 4 and under. For more information, contact 434-2489.

## Breakfast with Santa

The Youth Center is offering Breakfast with Santa from 8-10 a.m. Dec. 2. The cost is \$5 for ages 5 and up; \$3 for ages 3-4; free for ages 2 and under; \$7 per person after Nov. 29.

Bring your camera to capture great memories. For more information, contact the Youth Center at 434-2504.



## Holiday Brunch Buffet

The Columbus Club is offering a Holiday Brunch Buffet from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec. 7. Menu includes: beef loin and cajun pork carving station, mashed potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, corn, eggs, bacon, biscuits, sausage, gravy and bread pudding. The cost is \$10 for club members, \$12 non-members, \$5 ages 5-11 and free for ages 4 and under. For more information, contact 434-2489.

## Holiday Craft Week at the Library

Stop by the Base Library during normal business hours Dec. 11-16 and decorate a holiday ornament or write a letter to Santa. For more information, contact 434-2934.

## School Age Holiday Camp

The Youth Center is currently accepting registration for the School Age Holiday Camp from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. on Dec. 18-22 and Dec. 27-29. Please register by Dec. 13. The cost is based on annual family income. For more information, contact 434-2504.

## Free Children's Morning Matinee

The Base Library is featuring a new family friendly movie at 10 a.m. the first Saturday of each month. For more information, contact 434-2934.

## Airman Free Movie Night

The Base Library is featuring a new movie at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, contact 434-2934.

## Game Night at the Library

The Base Library is offering a free game night at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.

For more information, contact 434-2934.

## Free Mango Languages

Learn a new language today! Free Mango Languages available at the Base Library; real-life conversations in over 70 languages. For more information, contact 434-2934.

## Play Paintball

Outdoor Recreation offers paintball for groups or individuals. You must book twenty-four 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 balls at Outdoor Recreation for \$50 per case of 2,000. For more information, contact 434-2505.

## The Overrun Open Friday Nights

The Overrun is open Fridays 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 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-noon. For more information, contact 434-2934.

## Lawn Mower and Bicycle Repair

Outdoor Recreation is now offering lawn mower repair and self-help bicycle repair. 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.

## 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

The Fitness Center 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

Information Tickets and Travel offers a shuttle service to the airport of your choice. For more information, contact 434-7861.

# Aspiring baseball professional chooses to become Air Force aviator

## Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Being an Air Force pilot is a dream job for some people, so much so, that they would choose this avenue instead of becoming a professional baseball player.

For Maj. Benjamin Lindsay, 41st Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, piloting was not initially his life-long goal.

Born in California, his mother moved him and his older brother to Australia, where he then spent 19 years of his life.

"My mother's Australian, so I went back [to Australia] with my mother and brother," Lindsay said. "I was there from ages 1 to about 19."

His mother worked as a teacher and supported his brother and him as they grew up; this led to him learning to really go after his individual goals and allowed him to accomplish everything he has to this point.

Growing up in Australia, Lindsay said sports such as cricket and rugby were very popular; but he had stumbled upon baseball, finding his natural ability to pitch extremely well.

"I was generally good at most sports but found I could throw exceptionally hard, and using that as leverage to gain a free education made complete sense to me, that was really all it was," Lindsay said. "It was a very short decision making process."

Playing at high levels in Australia against traveling American teams led to him meeting many players with opportunities in America that Lindsay didn't have available in the southern hemisphere.

"I met a guy playing baseball in the AAA league in Tennessee. He said I could play baseball for free if you're good at any number of things, including baseball," Lindsay said. "We still don't have a lot of college sports in Australia that are as formal as American college sports."

Since collegiate sports are not very popular in Australia, Lindsay said he knew he would have to look for opportunities



**Second Lt. Marcos Marrero-Disla, 41st Flying Training Squadron student pilot, prepares to fly with Maj. Benjamin Lindsay, 41st FTS instructor pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, Oct. 11, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Students fly with an instructor in every standard flight, only flying alone for their solo flights.**



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

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elsewhere.

"What [we] did was put a video together of me pitching on the mound and we sent it over to a university in Tennessee and I got a full ride, bags packed," Lindsay said. "Then we ran into a problem, because Australia doesn't have an ACT or SAT, so I had to go to a community college to become eligible."

He attended Itawamba Community College in Mississippi, and was drafted by the New York Yankees, but turned it down so he could obtain his original goal -- completing his degree for free.

He would go on to meet his future wife at Itawamba CC, and she furthered her education in the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Mississippi State University, while he didn't know where to go next. Lindsay had no preference on the college, he just wanted his degree, and had many friends at the University of Mississippi who enjoyed the school. Lindsay received his full scholarship for baseball from Ole Miss, and would also be able to go on and earn his degree.

"[I had a] great coach, the baseball was fun, and I got my degree; it was good," Lindsay said. "But then I hurt my shoulder, so I had to figure out how to pay for the last six or eight months of school, and ROTC was the option I chose."

Collegiate athletes on a scholarship usually will not keep their scholarship after certain injuries, this is why he said ROTC was appealing to him.

Lindsay said his wife's family had veterans who pushed him toward the Army route, but one look at the Army and he walked upstairs to the Air Force recruiter and was sold.

"The mission, being able to fly something was very appealing," Lindsay said. "It just seemed like the way to go."

Not only would the Air Force provide him completing the last months of his education, but would also provide him with furthering his education and would allow him to give back to the country that had already given him so much.

Lindsay moved from the University of Mississippi to pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, and was then assigned as a first-assignment instructor pilot.

"Like most pilots who move from student pilot to instruc-



**Maj. Benjamin Lindsay, 41st Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, prepares to fly with 2nd Lt. Marcos Marrero-Disla, 41st FTS student pilot, Oct. 11, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Lindsay uses his experience as a fighter pilot to teach students possible real-world scenarios they may face after their training.**



**Maj. Benjamin Lindsay, 41st Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot and Assistant Director of Operations, prepares to fly Oct. 11, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. After instructing student pilots as a first-assignment instructor pilot here, Lindsay flew fighter aircraft during multiple tours, and now instructs again at Columbus while passing his knowledge onto the next generation of aviators.**

tor pilot, his vision was very limited," said Lt. Col. Derek Oakley, 41st Flying Training Squadron Commander. "He was great as an instructor pilot then, but what has changed over time has been he has a broader sense of what we do here. His focus on students has changed, to prepare the student to step into their weapons systems and be productive with it."

Lindsay gained this broadened sense of what an Air Force pilot really is throughout his assignments between his first tour until now.

One experience that stands out to Lindsay happened during a flight en route to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, where he witnessed the flight lead crash into a high mountain that was extremely difficult to see in the night with poor





U.S. Air Force photo by Stormy Archer

**Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force Commander, presents Lt. Col. Jason Richardson, 48th Flying Training Squadron Director of Operations, and other members of the 48th FTS receive the award for best Air Education and Training Command T-1 squadron Oct. 20, 2017, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.**

## 48th FTS best T-1 squadron in AETC

The 48th Flying Training Squadron “Alley Cats” were recognized as Air Education and Training Command’s top T-1 Jayhawk squadron for 2017.

This award recognizes the top pilot-producing T-1 squadron in the command.

The awards ceremony was at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, Oct. 20 in conjunction with a 19th Air Force fly-in. Team BLAZE had representation from each of the flying squadrons at the awards ceremony.

## Retirees are shown base-wide appreciation

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

Members of Columbus Air Force Base community showed retired veterans and their families how much they’re appreciated by dedicating their time and resources Oct. 20 at the Columbus Club.

The Club opened their doors at 9 a.m. to all retired service members and their dependents. Booths from many squadrons were setup and provided information about benefits and services available to retirees and their dependents; which they may not have known otherwise.

A reduced price lunch was available to those who attended and after lunch Col. Guy Majkowski, 14th Medical Group Commander, spoke to the retirees.

Picking up the microphone, he walked toward the tables and engaged the audience, asking them questions, finding out who retired



U.S. Air Force photo by Keith Holcomb

**Edie Hyatt speaks with David Ross, 14th Medical Operations Squadron optometry technician, about the benefits retirees are able to utilize Oct. 20, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. There are many benefits retirees and beneficiaries may use on military installations, including access to the 14th MDG.**

from what service and when they started their service.

After the speech, the retirees were given the option to take a shuttle to visit the Air Traffic Control Tower and static displays on

the flightline.

Several retirees visited the locations and spoke with Airmen from different squadrons about experiences and stories from their time in the service.

## GEICO award winner selected

Senior Airman Deangelo Wallman-Sims has been selected as the Air Education and Training Command winner of the 2017 GEICO Military Service Award in the Fire Safety and Fire Prevention categories.

Wallman-Sims led a four-person team during Mississippi’s largest career exposition, showcasing the Fire Protection mission to over 10,000 young adults. During Fire Prevention Week 2016, he coordinated 19 events including exit drills, live-fire and auto rescue demonstrations.

Wallman-Sims also earned the Mine Safety Appliance Repair and Care Certification enabling in-house repairs to safety equipment, saving \$30,000 in annual maintenance expenses.

**October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month**

**SECURITY ALERT** *Is Your Wi-Fi Secure?*

*Do you use Wi-Fi in your home?*

**Overview** - A new vulnerability has been discovered for most modern Wi-Fi devices (Wireless) called Key Reinstallation Attacks (KRACKS).

**Description** - An attacker within range of Wi-Fi devices can exploit devices and corrupt their ability to keep communications secured.

**Impact** - Sensitive info can be stolen: credit card numbers, passwords, emails, and photos. It's also possible to inject and manipulate data.

**Solutions** - Update all your devices once security updates are available. Avoid unsecured public Wi-Fi.

**News of the Wi-Fi vulnerability has been confirmed as of Monday, 16 Oct 2017, by US Homeland Security's cyber-emergency unit US-CERT. Below is the link to the vulnerability Notes Database and case number.**

**For more information, Visit <http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/VU#228519>**

**You Are A Target!**

### 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.

#### Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 30-Nov. 3. The Transition Assistance Program workshop has seminars on Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP and Department of Labor TAP portion. Preseparation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance 8-12 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register call 434-2631.

#### Smooth Move

This class is from 10-11:30 a.m. Nov. 7 and Dec. 5 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. This class provides relocating members/families with valuable information about moving. You learn what to expect from TMO, housing, military pay, legal, billeting, TRICARE, medical records, and A&FRC. For more information, please call 434-2790 to register.

#### Federal USAJobs Workshop

This workshop is from 9 -10:30 a.m Nov. 8. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search, using USAJobs. To register or for more informaiton, call 434-2790.

#### Career Technical Training

This transition event is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 13-14. The workshop explores technical careers for post-military personnel using VA Educational benefits. It is conducted by private company contracted by DVA. Prior registration is required, the company requires 10 days notification and must have minimum of eight participates to make. To register or for more information, call 434-2790.

## Airmen enjoy quarterly dorm dinner



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

**Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, talks with Airmen during the quarterly dorm dinner Oct. 25, 2017, in the Montgomery Village on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Wing Staff Agencies helped organize the dinner that featured numerous chilies, other sides and snacks. Dorm dinners give base leadership a time to interact with dorm residents in a relaxed atmosphere.**

#### Wing Newcomers Orientation

This orientation will be from 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Nov. 14 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. Nov. 14 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.

#### Bundles of Joy

This workshop is 1-3:30 p.m. Nov. 15 and is for active-duty families assigned to Columbus Air Force Base who are expecting or have a child up to 4 months of age. It is an Air Force Aid Society program with presentations about topics such as TRICARE, child care, breastfeeding, car seat safety and labor and delivery. For more information or to register call 434-2790.

#### Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program is from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 15, and is a monthly event that provides community bonding, fun and appreciation for the families of active-duty personnel who are deployed, remote or on an extended TDY. Food and activities are provided. Call 434-2790 to register.

#### Resume and Cover Letter

This workshop is from 9-10:30 a.m. Dec. 6 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. This workshop gives you preparation for writing effective civilian resumes and cover letters. To sign up call 434-2839/2790.

#### Marketing Yourself for A Second Career

This workshop is from 1-3:30 p.m. Dec. 6. and prepares you to market yourself. The workbook includes resume information, interviewing preparation, networking tips and negotiation strategies. Conducted by MOAA, call 434-2790 to register.

#### Heart Link for Spouses

This event is from 8 a.m.-noon Dec. 7 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.

#### 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 marital 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.

### 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

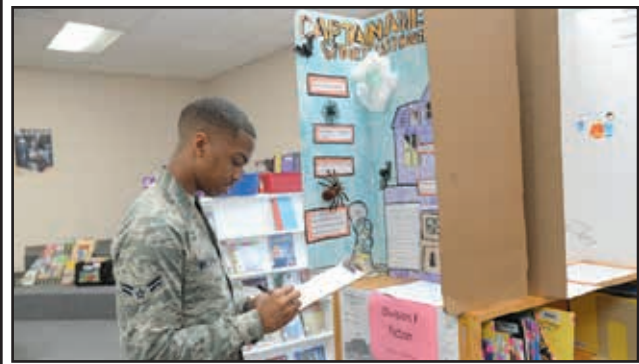
**Sundays:**  
9 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library)  
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service  
**Wednesdays:**  
4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal  
**Thursdays:**  
5:30 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)

#### 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



## Airmen volunteer at West Lowndes Elementary Book Fair



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert  
**Airman 1st Class Rodney Williams, 14th Operation Support Squadron Aviation Resource Management journeyman, judges a presentation Oct. 24, 2017, at West Lowndes Elementary School in Columbus, Mississippi. Rodney and 16 other Airmen from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, judged presentations that children from West Lowndes Elementary created. The presentations were based off of books that the children have read.**

## MSU veterinary school students tour Columbus AFB



U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Christopher Gross  
**First Lt. Sean Flynn, 41st Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, explains the features and capabilities of the T-6A Texan II to Tobi Ku, Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine student, during a tour Oct. 24, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. MSU veterinary program students visited the MWD Section where they were given a bite and obstacle demonstration; they also were able to talk with Stefanowicz and ask questions about operations at the kennel.**



**Tech. Sgt. Karl Stefanowicz, 14th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog Section Kennel Master, conducts an obstacle demonstration for Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine students during a tour Oct. 24, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. MSU veterinary program students visited the MWD Section where they were given a bite and obstacle demonstration; they also were able to talk with Stefanowicz and ask questions about operations at the kennel.**

## VIEWPOINT

# Leading with emotional intelligence

**Lt. Col. David Gallagher**

50th Operations Support Squadron

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Today’s operational environment is dynamic and often requires rapid decisions to keep pace with operational threats.

Leadership plays a fundamental role in successful execution of our mission. How you effectively lead a diverse team of professionals can be the difference between winning or losing a war. Understanding emotional intelligence and how it relates to leadership is a significant factor that allows you to be attuned to your emotions and having sound situational awareness to lead in challenging environments.

“The act of knowing, understanding, and responding to emotions, overcoming stress in the moment, and being aware of how your words and actions affect others, is described as emotional intelligence,” said Brent Gleeson and Dyan Crace in their collaborative article on leading through emotional intelligence.

Daniel Goleman, author of “Emotional Intelligence,” created an emotional intelligence model to describe four areas leaders should possess in order to lead a successful organization: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and relationship management.

The most important trait in this model is self-awareness, to know and understand your emotions before you can impact others and create a positive work environment. This means understanding what makes you emotional and how those emotions makes you react. It also means understanding your

moods. Certain moods can make us overreact or not react at all to situations. Those who have a strong sense and confidence in who they are have the best opportunity to influence and shape others through leadership. Self-management allows you to lead yourself effectively. How you handle stressful or emotional situations is most likely the same approach your subordinates will take. Redirecting your emotional state in a manner that focuses on solutions and positive direction will better aid in conflict resolution.

Social awareness is knowing your people and understanding what motivates each individual. Everyone in an organization is different, and all display emotions in different ways. A single leadership style may not work for every individual, pushing leaders to understand the individuals in their unit, and allowing the leader to adjust his or her style to fit the situation.

Finally, relationship management starts with trust and communication. Trust is one of the most important traits for a leader. Trust begins with the leader and is the foundation for a successful organization. Subordinates must believe in the leader to make sound decisions on their behalf for the benefit of the organization. In turn, the leader must trust his or her subordinates to accomplish the details of the mission based on the commander’s vision.

Gen. John Hyten once said, “If you want to go fast you have to empower people with the authority and responsibility to execute.”

This is impossible without mutual trust and communica-

tion between the leader and subordinates.

Some aspects of emotional intelligence comes naturally for individuals and other areas require attention. I struggled as a junior officer with controlling certain emotions during stressful situations. I had a tendency to outwardly display negative non-verbal communication such as a deep sigh when I was agitated about a situation. Certain behavior, as insignificant as it may seem, can affect your ability to influence peers, subordinates and supervisors. In my case, I believe it affected my ability to think and make sound decisions during that critical time. I have matured over the years and have learned to keep my emotions in balance which significantly improved my decision-making ability and relationships with others.

To effectively lead in a stressful environment you must be consciously aware of how you display certain emotions and know your people well enough to communicate in a way that does not cause adverse emotional responses from them.

Sound emotional intelligence is a powerful tool to create a positive organizational climate conducive to operating in stressful and challenging situations.

Start by leading yourself first, if you can’t manage your own emotions in a positive and productive manner, then you won’t be successful at leading others. Individuals are more willing to put forth extra effort when requested by an empathetic person they respect and admire. As with anything else, awareness and practice will improve your emotional intelligence and increase your leadership effectiveness within your organization.

# BLAZE Hangar Tails: C-130 Hercules

## Mission

The C-130 Hercules primarily performs the tactical portion of the airlift mission. The aircraft is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and is the prime transport for airdropping troops and equipment into hostile areas. The C-130 operates throughout the U.S. Air Force, serving with Air Mobility Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, Air Combat Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Pacific Air Forces, Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve Command, fulfilling a wide range of operational missions in both peace and war situations. Basic and specialized versions of the aircraft airframe perform a diverse number of roles, including airlift support, Antarctic ice resupply, aeromedical missions, weather reconnaissance, aerial spray missions, fire-fighting duties for the U.S. Forest Service and natural disaster relief missions.

## General Characteristics

**Primary Function:** Global airlift

**Contractor:** Lockheed-Martin Aeronautics Company

**Power Plant:**

C-130H: Four Allison T56-A-15 turboprops

C-130J: Four Rolls-Royce AE 2100D3 turboprops

**Length:** C-130E/H/J: 97 feet, 9 inches (29.3 meters)

**Height:** 38 feet, 10 inches (11. 9 meters)

**Wingspan:** 132 feet, 7 inches (39.7 meters)

**Cargo Compartment:**

C-130E/H/J: length, 40 feet (12.31 meters); width, 119 inches (3.Remove 12 meters); height, 9 feet (2.74 meters). Rear ramp: length, 123 inches (3.12 meters); width, 119 inches (3.02 meters)

**Speed:**

C-130E: 345 mph (Mach 0.49) at 20,000 feet (6,060 meters)

C-130H: 366 mph (Mach 0.52) at 20,000 feet (6,060 meters)

C-130J: 417 mph (Mach 0.59) at 22,000 feet (6,706 meters)

## Ceiling:

C-130J: 28,000 feet (8,615 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload

C-130H: 23,000 feet (7,077 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload.

C-130E: 19,000 feet (5,846 meters) with 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms) payload

**Maximum Takeoff Weight:**

C-130E/H/J: 155,000 pounds (69,750 kilograms)

**Maximum Allowable Payload:**

C-130E, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)

C-130H, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)

C-130J, 42,000 pounds (19,090 kilograms)

**Maximum Normal Payload:**

C-130E, 36,500 pounds (16,590 kilograms); C-130H, 36,500 pounds (16,590 kilograms); C-130J, 34,000 pounds (15,422 kilograms)

**Range at Maximum Normal Payload:**

C-130E, 1,150 miles (1,000 nautical miles)

C-130H, 1,208 miles (1,050 nautical miles)

C-130J, 2,071 miles (1,800 nautical miles)

**Maximum Load:**

C-130E/H/J: 6 pallets or 74 litters or 16 CDS bundles or 92 combat troops or 64 paratroopers, or a combination of any of these up to the cargo compartment capacity or maximum allowable weight.

C-130J-30: 8 pallets or 97 litters or 24 CDS bundles or 128 combat troops or 92 paratroopers, or a combination of any of these up to the cargo compartment capacity or maximum allowable weight.

**Crew:** C-130E/H: Five (two pilots, navigator, flight engineer and loadmaster)

**Unit Cost:** C-130E, \$11.9, C-130H, \$30.1, C-130J, \$48.5 (FY 1998 constant dollars in millions)

**Date Deployed:** C-130A, Dec 1956; C-130B, May 1959; C-130E, Aug 1962; C-130H, Jun 1974; C-130J, Feb 1999

**Inventory:** Active force, 145; Air National Guard, 181; Air Force Reserve, 102



U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Keenan Kunst

**A C-130J Super Hercules with the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron lands at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Aug. 22, 2017. The C-130J is the “workhorse” of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing. The aircraft is capable of landing in austere conditions and brings personnel and supplies to forward locations throughout Afghanistan, enabling the NATO Resolute Support mission to train, advise and assist the Afghan military.**



U.S. Air Force photo by Yasuo Osakabe

**A C-130 Hercules assigned to the 36th Airlift Squadron approaches Yokota Air Base, Japan, Aug. 24, 2017. The 36th AS regularly conducts training missions to remain proficient in the necessary skills to support any contingency.**

# Halloween safety tips

## Costumes

- Use flame-retardant costumes
- Make sure costumes are bright enough to be seen at night.

Use reflector strips or light sticks to make children more visible

- Avoid oversized shoes/hats
- Use props made of flexible plastic that will bend if fallen on
- Use face paints instead of masks
- Use masks with eye holes big enough to see in front as well as peripherally
- Attach names and addresses to costumes for easy identification

## Decorating

- Remove tripping hazards from walking areas

- Paint faces or designs on pumpkins instead of carving
- Use battery-powered light sources to illuminate jack-o'-lanterns

## Pets

- Keep chocolate and candy wrappers out of your pets’ reach
- Place pets in a room with some food and water for the night to keep them from darting out through open doors and to protect them from exposure to lighted candles, loud noises, and lots of people.
- Be sure to check on pets periodically
- Don’t cause unnecessary stress or discomfort to pets by dressing them in costumes unless they are extremely receptive to it

# Thanksgiving recipes

Silver Wings will be including a couple pages of Thanksgiving recipes in the Nov. 22 issue.

If you have a favorite family recipe for main or side dishes, or desserts, email the recipe and directions to the Silver Wings box at silverwings@us.af.mil along with your name and unit.







T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

# SUPT Class 18-01 earns silver wings



**1st Lt. Christopher Breyfogle**  
New City, N.Y.  
T-1A, Columbus AFB, Miss.



**2nd Lt. Ricardo Acosta**  
Roland, Okla.  
C-5M, Kelly AFB, Texas



**2nd Lt. Taylor Adair**  
Cedar City, Utah  
B-52H, Barksdale AFB, La.

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-01 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. Joel Carey, 12th Flying Training Wing Commander at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, is the graduation guest speaker.

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

Second Lt. John Bynum, T-38C Talon, and 2nd Lt. Michael Gardner, T-1A Jayhawk, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to Bynum and 2nd Lt. Joel Woods, T-1A. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Bynum, Gardner and 2nd Lt. Titan Miller, T-1A, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 18-01.

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

and cross country navigation flying.

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

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

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

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

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 76.4 hours in the T-1A.

Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB.

Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 18-01 pilot partners are Megan Pratt from Baptist Memorial-Golden Triangle, and Tom Cooper from Bob's Paint and Auto Body.



**2nd Lt. Andrew Chase**  
Nashua, N.H.  
C-130J, Little Rock AFB, Ark.



**2nd Lt. Cameron Emerson**  
Knoxville, Tenn.  
F-15C, Kingsley Field, Ore.



**2nd Lt. Jake Fisher**  
Brooks, Ga.  
C-130H, Savannah ANGB, Ga.



**2nd Lt. Michael Gardner**  
Beaver Falls, Pa.  
KC-135, Pittsburgh IAP ARS, Pa.



**2nd Lt. Titan Miller**  
Burlington, Iowa  
KC-135, Scott AFB, Ill.



**2nd Lt. Brittany Monio**  
Stillwater, Minn.  
EC-130H, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Sebastian Monnin**  
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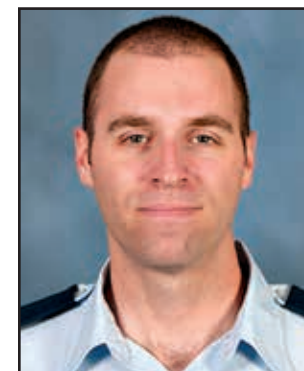
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**2nd Lt. Scott Sivard**  
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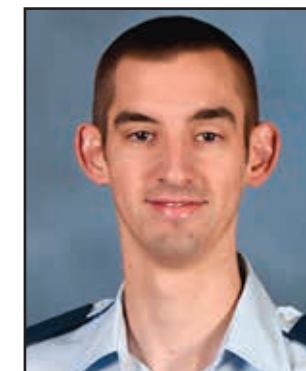
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**2nd Lt. Alexandra Taylor**  
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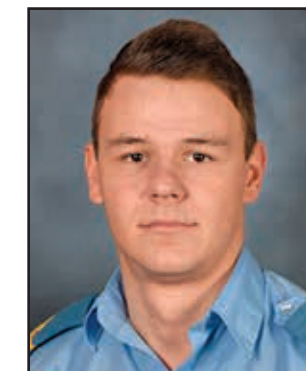
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T-6, Columbus AFB, Miss.



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KC-10, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.



**1st Lt. Ryugo Hosokawa**  
Hiroshima, Japan  
F-15J, Japan



**1st Lt. Gabriel Doina**  
Timisoara, Romania  
IAR-99, Romania



**2nd Lt. Evan Autry**  
Elk Grove, Calif.  
C-146A, Duke Field, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Kristin Bodie**  
Saluda, S.C.  
KC-135, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



**2nd Lt. John Bynum**  
Maysville, N.C.  
F-15C, Kingsley Field, Ore.



**2nd Lt. Austin Gause**  
Ridgeway, S.C.  
C-17, JB Charleston, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Zachary Hall**  
Pocomoke, Md.  
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