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<p>Sunday</p>  <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>High 79°F Low 59°F</p>	<p>Monday</p>  <p>Partly Cloudy</p> <p>High 79°F Low 60°F</p>

Forecast provided by the 14th OS5 Weather Flight.

News Briefs

Turn the Clocks Back

Daylight saving time is Nov. 5, so remember to turn clocks back one hour. The official start is at 2 a.m.

Veterans Day Observed

Columbus Air Force Base will observe Veterans Day Nov. 10. Most base offices will be closed, so personnel should plan accordingly.

Veterans Day Parade

The 2017 Veterans 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.

Thanksgiving Brunch Buffet

The Columbus Club is offering a Thanksgiving Brunch Buffet from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Nov. 16. The cost is \$7 for club members, \$9 for non-members, \$5 for ages 5-11 and free for ages 4 and under.

Inside



Feature 8

The turkey shoot event is highlighted in this week's feature.

A photograph showing two men in military uniforms shaking hands on a stage. The man on the left is bald and smiling, wearing a dark blue uniform with a name tag that reads 'J. B. ...'. The man on the right is seen from the side, wearing a dark blue uniform with a name tag that reads 'J. B. ...'. In the background, there are four flags (US, Spanish, and two others) and a large screen displaying a blue and white image.

12th FTW Commander reminds 18-01 why we are team players

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

Col. Joel Carey, 12th Flying Training Wing Commander at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, spoke at the graduation of Specialized Undergraduate Class 18-01 Oct. 27 at the

Kaye Auditorium here.

Carey started by relating this graduation back to his own graduation, in class 94-11, and how he had similar stand-ups, sorties, and late nights of hard work.

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* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.

The graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-02's graduation on Nov. 17 is Brig. Gen. David Hicks, Director of Strategy, Concepts, and Assessments, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

Veterans Day Observance
Holiday hours

Airman & Family Readiness Center. Closed Nov. 10

Arts & Crafts..... Closed Nov. 10

Back Gate.....Closed Nov. 10

Bowling Center. Closed Nov. 10

Child Development Center Closed Nov. 10

Columbus Club.....Closed Nov. 10

Commissary Open normal hours

Exchange Open normal hours

Fitness Center 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 10,
normal weekend hours

Medical Group Closed Nov. 10

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This workshop is designed for anyone interested in buying a home, regardless of income or credit history, and individuals who have not owned a primary residence for at least three years. Topics to include grant eligibility, process of purchasing a home, the closing process, banking and mortgage finance technology, credit readiness and how and where to get a loan.
Door prizes and lunch will also be served. Call RTP at 662-328-8037 for more information.

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

Nov. 10
A Veteran Recognition Ceremony begins at 10 a.m. 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.

Nov. 11
There will be a "Bowl 4 Vets" event from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at GT Lanes in Columbus, Mississippi. The cost is \$15 for three games and includes shoe rental. The event is sponsored by the Thursday Morning Senior Bowling League from GT Lanes and all proceeds will go to Bowler to Veterans Link. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, chances to win door prizes and free cake.

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For Sale: Seasoned firewood, stan-

Garage Sale

Garage Sale: There will be a garage sale from Nov. 4-5 at 5541 Ridge Rd. Columbus, MS 39705. Location is about five minutes from base and some items for sale include appliances, camping gear, chairs, hammock, fish tanks. For any questions, call Ed Marallo at 702-885-4353.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
6	7 Proud to be an American, 9:30 a.m. @ EMCC	8	9 International Spouses Luncheon, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. @ Old Waverly Golf Club	10 Veterans Day observed, most offices closed	11/12 11th: Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony, starts at 10 a.m. at the Municipal Complex in Columbus 11th: MSU vs. Alabama	Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Nov. 24: AETC Family Day Nov. 30: Enlisted Promotions Dec. 1: SUPT Class 18-03 Assignment Night Dec. 2: Holiday Parties Dec. 5: Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade Dec. 7: Holiday Brunch Dec. 9: Holiday Parties Dec. 12: Air Force Community Partnership Meeting Dec. 14: Hearts Apart
13	14 Wing New-comers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	15 Hearts Apart, 5 p.m. @ A&FRC	16 Thanksgiving Brunch, 11 a.m. @ Club Dormsgiving, 5 p.m. @ TBD	17 SUPT Class 18-02 Graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye	18/19 18th: Mercer vs. Alabama	

WRIGHT

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them?” Wright said. “Not just how do we retain them, but how do we keep them motivated, how do we keep them encouraged, how do we keep them inspired? Because that’s how they come to us. They come to us motivated, encouraged, inspired, agile, innovative, ready to roll. They come to us feeling a sense of connection. They come to us feeling a sense of purpose.”

“But, somewhere along the way, something happens,” he said. “Some of it has to do with the nature of our business; some of it has to do with our extremely high ops tempo, which I don’t perceive decreasing any time soon. Some of it has to do with what we as an Air Force have to get after: some of the additional duties, computer-based training, and moving things out of

the way. We are doing a lot of work in that arena. But most of it has to do with the level of leadership and encouragement you provide... the environment you create as leaders in our Air Force. That’s how we get Airmen to stay, how we keep them motivated and inspired. That’s how we keep them resilient; how we utilize them and keep them thinking and being innovative.”

Wright then provided updates on the ongoing changes intended to reduce administrative burden, increase mission focus, give Airmen time back and enhance quality of life. Noting that upon return to the Pentagon, one of the first things he has to do is arrange to reenlist, Wright received a round of applause from the gathered Airmen.

“Don’t clap,” he said with a smile. “I’ve been in the Air Force 28 years, almost 29. And every

four years, I’ve got to go through the ‘Yeah, I’m still here.’ Now, it’s a time-honored tradition; I love it, but I think we’d like to get to once you hit your 15-year mark, then you’re an indefinite enlistment — you’re good until your high year of tenure. If you have a selective reenlistment bonus or something, we’ll make sure you have the right active duty service commitment. Because I believe at 15 years of service, most of us are plugged in, dedicated and ready to roll. We’re still doing the research. We like to go slow to go fast to make sure we understand all of the benefits.”

A topic closer to fruition is reduction of the time needed to produce an awards nomination, as well as adjusting the weight of mission focus and job performance on the forms.

“We’re really close on our goal

of reducing the number of lines on our [awards packages] for the annual awards program,” Wright said, noting the current number of 27 bulleted accomplishments required for a nomination. “So we’ll get that down to about 16. I like 12 and four. So 12 in job performance and then four in the ‘Whole Airman’ concept. That gets us to the point where 80 percent of what you’re evaluated on is your job and primary mission, and 20 percent is the other things that we ask you to do as Airmen.”

Once that change is official, Wright said he hopes major commands and other earlier levels of competition will follow suit and mirror the requirements at the Air Force level.

As Wright expressed his commitment to looking for ways, along with Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein and Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, to recruit, train, motivate and retain the Airmen critical to conducting

operations and delivering hope around the globe, he challenged the A/TA audience members as well.

“Here’s one thing I would ask you to focus on: be committed. Be committed to our Airmen, be committed to our Air Force, be committed to being great leaders. Be committed to being great Wingmen. Reach deep down inside and recommit yourself to this Air Force and to these Airmen,” Wright said. “They need you and they deserve you. Because they want to be committed to you. And so of all the things that I can ask you to do, and there’s a lot -- the one thing I would ask you is to decide. You can’t be on the fence. Because Airmen know it and they see it. At the end of the day, attitude truly reflects leadership.”

In conclusion, Wright channeled the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius with a slight adjustment of the emperor’s famous quote.

“Don’t waste your time arguing about what a good Airman should be. Be one!”

GRADUATION

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He recalled being proud of his accomplishment at his own graduation, and told the students the pride he has in them.

“Everyone one of you have your own individual stories. Everyone has your own challenges you overcome, just to get your own slot into pilot training,” Carey said. “You all had your own highs and your own lows, but you persevered and the hard work has paid off and you should be justifiably proud.”

He then talked about the uniforms they wear. He said they should have a sense of pride of not only being a pilot, but they should also be proud of being an Airman in their uniforms unique to the U.S. Air Force.

“Be proud, but don’t be too proud,” Carey said. “Humility is always going to help build this team that we hold dear and is important to what we do.”

Competence was another key component Carey highlighted to the new pilots, letting them know that they will continue to learn at the same speed as pilot training, and in some cases faster.

He said every aircraft and aircrew has helped him and many others in missions all around the globe. Many of those stories played key roles in accomplishing missions for the Air Force, whether it be receiving gas in-flight, reconnaissance, or Japanese pilots who helped him rescue a fellow U.S. Air Force pilot.

“Not one of us is able to do our jobs without the help of your team,” Carey said.

Following the team effort, Carey talked about the importance of balancing work and family. Carey said the importance of family cannot be matched. The building of the Air Force family and more importantly their families at home will help them work harder.

“You give your best at work, but you have to save some of your A-game when you walk back through that door when you get home at night,” Carey said. “It is a critical part, it is a requirement of you doing your job. When you move onto that next phase of life ... we want you to be stronger.”

To finish his speech, he shared his story of being woken



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
Graduates of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-01 break their first set of wings Oct. 27, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The breaking of the wings symbolizes good luck for an Air Force pilot, and upon their death the two halves will be brought back together to commemorate their service as a professional military aviator.

up with a phone call on a Saturday morning; he was told he must immediately be ready to support a mission he wasn’t expecting.

“Be ready, take this work ethic you’ve been honing and exercising over the past year, the professionalism, and have fun while you’re doing it,” Carey said. “Choose to have fun, choose to enjoy wherever you are and whatever mission you’re involved in because it really is nine-tenths attitude on those days. Aim high and Godspeed, thank you for your time Class 18-01.”

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Thanksgiving recipes

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

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Columbus recognizes newest promotees, quarterly award winners



Team BLAZE members are recognized during the quarterly award ceremony Oct. 31, 2017, at the Club on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The quarterly awards acknowledge those who represent the Air Force core values and exemplify exceptional work.

U.S. Air Force photos by Mary Crump



Airman Amad Qureshi, 14th Communications Squadron, Senior Airman Katelyn Jaime, 14th Contracting Squadron, Staff Sgt. Ruth Graham, 14th CONS, and Tech. Sgt. Mia Johnson, 14th Force Support Squadron, are recognized during the enlisted promotions ceremony Oct. 31, 2017, at the Club on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. These Airmen were recognized for earning their next stripe and taking on the responsibilities associated with the promotion.

Columbus AFB instructor pilots recognized for excellence

Instructors from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, were recognized as the top “grade sheet producers” (student events) in their respective airframes at the 19th Air Force level. The following instructor pilots from the 14th Flying Training Wing were recognized for their efforts:

T-6: Maj. Mike Herold
T-1: Capt. Jeffrey Asper
T-38 SUPT: Capt. Joe Hollway
T-38 IFF: Capt. Matt Martenson
A-29: Maj. Grant Thompson

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Columbus AFB Top 3 spotlight

Date: Oct. 31, 2017

Category: NCO

Nominee Rank/Name: Staff Sgt. Shannon Van Wagner

Unit: 14th Medical Operations Squadron

Background:

Home town: Angola, Indiana

Time in the Air Force: 13 years, 10 months

Time at Columbus Air Force Base: 1 year, 1 month

Career short-term goals: Make technical sergeant.

Career long-term goals: Continue to make rank and possibly become a first sergeant.

Nominated by: Master Sgt. Juan Diaz

Nomination reason: In addition to overseeing all flight physicals, Van Wagner worked with her flight to complete an eight-step process improvement that focused on increasing flight doc productivity and reducing patient delays for international students, garnering her team a Group Star Performer Award for Innovation. Furthermore, she has taken it upon herself to bring ACCES custom ear molds to Columbus AFB, which create and builds personalized Communications Earpieces for aircrew. She offered this unique skill set to the 50th and 49th FTSs and, since these are highly sought after, she will be expanding to the 41st and 37th as well.



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Doublin

Staff Sgt. Shannon Van Wagner receives the Columbus Air Force Base Top 3 Spotlight award from Master Sgt. Carmina Beedle, 14th Operations Support Squadron Superintendent, for the month of October 2017.

AF News AETC holds inaugural flying competition

Maj. Brian Nickerson

19th Air Force

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS – The excitement and anticipation from the crowd was palpable as you entered the Fleenor Auditorium Friday night.

The evening marked the culmination of the past year's flying training production from across Air Education and Training Command and the inception of the first annual AETC Flying Training Awards ceremony. Reminiscent of events like the Strategic Air Command's Bomb Competition, the Flying Training Awards paid tribute to those exceptional individuals and teams whose tireless efforts continue to produce highly qualified aircrew for the Air Force over the last fiscal year.

Maj. Gen. Partick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, conceptualized the idea earlier in the year to prioritize, recognize, and show the aircrew and instructors of AETC that they are valued. The general also emphasized the importance of honoring the teamwork that permeates each of the wings within the command.

“Everything we do relies on incredible teamwork,” Doherty said. “Airpower is a team sport – the ultimate competition – and I think it is imperative that we recognize the teams that accomplish the mission the best, doing it in a way that cares for their people, sustains the aircraft fleet for the long haul, and accomplishes this in a way that lifts teams to greater heights of production and quality of instruction.”

With that guidance, his team at 19 AF began to develop an event that would keep attendees talking with their peers for weeks to follow. As the tower opened on the airfield in the morning, aircraft from across the country began to arrive and populate the southern ramp. The normal sounds of T-38s, T-6s, and T-1s flying overhead were punctuated by C-130s, F-16s, and F-35s.

By the time the sun began to set, the ramp was full of the iron representative of the 1,471 aircraft that is the massive flying enterprise of 19 AF.

It began unassumingly as songs about flying, interspersed with motivational flying and heritage videos, and provided background filler to the handshakes and bro-hugs between command members, some of whom have not seen each other for years.

Suddenly, as all the attendee's accurately hacked watches turned to 5 p.m., the theater lights went out and the presentation screen lit up. All at once, the audience was presented

with videos capturing the extraordinary work that each unit within 19 AF accomplishes on a daily basis. The only sounds that could be heard above the presentation were the prideful cheers as a particular aircraft or mission was on display.

“The flying business and sortie production by maintainers is hard work requiring constant preparation and mental alertness,” said Doherty during his opening remarks. “It is tough on the body. We are incredibly proud and thankful for the people that strap on the mission.”

To provide a scope for the magnitude of their effort he noted that the AETC flying enterprise under 19 AF is a staggering 50 percent of the entire Air Force's flying hour program.

First, the individual awards, known as the High Flyers, were given to instructors knocking out the most grade sheets – the ones that love the mission, love to fly, and love to instruct. 57 total High Flyers were honored ranging from T-6 pilots to intelligence instructors to loadmasters. This was quickly followed by the team presentations. As the emcee introduced the category, a low murmur could be heard amongst the crowd, as the previously covered team trophies were revealed for the first time. Each unique in its own right, every trophy was impressive to behold, but the 3-foot tall gleaming silver cup dwarfed all in size and presence. Named in honor of Lt. Gen. Henry Viscellio, Sr., the first and third commander of 19 AF, the cup was presented to the top overall flying training wing within AETC.

The rest of the awards ceremony ensued as expected with cheers and applause for the top teams, each crowding the front of the theater to receive their trophy and take a picture with the commander.

This year's winners are:

● **Top Future Aviator Category:** 1st Flying Training Squadron, 306th Flying Training Group, Pueblo, Colorado

● **T-6 Category:** 8th FTS, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma

● **T-1 Category:** 48th FTS, 14th FTW, Columbus AFB, Mississippi

● **T-38 Category:** 469th FTS, 80th FTW, Sheppard AFB, Texas

● **Combat Systems Officer/Remotely Pilot Aircraft/Air Battle Manager Category:** 558th FTS, 12th FTW, JB-SA-Randolph, Texas

● **Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals Category:** 435th Fighter Training Squadron, 12th FTW, JB-SA-Randolph, Texas

Wright eyes indefinite enlistment, awards program changes for enlisted force

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Air Force's top enlisted Airman provided updates on the status of issues affecting the enlisted force Oct. 27, 2017, at the 2017 Airlift/Tanker Association Symposium in Orlando, Florida. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth

O. Wright addressed hundreds of mobility Airmen, current and former Air Force leaders, joint and combined forces partners and industry representatives, as part of the three day professional development event focused on the rapid global mobility enterprise and the Airmen who execute the mission. Wright's remarks highlighted initiatives

nearing completion and fielding, such as adjustments to awards program timing and process requirements. He also brought news of options, like a possible indefinite enlistment timeline, which are earlier in the consideration process.

He began by addressing the culture of Air Force units and how leadership and the

● **Pilot Instructor Training Category:** 559th FTS, 12th FTW, JB-SA-Randolph, Texas

● **Fighter Category:** 61st Fighter Squadron, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Arizona

● **SOF/Mobility Category:** 415th Special Operations Squadron, 58th Special Operations Wing, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

● **Rotary Category:** 71st SOS, 58th SOW, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

● **Top Maintenance Group:** 12th Maintenance Group, 12th FTW, JB-SA-Randolph, Texas

● **Top Maintenance Group in Gray Jet Division:** 54th Fighter Group, Holloman AFB, New Mexico

● **Top Maintenance Group in Gray Tail Division:** 58th Maintenance Group, 58th SOW, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

● **Top Operations Group in White Jet Division:** 12th Operations Group, 12th FTW, JB-SA-Randolph, Texas

● **Top Operations Group in Gray Jet Division:** 56th Operations Group, 56th FW, Luke AFB, Arizona

● **Top Operations Group in Gray Tail Division:** 189th Operations Group, 189th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas

● **Top Wing White Jet:** 12th FTW, JB-SA-Randolph, Texas

● **Top Gray Jet Wing (Fighters):** 56th FW, Luke AFB, Arizona

● **Top Wing Gray Tail:** 58th SOW, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

● **Top Wing of Wings:** 12th FTW, JB-SA-Randolph, Texas

The celebration continued as the attendees filed out of the theater, trophies in hand, and proceeded to the Auger Inn for a crud tournament. Spirits were high as crud teams competed for the top spot. As the music died down and Columbus AFB's team “Blaze” conquered the crud table, one was left with a sense accomplishment and anticipation as next year's awards ceremony promises to build on the excitement and scale of this inaugural event.

Aircrew returned to their bases in the days to follow, knowing that their hard work and effort over the past year were greatly appreciated.

“Whether they are individuals or teams, their efforts, professionalism, energy, and love of training aircrew for our country's defense and those of our key ally partners needs to be recognized and celebrated,” said Doherty.

establishment of positive culture impacts retention. Retention of enlisted aircraft maintainers and other Airmen with skills key to operational success remains a significant challenge and focus in the Air Force and in Air Mobility Command specifically.

“My question to you is, ‘how do we keep See WRIGHT, Page 14

Nov. 28: Whiskey brown sugar turkey burger and barbecue beer beans by the 14th Operations Group area

Columbus AFB kicks off CFC 2017

By Maj Stephen O. Osakue, Jr.

14th Medical Support Squadron

The 14th Flying Training Wing kicked off the 2017 Combined Federal Campaign Oct. 31 and it will run until Dec. 1.

This year's campaign theme of "Show Some Love" truly represents the spirit of the CFC and further bridges the gap between Columbus AFB and the local community.



Since 1961, the CFC has provided a consolidated fund raising effort for federal agencies to give to over 20,000 charities worldwide. CFC

allows donors to give to causes ranging from disaster relief to youth development and more, regardless of geographic location. Last year the CFC Mississippi Delta/Gulf Coastal Plains raised \$4.3 million for local, national and international charities.

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. Cash will not be accepted for this year's campaign. While checks are still accepted and appreciated, the online giving options make donating to the CFC even easier. Additionally, new to the campaign, federal retirees will have the option to continue supporting their favorite charitable causes through the CFC.

This year's campaign comes at a time when the United States is in the midst of an unprecedented number of natural disasters and senseless tragedies both foreign and domestic. As military members, only some of us have the opportunity to assist with humanitarian missions, but for the first time CFC donors will have the ability to contribute financially and/or pledge volunteer time to make a hands-on difference in our community.

Traditional donation slips and catalogs are not yet available. Your CFC keyworkers can assist with online donations and will provide printed materials once they are distributed to the local level.

I look forward to another outstanding Team Blaze accomplishment as we continue to make a positive difference in the community.



Please view the following websites for detailed information regarding the CFC and its charities: facebook.com/msdeltacfc

Twitter.com/msdeltacfc

Instagram.com/msdeltacfc

To make an online donation, visit www.opm.gov/showsomelovecfc

For specific local questions please contact Maj. Stephen O. Osakue, Jr. at 434-2168 or via email at stephen.osakue.1@us.af.mil.



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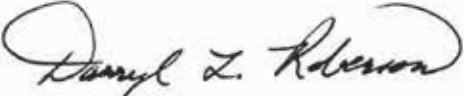
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SUBJECT: 2017 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

1. The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the world's largest and most successful workplace giving campaign. For over half a century, the men and women of AETC have generously contributed to numerous local, national, and international organizations associated with CFC. As we kick off this year's campaign, I encourage you to continue that legacy of support and consider donating to your favorite CFC organization(s).

2. Organizational project officers and key workers will be reaching out to each and every one of you to personally inform you about CFC. They will be happy to answer any specific questions you may have about this year's campaign. Online giving is available at the following website: <https://cfcgiving.opm.gov>. Pledge cards will be available too.


3. Participation in CFC is completely voluntary. I am confident that once again AETC members will rise to the occasion and seize the opportunity to make a positive difference for those in need. This is our chance to make a meaningful impact on our communities--thank you for your outstanding support!



DARRYL L. ROBERSON
Lieutenant General, USAF
Commander

Commander's Action Line

434-1414



The Commander's Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Commander's Action Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain-of-command.

The Commander's Action Line phone number is 434-1414. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the Wing Headquarters building, BLDG. 724, suite 210. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.

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.

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 information, call 434-2790.

CGOC Family Picnic

The Company Grade Officer Club will host a picnic for all current and future members and their families at 5 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Hunt Housing Community Center. There is no required uniform and the CGOC will be providing burgers, hotdogs, chips and soda, so attendees do not need to bring anything.

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 participants to make. To register or for more information, call 434-2790.

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

Columbus AFB kicks off CFC 2017



U.S. Air Force photo by Sonic Johnson
Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, speaks during the 2017 Combined Federal Campaign kickoff breakfast Oct. 31, 2017, at the Columbus Club on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. This year's theme is "Show Some Love."

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 5- 7 p.m. Nov. 15, is a monthly event to provide 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

Looking for work

By Chief Master Sgt. Jacqueline Faulk
14th Security Forces Squadron
Superintendent

“Looking for work.” This is a phrase learned from joint training sessions of an Air Force Security Forces Emergency Services Team and several local California Special Weapons and Tactics teams. This phrase is an important part of preparing a team for a dynamic situation that is always challenging to train for.

Each team member is charged with specific tasks. A member that breaches the door, a team leader, a member to cover high, and a member to cover the rear. Each member is trained to take a certain part of the room when they enter the door. Each member knows the roles and responsibilities of every other member and in the event a situation changes, anyone can take over for another member with a smooth transition.

They execute, they take the room, the suspect is neutralized, and the victims are secured. This moment is the most dangerous moment for SWAT teams and military units. It is that moment when victory is perceived, members relax, and initiative is lost. Then comes the counter attack.

“Looking for work” is the phrase that helps to defend the coming counter attack. The mission is not over until you are in your own bed. Throughout the entire operation, team members are “looking for work.”

Inaction is the ultimate enemy and the only way to completely dominate the objective is to continue moving forward, continue working. Each member of the team is trained in every other member’s assigned tasks so that when a team member is occupied, another member “looking for work” will pick up the slack.

This phrase is an important part of preparing a team for a dynamic situation that is always challenging to train for. Each team member is charged with specific tasks.

When all else fails, a member “looking for work” defaults to protecting a sector so the team is not vulnerable. It is not just the intense training that makes these teams successful, it is this aggressive mentality that allows teams to be successful in any situation.

The challenge is to bring this attitude into the daily operation of a unit. It is far too easy to finish a task and then hop onto Facebook, YouTube, or any other site at our fingertips in order entertain or kill time until the end of the day.

However, in order to bring yourself, your team, and your unit up to the next level, you must resist the temptation to relax after your tasks are done. Instead, from the moment you walk into your office, unit, or post you must be “looking for work.” You must stay constantly on the offensive to get ahead of your tasks, assist your teammates, or anticipate your boss. If you lack the experience or clairvoyance to anticipate others then develop your default “sector of fire.” Figure out where you, your team, or your unit are most vulnerable and then cover that sector. It may be something as important as reviewing unit fund expenditures or something as non-critical as cleaning up the grounds around your facility. I challenge each and everyone, including myself, to be constantly “looking for work.”

The Airman’s Creed

I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior.
I have answered my nation’s call.

I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight, and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage.
A tradition of honor,
And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman.

Guardian of freedom and justice,
My nation’s sword and shield,
Its sentry and avenger.
I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman.
Wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind.
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.

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Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

Hangar tails: CV-22 Osprey

Mission

The CV-22 Osprey is a tiltrotor aircraft that combines the vertical takeoff, hover and vertical landing qualities of a helicopter with the long-range, fuel efficiency and speed characteristics of a turboprop aircraft. Its mission is to conduct long-range infiltration, exfiltration and resupply missions for special operations forces.

Features

This versatile, self-deployable aircraft offers increased speed and range over other rotary-wing aircraft, enabling Air Force Special Operations Command aircrews to execute long-range special operations missions. The CV-22 can perform missions that normally would require both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft. The CV-22 takes off vertically and, once airborne, the nacelles (engine and prop-rotor group) on each wing can rotate into a forward position.

The CV-22 is equipped with integrated threat countermeasures, terrain-following radar, forward-looking infrared sensor and other advanced avionics systems that allow it to operate at low altitude in adverse weather conditions and me-

dium- to high-threat environments.

Background

The CV-22 is the Special Operation Forces variant of the U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey. The first two test aircraft were delivered to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., in September 2000. The 58th Special Operations Wing at Kirtland AFB, N.M., began CV-22 aircrew training with the first two production aircraft in August 2006.

The first operational CV-22 was delivered to Air Force Special Operations Command in January 2007. Initial operational capability was achieved in 2009. A total of 51 CV-22 aircraft are scheduled to be delivered by the end of 2019.

General characteristics

Primary function: special operations forces long-range infiltration, exfiltration and resupply

Power plant: two Rolls Royce-Allison AE1107C turbo shaft engines

Thrust: more than 6,200 shaft horsepower per engine

Wingspan: 84 feet 7 inches (25.8 meters)



A CV-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft assigned to the 8th Special Operations Squadron conducts exfiltration and infiltration exercises at the Eglin Range, Florida, Nov. 8, 2016. The CV-22 combines the vertical takeoff, hover and vertical landing qualities of a helicopter with the long-range, fuel efficiency and speed characteristics of a turboprop aircraft.



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Joseph Pick

One of 11 CV-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft assigned to the 8th Special Operations Squadron land at Hurlburt Field, Florida, Sept. 12, 2017. The 1st Special Operations Wing, exercising an abundance of caution, issued an evacuation order for aircraft stationed at Hurlburt Field Sept. 9 in preparation for the potential arrival of Hurricane Irma.

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



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

Officers competing in the turkey shoot event watch other individuals shoot clay pigeons Oct. 26, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Instructor pilots from each flying training squadron competed in multiple events while simultaneously meeting several continuation training requirements.



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

Capt. Taylin Eckols, 48th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, fires at a clay target Oct. 26, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Instructor pilots competing in the turkey shoot event shot at 25 flying targets for a possible total of 100 points for this piece of the competition.



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

Shells lay scattered at the firing range after the turkey shoot's skeet shooting event Oct. 26, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Skeet shooting was one of three parts during the competition and shooters had a chance earn 100 points, the total competition was out of 300 points.

Columbus AFB pilots compete in turkey shoot competition

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

Twenty-three teams from six of Columbus Air Force Base's flying squadrons competed in a "turkey shoot" competition here Oct. 26, competing in skeet shooting, low-level flying and landings.

Teams of three from the 37th, 41st, 43rd, 48th and 50th Flying Training Squadrons and the 49th Fighter Training Squadron competed in the three events and were scored out of a possible 300 points.

Lt. Col. Tom McElhinney, 43rd FTS Operations Officer, said pilots have continuation requirements they must meet every six months, like landing and low-level flying, and this was a fun way to meet these requirements.

"As opposed to the day-to-day grind, of 'I'm just going out and doing a landing,' now it's 'How precise can that landing be? How precise can I be over this target?'" McElhinney said. "Where a lot of times, 10 or 15 or 20 seconds isn't a big deal, well, today it is."

During the skeet shooting portion of the competition, shooters were given a shotgun and had 25 clays to shoot at, with a total possible score of 100.

The low-level piece of the competition had two parts. First, the pilots had to pass by an identified target during a certain time. They lost a point for every second they were early or late. The second part included identifying a target. During the low-level, they had to identify the make and color of a vehicle that was sitting in a designated area.

Landing was the third part of the competition and pilots

were given a point and judged on the precision and quality of their landing.

"It gave us a good way, a fun way to go out there and get the training requirements accomplished that we needed to," said Maj. Reed Martin, 37th FTS Chief of Standard and Evaluation, who was also a member of the overall winning team.

Other members of Martin's team included Capts. Mike Butler and Chad Aukerman, both Assistant Chiefs of Training for the 37th FTS. Their team had a combined score of 246 points.

Martin said one of the biggest obstacles included navigating flying portions of the competition without any GPS. As instructor pilots, he said it's a fundamental skill they teach their students, but don't get much practical use themselves.

Organizing the event, McElhinney said another obstacle was planning a competition that involved three airframes and making it fair for each team. Airframes included the T-1A Jayhawk, T-6A Texan II and the T-38 Talon, and each have their own limitations and requirements.

Regardless of the airframe, this was a chance for pilots to see how they compare to others that fly the same airframe, while also bringing to light their strengths and weaknesses.

"I just like the competition; as a pilot, I kind of like to see where I'm at versus everybody else," McElhinney said. "Sometimes you think you're maybe not as good as you are or maybe you think that you're better than you are. This answers it, it's pretty objective."

The winning group received gift cards for base organizations, a trophy and three-day pass. Winning groups from each of the squadrons also received a three-day pass.



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

Maj. Reed Martin, 37th Flying Training Squadron Chief of Stan/Eval, and Capt. Butler, 37th FTS Assistant Chief of Training, hold the 2017 14th Flying Training Wing Firebird Fly-Off trophy Oct. 27, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Capt. Chad Aukerman, 37th FTS Assistant Chief of Training, was also a part of the winning group of the turkey shoot competition. The three-man team had a total score of 246 out of a possible 300 points and were one of 23 teams competing in the event.



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

Two T-38 Talons land during the turkey shoot event Oct. 26, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Two aircraft were graded and averaged together for the T-38 event because it was considered a formation flight.



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

Second Lt. Daniel Caddigan, 14th Student Squadron student pilot, waits for a T-6A Texan II to land during the turkey shoot event Oct. 26, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Caddigan was responsible for marking spots where the aircraft first touched down to help score how well the landing was performed.



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

A T-6A Texan II prepares to land during the turkey shoot event Oct. 26, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Competitors performed tasks during their flight and had their landings evaluated to test their aviation abilities in the T-6, the T-1A Jayhawk and the T-38 Talon.