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Partly Cloudy

High 59°F Low 34°F

Monday

Partly Cloudy

High 59°F Low 35°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Thanksgiving/AETC Family Day

Most base offices will be closed Nov. 23-24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday and an Air Education and Training family day.

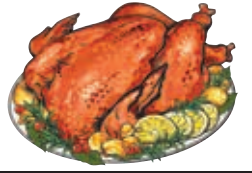
Enlisted All Call

An enlisted all call is at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Kaye Auditorium. Participation for this event is mandatory for all enlisted personnel.

SUPT 18-03 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-03 will have assignment night at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Columbus Club.

Inside



Feature 8

Thanksgiving recipes are highlighted in this week's feature.



Brig. Gen. David W. Hicks speaks at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-02's graduation Nov. 17, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Hicks is the Director of Strategy, Concepts, and Assessments, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C.

Hicks motivates SUPT Class 18-02, gives words of advice

Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. David W. Hicks, the Director of Strategy, Concepts, and Assessments, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C., spoke at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-02's graduation ceremony Nov. 17 at the

Kaye Auditorium here.

"Coming back in here yesterday was the first time in 27 years I've been back to Columbus Air Force Base," Hicks said. "I really appreciate it and appreciate the invitation. It means a lot to me, to be quite honest, to see the future of the Air Force and have a chance to interact and engage with you a little bit."

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37th (18-11)	3.04 days	2.55 days	Dec. 12	48th (18-03)	-1.71 days	2.33 days	Dec. 15	49th (18-CBC)	-0.37 days	1.34 days	Dec. 21	T-6	1,924	1,804	5,258				
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The graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Class 18-03 is Lt. Gen. Richard Clark, 3rd Air Force Commander.												T-38	605	648	1,837				
												IFF	259	272	743				



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 60 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving, most offices closed All AAFES facilities closed	24 AETC Family Day, most offices closed Exchange opens at 6 a.m.	25/26 25th: Exchange opens at 9 a.m. 25th: Commissary open	Dec. 4: Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader visit Dec. 4: Columbus Christmas Parade Dec. 5: Columbus AFB Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade Dec. 7: Holiday Brunch Dec. 12: Air Force Community Partnership Meeting Dec. 14: Hearts Apart Dec. 14: Daedalians Meeting Dec.14: Happy Fund Shop and Wrap Dec. 15: SUPT Class 18-03 Graduation Dec. 19: Pilot Partner Welcome Dec. 22: Last Fly Day
27 City of Columbus Christmas tree lighting, 5:30-7 p.m. @ Riverwalk 19th Air Force base visit	28 Hunt Housing Leadership visit	29	30 Enlisted Promotions, 3 p.m. @ Club	1 Enlisted All Calls, 9 a.m. & 2 p.m. @ Kaye SUPT Class 18-03 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. Club	2/3 2nd: Caledonia Christmas Parade, 6 p.m.	

Thanksgiving and AETC Family Day Holiday hours

Airman & Family Readiness Center	Closed Nov. 23-24
Arts & Crafts	Closed Nov. 22-24
Bowling Center	Wed closes at 2:30p.m., Closed Nov. 23-25
Child Development Center	Closed Nov. 23-24
Columbus Club	Closed Nov. 21-24
Commissary	Closed Nov. 23-24. Normal hours Sat-Sun
Exchange	Closed Nov. 23, Open Nov. 24 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Normal hours Sat-Sun
Fitness Center	Closed Nov. 23
Medical Group	Closed Nov. 23-24
Military Personnel and Finance	Closed Nov. 23-24
Outdoor Recreation	Open Nov. 21-22 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Closed Nov. 23-26
Shoppette	Closed Nov. 23
Visitor Center	Closed Nov. 23-24
Youth Center	Closed Nov. 23-24

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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 Dec. 15, room 5PT, past the Gift Shop. Lunch will be provided. For information call 662-244-2923 or 800-544-8767, ext. 2923.

Join us for a weekly education/support group meeting for people with **congestive heart failure** at Baptist Golden Triangle. Program runs on a 6-week cycle, you may begin at any time. Held each Thursday, 11am-noon, Outpatient Pavilion Board Room. For information call 662-244-1953 or 662-244-2132.


BMH-GT Diabetes Support Group - classes are the 3rd Wed. each month, 10-11 am, room 6 PT. For more information call Lacy Smith at 662-244-1392 or 800-544-8767, ext. 1392.

Baptist Golden Triangle is seeking caring, compassionate people to join an elite group of volunteers to help in a variety of hospital settings. For more information, call 662-244-1165.

United Blood Service **blood drive** will be held Wednesday, January 17, 11a-5:15p, Outpatient Pavilion Conference Center at Baptist Golden Triangle. All donors are encouraged to give the gift of life. For more information go to bloodhero.com.

Baptist Cancer Center offers **free prostate PSA screenings** for men over 40. Screenings will take place every other month at the Columbus location (Jan. 26th and March 30th). PSA screenings will be held from 8-11:45a and from 1-2p. Make an appointment by calling at 662-244-4673 or 800-544-8767, ext. 4673.

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

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BARGAIN LINE

Nov. 23
The Mississippi State Bulldogs will host the 2017 Egg Bowl against the Ole Miss Rebels at 6:30 at Davis Wade Stadium in Starkville, Mississippi.

Nov. 27
The annual Columbus Christmas tree lighting event will be from 5:30-7 p.m. near the Riverwalk and pedestrian bridge in downtown Columbus, Mississippi. For more information, visit www.columbusmainstreet.com or call (662) 328-6305.

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JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. — T-1A Jayhawk and T-6A Texan II jet trainer aircraft instructors from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, travelled here to brief 14th Airlift Squadron pilots on what it takes to become an instructor, Nov. 13.

The visit helped promote the need for instructors due to the training school increasing the number of students being admitted to the training curriculum. The school currently trains about 1,200 students annually, but aims to train up to 1,400 students annually come fiscal year 2019.

“Part of the Air Force’s remedy for the pilot shortage situation is trying to retain as many as they can,” said Capt. Joe Zujus, 48th Flying Training Squadron flight commander. “To cover the number of pilots they need, they’re opening up more opportunities for individuals to join on the front side to account for those who leave on the back side.”

At the end of fiscal year 2016, the total force made up of the active duty, reserve and guard, was short 1,555 pilots across all mission areas. In light of this crisis, the Air Force directed a Fighter Enterprise Redesign and the formation of the Aircrew Crisis Task Force to address the most critical aspects of the pilot shortage.

The visit to Joint Base Charleston was orchestrated by Lt. Col. Adam Bingham, 14th AS commander, for C-17 Globemaster III pilots who are changing duty stations. In a proactive effort to retain pilots, Bingham wants to provide information to those pilots who may potentially become instructors.

“When an officer begins undergraduate

“The whole point for us coming down here was to share information,” said Capt. Ryan Fortney, 14th Student Squadron transition flight commander.

pilot training they will either come to us or go to Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma or Laughlin Air Base, Texas,” said Zujus. “To become instructors, these members will go through a four to six month training course at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas to regain an understanding of the T-1 or T-6 aircraft. Then they are taught how to properly instruct a student.”

The training has three phases. Phase one is the academic portion which lasts about a month. During the second phase, students learn how to fly in a T-6 aircraft for six months. In the final phase, students train in a T-1 aircraft for another six months.

“The whole point for us coming down here was to share information,” said Capt. Ryan Fortney, 14th Student Squadron transition flight commander. “To be open and honest about expectations and what benefits are gained from these assignments. Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command are focused on the mission down range. Air Education and Training Command is focused on the mission too, but their mission is to train, educate and prepare the future pilots of the Air Force.”

AFPC

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[AFB] or go early to Tinker [AFB] while the Airman is away on the short tour,” said Bill Houston, AFPC Assignments Policy and Procedures branch.

However, moving the family to any other location other than the follow-on location at the expense of the Air Force invalidates the follow-on assignment. Airmen agree up-front not to use PCS allowances to relocate dependents and household goods temporarily to a place other than the follow-on location, or to store household goods at government expense.

Houston said if participating in the Follow-On program would cause a financial or personal hardship, Airmen are encouraged to use their PCS allowances and not apply for the Follow-On program.

“The advantage of applying for a follow-on and thus not waiting for a ‘normal’ assignment is that the Airman’s next assignment would be forecast 14-18 months before their reporting date for their follow-on rather than much later in their short tour, which could increase flexibility or stability for the family,” Houston said.

Follow-on assignments are also available and highly encouraged for rated officers.

“As we face a fighter pilot absorption challenge, the Follow-On program encourages experienced pilots to volunteer for what has proven to be hard-to-fill short, remote tours,” said Maj. Craig Cude, Fighter Assignments chief at AFPC. “We project increases in retention and reductions in the number of pilots who decline such tours and are then required to separate from the Air Force.”

According to the fighter assignment team, the follow-on assignment option is available for all fighter pilots, with the exception of new pilots on their way to their first operational assignment, or pilots wish-

ing to compete for crossflow to the F-35. AFPC will consider follow-ons to formal training units on a case-by-case basis due to formal training availability and qualification requirements.

“For new pilots, the losing commander’s input, based on the pilot’s performance and potential, is vital in determining where an inexperienced pilot goes after their first year in an operational assignment,” Cude said.

During each Vulnerable to Move List cycle, the fighter assignment team will provide a realistic outlook of locations available to select following the remote assignment. Cude says eligible pilots should base their follow-on preferences from that list.

“There must be a balance between flexibility for the assignment matching process and our Airmen’s family stability,” Cude said. “To help with pilot retention, we are adding more weight to the latter.”

In order to apply for follow-on consideration, Airmen need to submit their applications on the virtual Military Personnel Flight webpage within 15 days of receiving their assignment notification and more than 150 days prior to their departure date.

Cude encourages all Airmen to weigh the merits of the program in order to decide what works best for them and their families.

“We want to give Airmen a choice to take the follow-on, or not, but to at least understand their options and have a greater voice in their own assignment process,” he said.

Find additional information about follow-on assignments on myPers. Select “Any” from the dropdown menu and search “Follow-On.”

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, go to myPers. Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following these instructions.



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

The 14th Flying Training Wing leadership and Brig. Gen. David W. Hicks award members of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-02 with their coveted Air Force pilot wings Nov. 17, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Almost every three weeks a graduation ceremony takes place marking the end of pilot training for student pilots and the beginning of their career alongside some of the greatest aviators in the world. Hicks is the Director of Strategy, Concepts, and Assessments, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C.

HICKS

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He then spoke about the importance of the new aviator’s families, instructor pilots and base organizations that helped support to get them where they are today. He also emphasized the significance of their work in their upcoming assignments.

Hicks reminded 18-02 that they must never stop learning to better themselves, others and the Air Force, because they are now taking on roles as leaders in the greatest Air Force in the world.

“What we do in the military is bigger than the Air Force, it’s bigger than being a pilot, it’s bigger than any job that we do,” Hicks said. “It’s more of a calling to serve your country, it’s a higher calling.”

When he was a young pilot he recalled wanting to be the best pilot he could be, graduating from Columbus AFB in SUPT 90-14. Over time, however, he learned how importance each group, squadron, and unit impacts the Air Force’s mission.

“There’s been plenty of job’s I’ve done in my career I hadn’t been particularly excited about doing,” he said. “Either job or location or whatever it may be, but if you take the mindset of ‘I’m going to do the best I can,’ it tends to work out.”

Before his career molded him into the general he is today, Hicks recalled the memories of past instructors, lessons, events and the one thing the military cultivates no matter where service member goes — the comradery.

“The comradery that you have as an Air Force family transcends time, transcends distance, like no other profession,”



U.S. Air Force photo by Melissa Dublin

Brig. Gen. David W. Hicks, the Director of Strategy, Concepts, and Assessments, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C., uses a T-38C Talon flight simulator, Nov. 17, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Hicks spoke at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-02’s graduation ceremony and took the rest of the day to learn about Columbus AFB and see the changes in pilot training since his time at Columbus AFB 27 years ago.

Hicks said.

He said curiosity in new ideas and subjects pushed him to learn every day and made him the aviator and decision maker he is today, and he wants 18-02’s graduates to do the same.

He said the care he has for his peers and Airmen below him pushed him to become a better leader, and he wants the next generation of pilots to feel the same.

He acknowledged those who helped him reach the point he is at in his career today, and gives thanks to each individual who propelled him there, and encourages everyone to do the same.

After the speech Hicks visited some of the squadrons on base and talked with Airmen, giving him an opportunity to see the advancements of pilot training.

Columbus AFB Christmas tree lighting, parade takes place Dec. 5

Columbus Air Force Base will welcome Santa at 5:14 p.m. Dec. 5 at Base Operation and he will lead a walking parade at 5:30 p.m. to the base Christmas tree, in front of the Chapel.

The tree lighting will be at 5:45 p.m. and Santa with then be available to take pictures with children at 6 p.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

Following the parade, free cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee will be available at the Kaye and the Caledonia Fifth Grade Choir will also perform music.

During this time, the base is also collecting books to donate to West Lowndes Elementary School. Book types should be suitable

for children kindergarten thorough sixth grade with an emphasis on grades fourth-sixth. Types of books being sought for those in K-fourth include Bernstein Bears, Clifford, Mother Goose or fairy tales. For children in fourth-sixth, books sought include Junie B Jones, books about sports (fiction and non-fiction) and Newberry Winners.

People will also be able to donate canned and nonperishable food items which will be delivered to local food banks. Books and food can be donated before Dec. 5 by dropping them off into boxes at one of these locations: 14th Medical Group, 14th MSG, 14th Operations Group, Base Exchange/Commissary, Fitness Center or the Chapel Annex.

Volunteers needed for tax season

Seeking volunteers for 2017 tax season, starting in February 2018. We expect to be open three mornings 8 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday, per week. Accounting experience is a plus, but is not a requirement. Childcare fees may be eligible for reimbursement. Please contact Capt. Casey Keppler or Senior Airman Anna Miller at 742-7030 for more information or with any questions.



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Professional Org Corner

Company Grade Officers Council

The council — second and first lieutenants, and captains — promotes the development of CGOs throughout the 14th Flying Training Wing. They maintain an informational network to enhance the professional development and officer camaraderie the throughout the wing.
Meets first Friday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at the Columbus Club.
President: 1st Lt. Brittney Alonzo; **Vice President:** 1st Lt. John Morrow

Air Force Sergeants Association

The Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) is an association dedicated to representing enlisted men and women and their families. AFSA fights for more that benefits and pay, they have a by-name seat at the influential tables in both the Congress and the Pentagon to help shape the tough policy decisions affecting the enlisted corps today.
Meets 3rd Thursday of the month at noon at the Columbus Club
President: Master Sgt. Thomas Ryan; **Vice President:** Master Sgt. Eric Severs

BLAZE Top 3

The Top 3 establishes and maintains a spirit of comradeship and esprit de corps that will enhance the prestige of all senior NCOs, encourage an attitude of unified purpose and set an example for all enlisted personnel according to the standards, traditions and customs of the Air Force.
Meets the third Thursday of every month at 3 p.m. at the Columbus Club.
President: Master Sgt. Jason Layfield; **Vice President:** Master Sgt. Demitri Harper

BLAZE 5/6

The 5/6 represent motivated staff and technical sergeants. They provide an opportunity to meet Airmen, and to network with peers. The organization mentors junior enlisted, assist other private organizations, and are heavily involved with community relations.
Meets the last Wednesday of every month at noon at the Columbus Club
President: Staff Sgt. Juliana White; **Vice President:** Jeffrey Van Rees

First Four

The Airman's Activity Council functions as a social and professional organization established to enhance morale, esprit de corps, and cooperation between members from the E1-E4. This is accomplished through fundraisers, on and off base, volunteer opportunities, and events or trips for those eligible to become members.
Meets the last Thursday of every month at noon at the Montgomery Village
President: Senior Airman Brittani Amavizca-Waddington; **Vice President:** Senior Airman Katelyn Jaime

Time is running out to donate to the CFC

By Maj. Stephen O. Osakue, Jr.

14th Medical Support Squadron

Columbus Air Force Base is entering the last week and a half of the Combined Federal Campaign.

The base is still striving to meet its goals of 100 percent contact and \$90,000 raised for charities. Unfortunately, technical issues have prevented accurate tracking of Columbus AFB monetary generosity and volunteering efforts.

Do not be discouraged! Fundraising efforts serve a purpose more meaningful than filling the CFC thermometer located near the main gate.

The impact of your donations can not be measured.

To date we have contacted 59 percent of the base population. There is still much to be accomplished, but there is still time. The campaign will continue to run until Dec. 1. If you desire to donate, remember you can choose from local, national, and international charities and you can specifically fund the charitable work of organizations important to you.

If you are interested, or need assistance with donating, do not hesitate to contact your squadron or group rep listed below.

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Tech. Sgt. Neil Miller	14th SFS
Senior Airman Joshua Haney	14th SFS

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Capt. Conor Murphy	14th OG
Capt. Glenis Gibbs	14th STUS
Staff Sgt. Cody Samuels	14th OSS
Capt. Carlo Mancini	37th FTS
Capt. Conor Murphy	41th FTS
Capt. Krissy Brunshidle	43rd FTS
Senior Airman Heather Schoenberger (P)	48th FTS
Airman 1st Class Cassidy Scalf (A)	48th FTS
2nd Lt. Andrew Gibson	49th FTS
Capt. Joseph Hollway	50th FTS
MDG	
Tech. Sgt. Gretchen Hopper	14th MDG
Staff Sgt. David Marshall	14th MDOS
Senior Airman Lisa Jackson	14th MDSS

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

AETC welcomes new commander

Staff Sgt. Chip Pons

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Members of Air Education and Training Command gathered as the guidon was passed from Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson to Lt. Gen. Steven Kwast, signifying the formal transfer of authority and responsibility in a ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Nov. 16, 2017.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein presided over the ceremony and shared his sincere appreciation for the men and women who recruit, train and educate every Airman in the Air Force.

“To the Airmen and families of the First Command, I want to thank you for making it known across the globe that airpower starts here in Air Education and Training Command,” said Goldfein. “I believe we have only one lasting legacy as leaders: those we raise to replace us. If this is true, what an incredible legacy for this command that is responsible for raising the leaders our nation needs to fight and win in the most complex international environment we have seen since World War II. And with each passing of the guidon, we cement the historic legacy of an outgoing leader and introduce a new commander who will guide us into the future.”

Speaking directly to Roberson, Goldfein praised his tireless efforts at the First Command and highlighted some of the accomplishments during Roberson’s tenure as commander.

In Roberson’s farewell remarks, he took a moment to praise the Airmen of AETC.

“To the Airmen of AETC, two and a half



Lt. Gen. Steven Kwast, commander of Air Education and Training Command, officially addresses the men and women of the First Command for the first time as their commander during a change of command ceremony Nov. 16, 2017, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. Kwast, a U.S. Air Force Academy graduate, assumed command after spending the last three years as president and commander of Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

U.S. Air Force photo by Sean Worrell

years ago when we began this chapter together, we discussed four overarching focus areas: motivational mission accomplishment, compassionate care of our Airmen and their families, innovation and leadership,” Roberson said. “Throughout my command tour, you definitely delivered on all of these. I feel so fortunate to have been able to serve alongside some of the most innovative and bright minds throughout the Air Force. Every single

Airman goes through AETC, so thank you for the impact you have had on so many people...this is where airpower starts!”

Turning his attention to Kwast, who comes to JBSA-Randolph from Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, Goldfein challenged him with a drive for continued excellence throughout the command.

“When it was time to select the new AETC commander, General Steven Kwast

was the obvious choice,” Goldfein said. “In Kwast, we have an Airman whose resume strikes a balance between combat warrior, intellectual and leader. And perhaps most importantly, he exudes humility, credibility and approachability. This is your next commander.”

Taking the podium to officially address AETC Airmen for the first time, Kwast proudly announced his excitement for this next chapter in his career.

“The beauty of today and this celebration is that Air Education and Training Command was designed as the First Command for the Air Force,” Kwast said. “Our forefathers recognized what it takes to remain relevant: humility and the desire to learn. And, that’s what we do here in AETC. We teach the next generation of Airmen how to learn more rapidly than their adversaries. We teach them how to innovate more broadly across a series of networks to see more ideas. And, we teach them how to network and build trust with other human beings. This is the great promise of this command. This is why it is the First Command. This is why we are the most powerful guardian of our constitution.”

Kwast ended the ceremony with a call to action for the men and women of the First Command.

“As we head into the future, here is your battle cry First Command Airmen: I want you to teach Airmen to be humble, noble, courageous and compassionate. Airmen who can outthink, outlearn, out innovate and out trust any adversary on planet earth.

“Words are cheap,” he continued. “Bold, aggressive actions that bring forward productive movement is all that matters.”

AFPC offers follow-on option to Airmen taking short tours

Kat Bailey and 2nd Lt. Stephen Warren

Air Force’s Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Airmen selected for a dependent-restricted short tour for their second or later assignments can voluntarily apply to participate in the Follow-On assignment program, providing them greater flexibility in the assignment process and greater stability for their families.

The Department of Defense designed the Follow-On assignment program to provide all service members, officers and enlisted, with family stability, as well as to decrease permanent change of station costs. The application is a voluntary agreement with the Airman not to use PCS allowances in exchange for advance assignment consideration of a state-side assignment, before they leave on a dependent-restricted short-tour assignment. The Air Force processes follow-on assignments to overseas locations as an exception to policy.

“The Air Force has a placement rate of 70.8 percent for follow-on assignments for the enlisted force in 2017,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jennifer Holton, superintendent of the Support Career Management branch at the Air Force’s Personnel Center. “As long as Airmen are putting down realistic location choices based on authorizations that exist at the desired follow-on locations, we’ve been successful at giving

them what they want.”

If an Airman chooses a follow-on, the family can stay at the current stateside location or elect to move to the location of their follow-on assignment, providing it, too, is state-side. The program provides stability to the family for work, residence and schooling, with the option to stay in place for another year or be in place at the new location a year or more early, prior to the end of the short tour.

“Instead of moving a family from say, Shaw [Air Force Base] to Mom’s place in Boston for a year, and then to Tinker [AFB] and paying for two moves, the family can stay at Shaw

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Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events
Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter at @columbusafbiving, Instagram at columbus_afb_living, or visit our website at www.columbusafbiving.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.

Air Force Art Contest
It's time to show off your art skills! The 2017 Air Force Art Contest is open 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.myairforcelife.com/artcontest.

Chef Lance's Grill on the Go
Stop by and grab lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. during Tasty Tuesdays! Menus and locations include; whiskey brown sugar turkey burger with barbeque beer beans Nov. 28 at the 14th Operations Group between building 268 and building 230; bourbon barbeque pork kabobs with rosemary grilled red potatoes Dec. 5 at L3 parking lot across from building 640; grilled buffalo chicken wings with kettle chips Dec. 12 at the 14th OG; beer and honey grilled chicken wings with kettle chips Dec. 19 at L3 parking lot. Cost is \$6 members and \$8 non-members. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Breakfast with Santa
The Youth Center is offering Breakfast with Santa from 8-10 a.m. on 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.

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. Bring your family and watch "Cars 3" Dec. 2. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Family Night at the Bowling Center
Food! Fun! Bowling! Join all the fun every Thursday in December from 4:30-8 p.m. at the Bowling Center. Specials include: \$1 games, \$1 shoe rentals and \$1 food menu items. For more information, contact 434-3426.

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 for non-members, \$5 for ages 5-11 and free for ages 4 and under. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Airman Free Movie Night
The Base Library is featuring a new movie at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome to en-



joy "Wonder Woman" Dec. 7. For more information, contact 434-2934.

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

Free Breakfast for Club Members
Start your morning at the Overrun. The Columbus Club is offering free breakfast from 6:30-9 a.m. Dec. 12 for club members; \$8 for non-members. For more information, contact 434-2489.

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

Holiday 9 Pin No Tap Tournament
Bowl and Win! The Bowling Center is offering a Holiday 9 Pin No Tap Tournament at 1 p.m. Dec. 16. The cost is \$15 per person and includes three games and shoe rental. Prizes awarded to top three winners. For more information or to register, contact 434-3426.

School Age Holiday Camp
The Youth Center is currently accepting registration for the School Age Holiday Camp from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 27-29 and Jan. 2-5. Please register by Dec. 13. The cost is based on annual family income. For more information, con-

tact 434-2504.

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 119 different classes on the Fitness on Request system. For more information, call 434-2772.

Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

37th FTS instructor pilot selected for ISOS

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

Capt. Karen Miller, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, was selected to attend the Inter-American Squadron Officer School earlier this year and will attend Feb. 21, 2018, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

Miller is one of eight Airmen, the only pilot, in Air Force to be selected for ISOS in fiscal year 2018. She said she was excited to be selected for the school due to the extensive selection process.

"I was actually shocked," Miller said. "To be honest I never thought I was never going to get [selected]."

ISOS is an eight-week course which is designed to develop dynamic Airmen ready to lead air, space and cyberspace in an expeditionary war-fighting environment.

The course is the equivalent to the Squadron Officer School taught at Air University on Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, however ISOS is taught entirely in Spanish and adapted for Latin American and U.S. Air Force captains who possess the language skill.

The program prepares more officers to be available to serve in positions requiring interaction with Latin American countries and their military forces, according to an Air Force Personnel Center release earlier this year.

Miller was also highlighted in Diálogo Magazine and featured on their 2018 Calendar. Diálogo is military magazine published by U.S. Southern Command in multiple different languages.

All her life, Miller said she wanted to be a pilot. She had researched getting her pilot's license but she said it was too



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert
Capt. Karen Miller, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, stands in front of a T-6A Texan II Nov. 15, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Miller was one of eight Airmen selected for the Inter-American Squadron Officer School at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

expensive. She was involved in the Junior ROTC program at her high school which peaked her interest in attending the U.S. Air Force Academy and was selected to be a pilot. She completed Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training and was chosen to be a First Assignment Instructor Pilot at the 37th FTS on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. She is also a part of the Language Enable Airman Program.

"I'm in the LEAP for Portuguese and French, not for Spanish," Miller said. "I just happen to speak Spanish as



Capt. Karen Miller, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, teaches 2nd Lt. Al Vitacco, 14th Student Squadron student pilot, about the fundamentals of flying Nov. 15, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Miller is a First Assignment Instructor Pilot, meaning she graduated pilot training and her first assignment was to teach officers how to fly the T-6A Texan II.

well. Leading up to my selection, I went into the Education Center and took the Spanish [Defense Language Proficiency Test] because there is a minimum language requirement for [ISOS]"

Miller is currently a FAIP, however she has received her next assignment as a KC-10 Extender pilot at Travis AFB, California. Looking toward her future, Miller said she wants to become a foreign area officer and eventually become an air attaché.

First sergeants, base leadership cook for Airmen living in dorms

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

First sergeants and Columbus Air Force Base leadership cooked a Thanksgiving meal for Airmen living in the Unaccompanied Enlisted Quarters Nov. 16.

"We do this to tell our Airmen 'thank you for what you're doing day in and day out,'" said Master Sgt. David Pennington, 14th Operations Group first sergeant. "Without them, we can't accomplish the mission."

A lot of preparation goes into hosting a meal for about 90 Airmen which is especially nice since Columbus AFB doesn't have a dining facility. The meal was made possible by all the work from the first sergeants and the assistance from supervisors, superintendents, chief master sergeants, squadron and group commanders, and spouses. Pennington said the hardest part of the dinner was organizing who is cooking what. Once that was down, everything else fell into place.

Brig. Gen. David Hicks, Director of Strategy, Concepts, and Assessments and Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, was visiting for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-02's graduation but also visited the dorms to talk with the lower junior enlisted Airmen.

"I think it's great that [Hicks] is here," Pennington said. "I know he's here for graduation but he is taking time out of his day to support our young Airmen."

The food was plentiful and was served to the Airmen by base leadership. After everyone had a plate, leadership then sat beside and mingled with the Airmen, talking about their goals and offering any advice to their less experienced wingmen.

"I feel like it's a big morale booster," said Mufasa Coley, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter. "It gives [leadership] a chance to sit down and talk with the Airmen and see where their mind is at."

After everyone had their fair share of food, leftovers were distributed amongst the Airmen.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert
First sergeants and base leadership serve Airmen living at the Unaccompanied Enlisted Quarters a Thanksgiving meal at Dormsgiving Nov. 16, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. After everyone had eaten, leadership then sat beside and mingled with the Airmen, talking about their goals and offering any advice to their less experienced wingmen.

Airman on the Street:

Why are you thankful?



Rank/Name: 1st Lt. Cory Clark
Unit/Duty Title: 49th Flying Training Squadron student pilot
Answer: I'm thankful for the opportunities I've been given throughout my life that are not available to everyone, and am glad I'm able to make the most of it.
Hometown: Sanford, Maine



Rank/Name: Mark Horning
Unit/Duty Title: Columbus Air Force Base Airman and Family Readiness Center Director
Answer: I'm thankful for the military and being able to serve myself for so many years. I'm also thankful for church, family and friends.
Hometown: Midvale, Idaho



Rank/Name: Airmen 1st Class Abigail Cruz and Brittani Amavica-Waddington
Unit/Duty Title: 14th Medical Group mental health technicians
Answer: We are thankful for our family and the ability to go home and spend time with them when we can, and we remember those who cannot over this Thanksgiving.
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas, and Missoula, Montana



Rank/Name: Airman 1st Class Jacob Lightsey
Unit/Duty Title: 14th Security Force Squadron installation entry controller
Answer: I am thankful for my family, friends and the career I have, it's great to do a job that I enjoy.
Hometown: Hattiesburg, Mississippi

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.

THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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Fellow Airmen:

As we approach the holiday season, we pause to thank you for the enduring sacrifices you and your families make for America. The demands we place on you are immense, and you continue to be guardians for the nation. We hope you'll take time to reflect on the significance of everything you've accomplished this year, and thank your family and friends who provided their unwavering support in all your endeavors.

Many of you will not be home this holiday season. Standing watch here at home and around the globe, you and your families hold a special place in our thoughts and prayers. On behalf of all Americans, thank you for the security you provide for the rest of us.

It's an honor to serve with you. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Heather Wilson
Secretary of the Air Force

David L. Goldfein
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

Kaleth O. Wright
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

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Some out-of-pocket costs will be updated in January 2018. Also, the TRICARE benefit will change from a Fiscal Year (October–September) period to a Calendar Year (January–December) period to align with the annual enrollment season.

Find out more at www.tricare.mil/changes.

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

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.

Smooth Move

This class is from 10-11:30 a.m. Dec. 7 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.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

This brief will be from 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Dec. 12 and 26 at the Columbus Club. The orientation is mandatory for newly arrived

Thanksgiving brunch

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

Maj. Robert Reed, 14th Mission Support Group Commander's Action Group, prepares his plate during a Thanksgiving brunch at the Columbus Club Nov. 20, 2017 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Thanksgiving brunch was held by the Columbus Club to provide a buffet for anyone with access to the base.

active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 434-2790.

Military Life Cycle

The Military Life Cycle workshop is from 1-2 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The workshop allows the VA contractors to explain to service members; whether first term, separating, retiring or a veteran, what services the VA offers and what they are able to provide throughout the member's military career and how to apply for benefits. To register and for more information, please call 434-2839/2790.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart Social program is from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 14. The gathering 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.

Transition Assistance Program GPS Workshop

This workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 8-12 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Workshop has seminars on: transition, military occupational code crosswalk, financial planning, health benefits, Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP, Department of Labor (TAP portion). Preseparation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance eight to 12 months prior to separation/retirement.

Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register, call 434-2631.

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 your Mary Chambers, SBP Counselor, at (662) 434-2720.

Military and Family Life Counselor Program

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

Personal Financial Resources

Need help with financial matters? Want to make the most of your money? The Personal Financial Counselor can help you and your family: manage finances; resolve financial problems;

and reach long-term goals such as education, buying a home and planning for retirement. PFC services are no cost, private and confidential. For more information, call the PFC at (662) 998-0411 or 434-2790, or email PFC.Columbus.USAF@zeiders.com; the PFC is also located in the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Sponsorship Training

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

Chapel Schedule

Whether you are new to Columbus Air Force Base or have been around for a while, our parish communities welcome you to join us as we worship, fellowship, and encourage one another. For more information, please call 434-2500.

Catholic Community

Sundays:
3:45 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9 (Chapel Annex) Start date TBA
4 p.m. – Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary)
4 p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)
5 p.m. – Mass
Fellowship Dinner after Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month
Tuesdays:
11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass
Wednesdays:
11:30-12:30 p.m. – Adoration

Protestant Community

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

Ecumenical services

Wednesdays:
6 p.m. – AWANA, a religious education program for children ages three years old to 6th grade
6 p.m. – Adult Bible study on the Gospel of John
6 p.m. – Youth Group

Volunteer victim advocate training coming in January 2018

Columbus Air Force Base Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

If you are interested in becoming a trained and certified Air Force volunteer victim advocate, the next training is scheduled for Jan. 8-12 at building 926 in room 213; the classes will take place daily from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Those who are interested must register by Dec. 15. This is a 40-hour training course and those attending must be available to attend all 40 hours to earn their certification.

The Columbus Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program team would like to thank those that are interested in advance for supporting those affected by the crime of sexual assault and assisting their team.

If you know other active-duty members, Defense Department civilians, Reserve or Guard personnel in active statuses that want to serve as a Volunteer Victim Advocate please pass this information.

2.8. According to AFI 90-6001 these are the eligibility and requirements to serve as a Volunteer Victim Advocate (VVA).

2.8.1. Only Reg AF military personnel, AF Reserve or ANG personnel in active status, and DoD civilian appropriated fund employees may serve as volunteer victim advocates (VVAs). Reserve Personnel assigned to the RMU may serve as VVAs if they have no patient-related duties. See Section 2.2.1. precluding some military members and civilians from serving as SARCs; these individuals are also precluded from serving as VVAs.

2.8.1.1. The SARC and SAPR VA will determine if any VVA has or develops a conflict of interest and reassign accordingly (T-3). Civilian (appropriated fund) VVAs must be in the grade of GS-07 or higher (T-1). Military VVAs must be E-4 and above and at least 21 years of age for enlisted and a minimum of O-2 for officers; however officers in the grade of O-1 that were prior enlisted are eligible to become VVAs (T-1). VVAs that hold a current D-SAACP credentialing, prior to the date of this instruction, are grandfathered into the program and may remain as VVAs.

2.8.1.2. Civilian VVAs must have their supervisors document their volunteer status and duties, to include hours performing VA duties, in their personnel files consistent with current procedures managed by the Civilian Personnel Office

(T-1). Civilian VVAs are expected to maintain acceptable performance in their non-VVA job. A record of unacceptable performance by their primary supervisor results in the employee no longer participating as a VVA until their work is acceptable.

2.8.1.3. All VVAs must comply with initial and ongoing screening requirements.

***Note:** Volunteer Victim Advocates can serve in three capacities. They can serve as a responder, (added to hotline and work with victims) trainer, (assist with training and briefings) or both. All members are required to attend the 40-hour training, but responders will have to obtain additional certification after the training. If interested in participating in any of the capacities please feel free to sign up for the training.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

Carla Neal Bush, SAPR Victim Advocate, at 662-434-1329 or 662-364-7473, or Dr. Marcia Stewart, SAPR Program Manager at 662-434-1228 or 662-242-2105.

*If you would like to make a report of sexual assault or just have questions or concerns please feel free to contact the SAPR Hotline@ 662-364-0822.

VIEWPOINT

Lead with care

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For the past two years I have been at the wing and have had the opportunity to watch leaders at all levels tackle difficult issues. I have learned an incredible amount from these leaders and I have been both impressed and disappointed with what I have seen. There is so much information and consideration that goes into leadership decisions, and it is comforting to know that most leaders do not take or make these decisions lightly. Instead, they put forth the time and energy to arrive at the right answer. Although I believe they may sometimes require too much coordination, this is not a local issue but one that is evident throughout our entire Air Force. However, it seems like the leaders at Columbus Air Force Base are beginning to get us pointed back in the right direction.

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Force Base, have impressed me by how much they truly care for their Airmen. I have only been in the Air Force for 10 years, but I have never seen such concern and care towards Airmen from leadership that I have here. There is a sincere theme throughout the leadership on our base to put Airmen first, while always taking care of the mission. This is both humbling and refreshing to see.

While leaders are at an all-time high in caring for Airmen, this can actually lead to a type of leadership that is becoming widespread in our Air Force: leading by majority vote. All too often leaders who are trying to care for their Airmen rely on everyone's inputs to make a decision. This is disappointing because leaders are expected to make the tough calls, not seek advice from their subordinates. I am not saying it is wrong to ask opinions and see where the majority lies, but it is no longer leadership when the leader lets the majority decide ... it is a democracy.

The Air Force is also not a dictatorship.

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Leaders must observe, know and, when necessary, question their Airmen in order to gain the wisdom needed to make correct decisions. They understand that they will not make the right decision every time, but they also know that indecisiveness is not the right answer. Leaders are entrusted to lead their people, and it is our job as Airmen to follow them. This is why leaders must earn the trust of their followers, because there will not always be time to get everyone's opinion.

Some Airmen may not agree with the decision, but they should trust the person who made it.

Leaders are not and will never be perfect, no one will. Unfortunately we live in a fallen world that requires a military, and as long as our Air Force exists, Airmen of all ranks will have to make tough choices. This is why the most senior leaders in our Air Force and the lowest ranking Airmen must start making decisions at their level and stop seeking the majority vote to please everyone.

BLAZE Hangar Tails: E-8C Joint STARS

Mission

The E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, or JSTARS, is an airborne battle management, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform. Its primary mission is to provide theater ground and air commanders with ground surveillance to support attack operations and targeting that contributes to the delay, disruption and destruction of enemy forces.

Features

The E-8C is a modified Boeing 707-300 series commercial airframe extensively remanufactured and modified with the radar, communications, operations and control subsystems required to perform its operational mission. The most prominent external feature is the 27-foot long, canoe-shaped radome under the forward fuselage that houses the 24-foot long, side-looking phased array antenna.

The radar and computer subsystems on the E-8C can gather and display detailed battlefield information on ground forces. The information is relayed in near-real time to the Army and Marine Corps common ground stations and to other ground command, control, communications, computers and intelligence, or C4I, nodes.

The antenna can be tilted to either side of the aircraft where it can develop a 120-degree field of view covering nearly 19,305 square miles and is capable of detecting targets at more than 250 kilometers. The radar also has some limited

capability to detect helicopters, rotating antennas and low, slow-moving fixed wing aircraft.

As a battle management and command and control asset, the E-8C can support the full spectrum of roles and missions from peacekeeping operations to major theater war.

Background

Joint STARS evolved from Army and Air Force programs to develop, detect, locate and attack enemy armor at ranges beyond the forward area of troops. The first two developmental aircraft deployed in 1991 to Operation Desert Storm and also supported Operation Joint Endeavor in December 1995.

Team JSTARS men and women have contributed tremendously to overseas contingency operations, flying more than 85,000 combat hours in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn Odyssey Dawn, and Unified Protector. Their operational resume includes support of six Combatant Commands including U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command, U.S. Africa Command, U.S. Europe Command.

Team JSTARS was the first organization in the U.S. Air Force to activate under the Air Force's Total Force Initiative as a "blended" wing. America's first "Total Force" wing, the former 93rd Air Control Wing, an active-duty Air Combat Command unit, and the 116th Bomb Wing, a Georgia Air National Guard unit, were deactivated Oct.1, 2002. The 116th Air Control Wing was activated blending Guard and active-duty Airmen into a single unit. In October 2011, the

Active Associate construct was formed by the newly activated 461st Air Control Wing as a member of Team JSTARS.

Team JSTARS through the 116th ACW is the only unit that operates the E-8C and the Joint STARS mission.

General Characteristics

Primary function: airborne battle management

Contractor: Northrop Grumman Corp.

Power plant: four Pratt and Whitney TF33-102C

Thrust: 19,200 pounds each engine

Wingspan: 145 feet, 9 inches (44.4 meters) Length: 152 feet, 11 inches (46.6 meters) Height: 42 feet, 6 inches (13 meters)

Weight: 171,000 pounds (77,564 kilograms)

Maximum takeoff weight: 336,000 pounds (152,409 kilograms)

Fuel capacity: 155,000 (70,306 kilograms)

Payload: electronic equipment and crew

Speed: 449 - 587 mph (optimum orbit speed) or Mach 0.52 - 0.65 (390 - 510 knots)

Range: nine hours

Ceiling: 42,000 feet (12,802 meters)

Crew: (flight crew), four; (mission crew) normally 15 Air Force and three Army specialists (crew size varies according to mission)

Unit Cost: \$244.4 million

Initial operating capability: December 1997

Inventory: total force, 16



U.S. Air Force photo by Greg L. Davis

A number of E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft from the 116th Air Control Wing, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, evacuated to Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, to escape the path of Hurricane Irma Sept. 9, 2017. Joint STARS aircraft are operated by Air Combat Command.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Patrick Evenson

Senior Airman William Connelly assigned to the 7th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, marshals an E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System after a mission, at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, Nov. 6, 2017. A JSTARS aircraft operates as a surveillance and reconnaissance platform, giving theater commanders vital information that contributes to the disruption of enemy forces. JSTARS aircraft are assigned to AUAB in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

Recipes for Thanksgiving

Green Bean Casserole

Sharon Ybarra, 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Multimedia

Ingredient:

3 cans of French style green beans, drained.
1 can of cream of celery soup
1 small can of Durkee's French-Fried Onions
1 jar of real bacon bits

Directions

Mix green beans, cheese and soup together. Place in a casserole dish and sprinkle with French-fried onions and real bacon bits, then Bake in oven at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 15 minutes.

Cheesy Potatoes

Mary Crump, 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Multimedia

Ingredients

5 or 6 medium potatoes
1 8-ounce container of sour cream
1 can of cream of chicken soup
2 cups of grated cheese

Directions

Peel and slice potatoes and boil until tender. Mix sour cream, soup and cheese. Add salt and pepper to taste. Place in casserole dish and bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 minutes.

Crock Pot Cream Corn

Melissa Dublin, 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Multimedia

Ingredients

20 ounces of frozen corn
½ teaspoon of pepper
1 teaspoon of salt
1 tablespoon of sugar
½ cup of butter
1 8-ounce package of cream cheese
½ cup of milk or half and half

Directions

Put all ingredients in the crockpot and cook on high for 2-4 hours or low for 4-6 hours.

Apple Dumplings

Elizabeth Owens, 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Multimedia

Ingredients

2 Granny Smith apples
1 teaspoon of cinnamon
2 cans of Crescent Rolls
1/2 teaspoons of vanilla flavoring
1 1/4 cup sugar
16-ounce Mountain Dew
1 1/2 sticks margarine

Directions

Peel the apples then cut each apple into 6 pieces. Wrap a roll around each piece. You should have 2 pieces left over, just eat them. Place wrapped apple pieces in a 9x13 baking dish.
Mix together sugar, margarine, cinnamon and vanilla flavoring in a sauce pan and then melt into a gravy consistency. Pour mixture over wrapped apples then pour the mountain dew over the top. Bake on 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 35-45 minutes.

Gluten Free Ooey Gooey Butter Squares

Peggy Guenther, 14th Operations Support Squadron

Ingredients

1 box of gluten free cake mix (not snack size)
1/2 cup butter, melted
3 extra large eggs
1 8-ounce cream cheese, softened
1 10-ounce box powdered sugar

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix gluten free cake mix, melted butter and one egg. Use cooking spray on the bottom of a 13x9 inch pan. Spread cake mixture over the bottom of the pan. Set aside. In a separate bowl beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add 2 remaining eggs to cheese and mix well. Add powdered sugar and beat until lumps are gone. Pour this mixture over cake in pan. Bake at 350 for 30-45 minutes or until topping is golden. Allow to cool. Cut into bite-sized squares.

