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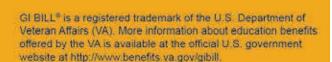




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Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. August 10, 2018

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Friday Saturday High 90°F Low 70°F Sunday Monday

News Briefs

Autocross

Autocross will be at the SAC ramp Aug. 11-12. Guests can enjoy fast cars racing up and down the flight line. Attendees should bring sunblock, bug spray and water.

SUPT Class 18-13 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-13 graduates at 10 a.m. Aug. 17 at the Kaye Au-

Alpha Warrior Visit

Alpha Warriors will be coming to Columbus AFB Aug. 23-24 to help show off Columbus AFB's new Alpha Warrior Course located by the basketball and tennis courts.

Inside



Feature 8

Col. Weeks takes command of the 14th FTW is highlighted in this week's feature.



U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, hands the 14th Flying Training Wing guidon to Col. Samantha Weeks, incoming 14th FTW commander, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Aug. 6, 2018. Weeks took command of the 14th FTW after Col. Douglas Gosney relinquished command to Doherty

Weeks takes command of 14th FTW

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gross

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Col. Samantha Weeks took command of the 14th Flying Training Wing during a ceremony, Aug. 6., here.

Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander

from Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, presided over the ceremony, in which Col. Douglas Gosney relinquished his command. Doherty then passed the wing's guidon to Weeks to signify her taking command.

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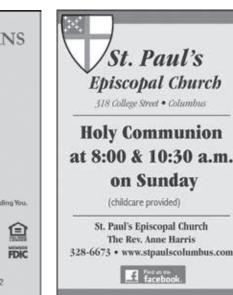
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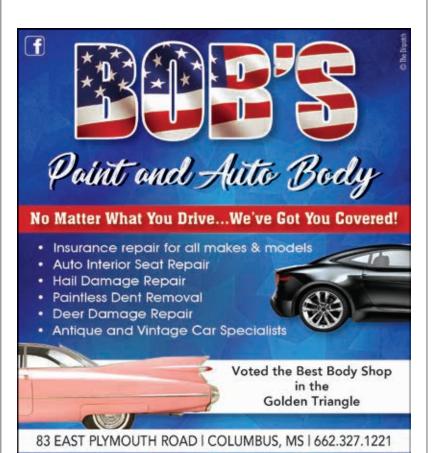
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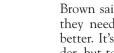
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19th Air Force command chief speaks with Columbus AFB NCOs

Airman 1st Class **Keith Holcomb**

14th Flying Training Wing **Public Affairs**

Chief Master Sgt. David Brown, 19th Air Force command chief visited Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Aug. 6 to attend the 14th Flying Training Wing change of command and he also met with NCOs on base.

He held an all call for E-5 and E-6 members on Columbus AFB and spoke lightly about his career and what actions he thinks, from his experiences, would benefit today's NCO tier. He spoke to the staff and technical sergeants about knowing their Airmen, being strong, understanding mentorship, leading by example, and selfless service are all things every NCO should be doing to make the most out of every day.

"[Leadership is about] stepping out your comfort zones, right now its staffs and techs and so forth, you're right there, it's what you should be thinking about," Brown said. "Think about what you can do to stay motivated."

He walked into the isles around the sergeants and spoke to individuals directly, making eye contact with everyone, and projected his voice in the auditorium.

"I didn't join the Air Force until I was three years in," Brown said. "We're looking for folks who have been through something, that can lead, that can talk to folks ... what we are looking for is our staff sergeants, technical sergeants and master sergeants to engage ... to get out from behind your desk and talk to people. What happened to the art of actually engaging folks and sometimes being confrontational?"

He told the NCO's to make sure they were not afraid of being confrontational if it is geared toward helping team and mission success.

"Being elite and being a supervisor is not just about hugging," Brown said. "It's telling folks what they need to hear to make them better. It's not to hurt, not to hinder, but to help them become bet-



Chief Master Sqt. David Brown, 19th Air Force command chief, speaks to Airmen during an NCO all call Aug. 6, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Meeting with staff and technical sergeants after the all call Brown gave advice, motivated, and inspired the next generation of leadership at Columbus AFB.

"[Leadership is about] stepping out your comfort zones, right now its staffs and techs and so forth, you're right there, it's what you should be thinking about," Brown said. "Think about what you can do to stay motivated."

He gave examples of questions the sergeants in the room should know about their Airmen. Brown obvious to the Airmen, or not alstated the importance of understanding their Airmen's personal lives is essential in helping the vounger enlisted members redirect away from unwanted issues. A more in-depth understanding allows an NCO and mentor navigate the Airmen to a better future.

"My first supervisor told me I know why he told me that? Can anybody take a guess why?"

A sergeant in the audience responded it was to "motivate him."

"No, it was to hurt my feelings man," Brown replied, as the crowd laughed. "Or I thought. I thought he hated me. Going back now, you were right. At the time I didn't know it would hit me the way it would and send me in the right direction."

Brown began explaining the talents Airmen have are not always ways comfortable to the Airmen, but the NCO has to bring the talent forward.

A master sergeant pushed Brown out of his comfort zone to speak in briefings and work different tasks he didn't want to do at the time. As a public health Airman surrounded by other Airmen of the same or wouldn't make it past NCO, then higher rank he didn't understand he said better yet, I wouldn't make the master sergeant chose him beit to NCO at all," Brown said. "You cause he had the potential to be more, to do better.

"I never changed my work ethic one bit," Brown said. "If you work hard and are dedicated to what you do each and every day good things will come, but you have to be willing to do it. You have to open up vou." your mind and ask what you need to do to make yourself and your air-

He reiterated the importance of the team, the group, the mission



Chief Master Sat. Raul Villarreal, Jr., 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, speaks to Tech Sgt. Crayton Felder, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, after Chief Master Sgt. David Brown, 19th Air Force command chief, held an NCO all call Aug. 6, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, He advised staff and technical sergeants on making sure they are making an impact on the war on terror every time they show up to work, because everyone is a piece of a large and important puzzle, keeping Americans safe at any moment of any day.

and made sure to pose a rhetorical question to engage the audience directly, "Are your Airmen excelling around vou?"

Brown left the sergeants with introducing the next 19th Air Force command chief's background and what the next chief will bring to the mission. He advised the sergeants to make sure they are making an impact on the war on terror every time they show up to work, because everyone is a piece of a large and important puzzle, keeping Americans safe at any moment of any day.

"When we talk about getting to the basics that's what it's truly about," Brown said. "What is your mindset? Are you enthusiastic about what you do each and every day? Are you excited? Even after 29 years in the Air Force I'm still excited. Even through the bad times I am excited because of folks like

Meeting with sergeants after the all call, Brown gave advice, motivated, and inspired the next generation of leadership at Columbus



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19th Air Force command chief. greets airmen after an all call Aug. 6, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. He held an all call for staff and technical sergeants on Columbus AFB and spoke lightly about his career and what actions he thinks, from his experiences, would benefit today's enlisted personnel.

19th AF commander talks with 14th FTW squadron leadership

Airman 1st Class **Beaux Hebert**

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, met with 14th Flying Training Wing squadron leadership during breakfast to discuss potential changes and challenges with the command Aug. 6., here.

Doherty started the discussion by talking about the reformation of the 19th Air Force, and said the "say no" staff of the past is no longer what the Air Force needs.

"It's not going to change overnight," Doherty said. "But it's a culture that you have to work at every day."

Doherty also talked about how the command wants to have just as much insight at the squadron level with ongoing problems in order to fix them faster and more

"We should be very laser-focused on intercepting and cutting off problems of the past as opposed to waiting for the broken glass to squadron commanders that 19th the wing has faced over the last you for what you do. Your roles uting for our Air Force."



Squadron commanders from the 14th Flying Training Wing listen to Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Aug. 6, 2018. Doherty talked about how the 19th Air Force wants to have just as much insight at the saugdron level with ongoing problems in order to fix them faster and more

fall on the ground and then we are Air Force understands their strug- couple of years. in full-on, action mode," Doherty gles and is willing to help when Doherty ended the discus- thanked commanders for step- your challenges," Doherty said. ant leadership position that comsion by reassuring Team BLAZE ping up to the many challenges "Again, I just want to say thank" pares to what your team is contrib-



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

U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, talks to 14th Flying Training Wing squadron commanders at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi Aug. 6, 2018. Doherty discussed the reformation of the 19th Air Force staff and how that will positively affect members at the squadron levels.

and where they can. He also what's on your minds and hear that. There is not a more import-

as leaders at the squadron level "It's always exciting to hear are incredibly tough and we know

Brown awarded July BLAZE 5/6 Leadership Highlight

Name: Senior Airman Brianna Brown Hometown: Burlington, New Jersey Unit: 14th Medical Operations Squadron

Duty Title: Public health technician

Brown demonstrated leadership by coordinating inspections for five food vendors luring Patriot Fest. She led a four person team, identified three critical findings, and lirected the cease of food operations diverting a potential food borne illness outbreak for 2,600 defense department ID card holders and their families.

As a Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, guardsmen, she executed seven ceremonies covering 1,600 miles and devoted 31 hours providing military honors.

She was selected as a mock board member to aid three Airmen in preparation or their Senior Airman Below the Zone panel, in which two were selected for early

Brown single-handedly boosted the 14th Flying Training Wing's individual medcal readiness rate by 3 percent, drove the preventive health assessment rate to 100 percent, and identified a coding error, directly feeding the fight by ensuring mission

Additionally, she dedicated seven hours of off-duty time to the Boys and Gir Club, mentoring 11 middle schoolers.



She has been at Columbus AFB for about six years, and is striving to become a Senior Airman Brianna Brown, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, public health technician, licensed social worker with the goal of starting her own practice after her military was awarded the July BLAZE 5/6 Leadership Highlight Award July 30, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. This award is given to Airman E-4 and below to recognize leadership, responsibility and self-development



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Bowling Center Closed for Renovations

Pardon our progress! The Bowling Center will be closed for renovations Aug. 1–15. The Columbus Club will offer breakfast from 6:30–10 a.m. Aug. 1–15. Lunch options include the Columbus Club and the Café at Whispering Pines. For more information, contact 434-3426.

Force Support Squadron Smile Program

We want to make you smile! Watch for hidden smiles for a chance to win with 14th Force Support Squadron during the month of August. More details coming soon!

New Library Hours of Operation

The Base Library hours of operation are 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Lunch Buffets at the Overrun

Enjoy daily lunch buffets Tuesday through Friday at the Columbus Club. Daily buffets include: Tuesday-Taco and Nacho \$9, Wednesday-Chicken Wings and Pasta \$10, Thursday–Southern Style \$10 and Friday–Fried Catfish \$10. Club Members receive a \$2 discount. For more information, contact 434-2489.

New Base Pool Hours of Operation

Starting Aug. 13, the base pool will be open Saturday and Sunday only from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Lap Swim will be available from 6-7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 13-31. The last day the base pool will be open is Labor Day, Sept. 3. For Storytime Schedule more information, contact 434-2505

Bench Press and 1,000 LB Club

The Fitness Center is offering a Bench Press and 1,000 LB Club from 5–7 p.m. Aug. 13. Judging based on total for bench, squats and deadlift; raw weight with three attempts. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Summer Time Blues 5K Fitness Run

The Fitness Center is offering a free 5K fitness run at 7 a.m. Aug. 17. For more information, contact 434-2772.

Alpha Warrior Air Force Tour

Are you ready for the challenge? The Alpha Warrior Air Force Tour is coming to Columbus Air Force Base the second Thursday of each month. For more information, Aug. 23–24 featuring celebrity competitors. For more inforcontact 434-2934. mation, contact the Fitness Center at 434-2772.

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ment at 5 p.m. Aug. 27. This event requires a team of six Recreation at 434-2505.

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The Overrun Open Friday Nights

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Outdoor Recreation is now offering lawn mower repair and self-help bicycle repair. For more information, contact 434-2507.

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

Patricia Speights, former 14th Operations Group secretary, hugs her son, Jamie, after presenting him with an American flag Aug. 3, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Speights and her family served the Air Force for 40 years.



A Certificate of Service is presented during a retirement ceremony to Patricia Speights, former 14th Operations Group secretary, Aug. 3, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Speights completed 40 years of civil service at three separate Air Force

'Ms. P' retires after 40 years of civil service to Air Force

14th Flying Training Wing

Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert

Patricia Speights, former 14th Operations Group secretary, retired after 40 years of civil service Aug. 3, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Lt. Col. Ryan Sullivan, 14th OG deputy commander, was the guest speaker for the ceremony and gave the attendants an overview of Speights' civil service career.

"Ms. 'P' had a few rules for [speaking at her ceremony]," Sullivan said. "She said it had to be casual and funny, so I'm going to do that, no crying and no surprises, that is not going to happen."

Speights grew up in Selma, Alabama, near now-decommissioned Craig Field, where she worked in the communications squadron in high school. Sullivan cracked a joke about the layout of the air field being all over the place, and showed the audience that the uniquely-angled runways on the air field spelled 'Ms. P.'

After high school, Speights worked as a telephone operator at a telephone company. Around the same time she married an Airman, Steve Speights, and became a part of the Air Force family.

She and her husband then went to Chanute AFB in Rantoul, Illinois, where she again worked in a communications squadron. Sullivan joked that Chanute is also shut down because Speights had left the base.

After Chanute, Speights made her way to Columbus in 1977. She took six years off of civil service to raise her son, Jamie, before working here.

"One of the things you will notice as I go through here is you've done," Sullivan said. that [Speights] is one of the very few people who have put in

Lt. Col. Ryan Sullivan, 14th Operations Group deputy commander, reveals the "Ms. P" departure to Patricia Speights, former 14th Operations Group secretary, Aug. 3, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. During her 40 years of civil service, 25 were spent working for the 14th OG.

40 years of civil service and has also touched every part of this base," Sullivan said.

Sullivan then told the audience about where on Columbus she had worked. He said she started at the medical group, then the mission support group as a typist, then to the logistics readiness squadron, back to the medical group, and finally, the now operations group as the secretary since 1992.

"You've served in every capacity here at Columbus and we all owe you a deep debt of gratitude for all the service that

spot and explained why there are 14 operations group patches. He said each patch represented how many operations group commanders she 'trained' since she began working here.

Sullivan said the new 14th OG commander, Col. Derek Stuart, would be the fifteenth but he didn't want to be known as the OG that "kicked Ms. P out."

Following Sullivan's overview of Speights' service, he revealed that a T-6A Texan II pattern that flew in the vicinity of Selma, Alabama, was named after her for her dedication to the operations group and all she has done to help produce

After Sullivan's speech, the formal retiring of Speights occurred and she took the stand.

"I'm going to miss everyone," Speights said. "I'm really going to miss [my coworker's children], they meant a lot to me when they come up see their parents."

After saying she was going to miss everyone, Speights pulled out a drawing from former 14th OG commander, retired Col. Brett Pennington's daughter. In 2013, Speights was diagnosed with cancer. With tears in her eyes, Speights explained how her Air Force family stepped up and helped her in a time of need. She said that she keeps that drawing on her refrigerator to this day as a reminder of how much her Air Force family cares for her.

To complete her speech and ceremony, Speights asked for one thing. She called up Master Sgt. David Pennington, 14th OG first sergeant, and asked him to yell their group chant.

"PROUD TO BE, OG," yelled the audience.

With that, Patricia Speights, better known as Ms. P. wrapped up her 40 years of service to the Air Force and her He then asked the crowd if they had ever seen her parking country.

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Medical Corner

It's back to school

Are you and your family getting enough sleep?



Being well rested is important as it renews the body and mind, yet 23 percent of adults are reported to having some form of sleep deficiency. For families with kids, getting your maintaining a healthy sleep schedule is not impossible and child to be weened from sleeping in late or long naps during will result in being stronger, healthier and smarter. the day can also be a challenge and may effect your work/ sleep cycle as well.

Getting the proper amount of rest for service members and their families can be challenging at times, especially if one or both parents are either in training or school themselves making sleep the last thing on their mind. Believing that you can survive on very little sleep only puts you and with bedtime those around you into greater danger.

The stages of high quality sleep

To get high quality sleep, your body needs to enter into REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep, which makes up about routine 25 percent of your sleep cycle. To get there, your brain cycles through four stages:

- Stage 1: The point Stages 3 and 4: This between being awake is the stage where deep and falling asleep
- Stage 2: Light Sleep- sleep occurs, typically heart rate, breathing, & 90 minutes after falling body temperature drop asleep

able to sort, process, and problem solve.

When the body is unable to achieve REM sleep, the rain is unable to shut itself down and recharge effectivey. Achieving REM sleep is important because it stimulates minute regions in the brain that are used for learning, storing memories, and balances your mood. It is during REM, or "deep" before bedtime sleep" that researchers believe the body recharges, heals, and provides a nocturnal soothing balm to the mind to be contain disturbing images or content

sleep begins and REM

lreaming, studies have shown that people who do not reach sleep REM sleep are more prone to have migraines, feel sluggish, have slower reaction times, feel more jittery, and have difficulty reasoning and problem solving.

Why sleep is important

Sleep provides the brain with "brain plasticity," or the org/10-tips-better-back-to-school-sleep/ brains ability to learn, adapt, and absorb new information. Too little sleep and the brain is unable to "recall" the new Sleep: https://sleep.org/articles/what-happens-during-sleep/

information recently learned and will have trouble remem bering it in the future. When faced with new and changing situations or environments, lack of high quality sleep limits the brain from learning new skills or safely completing difficult and complex tasks.

Tips to getting your ZZZZZZs

Whether going back to school, heading to a training, or on your way to a new position, sleep is key to success. As a parent, spouse or student, getting back into a sleep/ morning routine may be a challenge, but it is possible. If you are single and live in the dorms, getting back into and

Here are some tips to get you and your family back into a healthy sleep cycle for work and school:

- Have a regular bedtime routine
- Brush and floss your teeth about a half an hour before vour desired bedtime
- Listen to relaxing music that you begin to associate
- Drink a glass of water
- Work on the next day's to-do list and write it down on paper, so that it doesn't have to be in your head
- Set a designated time each day to start your bedtime
- Make sure you stay close to this schedule throughout the week—even weekends
- Allow yourself enough time to complete your routine to ensure that you get about seven to nine hours of sleep
- Create a room that's ideal for sleeping. Keep work or school materials, computers and televisions out of the room (this will reinforce the association of the bedroom with sleeping)
- Make sure to complete any chores or household tasks well before bedtime. Don't leave anything until the last
- Avoid caffeine and other stimulants at least six hours
- Avoid media (TV, movies, video games, etc.) that
- If you have children, be a role model and establish a Although REM sleep is more commonly associated with work/sleep schedule that maintains and promotes healthy

Additional References & Resources:

1. Getting your ZZZZZZs: Tips for Good Sleep - HHS: https:// foh.psc.gov/eapnews/consortium/sleep.html

- 2. 10 Tips for Better Back to School Sleep: https://sleepbetter
- 3. Understanding Sleep Cycles What Happens While You

A personal message from your health promotion Health Myth **Busting Team**

Dear Health Myth Busters

Around this time every couple years I PCS and during this time I've learned to get by on little sleep, (typically less than five hours a night), due to the change in my schedule. I've heard that there are adverse effects when you don't get much sleep, is this

Concerned about Health

Dear Concerned about Health

Thanks for this question. Sleep is a critical component to your overall health and something that should be addressed. Before I answer the question, I want you to consider how much sleep you should be getting. According to the National Sleep Foundation, the recommended amount of sleep is between seven-nine hours. It's also important to pay attention to your own individual needs by assessing how you feel on different amounts of sleep. Ask yourself a few questions before you find the number that works for you. Are you productive, healthy and happy on seven hours of sleep? Or does it take you nine hours of quality ZZZ's to get you into high gear? Do you have health issues such as being overweight? Are you at risk for any disease? Are you experiencing sleep problems? Do you depend on caffeine to get you through the day? Do you feel sleepy when driving?

Now to your question, to which the answer is yes, there are adverse effects and health risks associated with trying to get by on little sleep. Although lack of exercise and other factors also contribute, the current epidemic of diabetes and obesity seems to be related, at least in part, to chronically short or disrupted sleep or not sleeping during the night. Sleep is a powerful regulator of appetite, energy use, and weight control. Individuals, like yourself, who report an average total sleep time of five hours a night, are much more likely to become obese, compared with people who sleep seven-eight hours a night. Also, insufficient sleep impairs the body's ability to use insulin, which can lead to the onset of diabetes. Lack of sleep also may trigger your body to produce more of certain proteins thought to play a role in heart disease.

Bottom line and most importantly, make sleep a priority. You must schedule sleep like any other daily activity, so put it on your "to-do list" and cross it off every night. But don't make it the thing you do only after everything else is done, stop doing other things so you get the sleep you need.

> Sincerely, Health Myth Busters

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, and is to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m., and it takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact Airman & Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) at (662) 434-2790 for more information.

Pre- and Post-Deployment Tour Briefina

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 at (662) 434-2794/2790 for more information.

Survivor Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). As with all good decision-making, vou need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision. Always get the true facts about SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling your SBP Counselor Mary Chambers at (662) 434-2720/2790.

Military and Family Life Counselor Program

Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLCs) provide non-medical counseling to help Airmen (single and married), spouses, and other family members cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenge es such as martial issues, parenting, career stress, and anger. All counselors are licensed mental health providers, and they 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, please call (662) 364-0504/434-2790.

Installation Voting Assistance Of-

A&FRC houses the Voting Assistance Office (VAO) which is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and closed weekends/holidays. The VAO offers voting assistance including voter registration, absentee ballot requests and voting, change of address, and provides answers for other general voting questions to uniformed service members, their family members, and civilians with access to A&FRC. Assistance includes but

14th MSG receives new commander



Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, hands the 14th Mission Support Group guidon to Col. Gary Hayward, the new 14th MSG commander, Aug. 8, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The 14th Mission Support Group provides essential services with a five-squadron/two-division, 750 plus person work force and \$38 million budget.

Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) SF-186. and National Mail Voter Registration Form (NVRF). For more information, please contact the Installation Voting Assistance Office at (662) 434-2701/2790 or e-mail: vote.columbus@

Personal Financial Readiness

Need help with financial matters? Want to make the most of your money? The Personal Financial Counselor (PFC) 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 at no cost, private, and confidential. Please contact the PFC at (662) 998-0411/434-2790 or e-mail PFC.Columbus. USAF@zeiders.com, located in the A&FRC.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the A&FRC. We have volunteer opportunities located across the base for one-time events, special events, or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Medical is not limited to aid in preparing and submitting Clinic, Chapel, Airman's Attic, Thrift Store, the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) SF-76, Retiree Activities Office, and many other loca-

tions. For more information, please call A&FRC

Transition Assistance Program GPS (Goals, Plans, Success) Workshop

The next Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop will be held Sept. 10-14, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and includes seminars on: Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP, and Department of Labor. Preseparation counseling is required before attending, and recommended attendance is 8-12 months prior to separation/ retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register or for more information, please call the TAP Manager at (662) 434-2631/2790.

Discovery Resource Center

The Columbus A&FRC has 12 computers with internet access available for job searches, assessments, resumes, cover letters, state and federal applications, and companies' employment information. A printer and fax machine is available. A lending library of books, DVDs, and periodicals on transition and EFMP

topics are available for check out. These resources are available on a first-come-first-serve

Key Spouse Program (KSP)

The mission of KSP is to provide information and resources to military spouses, supporting families in successfully navigating through the military life cycle. The KSP is a CC's program. The CC establishes and maintains the program within the unit, to include choosing team members. Once selected as a KS in writing, you will need to attend initial/refresher KS training and continuing education. For more information. please call (662) 434-3323.

School Liaison Officer

The School Liaison Officer (SLO) assists DoD employees and their families in making a smooth transition in and out of local public, private, and homeschool environments. The SLC is the primary point of contact for all school related matters, advocates for the needs of military students, make referrals, provides educational options and networking opportunities, and is the iaison between the base, schools, and local community. The SLO office is located in the Airman & Family Readiness Center and can be reached at: work (662) 434-2791, cell (662) 352-6456 email SLO2@us.af.mil

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

3:30 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9

4 p.m. – Choir Practice

p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)

1st and 3rd Sunday - Fellowship Meal following

Tuesdays:

11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass (Phillips Auditorium) Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. – Adoration (Phillips Auditorium)

2nd Saturday of each month - Faith Ablaze

Protestant Community

9 a.m. - Adult Sunday School 10:45 a.m. – Community Worship Service (Donut Fellowship following)

3rd Sunday of Each Month - Protestant Faith

Wednesdays:

6 p.m. - AWANA: Begins September 26th Open to all denominations)

Thursdays:

:30 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Open to all denominations)

All Sunday Worship Services are held in the Kaye Auditorium until further notice SILVER WINGS Aug. 10, 2018 SILVER WINGS Aug. 10, 2018 Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight Produce Pilots, Advance Airmen, Feed the Fight

2019 Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program (EMDP2)

application by the published deadline.

EMDP2 offers active duty and Air Reserve Component (ARC) personnel the opportunity to complete course- can be found on MyPers at: Air Force Application Guidework in a traditional classroom setting with structured prehealth advising and formal medical college admission test

The Air Force is accepting applications for the Acpreparation. This is a 24-month program offered through demic Year 2019 (AY19) Enlisted to Medical Degree the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences Preparatory Program (EMDP2). The EMDP2 offers en- (USUHS). Airmen selected for the two-year program will listed personnel the opportunity to complete the prepatransfer on permanent change of station orders to Bethesratory coursework for admission to medical school while da, Maryland, where they will attend school full-time at on active duty status. This program is open to candidates the USUHS where tuition and associated academic costs who demonstrate integrity and are dedicated to becom- will be funded by the Air Force. Following successful coming future physicians, leaders and scholars of the nation's pletion of the program, graduates will apply for acceptance medical force. Applicants are responsible for meeting the to the USUHS medical school and/or civilian medical eligibility requirements and submitting their completed schools to be commissioned as second lieutenants in the Medical Services Corps.

> 2019 EMDP2 Guidelines and Eligibility Requirements lines for Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/25699>

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

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.

VIEWPOINT

The other side of flying: A new lieutenant's perspective

2nd Lt. Carson Kennedy

14th Operations Support Squadron

Hours before the pilot wakes up, air traffic controllers and airfield management alike are already "up and at em" beginning the process of opening the airfield to start another day. The tower controller is determining which runway will be in use and making sure the radios are working properly, the airspace is being taken back from the Federal Aviation Administration by the radar controller and the morning airfield inspection is in progress searching for anything abnormal by the airfield manager. These three facilities: the tower, Radar Approach Control and Base Operations, are the backbone of the over 290,000 operations that happen at Columbus Air Force Base each year.

"I definitely think there is a whole side of flying that most people never even think about," said Staff Sgt. Robert Barnes, 14th Operations Support Squadron RAPCON controller. "Every aspect of a flight is planned and someone is watching the plane from take-off to landing to ensure maximum safety ous harm to someone." for all passengers every time."

our airfields as it does our planes. Here, base operations and airfield management play an integral role in Columbus AFB's happens will be safe and uneventful mission everv dav.

Master Sgt. Jordan Boothe oversees a contracted airfield management and ensures the runways are always operational troops on the ground in real world applications. and safe so that pilot training never has to stop.

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way from lightning strikes," Boothe said. "If we had not been out there before the pilots that could have caused some seri-

Airfield management is responsible for the upkeep of run-The safety of pilots rely as much on the maintenance of ways, lighting, paint markings and more. Both down range and here at home, these people ensure that each sortie that works hard!

Without their daily effort and thoroughness on these inspections, pilot's would not be able to save the lives of the

The airspace at Columbus AFB is the busiest in the Air "Just last week we found multiple holes on the inside run- Force. That means that out of every Air Force base in the deserve it.

world, the airspace here is consistently the most occupied; therefore, for our RAPCON and tower controllers, earning the title air traffic controller is a big deal

"Getting fully rated here qualifies us to go be controllers at the largest airports in the country. New York City, Atlanta, you name it; we can now go work for them because of the complexity of our airspace," said Senior Master Sgt. Garrick Christian, 14th OSS chief controller

Tower controllers are responsible for the taking off, landing and taxiing of all aircraft while the RAPCON controllers follow the plane in its entirety while it is out completing the mission the student pilot has for the day. Each facility as important as the other, controllers provide specialized skills to make quick decisions while tracking numerous variables to keep this base producing the most pilots in the Air Force.

As an airfield operations officer who oversees these facilities, it's been amazing to see how much goes into every day that I had no idea existed. We have over 90 controllers who have a pretty thankless job, yet come in every day ready to work. Our airfield management has more regulations they have to adhere to and memorize than anything I've seen, not to mention the hours they have to put in. I mean this flight

All three facilities are so mission essential at every Air Force base and I'm lucky that I get to work with them. These people teach me something new every day and it's a pleasure getting to know all of them.

Pilots, thank your controllers and your airfield teams, they

BLAZE Hangar Tails: E-3 Sentry (AWACS)

The E-3 Sentry is an airborne warning and control system, or AWACS, aircraft with an integrated command and control battle management, or C2BM, surveillance, target detection, and tracking platform. The aircraft provides an accurate, real-time picture of the battlespace to the Joint Air Operations Center. AWACS provides situational awareness of friendly, neutral and hostile activity, command and control of an area of responsibility, battle management of theater forces, all-altitude and all-weather surveillance of the battle space, and early warning of enemy actions during joint, allied, and coalition operations.

Features

As an air defense system, E-3s can detect, identify and track airborne enemy forces far from the boundaries of the United States or NATO countries. It can direct fighter-interceptor aircraft to these enemy targets. Experience has proven that the E-3 Sentry can respond quickly and effectively to a crisis and support worldwide military deployment operations.

AWACS may be employed alone or horizontally integrated in combination with other C2BM and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance elements of the Theater Air Control System. It supports decentralized execution of the U.S. following Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, coordinating the air tasking order/air combat order. The system provides the ability to find, fix, track and target airborne or maritime threats and to detect, locate and ID emitters. It has the ability to detect threats and control assets below and beyond the coverage of ground-based command and control or C2, and can exchange data with other C2 systems and shooters via

With its mobility as an airborne warning and control sys-

than a fixed, ground-based radar system. Among other things, the Sentry's flight path can quickly be changed according to mission and survival requirements. The E-3 can fly a mission profile approximately 8 hours without refueling. Its range and on-station time can be increased through in-flight refueling and has improved the system's reliability, maintainability and and the use of an on-board crew rest area.

Backaround

There are 31 aircraft in the U.S. inventory. Air Combat Command has 27 E-3s at Tinker. Pacific Air Forces has four E-3 Sentries at Kadena AB, Japan and Elmendorf AFB, Alas-

As proven in operations Desert Storm, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Odyssey Dawn/Unified Protector the E-3 Sentry is the world's premier C2BM aircraft. AWACS aircraft and crews were instrumental to the successful completion of operations Northern and Southern Watch, and are still engaged in operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. They provide radar surveillance and control in addition to providing senior leadership with time-critical information on the actions of enemy forces. The E-3 has also deployed to support humanitarian relief operations in rescue efforts between military and civilian authorities.

The data collection capability of the E-3 radar and computer subsystems allowed an entire air war to be recorded for the first time in the history of aerial warfare.

In March 1996, the Air Force activated the 513th Air Control Group, an AWACS Reserve Associate Program unit which performs duties on active-duty aircraft.

During the spring of 1999, the first AWACS aircraft went 0

tem, the Sentry has a greater chance of surviving in warfare through the Radar System Improvement Program. RSIP is a joint U.S./NATO development program that involved a maior hardware and software intensive modification to the existing radar system. Installation of RSIP enhanced the operational capability of the E-3 radar electronic counter-measures

General characteristics

Primary function: airborne battle management, command and control

Contractor: Boeing Aerospace Co.

Power plant: four Pratt and Whitney TF33-PW-100A turbofan engines

Thrust: 20,500 pounds each engine at sea level

Rotodome: 30 feet in diameter (9.1 meters), 6 feet thick .8 meters), mounted 11 feet (3.33 meters) above fuselage

Wingspan: 145 feet, 9 inches (44.4 meters) Length: 152 feet, 11 inches (46.6 meters)

Height: 41 feet, 9 inches (13 meters)

Weight: 205,000 pounds (zero fuel) (92,986 kilorams) Maximum Takeoff Weight: 325,000 pounds (147,418

ilograms) Fuel Capacity: 21,000 gallons (79,494 liters) Speed: optimum cruise 360 mph (Mach 0.48)

Range: more than 5,000 nautical miles (9,250 kilometers)

Ceiling: Above 29,000 feet (8,788 meters)

Crew: flight crew of four plus mission crew of 13-19 specialists (mission crew size varies according to mission)

Unit Cost: \$270 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars) Initial operating capability: April 1978

Inventory: active force, 32 (one test); Reserve, 0; Guard



A 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron E-3 Sentry taxis down the runway during an elephant walk for a no-notice readiness exercise April 12, 2017, at Kadena Air Base, Japan. These training exercises ensure Airmen are ready to perform any operational task at a moment's notice. The 18th Wing and its associate units are responsible for providpeace and stability as the Pacific theater's premier joint platform for threat deterrence. Feb. 1, 2017.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tyler Woodward

380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief Airman 1st Class Mitchell signals an E-3 Sentry before completing a sortie in support of Combined Joint ing forward power projection with integrated, deployable combat power, to maintain Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve at an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia, SILVER WINGS Aug. 10, 2018

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FEATURE

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"I am humbled beyond words and measure at the opportunity granted to me today, to take command of the 14th FTW and having the responsibility and privilege to lead the 2,700 Airmen that make up team BLAZE," Weeks said right after taking command.

ing for U.S. Air Force and allied officers, as well as tactical training for Afghan and Lebanese pilots and aircraft maintainers in the A-29 Super and everything about the threat we're up against for the future," Doherty Tucano at Moody AFB, Georgia.

"Columbus AFB has been the premiere pilot training wing with a strong well." community devoted to developing the world's best Airmen and it will continue to be," Weeks said.

for their time and sacrifices, he talked about how important the 14th FTW mission is to the nation and told those in attendance about the type of leader Weeks is.

Talking about the importance of staying ready and not being complacent, Doherty said Columbus AFB is at the forefront of the readiness con-

"What you do matters. It matters how effective you are and it matters what type of innovation you're bringing to this production engine and that you envision what the future can be," Doherty said.

He said he feels confident in Weeks' ability to lead the wing into the As commander, Weeks manages Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Train- future as it is expected to continuously grow in mission and volume.

"She knows how to lead Airmen, everything about the flying business, said. "Not only in the flying domain but the cyber and space domains as

Weeks' is an F-15C Eagle pilot with more than 2,200 hours to include 105 combat hours. Weeks also flew the F-16 Fighting Falcon as a member of Before Weeks took command, Doherty thanked Gosney and his family the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. During her previous assignment, Weeks was the 57th Adversary Tactics Group commander at Nellis AFB, Nevada.

> Following the change of command ceremony, Gosney went on to retire after 23 years of faithful service to the Air Force.



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

U.S. Air Force Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander stands with her husband, Steve Broderick, in front of the BLAZE 1, a T-38 Talon, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Aug. 6, 2018. Each commander has an aircraft with their name painted across the side.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sqt. Christopher Gross

U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, speaks to the 14th Flying Training Wing before presiding over the 14th FTW change of command ceremony at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Aug. 6, 2018. Col. Samantha Weeks took command of the 14th FTW after Col. Douglas Gosney relinquished command to Doherty.



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U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, and Col. Douglas Gosney, former 14th FTW commander, clap after Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, takes command at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Aug. 6, 2018. Weeks took command of the 14th FTW after Gosney relinquished command to Doherty.



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

U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Col. Douglas Gosney, former 14th FTW commander, walk off stage after the 14th FTW change of command at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Aug. 6, 2018. Doherty presided over the change of command and later held an all call for every instructor pilot available.