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Weather

Friday  Partly Cloudy High 89°F Low 67°F	Saturday  Partly Cloudy High 93°F Low 67°F
Sunday  Sunny High 92°F Low 66°F	Monday  P.M. Thunderstorms High 89°F Low 67°F

Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Wing Memorial Day Ceremony

The Wing Memorial Day Ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. May 24, at the Gene Smith Plaza in front of the Wing Headquarters. Maj. Andrew Becker's name is inscribed on the wall dedicated to fallen Columbus Air Force Base graduates. Becker, who was in SUPT Class 19-10, was killed in a U-28A crash in March 2017.

Air Education and Training Command Family Day

An Air Education and Training Command Family Day is scheduled for May 25. Most base offices will be closed from May 25-28.

Base Pool Opening

Independence Pool will be reopening for the summer May 25. Pool passes are available now at Information, Tickets and Travel.

Memorial Day Holiday

A Memorial Day Holiday is scheduled for May 28. Most base offices will be closed.

Inside



Feature 8

SUPT Class 18-09 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kaye Auditorium.

Air Force changes uniform from ABU to OCP

Fellow Airmen –

After careful consideration, we've made the decision to transition from the Airmen Battle Uniform (ABU) to the Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) uniform. The following factors influenced this important decision for our service:

1. OCPs have been part of our Air Force uniform inventory since 2012. Over 100,000 Airmen have been issued OCPs for deployed use in U.S. Central Command, 100% of our Air Force Special Operations Command Airmen wear it as their standard, and all of Air Force Global Strike Command's Security Forces members are authorized OCP wear. We are not adopting a new uniform, we are choosing the best of what is already in our inventory and in use.
2. Surveys of the force indicated that Airmen overwhelmingly prefer OCPs over ABUs for functionality, fit, and wear; specifically:
 - a. OCPs work in all climates and across the spectrum of our mission sets. It is equally suitable on a flight line, in a launch control facility, and on a joint terminal attack controller calling in fires.
 - b. OCPs are a better fit for both men and women. We heard loud and clear that the ABU has not been functional or sized correctly for women.
 - c. Already in our inventory and in use, the OCP two-piece flight suit has overwhelming support from aircrew. This uniform will be authorized for all non-ejection seat wear and made available for purchase/issue. In addition, it will be tested for use in ejection seats for those who may prefer it over the one-piece flight suit.
3. OCPs will become the joint combat uniform for Airmen and Soldiers while patches and nametapes will identify our respective services. Service distinction will be maintained in our Blues, Service Dress, Mess Dress and PT uniforms.
4. OCPs allow us to bring back squadron patches and heraldry which is central to our culture as Airmen. While we will no longer allow squadron colored T-Shirts with OCPs, we will celebrate unit integrity with appropriate patches and insignia.


OCP guidance and timelines are available for review on MyPers. In order to allow squadrons to develop patches and ensure the correct accoutrements are available, we have set Oct. 1, 2018 to begin wearing OCPs for those who have them. Transition details can be found in the guidance.

Thank you for your active engagement and your patience as we made this important decision for our service. We remain committed to listening to you, Airmen in the fight and command teams on point.

We're proud to serve with you –

DAVID L. GOLDFEIN
General, USAF
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KALETH O. WRIGHT
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force



AIR FORCE TRANSITIONS TO A SINGLE COMBAT UNIFORM

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37th (19-04)	-6.10 days	-6.62 days	June 29	48th (18-10)	0.23 days	4.73 days	June 8	49th (18-HBC)	-1.37 days	-0.99 days	May 30	T-6	1,713
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								Lt. Gen. Giovanni K. Tuck, 18th Air Force commander, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, is the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-09's graduation at 10 a.m. May 18 in the Kaye Auditorium.				T-38	572
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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 27 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.

Richardson assumes command of 48th Flying Training Squadron



U.S. Air Force photo by Elizabeth Owens

Col. Stan Lawrie, 14th Operations Group commander, passes the guidon of the 48th Flying Training Squadron to Lt. Col. Jason Richardson May 15, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Richardson's major weapon system, prior to his new position, is the C-17 Globemaster III.

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Air Force selects 6,176 in 18E7/master sergeant promotion cycle; list posts

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Air Force's Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Air Force officials have selected 6,176 technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant out of 20,866 eligible for a selection rate of 29.60 percent.

The master sergeant promotion list will be available on the Air Force Personnel Center website Enlisted Promotions page, the Air Force Portal and myPers May 23, 2018 at 8 a.m. CST. Airmen will also be able to access their score notices on the virtual Military Personnel Flight via the Air Force's Personnel Center secure applications page. Those selected for master sergeant will be promoted beginning Aug. 1, 2018, according to their promotion sequence number. Commanders will receive notice of their selects from their senior rater's agent starting May 16, 2018, with the intent to notify their selects no earlier than one day before the public release. For more information about Air Force personnel programs, visit the AFPC public website.

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NEWS AROUND TOWN

May 19

Join friends and neighbors at the Hitching Lot Farmers' Market from 7-10 a.m. for fresh locally grown produce, handmade items, and home-cooked goodness! Fun activities on Saturdays for the children.

June 10

World Wrestling Entertainment will be performing 5 p.m. June 10 at the Bancorp South Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. Tickets are available online.

May 19

An Employer Support of Guard and Reserve Job Fair is scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Mill in Starkville, Mississippi. This job fair is free and intended to help service members that are under employed or unemployed locate employment.

Sept. 7

Alabama, American country-music group, will be performing at 7:30 p.m. at the Bancorp South Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. Tickets are available online.

BARGAIN LINE

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@us.af.mil or faxed to 434-7009. Calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Silver Wings reserves the right to limit ads based on content, space and frequency of requests. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income may not appear in the Bargain Line.

Miscellaneous

For Sale: Troy-bilt lawn tractor 42-inch cut, new battery and drive belt, serviced and in excellent condition, four years old. Must sell at \$375. New 2018 Honda Odyssey all-season black floor mats. Asking \$110. For more information call (662) 356-4511.

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2018 AFAF Results

Col. Douglas Gosney

14th Flying Training Wing Commander

Team BLAZE,

Just a quick note to thank you for your generosity in supporting the Columbus AFB 2018 Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) campaign. Thanks to your generosity and the hard work by SMSgt Steinback, Capt Fortney, and all the UPOs and Keyworkers, we not only met our goal, but exceeded it by more than \$8,000!

Below are some data points that show just how successful this campaign was:

Total percent of active-duty members contacted: 100 percent (Goal: 100 percent)

Total campaign donations: \$38,936 (Goal: \$27,808)

Percent of Wing goal raised: 140 percent

140 percent of the base goal puts us as No. 1 in AETC, No. 1 CONUS, and the No. 2 campaign in the entire Air Force

14.6 percent participation rate marks us as the No. 1 in AETC, No. 1 CONUS, and tied for No. 3 in the Air Force

Every Group exceeded their contribution totals from last year

Again, thank you for your support, your generosity, and ensuring that we are "Airmen Taking Care of Airmen." This is a just another example that reminds me how proud I am to serve with you and work for you.

Well done!


-BLAZE 1

Columbus Air Force Base Airmen invited to Eighth-Annual Senior Airman Mark Forester Race

The Mark Forester Foundation is hosting an annual race/ruck walk 8 a.m. May 19, 2018, in Haleyville, Alabama, to raise money for the foundation. Anyone from Columbus Air Force Base is invited to attend. More information can be found at www.markaforester.com.

Back story:
On September 29th, 2010, Senior Airman Mark Forester was killed in Afghanistan while attempting to save a fallen comrade. Forester was a member of the 21st Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Field (formerly Pope AFB), North Carolina. His website is dedicated to all Combat Controllers as well as U.S. servicemen, both past and present.

Team BLAZE CCAF graduates



U.S. Air Force photo by Sharon Ybarra

Eleven Team BLAZE members wait to receive their Community College of the Air Force degree May 10, 2018 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. With a CCAF degree, Airmen have a better chance to rank up and progress further in their career.

Future roadwork scheduled


The following is the proposed schedule of lane closures during the week of May 21-25, 2018. While one location is closed, the others will be free to travel. The contractor is scheduled to work 7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. I believe dissemination should be as wide as possible to inform everyone affected.

May 21-22: Base population should expect closures of C Circle or Independence Ave near the clinic.

May 23-25: Base population should expect closures of the inbound or outbound lanes on either side of the flag pole median along Simler Blvd.

Security and policy review

Did you know that as a military member you must coordinate all information relating to speeches, presentations, academic papers, multimedia visual information materials and information proposed for release to a publicly accessible Worldwide Website, with exception of Air Force publications, through the 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs Office? For more information contact the 14th FTW/PA at 434-7068.



Be safe on the water, wear a life preserver

Veteran Horsemanship Program offered at Mississippi State University

2nd Lt. Morgan Eckert
14th Student Squadron

You may have heard of Pegasus, the winged stallion of Greek mythology that flew Bellerophon into battle against a fire-breathing monster, who then later became the emblem for the 1941 insignia worn by the World War II British Airborne Forces. There's also the legendary Seabiscuit, son of Man O' War, who gave hope to the American people during the Great Depression after fighting through the losing odds to become a racing champion while enabling Red Pollard, his one-eyed jockey due to a racing accident, a successful career regardless. Or Khan, Disney's noble steed, who carried Mulan into the mountains and on to the Imperial City to defeat the Huns. Many stories of these large animals from the past enable us to believe their companionship can raise us to challenged heights and new beginnings.

Modern instances reveal the same story. Receiving word of the Montana cowboy who rode into a storm as night fell, only to lose sense of direction and consciousness from exhaustion. Morning came and the mare had carried him to the front porch of his ranch house. Or the personal account as being witness to the miracle of a young girl with autism speaking for the very first time. As I lead her around the outdoor arena as she sat high and mighty in Job's saddle, out from behind her unceasingly smiling teeth came an exclamation of amazement, "Mommy, look!" Her mother sobbed.

Or the recently heard encounter of a wildly tempered horse being let loose in the arena and unable to be caught by three different impatient riders. Only when a woman, disabled by an amputated leg, entered the arena in a wheelchair, the horse walked right over to her and placed his head on

This program is free of charge to all veterans in hope that it allows each participant the opportunity for any needed healing, whether emotionally or physically, and an excuse to open up to a new-found friend ... your horse.

her lap.

These stories give hope and power to those that read them, but not as much as to those that live them.

Since January 2017, Mississippi State University has offered a Veteran Horsemanship Program each semester. Thus far, a total of 15 veterans have participated, 13 of whom had been deployed.

Before starting the program, some participants discussed their feelings of anxiety, depression and isolation. At the end of the 10-week program, most divulged their experience as having left them "more hopeful, less angry, more patient with others and noticing a measurable decrease in their anxiety and depression symptoms."

With classes ranging from two to four veterans and lasting from one and a half to two hours once a week, each veteran is given the opportunity to develop a friendship with their horse and learn in the least restrictive environment possible. This allows the rider to make the experience their own.

Participants will learn natural horsemanship methods

through ground work and time in the saddle. After you have chosen your horse, you will learn how to gently fasten the halter, lead with a rope, groom and develop a personal connection on foot so that your horse will sense your desires before you ride. Upon completion of several ground lessons, you will use your new skills in the saddle.

As you ride, you decide the duration and amount of fun you will have. Past veterans have said that the arena became their "happy place," where they can relax and leave stressors behind.

This program is free of charge to all veterans in hope that it allows each participant the opportunity for any needed healing, whether emotionally or physically, and an excuse to open up to a new-found friend ... your horse.

As you work with your horse, you are providing a valuable service to the MSU therapeutic riding center as well. Once the horse is trained in natural horsemanship, that horse can be used to benefit the learning process of disabled children and young adults.

A veteran summed up the program in a short sentence. "I was able to tell this horse everything that I have done and ask for forgiveness and he held space for me and allowed me to do that without judging me."

Please text or call Lori Irvin at (662) 436-0799 to secure a spot in the upcoming Veteran Horsemanship Program class or for more information.

The arena is also in need of volunteers to help with the therapeutic riding classes, grooming and feeding horses, building fences, cleaning stalls, watering the arena, and so much more. Your help is appreciated.

Feel free to reach out to me for any information regarding the program or volunteering at morgan.eckert.5@us.af.mil



U.S. Air Force photos by Maj. Marnee A.C. Losurdo

Lt. Col. Ed Garcia, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron pilot, talks about the Hurricane Hunter mission during a Facebook Live session with the National Weather Service May 10, 2018. The 53rd WRS, an Air Force Reserve unit in the 403rd Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., took part in the 2018 NOAA Gulf Coast Hurricane Awareness Tour May 7-11, 2018. This is the fourth year the Hurricane Hunters participated in all five stops of the awareness and preparedness event, which was in conjunction with National Hurricane Preparedness Week.



The public tours the WC-130J Super Hercules aircraft at the Jack Brooks Regional Airport, Beaumont, Texas, May 8, 2018, during the NOAA Gulf Coast Hurricane Awareness Tour. The aircraft is flown by the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron to collect weather data for National Hurricane Center forecasts. NOAA's National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center has conducted the Hurricane Awareness Tour for more than 35 years; however, this is the fourth year the 53rd WRS has participated in all five stops of the awareness and preparedness event, which was in conjunction with National Hurricane Preparedness Week May 7-11, 2018.

Prepare now for hurricane season

Maj. Marnee A.C. Losurdo
403rd Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Hurricane season begins June 1 and now is the time to prepare. To promote this message, an Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter aircrew with their WC-130J Super Hercules and a team of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration hurricane experts visited five Gulf Coast cities as part of this year's Hurricane Awareness Tour May 7 through 11, 2018.

The Hurricane Awareness Tour, or HAT, which stopped at the McAllen Miller International Airport, McAllen, Texas; Jack Brooks Regional Airport, Beaumont, Texas; Baton Rouge Metro Airport, Ryan Field, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Montgomery Regional Airport, Montgomery, Alabama; and Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, Lakeland, Florida, is a joint effort between NOAA's National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center and the 403rd Wing's 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron to promote awareness about the destructive forces of hurricanes and how people can prepare.

"We enjoy taking part in the Hurricane Awareness Tour each year because it highlights the vital role the squadron has in gathering data for NHC forecasts," said Col. Brian May, 403rd Operations Group commander. "What the Hurricane Hunters do strengthens relationships with our meteorological services, civil protection agencies, elected officials, and media partners that all work in a collaborative effort to enhance

public awareness during hurricane season."

However, even with a perfect forecast, the storms still come, said Ken Graham, the new NHC director who was the meteorologist in charge at the National Weather Service in Slidell, Louisiana, for years.

"That is why we are here," Graham said. "It's all about preparedness; it's about being ready for the next storm. Whether it's a busy season or not a busy season it only takes one storm."

The awareness tour was also in conjunction with National Hurricane Preparedness Week. NOAA partnered with FLASH, the Federal Alliance for Safe Housing, with the #HurricaneStrong campaign. Throughout the week, officials encouraged people who live in hurricane prone areas to know their risk due to storm surge, inland flooding and winds, to have an evacuation plan and disaster supply kit, make sure they have adequate insurance, and strengthen their home to meet hurricane building codes. They also stressed the importance of being a good neighbor before and after a hurricane and to have a written plan to ensure everyone in the household is prepared for the next storm.

Emergency response and informational booths were set up at all the stops to encourage residents to prepare for the upcoming season. The public and media also got the chance to tour the WC-130J aircraft, one of 10 specially configured aircraft operated by the U.S. Air Force Reserve, and NOAA's G-IV both used to gather critical weather data for hurricane forecast models. While the NOAA G-IV, flies at high altitude around and ahead of a tropical cyclone, the WC-130J flies

through the hurricane at 10,000 feet.

During a tropical storm or hurricane, 53rd WRS crews can fly through the eye of a storm four to six times. During each pass through the eye, crews release a dropsonde, which collects temperature, wind speed, wind direction, humidity and surface pressure data. The crew also collects surface wind speed data and flight level data. This information is transmitted to the NHC to assist them with their storm warnings and hurricane forecast models in the Caribbean and eastern Pacific. During a typical year, the squadron will fly 60 to 100 missions for the NHC.

Last year was a busy season for the Hurricane Hunters. The 53rd WRS flew more than 800 hours during more than 90 missions into 12 named storms.

"We fly into these storms to gather data to improve the accuracy of NHC forecasts and ultimately for people's safety so they can make an informed decision to stay or evacuate," said Lt. Col. Jeff Ragusa, 53rd WRS pilot. "We ask that people pay attention to these forecasts and heed the evacuation orders."

While the tour ended in Lakeland, Florida, May 11, the Hurricane Hunters were preparing for the upcoming season by getting ready for the annual "Roll Out" mission in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, the forward operating location at the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport.

Forecasters from Colorado State University are predicting that the season will be more active than usual. Whether the season meets or exceeds the predictions, the 53rd WRS will be ready.

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.



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Lunch Buffets at the Overrun

Enjoy daily lunch buffets Tuesday-Friday at the Columbus Club. Daily buffets include: Tuesday: taco and nacho for \$9, Wednesday: chicken wings and pasta for \$10, Thursday: southern-style lunch for \$10 and Friday: fried catfish for \$10. Club Members receive a \$2 discount. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Youth Book Club

Explore new worlds and ideas through reading! Beginning May 21, stop by the Base Library and pick up a copy of the book “Scat” by Carl Hiaasen from the Youth Book Club. The book club discussion meeting will be held Jun. 20 at 4 p.m. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Seasonal Pool Pass

Purchase your seasonal pool pass today! The Base Pool will open May 25 for the pool season. For more information, contact ITT at 434-7861.

Free Breakfast for Club Members

Free breakfast buffet for club members from 6:30–9 a.m. May 29. The cost is \$8 for non-members. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Officer Skydiving Trip

The ITT office is offering an Officer Single Airman Skydiving Trip from 7 a.m.–5 p.m. June 6. The cost is only \$40 for club members and \$45 for non-members. Participant must be at least 19 years old. Sign up no later than May 30. For more information, contact 434-7861.

Ice Cream Soda Day

Celebrate National Ice Cream Soda Day! Enjoy this soda fountain favorite for only \$1.75 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. June 20 at the Columbus Club. Lunch guests may substitute beverage for an ice cream soda at no additional charge. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Storytime Schedule

The Base Library is offering Storytime on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for ages 3–6 years and Fridays at 10 a.m. for ages birth–2 years. For more information, contact 434-2934.

FSS Gift Cards

Make your shopping easier! Purchase or redeem your 14th

COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE

300M

Swim

23K

Bike

5K

Run

TRIATHLON

JUNE 2nd

OFFICIAL CHIP TIMING SYSTEM WILL BE USED

Check-in 7am – Race Meeting 7:45am – Race Begins 8am

CAFB INDEPENDENCE POOL

FREE EVENT

Youth Age Categories 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, and 14-16

Youth distances (based on age):
Swim: 25m, 50m, 100m or 150m; Bike: 5mi, 9mi, 3mi or 6mi; & Run: 25mi, 1mi, 2mi or 3mi

T-shirts available for purchase (\$15 Adult - \$12 Youth)

Register at the Fitness Center or Youth Center

Free spaghetti dinner will be offered to registered participants & families on June 1st at 5pm at the Columbus Club

FOR MORE INFORMATION 434-2772

Force Support Squadron gift card at the following locations: Arts and Crafts, Bowling Center, Café at Whispering Pines, Child Development Center, Columbus Club, Information Tickets and Travel, Outdoor Recreation or the Youth Center. For more information, stop by any of these locations.

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.

Horse Boarding Available

The Columbus Air Force Base riding stables usually has stall space available. For pricing and more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505.

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 24 hours in advance; 17 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$15 per

person for party of 10 or more; \$20 per person for party of nine or less. You must purchase paint 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.

Space A Lodging

The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at 434-2548.

Ride in Style

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



Medical Corner

Drowsy Driving: More dangerous than you think



The majority of drivers out on the roads know that is it dangerous to get behind the wheel after drinking, not to mention also illegal, but some don’t realize that it is just as dangerous to drive while drowsy. Since 2001, the Air Force has lost nearly 300 Airmen from preventable accidents.¹ Studies have shown that driving even a little tired — less that 5 hours of sleep — had shown to increase your chances of causing or getting into an accident as someone who gets the recommended 7-8 hours of sleep per day.

Each year, there are an estimated 6,000 vehicular accidents caused by drowsy drivers. Drunk driving and drowsy driving have several similarities. They both cause the driver to have impaired judgment, decreased attention, slowed down mental processes, and slower reflexes and reaction times. Drunk driving and drowsy driving both have their shared risks and can cause injury or death to yourself and others.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), accidents caused from drowsy driving are much more serious as the speed at which you are traveling is faster and reaction times are slower. People who are higher at risk of falling asleep at the wheel are drivers who have untreated sleep disorders such as sleep apnea, insomnia, narcolepsy and those that are taking any form of medication that can cause drowsiness or sleepiness.

Did You Know?

An estimated 1 in 25 adult drivers (age 18 and older) report having fallen asleep while driving in the previous 30 days.³

There is no test to determine sleepiness as there is no intoxication. Yet drivers who get behind the wheel after no sleep for 24 hours or more are as dangerous, if not more, than someone with a blood alcohol level of 0.08%.

Signs you are driving drowsy

It is hard to admit when you may be sleepy and tired and

still get behind the wheel. The best thing to do is know the warning signs.

LEARN THE WARNING SIGNS OF DROWSY DRIVING

- Yawning or blinking frequently
- Difficulty remembering the past few miles driven
- Missing your exit
- Drifting from your lane
- Hitting a rumble strip on the side of the road
- Feeling restless and irritable

TIPS TO COMBAT DROWSY DRIVING

If any of these symptoms apply to you, **DON'T CONTINUE DRIVING!** Pull over into a safe location such as a gas station or rest stop and take a power nap. Even a 20-minute power nap can be enough to make you feel more alert and awake.

If there are others driving with you, switch off every two hours and trade off napping and driving if traveling over long distances.

Did You Know?

Even if you drink coffee to stay alert, you can still have micro sleeps when seriously sleep deprived.⁴

Prevent drowsy driving before getting behind the wheel

There are a few things that you can do before getting behind the wheel.

- Get at least 7-8 hours of sleep per day.
- Develop good sleeping habits. If you know the date and time you will be traveling, plan to go to bed at least 7 hours before waking for travel.
- Avoid drinking alcohol or taking any medications that can make you sleepy prior to getting behind the wheel.

Resources:

1. Travel Risk Planning System (TRIPS): <https://trips.safety.army.mil/airforce/Home>
2. Drowsy Driving - NSF: <https://sleepfoundation.org/sleep-topics/drowsy-driving>
3. Drowsy Driving - NHTSA: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drowsy-driving>
4. Drowsy Driving - Facts and Stats - NSF: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drowsy-driving>

A personal message from your health promotion Health Myth Busting Team

Dear Health Myth Busters,

I work the night shift and I tend to feel a little sleepy on my drive home from duty, but I can always tell when I'm falling asleep. Does this mean I'm less at risk of crashing because of drowsy driving?

Sincerely,
Sleepy Driver

Dear Sleepy Driver,

I understand how working the night shift can cause sleepiness. Being able to tell when you’re falling asleep while driving is a common misconception and can be dangerous to yourself and possibly others on the road. Sleep is not something you can decide to do or not do. You can fall asleep and not know it, and you can’t tell how long you’ve been asleep. You won’t be able to tell when you’re falling asleep but there are symptoms you can recognize that you might be experiencing sleepiness. Some of those symptoms include: difficulty focusing, frequent blinking, heavy eyelids, daydreaming, wandering/disconnected thoughts, yawning repeatedly or rubbing your eyes, trouble keeping your head up, drifting from your lane, tailgating, or hitting a shoulder rumble strip.

Well before you actually fall asleep while driving you can experience slower reaction times, decreased awareness, and impaired judgment. In other words, driving sleepy is like driving drunk. It’s best to recognize symptoms of drowsy driving before something dangerous happens to you on the road. There are some behaviors such as turning up the radio or opening the window that may help you feel more alert for an instant, but these are not real cures for drowsiness and may give you a false sense of security.

Once you recognize that you are getting sleepy or feeling drowsy, the safest thing to do is pull off the road in a safe rest area or parking lot and take a 15-30 minute nap. The best way to reduce drowsy driving is to get the recommended 7-9 hours of sleep before your shift if you want to feel well rested and able to function at your fullest.

Sincerely,
Health Myth Busters

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



National Police Week 2018



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert
Military Working Dog Ooleg bites Staff Sgt. Zachary Kunkler, 14th Security Forces Squadron MWD handler, during a demonstration May 15, 2018, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The demonstration was a part of National Police Week 2018, which is a week set aside to recognize security forces and local law enforcement.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
ABOVE: Senior Airman Raymond Dwoznik, 14th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, demonstrates the unit's capabilities May 16, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

RIGHT: A battle cross rests on display during the Fallen Defender's Memorial May 16, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The memorial was one of the many events organized by the 14th Security Forces Squadron during National Police Week 2018.



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



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert
Airman 1st Class Ryan Younger, 14th Security Forces Squadron, gets fased during a demonstration as part of National Police Week 2018 May 15, 2018, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
Airmen from the 14th Security Forces Squadron stand during the Fallen Defender's Memorial May 16, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

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 one hour. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2790 for more information.

Pre- and Post-Deployment Tour Briefing

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 1:30p.m. Please contact A&FRC, (662) 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link will be from 8:30 a.m.-noon May 23, in the A&FRC. This half-day program is open to all spouses of active duty military members assigned to Columbus AFB. Attendees will receive information about life in the Air Force, in the local area, and at Columbus AFB from local subject matter experts including spouse leaders. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation will be from 8 a.m.-noon May 29. This event is mandatory for all newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel, and spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation is held at the Columbus Club. To register or for more information, please call the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

Hearts Apart

The next Hearts Apart will be from 5-7 p.m. May 31. This monthly social event is for family members whose sponsor is deployed, on a remote tour, or TDY for more than 30 days. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

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

The next Transition Assistance Program workshop will be from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. July 9-13, 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. Pre-separation counseling is required before attending, and recommended

Tree City USA award presented



U.S. Air Force photo by Sharon Ybarra
Col. Anthony Sansano, 14th Mission Support Group commander, and members of the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron receive the Tree City USA award May 15, 2018 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Columbus AFB is one of a few arboreturns in Mississippi.

attendance is 8-12 months prior to separation or 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.

Career Technical Training Track Workshop

The next Career Technical Training Track workshop will be from July 16-17, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the A&FRC. This workshop covers the importance and how to go about obtaining skills required to make better decisions about your technical goals. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Federal USAJobs Workshop

The next Federal USAJobs workshop will be from 9-10:30 a.m. July 18. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search using the USAJobs website. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Smooth Move

The next Smooth Move workshop will be from 10-11 a.m. June 12 in the A&FRC. This monthly venue provides information for relocating members and families. Here you'll learn what to expect before you move from agencies such as Traffic Management Office (TMO), Housing, Military Pay, Lodging, Tri-Care, School Liaison Officer and A&FRC. To register or for more information, please call the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

Bundles of Joy

The next Bundles of Joy workshop will be from 1-3:30 p.m. Aug. 16 in the A&FRC. This program is designed for active-duty Air Force members and/or their spouses who are pregnant or have a child 4 months old or less. Attendees will learn about finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. A \$50 gift card sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society will be provided for each qualifying child. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Linked-In Workshop

The next Linked-In workshop is from 2-5 p.m. Sept. 17-18. You'll learn how to establish/use a Linked-In account. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The next Entrepreneurship Track Transition workshop will be from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20-21. This workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Key Spouse Program (KSP)

The mission of Key Spouse Program is to provide information and resources to military spouses, supporting families in successfully navigating through the military life cycle. The KSP is a com-

mander's program. The commander establishes and maintains the program within the unit, to include choosing team members. Once selected as a key spouse in writing, you will need to attend initial/refresher key spouse training and continuing education. For more information, please call (662) 434-3323.

Employment Workshop

An employment workshop on local and base employment opportunities is held every Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. This program provides military families and DOD civilian member's individual assessment and career counseling to assist with local employment, preparation for future endeavors via education, job search, or self-owned business objectives in the local area. For more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 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 military-installations.dod.mil, under "Are You A Sponsor?" For additional information, please contact the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

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

Tuesdays:
11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass at Phillips Auditorium

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 at Kaye Auditorium

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





T-1A Jayhawk

SUPT Class 18-09 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



2nd Lt. Shane Barnette
Bossier City, Louisiana
C-130J



2nd Lt. Russel Blair
Williamsburg, Virginia
F-16



2nd Lt. Nicholas Bode
West Linn, Oregon
F-35

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-09 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Lt. Gen. Giovanni K. Tuck, 18th Air Force commander, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, is the graduation guest speaker.

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

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

The Air Force Association Award was presented to Second Lt. Tyler Hansen, T-38, 2nd Lt. Amanda Olguin, T-1. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Bode, Pavilonis and 2nd Lt. Daniel Johnson, T-1A, were named the distinguished graduates of SUPT Class 18-09.

The 53-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus AFB, Miss. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 18-09 pilot partners are Aaron Gregory, Gregory Construction, and Corey Fowler, Camelia Hospice.



2nd Lt. Dennis Cook
Irvine, California
T-38C



2nd Lt. Alexander Crandell
Rochester, New York
C-5M



2nd Lt. Janson Erhard
Storrs, Connecticut
C-17



2nd Lt. Devon Ferguson
Kailua, Hawaii
KC-135R



2nd Lt. Kyle Ferral
New Franken, Wisconsin
KC-135



2nd Lt. Thomas Fitzgerald
Juliette, Georgia
MC-130



2nd Lt. Tyler Hansen
Traverse City, Michigan
F-16



2nd Lt. John Klinner
Auburn, Alabama
KC-135



2nd Lt. Kyle Kozak
Louisville, Kentucky
C-17A



2nd Lt. Richard Ledson
Fairhope, Alabama
C-130J



2nd Lt. Charles Loadholt
Fresno, California
KC-135R



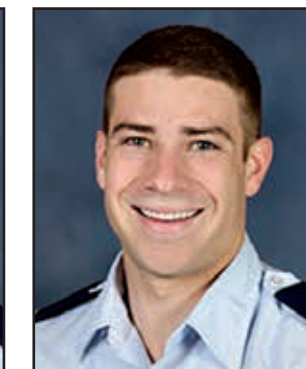
2nd Lt. Austin Martin
Knoxville
KC-135R



2nd Lt. Amanda Olguin
Aurora, Colorado
C-130J



2nd Lt. Charles Pavilonis
Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania
C-5M



2nd Lt. Devin Pelletier
Raymond, Maine
KC-135



2nd Lt. Kenneth Sparano
Greenville, South Carolina
KC-135



2nd Lt. Luis Torres
Taylorsville, Utah
U-28A



2nd Lt. Kolton White
High Point, North Carolina
KC-135R