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Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

Air Force Birthday

The Air Force's birthday is Sept. 18! Here's to 71 years of air, space and cyberspace power!

Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active duty and civilian personnel.

SUPT Class 18-15 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-15 graduates at 10 a.m. Sept. 28 at the Kaye Auditorium.

Inside



Feature 8

The 37th Flying Training Squadron is highlighted in this week's feature.



Photo by Matt Cashore/University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame Air Force ROTC cadet Jill Ruane passes over campus as a backseater in a formation of two T-6 Texan IIs Sept. 9, 2018, in South Bend, Indiana. Several cadets from the Notre Dame AFROTC program took familiarization flights in the T-6 the Sunday following the football game against Ball State. The aircraft belong to the 37th Flying Training Squadron who were on campus to perform the pregame flyover at the football game the previous day.

37th FTS IPs conduct off-station training, train Notre Dame ROTC cadets

By Staff Sgt. Joshua Smoot

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Instructor pilots and 22 T-6 Texan IIs from the 37th Flying Training Squadron recently returned from a TDY

to South Bend, Indiana, where they conducted instructor continuation training for end of year requirements and were also able to work with cadets from the Notre Dame Air

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (19-08)	-4.67 days	-8.05 days	Sept. 27	48th (18-15)	-2.15 days	-4.90 days	Sept. 26	49th (18-LBC)	-1.60 days	-0.58 days	Sept. 19	T-6	1,030	837	26,667
41st (19-05)	-33.13 days	-4.20 days	Dec. 14	50th (19-01)	-2.62 days	-3.37 days	Sept. 26					T-1	321	242	8,730
* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.												T-38	364	307	9,959
Col. Daniel R. McDonough, 182nd Air Lift Wing commander, Illinois Air National Guard, is the guest speaker for 18-15's graduation at 10 a.m. Sept. 28, 2018, in the Kaye Auditorium.												IFF	140	128	4,186



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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 26 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.



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
17 Constitution Day	18 Air Force's 71st Birthday	19 AMC Force Development Roadshow, @ 14th OG	20 Base tour: International Paper	21 POW/MIA Recognition Day	22/23 22nd: AF Birthday Ball, 6 p.m. @ Trotter Center	Oct. 2-4: CREATE Expo Oct. 4: Columbus High School AF JROTC Tour Oct. 5: Wing All-Call Oct. 8: Columbus Day Oct. 12: SUPT Class 19-01 Assignment Night Oct. 16: Wing Newcomers Oct. 19-20: Caledonia Days Oct. 20-21: Autocross Oct. 23: MSU Veterinary Student Tour Oct. 26: SUPT Class 19-01 Graduation Oct. 27: Base Trick or Treating
24	25 Wing New-comers Orientation, 8 a.m. @ Club	26	27 Nancy Andrews visit Hearts Apart, 5-7 p.m. @ AFRC	28 Enlisted Promotions, 3 p.m. @ Kaye Auditorium SUPT Class 18-15 Graduation, 10 am. @ Kaye Auditorium	29/30	

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Louisiana-Lafayette vs. MSU

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Ragin Cajuns and the Mississippi State University Bulldogs will play at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at Davis Wade Stadium in Starkville, Mississippi. Tickets are for sale online.

Cars and Coffee

Cars and Coffee begins at 7:30-10:30 a.m. Sept. 15, at the Columbus, Mississippi farmers market. The event is free and anyone may submitting their vehicle in the show.

Help end cancer

Registration for the walk to help end cancer begins at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 16, and at 6:30 the walk will begin.

Downtown Columbus Art Walk

An art walk is to be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 27, for those interested to view local artists work, participate in family activities and shop after hours in downtown Columbus, Mississippi.

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Force Support Squadron Smile Program
We want to make you SMILE! Visit your favorite Force Support Squadron activities and we'll show you our appreciation! Watch for hidden smiles for a chance to win with FSS during the month of August. There are lots of ways to collect a reward!

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

Lunch Buffets at the Overrun
Enjoy daily lunch buffets Tuesday thru 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.


Free Prezi Workshop
What is Prezi? Prezi is the interactive, cloud-based presentation platform that helps you connect more powerfully with your audience. Learn how to use Prezi at the Base Library at 3 p.m. Sept. 19. For more information, contact 434-2934.

Members Night Salsa Night
The Columbus Club is offering Members Night Salsa Night at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 21. Enjoy social hour from 5:30–6:30 p.m., beginner's salsa lesson 6:30–7:30 p.m. and free dancing 7:30 p.m.–midnight; featuring pick and mix tapas and signature cocktail specials. Prizes for members and new members. For more information, contact 434-2337.

6th Annual Wet N Wild Color Run
The Youth Center is offering a color run at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 22 at Lil Blazer Park. Free to military ID card holders. Open to all ages and all fitness levels. For more information, contact 434-2504.


Save the Date: Nashville Oktoberfest Trip
Save the Date! The ITT office is offering a trip to the Nashville Oktoberfest on Oct. 13–14. Enjoy fun, food and music! More details coming soon! For more information, contact 434-7861.

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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, Mississippi, 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 twenty-four hours in advance; 17 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$15 per person for party of 10 or more; \$20 per person for party of nine or less. You must purchase paint balls at Outdoor Recreation for \$50 per case of 2,000. For more information, contact 434-2505.

The Overrun Open Friday Nights
The Overrun is open Fridays 4:30 p.m. until midnight. For more information, contact 434-2419.

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.

TRAINING
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Force ROTC Detachment 225.
From Sept. 6-10, the 37th FTS accomplished 188 sorties and also increased knowledge and proficiency for all their IPs in an off-station training environment.
“This training was huge,” said Capt. Richard Ross, 37th FTS IP. “It proved that we as IPs can conduct flights off home station in a safe and organized manner. It also required IPs to thoroughly plan and provide procedures to those conducting the familiarization flights due to the fact that this was non-standard and not at Columbus (Air Force Base, Mississippi).”

The 37th FTS was also invited to fly over the Notre Dame versus Ball State game at Notre Dame Stadium and meet with Notre Dame ROTC cadets. The IPs were able to work closely with the cadets to demonstrate some of the training the pilot community goes through to ensure proper pilot training on a daily basis.

It's not an everyday occurrence that cadets are given the opportunity to fly, but 16 cadets were given that chance. They were screened by Columbus AFB medical personnel and received all required training with Airmen from the 14th Operations Support Squadron aircrew flight equipment and egress trained personnel before flying.

First Lt. Alexandra Taylor, 37th FTS instructor pilot, said she was thrilled for what the cadets were able to experience.



Photo by Matt Cashore/University of Notre Dame
Four T-6 Texan IIs assigned to the 37th Flying Training Squadron fly over Notre Dame Stadium before the game against Ball State Sept. 8, 2018, in South Bend, Indiana. The 37th FTS accomplished 188 sorties from Sept. 6-10, and also increased knowledge and proficiency for all instructor pilots in an off-station training environment in addition to performing a flyover.

“Not only seeing the excitement and motivation in the cadet's expressions, but being able to travel a flying squadron to the ROTC home station and inspire the cadets toward a career in aviation is pretty rewarding,” she said.

To make the training happen, it took a lot of planning and coordination with multiple squadrons and agencies. Because of the harmonization between IPs, flight

doctor, AFE personnel, aviation resource managers' responsibilities accomplished prior to departing and having fixed base operation personnel in South Bend, the training was successful.

The crew took advantage of the opportunity to not only train in an unfamiliar location, they also took the time to mentor future Air Force officers and possibly recruit some fans at the football game.

“We were fortunate to motivate Notre Dame ROTC cadets for future aviation service through static displays, flybys, familiarization flights, Q-and-A sessions and further mentorship,” Taylor said. “We were able to expand Air Force presence and recruitment through public affairs with the four-ship flyover and involvement with the ROTC detachment and community of Notre Dame.”

Commander's
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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.

CAFB provides Air Force over
5,500 pilots since Sept. 11, 2001

According to the 14th Flying Training Wing Historian approximately 5,647 pilot training graduates since Sept. 11, 2001, through the present day on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Since the events of 9/11, the first Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 01-15, graduated on Sept. 28, 2001, and the last Class 18-14/15, graduated on Sept. 7, 2018.

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Rothstein shares favorite parts about being an Air Force aviator

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

Maj. Gen. Michael D. Rothstein, commander of the Curtis E. LeMay Center and vice commander of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, spoke at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Classes 18-14/15 graduation Sept. 7 on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The graduation consisted of students from SUPT Class 18-14 and the T-38C Talon students from SUPT Class 18-15.

As Rothstein addressed 25 of the U.S. Air Force and partner nation's newest pilots, he noted how a week and 29 years ago he was sitting in their spot, and explained that so much has happened in those years.

Rothstein mentioned how the new pilots are now part of best team of aviators in the world.

"This is the best air force the world has ever known," Rothstein said. "But don't be complacent, (our enemies) are coming for us. We need to play like contenders, not champions."

Rothstein also stressed how important it is for pilots to seek instant feedback, and how it's unique — that as a pilot — to know the results of impact immediately after each sortie. Not every profession can see how their actions effect the world.

Rothstein said if anything else, one thing he has always gotten out of being a pilot is having fun.

"I don't have to go to work, I get to go to work," Rothstein said. "I could be a ditch-digger or an accountant, both are noble things to do, but let me tell you that being a pilot in the Air Force is more fun."

He also mentioned that the people he works are great. He said they are smart, caring and hardworking and will take care of you.

Another great aspect of being a pilot is the opportunity to see the world. He joked about the First Assignment Instructor Pilots (FAIP) will see Columbus AFB a little lon-

ger but reassured them they will have their chance.

Rothstein also talked about how he likes the continuing challenges of being a pilot.

"I'm a pretty good F-16 (Fighting Falcon) pilot, at least I was back in the day if I say so myself, but I was never perfect," Rothstein said. "I never had a (sortie) that I thought couldn't be better."

Another thing he admired about being an Air Force pilot is the service. He said that they will get to do something that is larger than themselves.

His final point he made is that being a pilot is a respected profession. He said being a military officer comes with respect which led him into his final piece of advice to the new pilots.

"We are about to put some wings on your chest, and they are going to be heavy, but they shouldn't be as heavy as the (rank) on your shoulders," Rothstein said. "First and foremost I expect you to be a warrior and an officer in our U.S. Air Force. I don't expect you to be a pilot who happens to be an officer, I expect you to be an officer who happens to be a pilot."



Maj. Gen. Michael D. Rothstein, commander of the Curtis E. LeMay Center and vice commander of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, speaks at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Classes 18-14/15's graduation Sept. 7, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. In his speech, Rothstein shared his favorite things about being an Air Force pilot.



Maj. Gen. Michael D. Rothstein, commander of the Curtis E. LeMay Center and vice commander of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, greets students of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Classes 18-14/15 at their graduation Sept. 7, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Twenty-five officers completed 53 weeks of training in order to become new, highly trained pilots.



Students from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Classes 18-14/15 are recognized after receiving their wings Sept. 7, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The graduation consisted of all students from SUPT Class 18-14 and the T-38C Talon students from SUPT Class 18-15.

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.)

Linked-In Workshop

The next Linked-In workshop is 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.

Federal USAJobs Workshop

The next Federal USAJobs workshop will be 9-10:30 a.m. Sept. 19. 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.

Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The next Entrepreneurship Track Transition workshop will be held 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.

Career Exploration & Planning Track Workshop

The next Career Exploration & Planning Track workshop will be held 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 24-25, in the A&FRC. This workshop helps members identify skills, increase awareness of training and credentialing programs, and develop an action plan to achieve career goals. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation will be held on 8-noon Sept 25. 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 held on 5-7 p.m. Sept 27. 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.

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Team BLAZE welcomes new school liaison officer



Leslie Flynn, the new Columbus Air Force Base school liaison officer, sits at her desk in the Airmen and Family Readiness Center Sept. 7, 2018, on Columbus AFB, Mississippi. School Liaison Officers serve as the primary point of contact for school-related matters for every military installation. Flynn's office phone number is (662) 434-2792.

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.

Employment Workshop

An employment workshop on local and base employment opportunities is held every Wednesday, 1-2 p.m. This program provides military families and DoD civilian members 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.

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 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 1:30 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, you 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.

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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 commander'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.

Personal Financial Readiness

Need Help with Financial matters? Want to make the most of your money? The personal financial counselor can help you and your family: manage finances, resolve financial problems and reach long-term goals such as education, buying a home, and planning for retirement. Personal financial counselor services are at no cost, private, and confidential. Please contact the personal financial counselor at (662) 998-0411/434-2790 or e-mail PFC.Columbus.USAF@zeiders.com, located in the A&FRC.

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 basis.

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:

3:30 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9 (Start in Fall)
4 p.m. – Choir Practice
4 p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)
5 p.m. – Mass
1st and 3rd Sunday - Fellowship Meal following Mass

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

Sundays:

9 a.m. – Adult Sunday School
10:45 a.m. – Community Worship Service (Donut Fellowship following)
3rd Sunday of Each Month - Protestant Faith Ablaze


Wednesdays:

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


Thursdays:

5:30 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Open to all denominations)

****All Sunday Worship Services are held in the Kaye Auditorium until further notice****



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



Who are the Bengal Tigers?

Lt. Col. Steve Drinnon

37th Flying Training Squadron

“The most important thing I learned is that Soldiers watch what their leaders do. You can give them classes and lecture them forever, but it is your personal example they will follow.”

— Gen. Colin Powell

The 37th Flying Training Squadron, known as the Bengal Tigers, is one of two T-6A Texan II squadrons at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, supporting the Air Force mission through pilot production via the primary phase of pilot training.

Students can expect the highest level of standards to be upheld as they progress through the program and worldclass training in preparation for the next, more advanced, phase of their aviation career in the T-1A Jayhawk, TH-1 Iroquois, or T-38C Talon.

In the daily process of creating aviators, what should not be lost in the background is how the Bengal Tigers cultivate Airmen through many different avenues of professional development for its permanent party instructors and beyond.

The Air Force offers numerous opportunities for development both in the leadership and professional realm within one's Air Force Specialty Code. Using the whole person concept, the 37th FTS affords its members numerous prospects to better themselves through several initiatives.

Squadron Officer School (SOS), Advanced Instrument School (AIS), Instructor Enrichment Program flights and cadet orientation flights have, and continue to provide, building blocks to better connect Bengal Tigers to the greater Air Force and act as a catalyst for further future development as officers and leaders.

SOS, at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, is the first level of professional military education (PME) and provides a leadership and critical thinking laboratory for developing officers in the rank of captain or civilian Airmen in the grades of GS-9 through GS-12.

A first step in a progressive military education system, either via in-residence or distance learning, SOS graduates should have an “enhanced understanding of the institutional competencies, leadership actions, and key elements of reasoning required to fly, fight and win in the 21st century.”

In 2017-2018, several Bengal Tiger captains were selected to attend SOS, completing a rigorous academic schedule over six and a half weeks.

SOS and other PME courses, commensu-

rate with rank, also afford alumni a networking opportunity that will stay with them the course of their careers and beyond. While SOS is designed to develop decision making in warfighters across the spectrum of AFSCs, AIS is focused more on developing Airmen specific to aviation and aviation support.

AIS, located at the Air Force Flight Standards Agency, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, provides a graduate level understanding of instrument flight and the support mechanism of the National Airspace System. Periodically, operational tempo dictates that one, or more, slots at AIS goes unfilled, in early 2018, the 37th was able to capitalize on one of such “fall-out” slots and send a candidate to this outstanding course.

The instructor gleaned valuable knowledge to be shared with the students he flies with and instructs, as well as his fellow instructors to further their professional development. Furthermore, the knowledge transfers to other operational assignments, as AIS attendance qualifies the instructor to teach the Instrument Refresher Course to other aviators as part of their annual requirements.

AIS provides a solid foundation of instructional knowledge that reaches across the aviation spectrum. However, programs such as the Instructor Enrichment Program (IEP) reach even deeper into niche aviation.

IEP flights, which is flying in a different airframe to better understand their mission and task, provide a unique insight to other airframes across the Air Force and, for first assignment instructor pilots (FAIPs), the opportunity to explore airframes before they are eligible for a major weapon system (MWS) assignment.

During the 19th Air Force directed T-6A operational pause earlier this year, Bengal Tiger instructors seized the opportunity to connect with other units and facilitate partnerships to learn more about the mission of the: A-29 Super Tucano, T-1, C-130 Hercules Weapons Instructor Course (WIC), T-38C and T-1A.

The interaction with fellow aviators and instructors further refined a sense of camaraderie as Tiger instructor pilots came away with a better idea as to how the skills taught in the primary phase of pilot training translate into, not only the advanced phase, but beyond, to include an MWS WIC.

Similar to SOS, these flights offer a networking opportunity to ensure that future generations of aviators are best prepared to succeed in subsequent airframes by certifying that the training they receive early on is



The 37th Flying Training Squadron conducts primary flight training in the T-6 Texan II. Seated with an instructor, each student receives about 81 hours of training in this aircraft. Students learn basic aircraft characteristics and control, takeoff and landing techniques, aerobatics, and night, instrument and formation flying.

relevant and translatable. As important as a broad understanding of aerospace capabilities is, an equally critical piece of building an Air Force that is the envy of the world is the recruitment of talent in a competitive market.

Following flyover support for the Notre Dame versus Ball State football game Sept. 8, the Bengal Tigers were able to demonstrate the capabilities of the T-6 to 16 cadets of Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC Detachment 225, named the Flying Irish, through orientation flights.

Instructors from the squadron, teamed with aircrew flight equipment and a 14th Medical Group Flight Surgeon to facilitate these flights. The event provided not only a unique insight of the airframe to the future of the U.S. Air Force, but also a keen look at how many cogs are required to turn the wheels of the mission to fly, fight and win.

The instructors were also able to provide a mentorship perspective as an officer first, beneficial to mentor and protégé alike. For the cadets, whether they pursue a career in Air Force aviation or in one of the many other fields, this flight will undoubtedly play a role in their understanding of the greater mission.

The military professional's journey is never at an end as we are always learning, teach-

ing, expanding our horizons and providing a foundation for those we are entrusted to cultivate.

Irrespective of AFSC, the current U.S. Air Force generation is responsible for developing the next generation, inclusive of leadership and professional skills. Critical thinking, career field expertise and innovation are all crucial to remain the world's premier air, space and cyber force. Additionally, a firm grasp of the inner-working of the aviation infrastructure and a thorough understanding of our mission capabilities develop into improved utilization of assets and eliminates duplication of effort or missed opportunities in a contingency. Finally, investing in future airmen by providing a behind-the-scenes look at one facet of the Air Force pays dividends for both cadets and the instructors and support personnel that make such an event possible.

The 37th FTS has a long history in developing airpower professionals for today and the tomorrow. The human capital link that's the Bengal Tigers' instructors and students is essential to the generations of airpower dominance the U.S. has come to expect of its Air Force. Seizing upon these, and other, force development initiatives is an investment that has immeasurable returns.

The history, evolution of the 14th FTW patch

Airman Hannah Bean

14th Flying Training Wing

Public Affairs

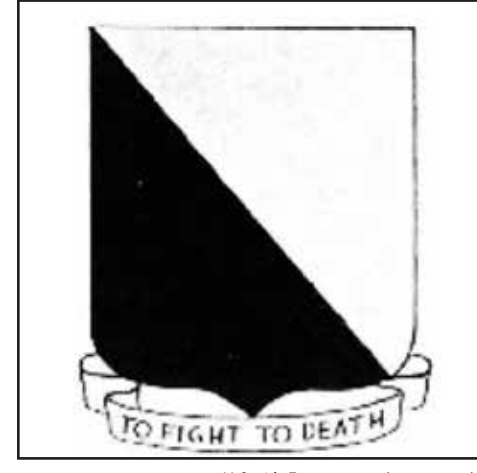
The 14th Flying Training Wing emblem has a lot of history attached to it and was not always designed how we see it today.

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The 14th FG was a unit under the 14th Fighter Wing which eventually became the 14th FTW, according to Dr. Doris Crusoe, 14th FTW historian.

The 14th FW was inactivated Oct. 2, 1949, and re-designated the 14th Air Commando Wing on Aug. 1, 1968. The 14 ACW performed combat operations in Vietnam until 1971. The emblem designed for the 14th ACW looked very similar to today's emblem with the words “Day and Night - Peace and War” in the scroll. The 14th ACW was inactivated on Sept. 30, 1971, and re-designated the 14th FTW on March 22, 1972, and then activated on June 1, 1972.

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craft, gold stars, and the scroll.

In 2007, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Air Force and the 65th anniversary of Columbus AFB, the 14th FTW returned the emblem design worn by the wing from 1971 until 1994. The emblem was first used by the 14th ACW, which operated at Nha Trang Air Base in South Vietnam. When the 14 ACW designed its emblem in 1967, they incorporated the small black and white shield representing the WWII honors and battle credits of the 14 FG, from which



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Air Force, Navy announce their Joint Physiological Episodes Action Team

Air National Guard Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Air Force and Navy announce their Joint Physiological Episodes Action Team, or J-PEAT, Sept. 11 at the Pentagon, Arlington. In a collaborative effort of Force Integration, the Air Force will also rename their Unexplained Physiological Events Integration Team to the AF-PEAT.

“To better align with our National Defense Strategy, secretary of the Air Force tasked us to strengthen alliances and reform our business practices to improve readiness and deliver greater bang for the taxpayer buck,” said Brig. Gen. Edward Vaughan, AF-PEAT leader. “Adopting a common team name, creating the Joint PEAT and better leveraging our joint data, research and resources will improve safety and combat readiness.”

The Navy already has a Physiological Episodes website <https://www.navy.mil/local/PEs/>. Soon this site will be co-branded and populated with Air Force physiological ep-

isode information as well as new joint findings.

“We want to gather and share as much information as possible to bring viable solutions to the table,” said Rear Adm. Fredrick R. Luchtman. “This joint effort will help us to minimize risk faster and smarter. We owe it to our aviators. This partnership will help us tackle the complexities of physiological episodes on a broader scale by eliminating redundant efforts and maximizing the application of resources. It's a win-win across the board.”

The teams are already working together and look forward to using this collaborative joint environment to share ideas and best practices for problem solving.

RIGHT: Members of the Navy Physiological Episodes Action Team and Air Force PEAT listen to a discussion between Rear Adm. Fredrick R. “Lucky” Luchtman (left) and Air Force Brig. Gen. Edward L. “Hertz” Vaughan (right) as they lay the ground work for the Joint Physiological Episodes Action Team, or J-PEAT.



U.S. Navy Courtesy Photo by Scot Cregan

50th FTS triumph against 14th MDG in 2018 intramural softball championship

U.S. Air Force photos by Airman Hannah Bean



Master Sgt. Eric Severs, 14th Medical Support Squadron superintendent, hits the softball Sept. 11, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, during the 2018 Intramural Softball Championship game. The 14th Medical Group won the first of two games with a score of 8-7 in the Intramural Softball Championship against the 50th Flying Training Squadron.



The 50th Flying Training Squadron softball team stands with the trophy Sept. 11, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, after beating the 14th Medical Group in the 2018 Intramural Softball Championship. The 50th Flying Training Squadron won the second of two games and the championship with a score of 12-1 against the 14th Medical Group.



Team captains meet with the umpires Sept. 11, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, to decide who hits first in the 2018 Intramural Softball Championship game. The 50th Flying Training Squadron faces off against the 14th Medical Group in a set of two games to see who the winner of the championship will be.



Staff Sgt. Bryce Cook, 14th Medical Group team member throws the softball Sept. 11, 2017, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, during the 2018 Intramural Softball Championship game. The 2018 Intramural Softball Championship consisted of a double elimination with the two teams.



First Lt. Sean O'Shea, 50th Flying Training Squadron team member, runs to catch the softball Sept. 11, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, during the 2018 Intramural Softball Championship game. The 50th Flying Training Squadron made a comeback in the second of two games in the Intramural Softball Championship against the 14th Medical Group.

Cultivate, Create, Connect

BLAZE Hangar Tails: F-16 Fighting Falcon

Mission

The F-16 Fighting Falcon is a compact, multi-role fighter aircraft. It is highly maneuverable and has proven itself in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack. It provides a relatively low-cost, high-performance weapon system for the United States and allied nations.

Features

In an air combat role, the F-16's maneuverability and combat radius (distance it can fly to enter air combat, stay, fight and return) exceed that of all potential threat fighter aircraft. It can locate targets in all weather conditions and detect low flying aircraft in radar ground clutter. In an air-to-surface role, the F-16 can fly more than 500 miles, deliver its weapons with superior accuracy, defend itself against enemy aircraft, and return to its starting point. An all-weather capability allows it to accurately deliver ordnance during non-visual bombing conditions. In designing the F-16, advanced aerospace science and proven reliable systems from other aircraft such as the F-15 and F-111 were selected. These were combined to simplify the airplane and reduce its size, purchase price, maintenance costs and weight. The light weight of the fuselage is achieved without reducing its strength. With a full load of internal fuel, the F-16 can withstand up to nine G's -- nine times the force of gravity -- which exceeds the capability of

other current fighter aircraft.

The cockpit and its bubble canopy give the pilot unobstructed forward and upward vision, and greatly improved vision over the side and to the rear. The seat-back angle was expanded from the usual 13 degrees to 30 degrees, increasing pilot comfort and gravity force tolerance. The pilot has excellent flight control of the F-16 through its "fly-by-wire" system. Electrical wires relay commands, replacing the usual cables and linkage controls. For easy and accurate control of the aircraft during high G-force combat maneuvers, a side stick controller is used instead of the conventional center-mounted stick. Hand pressure on the side stick controller sends electrical signals to actuators of flight control surfaces such as ailerons and rudder. Avionics systems include a highly accurate inertial navigation system in which a computer provides steering information to the pilot. The plane has UHF and VHF radios plus an instrument landing system. It also has a warning system and modular countermeasure pods to be used against airborne or surface electronic threats. The fuselage has space for additional avionics systems.

General Characteristics

Primary Function: Multirole fighter
Contractor: Lockheed Martin Corp.
Power Plant: F-16C/D: one Pratt and Whitney F100-

PW-200/220/229 or General Electric F110-GE-100/129

Thrust: F-16C/D, 27,000 pounds
Wingspan: 32 feet, 8 inches
Length: 49 feet, 5 inches
Height: 16 feet
Weight: 19,700 pounds without fuel
Maximum Takeoff Weight: 37,500 pounds
Fuel Capacity: 7,000 pounds internal; typical capacity, 12,000 pounds with two external tanks
Payload: Two 2,000-pound bombs, two AIM-9 and 1,040-gallon external tanks
Speed: 1,500 mph (Mach 2 at altitude)
Range: More than 2,002 miles ferry range (1,740 nautical miles)
Ceiling: Above 50,000 feet
Armament: One M-61A1 20mm multibarrel cannon with 500 rounds; external stations can carry up to six air-to-air missiles, conventional air-to-air and air-to-surface munitions and electronic countermeasure pods
Crew: F-16C, one; F-16D, one or two
Unit cost: F-16A/B, \$14.6 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars); F-16C/D, \$18.8 million (fiscal 98 constant dollars)
Initial operating capability: F-16A, January 1979; F-16C/D Block 25-32, 1981; F-16C/D Block 40-42, 1989; and F-16C/D Block 50-52, 1994.
Inventory: Total force, F-16C/D, 1,280



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cameron Lewis

Senior Airman Ryan Kramer and Tech. Sgt. Kevin Reed, both crew chiefs with the 115th Fighter Wing, Truax Field, Wisconsin, prepare an F-16 Fighting Falcon, piloted by Capt. Nathan Pelc with the 176th Fighter Squadron, Truax Field, for takeoff Aug. 15, 2018, at Truax Field. Pelc is one of many pilots flying in the Northern Lightning Exercise.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Trevor Rhynes

Six F-16 Fighting Falcons, assigned to the Thunderbirds, fly in formation during the Frontiers in Flight Open House and Air Show Sept. 9, 2018, at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. The Thunderbirds have used the F-16 in air shows since 1983.

Medical Corner

Making prevention a “positive impact” for your joints and bones

Running, jumping, and hop-skipping around are all fun and care-free activities that we all can enjoy doing. Unfortunately for some, doing these activities may not be so fun and carefree.



Running, sprinting, jogging, and any sport that requires constant or even sporadic stop and go can wear down the body's bones and joints. When that happens, pain may be felt in the kneecaps, shins and feet.

The most common impact injuries that affect the joints and bones from start-stop activities are shin splints, stress fractures, and runners knee. Combined together, they can be seriously debilitating and put a halt or make it difficult to do even some of the most mundane activities like walking, climbing stairs, bending, kneeling and squatting.

Stress fractures and shins splints

Your doctor may refer to it as medial tibial stress syndrome (MTSS), but is more commonly known as “shin splints.” Shin splints are described as pain that is felt along the front of the lower leg/shin bone. The pain can also be concentrated in the lower leg between the knee and ankle and affects people who normally engage in moderate to heavy forms of physical activity. The main contributor to shin splints is the repeated pounding and stress on the joints and bones causing a cumulative stress disorder.

Stress fractures are small cracks that form in the bone causing pain and discomfort and usually affect those that develop shin splints. Stress fractures form when the bones, ligaments, and tendons connected to each other are not rested enough causing extra strain on the bones.

Runners knee

Runners knee, or patellofemoral pain syndrome, accounts for about 16.5% of injuries according to one study. Runners knee injuries usually appear when the kneecap – the patella – rubs against the notched groove in the femur and slides back and forth when you flex and extend the knee. This is commonly caused by overuse, trauma to the knee, misalignment of the kneecap, flat feet, a fractured kneecap, or arthritis. The most common signs and symptoms of runners knee are swelling, hearing a “popping” noise when you flex and extend, and grinding in the knee.

Tips to make runners knee and shin splints a thing of the past

Whether it is shin splints or runners knee, it is recommended to take a break from the activities that are causing the injury, usually about two weeks. This would be a great opportunity to take up some other activities that are just as beneficial such as swimming, or slow walking – as long as it can be tolerated.

Remember RICE:

- **Rest:** Avoid repetitive stress on the knee.
- **Ice:** To reduce pain and swelling, apply an ice pack or a package of frozen peas to the knee for up to 30 minutes at a time and avoid any heat to the knee.
- **Compression:** Wrap your knee with an elastic bandage or sleeve to restrict swelling but not too tightly as to cause swelling below the knee.
- **Elevation:** Place a pillow under your knee when sitting or lying down to prevent further swelling. When there is significant swelling, keep the foot elevated above the knee and the knee above the level of the heart.
- **To avoid or prevent shin splints and stress fractures from appearing or getting worse:**
 - Wear shoes that fit well and offer good support
 - Use shock-absorbing insoles
 - Avoid exercising on hard or slanted surfaces or uneven terrain
 - Increase exercise intensity gradually
 - Warm up before exercising
 - Make sure to stretch properly
 - Do not attempt to exercise through the pain



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A personal message from your health promotion Health Myth Busting Team



Dear Health Myth Busters,
I've been dealing with shin splints for the past month. I've seen my doctor and have been given some suggestions on rest and icing. The Doctor explained it will take some patience and that the shin splints will heal in time. I consider myself an avid runner and want to prevent this from happening again. Although my x-rays did not show anything real negative, my doctor said that shin splints can lead to bone fractures. Is it true that shin splints can cause bone fractures? If so, what are some prevention strategies that I can do to prevent this from happening?
Fracture Free

Dear Fracture Free,
It is great news that you want to put prevention into practice. Before I give you some advice on how to prevent the shin splints from reoccurring, I want to ensure you are currently following a good protocol to treat the shin splints effectively. Follow your physician's guidance on rest and ice, and also ensure you are only doing 'non-impact' activities until the shin splints are healed. Be sure to avoid any types of exercise that can exacerbate the injury such as playing sports on uneven surfaces, sudden stops and starts, basketball, etc. Now is not the time to make any sudden changes in your running program, walking protocol and non-impact exercises. You could try low-impact exercises such as an elliptical machine, as long as you can tolerate the movement without pain and your doctor says it's ok.

As for prevention of incurring this injury again, I recommend the following: Wear shoes with good padding and support. Wear footwear that suits your sport and specific foot pattern. For example: Don't wear court shoes for running. Don't run, jump, or play sports on hard surfaces like concrete. Avoid increasing running mileage too quickly. When you get back to running, and you're totally healed, gradually increase your duration, intensity, and frequency of training program.

Try to avoid running on your heels. Practice the mid foot strike technique to take the pressure off of your shins. Use flexibility exercises for the shin area. One exercise you can try is: Kneel on a carpeted floor, legs and feet together and toes pointed directly back. Then slowly sit back onto your calves and heels, pushing your ankles into the floor until you feel tension in the muscles of your shin. Hold for 10 to 12 seconds, relax and repeat. Another good prevention strategy is to strengthen shin muscles with toe raise exercise. An exercise to try is 'seated toe raise'. While you're seated with heels on ground, raise toes up towards shin. Lower feet back towards ground. Do one set of 15 reps each day, work up to three sets of 15 each day. Strengthen calf muscles with heel raise exercise. You can do this exercise by standing on a stair, or just on the ground and slowly lift heels up, and then slowly lower heels to the floor. Do one set of 15 reps for starters, and gradually work up to three sets of 15 each day.

Sincerely,
Health Myth Busters


Freedom Park to be replaced



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

The 14th Flying Training Wing's Freedom Park is to be demolished and replaced with a new park. Freedom Park will be closed indefinitely, but the pavilion, track and fitness equipment will be open for use.

Air Force 71st Birthday Ball



Columbus Air Force Base Presents
2018 Air Force Birthday Ball
United States Air Force Ball
77th Anniversary
Partners in Progress Since 1941
Saturday, September 22
Trotter Convention Center
Social Hour: 6:00 P.M.
Main Event: 7:00 P.M.
Guest Speaker:
Major General Jack Catton, US Air Force Retired
For tickets: <https://tickettailor.com/events/columbusairfbirthdayball/162451>
Child Care Provided by the CEC and Youth Center. Call (434-2479-2504) to register


If you would like to hear more about BLAZE, please join us for the 2018 Air Force Birthday Ball where we will have the distinct honor of having Maj. Gen. Jack Catton Jr. speak.

The 2018 Air Force Birthday Ball will take place on Sept. 22, at the Trotter Center in downtown Columbus.

For more information visit
<https://tickettailor.com/events/columbusairfbirthdayball/162451>

Absentee Voting Week

1 - 8 October 2018



BE HEARD, VOTE

TIME'S RUNNING OUT!

Complete and return your absentee ballot now.

SEND YOUR VOTE HOME!

Columbus AFB Voter Assistance Office
662-434-2701

Absentee Voting Week

James Brady
Installation Voting Officer

As Americans, we are fortunate to have many rights. Many of our rights didn't come easy, thus they must be protected.

One of these rights is the right to vote, and as a uniformed service member, you not only enjoy this right, but you protect it ... for yourself and all Americans.

This year's National General Election will be held on Nov. 6, 2018, and it's fast approaching.

The vast majority of service members physically live away from their state of voter registration, and therefore vote by absentee ballot. Hopefully you've had a chance to register and/or request your absentee ballot by now.

Since service members tend to move frequently, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) recommends service members register with their state of legal residency annually and every time they have an address change to ensure they receive their absentee ballot.

If you have received your absentee ballot but have not completed and returned it, please do so now.

You are welcome to drop your completed ballot off at the Installation Voter Assistance Office (IVAO) located in the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Building 1114, and an assigned voting assistance officer will gladly mail it for you.

If you have not received your absentee ballot by now, you should complete and return the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) immediately. You are welcome to drop the completed FWAB off at the IVAO, and we'll mail it for you.

The IVAO is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and is closed for national holidays and command family days.

We're here to help you register to vote, request an absentee ballot and notify your election officials of a change of address.

We can help you fill in and mail your voting materials. Contact us at DSN 742-2701, Commercial (662) 434-2701 or e-mail vote.columbus@us.af.mil.

In the event you are unable to contact the IVAO, 24-hour voting assistance is available from the Air Force Total Force Service Center at: DSN 665-0102, Commercial (210) 565-0102 or Toll Free 1-800-525-0102. You may access many voting-related questions and answers on the FVAP website at <http://www.fvap.gov>.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert
Capt. Karen Miller, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, teaches 2nd Lt. Al Vitacco, 14th Student Squadron student pilot, about the fundamentals of flying Nov. 15, 2017, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Miller is a First Assignment Instructor Pilot, meaning she graduated pilot training and her first assignment was to teach officers how to fly the T-6A Texan II.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
A T-6A Texan II assigned with the 37th Flying Training Squadron taxis on the flight line Sept. 5, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Once student pilots complete their academic phase, they can advance to the 37th FTS, which is one of two active-duty T-6 squadrons at Columbus AFB, to conduct their initial flight training.

The 37th FTS provides quantity, quality

Senior Airman Vincent Espinoza
14th Operations Support Squadron

The mission of “Cultivate Airmen, Create Pilots, Connect” is vital to the future of Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

The demand for pilots has become greater than ever before, and in order to accommodate, Columbus AFB has implemented a new mission and syllabus for its student pilots.

“The Air Force has decided it needs more pilots,” said Capt. Ben Scott, 37th Flying Training Squadron assistant chief of evaluations. “To do that, you have to make adjustments and come up with a modern way to produce them at that quantity, while still retaining the quality that we have. The new syllabus is still a work in progress. Once we get everything fully nailed down, I do believe it will work to produce the same quality, while increasing the quantity that they’re looking for.”

Once student pilots complete their academic phase, they can advance to the 37th FTS, which is one of two active-duty T-6 Texan II squadrons, to conduct their initial flight training.

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Every student pilot follows a standard syllabus throughout their T-6 training until they advance to the next airframe. Before they can advance, each student must pass a ‘check ride.’ This flight is the final determination if the student’s flying ability is up to standard for the curriculum.

“My role as a check instructor pilot is in evaluation and standardization,” Scott said. “When students approach their check rides, we determine if that student is ready to progress to the next phase of flight or if they need to repeat and be reevaluated.”

Check pilots are unaware of student’s past performances so they may conduct unbiased evaluations.

“I’ve seen great check rides and I’ve seen poor check rides, but before they arrive for a check flight, they have a clean slate,” Scott said. “A struggling student may have their

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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Vincent Espinoza
Instructor pilots assigned to the 37th Flying Training Squadron prepare for an upcoming flyover Sept. 4, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Four T-6 Texan IIs flew over the Notre Dame Stadium before the kickoff of the Notre Dame versus Ball State football game in South Bend, Indiana, Sept. 8.

best flight so far and vice versa. We evaluate through the course training standards and not let any bias affect results.”

Student pilots on the new syllabus know what’s expected of them and what the new mission statement means.

“Our responsibility is about the fundamental skills of an aviator,” said 2nd Lt. Mikayla Scarboro, 37th FTS student pilot. “Learning things like how to fly an airplane, talk to air traffic control and basic Airmanship. That allows us to go into the T-38 Talon and T-1 Jayhawk squadrons to broaden our skills.”

There are also many challenges associated with pilot training, but it’s not without reward.

“Sometimes the rewards are few and far between and I think it’s intended to be that way to keep you focused,” Scarboro said. “I think their intent is to make us want to learn more and become better aviators. The biggest reward for me is seeing the improvement in myself.”

The 37th FTS mission extends beyond training and into other communities.

On Sept. 8, four T-6s flew over the Notre Dame Stadium before the kickoff of the Notre Dame versus Ball State football game in South Bend, Indiana.

“It was a great opportunity for instructors,” Scott said. “It challenged us to hit a target on time and also to look good right at the end of the national anthem. It also gave us the chance to showcase to a community that’s far from Columbus and doesn’t see planes buzzing around every day. Finally, it showed what we do as a training base and showcased the aircraft we have.”

Not only does the flyover provide an opportunity to branch out to other communities, it also presents a recruiting opportunity.

“It put that recruiting on display for everyone in the audience that day,” Scott said. “It was a chance for us to connect to future aviators.”



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First Lt. David Polzin, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, and Maj. Ryan Sullivan, 37th FTS chief of standards and evaluation, prepares for an evaluation flight Sept. 5, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. All instructor pilots must meet specific standards in order to train student pilots in each airframe.



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