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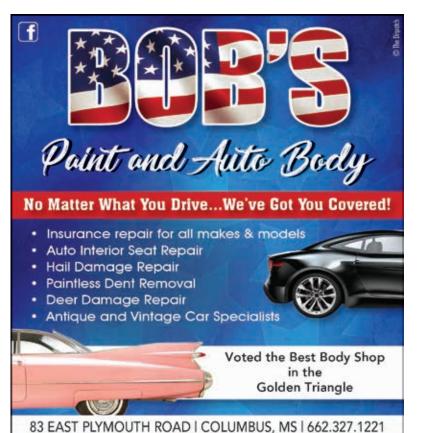
The Dispatch is preparing to honor military veterans and active service members from the Golden Triangle in a special Veterans Day tribute section. We're asking veterans or their families to complete and submit this form, along with photos that can be used in the publication. Submissions can be made in person, through the mail or by email. All physical photos submitted will be scanned and available for pick up after the publication prints on Sunday, Nov. 11. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 19.

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## **News Briefs**

#### **CREATE Career Day Expo**

The CREATE Career Day Expo is scheduled for Oct. 2-4 at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. CREATE showcases a multitude of career paths to help students get an idea of what they want to pursue. Columbus Air Force Base Airmen will be showcasing different jobs from different units around

#### Columbus Day Holiday

Columbus Air Force Base will observe Columbus Day Oct. 8. Most base offices will be closed.

#### **SUPT 19-01 Assignment Night**

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 19-01 will have assignment night at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Columbus Club.

## Inside



## Feature 8

SUPT Class 18-15 graduates today at 10 a.m. at the Kave Auditorium.

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Columbus Air Force Base personnel and the local community watch a video during the 2018 Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 22, 2018, in Columbus, Mississippi. The video highlighted the strong partnership the base and the community has had for 77 years.

# Columbus AFB, local community celebrate Air Force's 71st birthday

#### 1st Lt. Kara Crennan

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

More than 400 people attended the Columbus Air Force Base Air Force birthday ball Sept. 22, at the Trotter Conven-

tion Center in Columbus, Mississippi.

Not only was it the 71st birthday of the Air Force, but also the 20th anniversary of the BLAZE logo, and the 77th year

\* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Col. Michael Drowley, 355th Fighter Wing commander, will be the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 19-01's graduation at 10 a.m. Oct. 26, 2018, in the Kaye Auditorium.				IFF	306	341	4,399		
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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 nstallation Personnel Readiness Office.

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## **Combating trafficking in persons**

Master Sgt. Ryan Johnson

14th Force Support Squadron Combat Trafficking in Persons manager

Trafficking in persons is the second largest criminal activity in the world. It is defined as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons by means of threat, use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse or exploitation. TIP is a grave violation of human rights and a worldwide criminal threat to security, civil rights and stability, as well as a direct threat to our national foreign policy goals. Due to the seriousness of the crime, the egregious results in terms of human tragedy, and the disabling impact on our military readiness, the AF has established a zero tolerance for trafficking in persons. While local threat assessments indicate that the threat of TIP is low, all Airmen should identify and report suspicious behavior that may indicate TIP activities to your chain of command. security forces, Air Force Office of Special Investigations or the Inspector General office. For more information about TIP-related issues contact Master Sgt. Ryan Johnson, 14th Force Support Squadron, at 434-7004.



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## Share the road. Watch for motorcyclists.

<u>Long Range</u> **Events** 

Oct. 19-20: Caledonia

Oct. 20-21: Autocross

Veterinary Student Tour

Oct. 26: SUPT Class

Oct. 27: Base Trick or

Promotions/Quarterly

Nov. 1: Happy Irby

Nov. 2: SUPT Class

Nov. 3: LA Tech vs.

Nov. 10: Alabama vs.

19-02 Assignment Nigh

19-01 Graduation

Oct. 31: Enlisted

1	CREATE Expo, @ BancorpSouth Arena, Tupelo, Mississippi	3	Columbus High School JROTC Tour	Wing All-Call, @ 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. @ Kaye	6/7 6th: Auburn versus MSU 6th: Arkansas versus Ala- bama	Oct. 16: Wing Newcomers Oct. 19-20: Cald Days Oct. 20-21: Aut Oct. 23: MSU Veterinary Stude Oct. 26: SUPT (19-01 Graduation Oct. 27: Base Tr
8 Columbus Day, Most base offices closed	9	10	BCC Luncheon, 11 a.m. @ Club	SUPT Class 19-01 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club	13/14 13th: Missouri versus Alabama	Oct. 31: Enlisted Promotions/Quar Awards Nov. 1: Happy Ir Wine Tasting Nov. 2: SUPT C 19-02 Assignmer Nov. 3: LA Tech MSU Nov. 10: Alaban MSU

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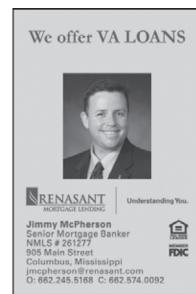
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Master Sgt. Anthony Dunn, 14th Security Forces Squadron's S5 superintendent, (fourth one from the left) is recognized during the 2018 Air Force Association Air, Space and Cyber Conference Sept. 17 in National

## Members of Team BLAZE recognized at AFA in National Harbor

Three members of Team BLAZE were honored at the 2018 Air Force Association Air, Space and Cyber Conference from Sept. 17-19 in National Harbor, International Affairs Excellence Award for the enlist-

Master Sgt. Josh Matias, 14th Operations Group the Air Force's 2018 Outstanding Airmen of the Year earlier this year and was recognized during a reception



Master Sgt. Josh Matias, 14th Operations Group tower chief air traffic controller, is recognized by Whit Peters, Air Force Association Chariman of the Board, and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright, during the and Training Command, during the 2018 Air 2018 Air Force Association Air, Space and Cyber Con- Force Association Air, Space and Cyber Conference from Sept. 17 in National Harbor, Maryland.

Master Sgt. Anthony Dunn, 14th Security Forces Squadron's \$5 superintendent, was a recipient of the

Capt. Dana Volesky, former 14th Medical Operatower chief air traffic controller, was selected as one of tions Squadron's Clinical Medical Flight commander, was awarded the Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing.

Congratulations to these members of Team BLAZE for being recognized at the Air Force level.



Capt. Dana Volesky, former 14th Medical Operations Squadron's Clinical Medical Flight commander, is awarded the Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing from Whit Peters, Air Force Association Chariman of the Board, and Lt. Gen. Steven L. Kwast, commander of Air Education ference Sept. 17 in National Harbor, Maryland.

## News Around Town

#### Hitching Lot Farmers' Market

The Hitching Lot Farmers' Market is open April through October (Mondays from 4-6 p.m.; Thursdays from 7-10 a.m.; Saturdays from 7-10 a.m.). For more information, contact Columbus Main Street at

#### Florida vs. MSU Football

The University of Florida Gators will face off against the Mississippi State University Bulldogs 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at Davis Wade Stadium in Starkville, Mississippi. Tickets available online.

#### LA-Lafayette vs. Alabama

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns will face off against the University of Alabama Crimson Tide at 11 a.m. Sept. 29, at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Tickets available

#### **MSU Bulldoa Bash**

Mississippi State University will host Bulldog Bash on its campus Sept. 28, in Starkville, Mississippi. Bulldog Bash has grown to become Mississippi's largest free outdoor concert. Typically drawing around 35,000 participants, it takes place on a fall semester Friday night prior to a Southeastern Conference home football game. This year, The All-American Rejects will be the main performance.

## BARGAIN LINE

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# **BLAZE** Chapel re-opens, receives warm welcome from Columbus AFB

#### Airman Hannah Bean

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Members of Team BLAZE and 14th Fly ing Training Wing leadership gathered at the newly renovated chapel on Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., Sept. 25, as they celebrated the re-opening and dedication.

Leadership said the Chapel team wants the BLAZE Chapel to feel like home and is a place for any person to come relax, worship, or reach out to talk with a chaplain; this is why their new theme is "Welcome

Chaplain (Maj.) Bradley Kimble, 14 FTW deputy wing chaplain, gave words of welcome to all who attended the ceremony, as well as words of thanks to those who helped renovate the Chapel.

mander, spoke about the importance of having a place like the chapel.

"This is a great opportunity for us to con-

talk about in the Air Force that ensure that we are ready to serve when called upon," Weeks said. "Our chapel team is a welcoming place of spiritual respite and this is your chapel. Every single one of us in whatever faith that we choose to serve or believe in. You'll always find a warm welcome here."

chapel playing a vital part of that piece.

"It's appropriate to say that the primary sessions and community outreach," Weeks

Expanding on the theme, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Steven Richardson, 14 FTW wing Col. Samantha Weeks, 14 FTW com- chaplain, wants people to "feel as comfortable and safe as possible, especially for fam-

nect again and realize the four pillars that we

Part of Weeks' mission statement is to connect Airmen and she said she sees the

goal of the chapel staff is to help connect Airmen to their families, to each other, and to their mission through worship service, religious education opportunities, counseling



people to the BLAZE Chapel re-opening ceremony Sept. 25, 2018, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The Chapel team wants the BLAZE Chapel to feel like home and is a place for any person to come relax, worship, or reach out to talk with a chaplain; this is why their new theme is "Welcome Home."

new nursery, new resiliency area, and a re- to have a spiritual and emotional place of furbished worship area.

Some of the new amenities include a home." Richardson said. "We want them 'Welcome Home."

comfort and peace on Sundays and the rest "We want to inspire Airmen to feel at of the week. For everybody on base, we say



Col. Samantha Weeks. 14th Flying Training Wing commander, cuts the ribbon during the BLAZE Chapel re-opening ceremony Sept. 25, 2018, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Part of Weeks' mission statement is to connect Airmen and she said she sees the chapel playing a vital part of that piece.



People gather in the chapel annex after the BLAZE Chapel re-opening ceremony Sept. 25, 2018, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The BLAZE Chapel provided food to attendees as part of the "Welcome Home" theme

## **BIRTHDAY**

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of partnership between the base and Columbus community, hence the theme "Partners in Progress."

"One of our committee members, who is from Columbus, thought it would be a great idea to honor the community after realizing it was the 77th year that the Air force has been here," said Capt. Sean Zarsky, president of the Air Force birthday ball planning committee. "We wanted to celebrate the community, they have played a big role in us being here. Columbus Air Force Base would not be here without their

Part of the opening ceremony included a prisoner of war and missing in action remembrance ceremony with the audience honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their country.

Columbus was honored to have multiple POW's from the local community who took part in the ceremony including retired Col. Smitty Harris, Vietnam War POW for seven years, Gene Smith, Vietnam War POW for five years. Jo Shumake and Rufus Ward Jr. were also in attendance as their fathers were honored as POW's from World War II.

After the POW/MIA ceremony, the audience sat to enjoy dinner and a video which highlighted the continued partnership between the community and Columbus AFB going all the way back to 1941.

Retired Maj. Gen. Jack Catton Jr., former 14th Flying Training Wing commander and guest speaker for the evening, expressed his fondness for the Columbus community during his speech and recalled a moment when a friend asked what his favorite Air Force assignment was and he answered "Columbus AFB, Mississippi because the generous patriotic people of the Golden Triangle provided the best community support to an air base in any of our 17 assignments and over 30 plus years of service.

Catton also recounted to the audience how the Team BLAZE logo came to be. In 1998, after asking the wing to come up with team names and finding none that sparked his interest, he went on a run to clear his head. While running, the idea struck him to create an acronym. After recently hearing the new Air Force core values pushed out by the chief of staff of the Air Force at the time, Catton thought of BLAZE – building leaders, advancing integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do.

"My med group commander said 'I like it, but that acronym is also the word 'blasé." Catton said. "So we put a big zorro styled Z in the logo and put integrity and service in the City of Columbus, and the Happy Irby Christmas Fund. Z. BLAZE was born. The wing and community got behind this 100 percent.'

AFB's new mission of Cultivate Airmen, Creating Pilots and Connect, fit so well with what Team BLAZE stands for.

"Cultivate Airmen, Create Pilots, Connect. You know why I love that? Because it acknowledges the priority of have an adaptive innovative syllabus using changes to take building leaders of character who can fly fight and win our—advantage of virtual reality and augmented reality while upnations wars and at the same time be a standup citizen and holding the standards on what it means to be an Air Force partner in the local community. That is what BLAZE is all aviator," she said. about," he said.

Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, presented a younger generations, is also causing supervisors to re-evaluate every single one of our airmen and families."



George Irby, director of Federal Programs for the city of Columbus, retired Maj. Gen. Jack Catton Jr., guest speaker and former 14th Flying Training Week commander, and Col. Samantha Weeks, current 14th FTW commander, hold a check written to the Happy Irby Christmas Fund during the 2018 Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 22, 2018, in Columbus, Mississippi. In 2016, the Happy Irby Christmas Fund has provided clothing and supplies to over 450 children in the

donation to George Irby, Director of Federal Programs for the

Following Catton's speech and several presentations, Weeks offered a few words of her own. She went on to say Catton mentioned how much he liked how Columbus that the way forward with training across the Air Force is changing because of the new technology which is allowing Airmen to be trained better and faster.

"We created 345 pilots this year and most importantly,

Not only is technology causing a re-evaluation of tra-When Catton finished his speech, he and Col. Samantha ditional training, but the change in Airmen, from older to

traditional ways of leading.

"Our Airmen work a little bit different today than previous generations and absolutely need to have purpose in what they do," Weeks said. "Our chief asked us to help connect the dots for those Airmen. Show each one of them how they

To close her speech, Weeks thanked the community for all they have done from supporting the original base, established in 1941 for the Army Air Corp, to their continued support of Columbus AFB as its known today.

"Without our community, we are on an island and our Columbus community has never allowed that to be our reality," Weeks said. "Thank you for everything you do for each and

#### 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.)

#### Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation will be on 8-noon Oct. 16 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. Oct. 25. 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.

**Bundles of Joy** 

The next Bundles of Joy workshop will be at from 1-3:30 p.m. Nov. 13, 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 four months old or less. Attend ees 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.

#### **Heart Link**

The next Heart Link will be from 8:30 a.m. noon Nov. 14, 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 informa tion, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

#### Federal USAJobs Workshop

The next Federal USAJobs workshop will be from 9-10:30 a.m. Nov 14. 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)

#### Career Exploration & Planning Track Workshop

The next Career Exploration & Planning Track workshop will be from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 22 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

## Honor Guard open house



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

Tech. Sgt. Janessa Ebbert, Columbus Air Force Base Honor Guard NCO in charge, talks to Airmen and base leadership about the history of the honor guard Sept. 21, 2018, on Columbus AFB, Mississippi. The honor guard organized an open house for base personnel. During the open house they performed multiple ceremonies for the attending Airmen and base leadership to show the different roles and responsibilities of ceremonial auardsmen.

#### Military and Family Life Counselor Readiness Center (A&FRC) at (662) 434-2790 Program Military and Family Life Counselors provide

non-medical counseling to help Airmen (single and married), spouses, and other family members **Briefing** cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life challenges such as martial issues, parenting, career stress, and anger. All counselors are licensed mental health providers, 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, from 1-2 p.m. This program provides military families and DoD civilian memself-owned business objectives in the local area. (662) 434-2790.

#### **Pre-Separation Counseling**

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for completed at least 90 days prior to separation.

for more information.

## Pre- and Post-Deployment Tour

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 bers individual assessment and career counseling SBP before making up your mind. Additional to assist with local employment, preparation for details are available by calling your SBP Counfuture endeavors via education, job search, or selor Mary Chambers at (662) 434-2720/2790.

#### For more information, please call A&FRC at Installation Voting Assistance Office

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Post Card Application (FPCA) SF-76, Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) SF-186, and National Mail Voter Registration Form (NVRF) For more information, please contact the Installation Voting Assistance Office at (662) 434-2701/2790 or e-mail: vote.columbus@us.af.mil.

#### **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 KSF 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.

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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.

## **Chapel Schedule**

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

#### Catholic Community

3:30 p.m. - Religious Education, grades K-9 (Start in Fall)

p.m. – Choir Practice

p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)

1st and 3rd Sunday - Fellowship Meal following

#### Tuesdays:

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

11:30 a.m. – Adoration (Phillips Auditorium) 2nd Saturday of each month - Faith Ablaze

#### Protestant Community

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

3rd Sunday of Each Month - Protestant Faith

Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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\*\*

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#### Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Twitter at @columbusafbliving, Instagram at columbus\_afb\_living, or visit our website at www.columbusafbliving.com to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base. Check out the calendar on the website for important Airman and Family Readiness Center events. For more information, contact 434-2337.

#### Lunch Buffets at the Overrun

Enjoy daily lunch buffets Tuesday - 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.

#### Lunch Brunch

Enjoy brunch at the Columbus Club from 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month! Menu will include a wide selection of delicious breakfast and lunch options and options will vary each month. The cost is only \$10 club members; \$12 non-members; \$5 ages 5-11; free for ages 4 and under. For more information, contact

#### Nashville Oktoberfest Trip

The ITT office is offering a trip to the Nashville Oktoberfest on Oct. 13–14. Enjoy fun, food and music! The cost is \$230 double occupancy; \$250 single occupancy which includes transportation, VIP ticket to Oktoberfest and lodging. Participants must be 21 years of age. Sign up by 4 p.m. Oct. 5. For more information, contact ITT at 434-7861.

## New Parent's Money Management Lunch and

Attention: New Parents! Join Michelle Bruce, personal financial counselor for a money management lunch and learn at noon Oct. 17 at the Base Library. New parents will learn money management tips. For more information, contact

#### **Exclusive Military Vacation Packages**

Did you know that you can book exclusive military vacation packages at ITT? Packages include Universal Studios and Disney destinations. To book your vacation, visit or contact your ITT office at (662) 434-7861.

#### Storytime Schedule

The Base Library is offering Storytime on Tuesdays at Free Mango Languages 10 a.m. for ages 3-6 years and Fridays at 10 a.m. for children up to 2 years old. For more information, contact

# NASHVILLE OKTOBERFEST TRIP Oct 13 - 14

Trip includes transportation, VIP ticket to Oktoberfest and lodging Cost: \$230 Double Occupancy; \$250 Single Occupancy Depart ITT at 7 am Oct 13

Arrive Arnold AFB Wingo Inn for a one night stay

Attend Oktoberfest Saturday and Sunday Return to Columbus AFB

Must be 21 years of age; min participants 15; max participants 25! Sign up by 4 pm Oct 5 For more information, contact ITT at 434-7861



#### Force Support Squadron Gift Cards

Make your shopping easier! Purchase or redeem your 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 CAFB Riding Stables usually has stall space available. For pricing and more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505.

Learn a new language today! Free Mango Languages available at the Base Library; real-life conversations in over 70 the airport of your choice. For more information, contact 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

#### 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

To advertise in Silver Wings, call 328-2424

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# 2018 Air Force Birthday Ball





guardsman pay their respects to POWs and those missing in action during the 2018 Air Force Ball Sept. 22, 2018, in Columbus, Mississippi. At official Air Force ceremonies, a table is left open for service members who were captured or never came back home.



Col. Samantha Weeks, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Airman 1st Class Arvin Dizon, 14th Comptroller Squadron financial operations technician, prepare to cut the cake during the 2018 Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 22, 2018, in Columbus, Mississippi. The highest and the lowest ranking members in attendance were responsible for cutting the birthday cake.



Retired Maj. Gen. Jack Catton Jr., this year's guest speaker and former 14th Flying Training Wing commander, proposes a toast during the 2018 Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 22, 2018, in Columbus, Mississippi. During his speech. Catton expressed how proud he is of the relationship between the base and local community and how the team BLAZE acronym was created.



Airmen from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, pose for a photo at the 2018 Air Force Birthday Ball Sept. 22, 2018 in Columbus, Mississippi. Airmen, family and the local community gather every year and reflect on the partnership the base and the local community have shared for 77 years.

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# Connection saves lives: Be there to help prevent suicide

Surgeon General Office Public Affairs

You can make a difference for someone struggling with suicidal thoughts with as little as eye contact and a friendly smile, an arm around the shoulder, or a kind word at the right

Everyone has a role to play in preventing suicide, a key theme of the Defense Department's #BeThere Campaign, which encourages making a difference through every day

"Connection saves lives," said Col. David Linkh, the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program manager. "Isolation, alienation and feeling of a lack of belonging places folks at risk."

Suicide is a major public health concern in the U.S., and for the Armed Forces. One of the most important and simplest ways to fight back against this threat is to build connections with people in your life, and make sure that people don't feel alone and isolated.

"If a fellow Airman seems to be struggling, make simple gestures," Linkh said. "Have lunch with them, talk to them and include them. Ask them how they are doing, or about their family. Stop by their desk and share a little bit about really can save a life.

Recognizing that someone is at risk of suicide isn't always possible. There isn't always an obvious or consistent sign that someone may be struggling with suicidal thoughts. People can hide or compartmentalize the underlying stress that lead to suicidal behavior, but there are things you can watch out for.

"We tend think in terms of two things – risk factors and warning signs," Linkh said. "Risk factors are some of the larger life factors that we sometimes see, like relationship, legal, financial or workplace issues. Warning signs are more behavior changes. That can include mood swings, irritability, anger, depression or social withdrawal."

This can be especially true for people who are usually engaged and outgoing. It can be a concerning sign if they start avoiding eye contact, skipping social events and stop associating with family, friends or coworkers. Drug or alcohol abuse is another critical indicator that a person may be dealing with issues that could lead to self-harm.

There are some other warning signs that a wingman, supervisor or colleague might notice as well.

unexplained absences, or missed deadlines by folks who were for assistance.

In the right circumstances, those simple, everyday actions previously on the spot can be concerning," Linkh said. "Really, any change in behavior, especially one that suggests the person may be struggling in areas of their life. People shouldn't be afraid to engage on these issues in a supportive way."

If you are concerned about a person, start by just talking to them. It may seem simple, but not only can it help you get a sense of whether something is bothering them, it also reinforces relationships and can keep the person from feeling isolated. Being attentive to someone struggling with suicidal thoughts or depression can encourage them to open up and tell you that they are having trouble.

"We can't always know what our wingmen or coworkers are dealing with," said Linkh. "Taking the time to know one another and go out of our way to help each other can help change the culture. Small acts of kindness, small moments of connection can make us all safer."

For more information about suicide prevention and additional resources, visit the Air Force Medical Service Suicide Prevention page, or the U.S. Air Force Wingman Online page. If you are having suicidal thoughts or are worried that someone you know may be about to engage in self-harm, "Changes in work behavior, like showing up late to work, call the Military Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press "1"

# **Absentee Voting Week**

#### James Brady

14th Flying Training Wing Installation Voting Officer

As Americans, we are fortunate to have nany 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

your completed ballot off at the Installation www.fvap.gov

Voter Assistance Office (IVAO) located in the Airman and Family Readiness Center 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 Air Education and Training 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@

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) If you have received your absentee bal- 565-0102 or toll-free 1-800-525-0102. You lot but have not completed and returned it, may access many voting-related questions please do so now. You are welcome to drop and answers on the FVAP website at http://



# **Medical Corner** Trauma & Sleep:

## How to overcome trauma to achieve better sleep

Sleep disruption as a result of experiencing a traumatic event such as witnessing a death, exposure to the road to recovery can begin. violence, natural disasters, military combat and being assaulted can lead to a variety of sleep issues like insomnia, daytime fatigue, and bad dreams. Flashbacks from the event and troubling thoughts surrounding the experience can make falling asleep and staying asleep difficult.

Traumatic events are events during which an individual experiences perceived threat and helplessness, terror, or horror [American Psychiatric Association (APA), 2000]. Victims of traumatic experiences feel that they need to maintain a higher level of vigilance, which can make falling asleep difficult. Yet for those who have experienced a traumatic event, sleep is pos- Nine keys to sleep success

#### How traumatic events affect sleeping habits

Many of those who experience a traumatic event develop what is called an "acute stress disorder." People who experience acute stress may feel like they are in a constant "daze" and have a hard time shaking off any intense feelings of hopelessness, horror or fear. Symptoms may be delayed and may not appear until days or even weeks later. When the feelings and stress lasts for more than a month, it becomes "Post-Trau- matic event matic Stress Disorder" - PTSD.

Sleep problems are to be expected as the stress if you are struggling to fall asleep. from the event creates a more heightened awareness of the sights, sounds and smells around them which can trigger the individual to re-experience the event. Chronic stress as a result of the traumatic event causes the brain to become hyper-aroused and affects the Autonomic Nervous System (ANS). This strain on psychological functioning creates an imbalance that can significantly disrupt sleep, dreaming and overall health. According the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and the Center for Deployment Psychology, disruption in dreaming due to stress can trigger nightmares as they may relive the event in a way that seems shockingly realistic to them.

It's important to note that not everyone will experience trauma in the same way or have the same stress responses. There are those who may experience traumatic events on such a regular and be-come desensitized to it and not affect their sleeping habits at all.

#### Sleeping after a traumatic experience

Sleep is important for the mind as it is restorative. Coping and dealing with a stressful or traumatic event is very tiring. Teaching the mind and body to relax

will help and aid in the transition to better sleep and

Re-establishing a regular sleep pattern is an important part in sleep health. Recognizing what thoughts feelings, and images are the triggers for the stressor and creating a healing balance that helps to restore a more neutral and pleasant feeling will help prepare the body and mind for sleep. Realize that the life experiences of the present moment should be the focus and stop stressing about the past. Allow for healing and destress to occur by moving towards, and not away from the traumatic memory to allow for a better understanding of what is causing the sleep disruption.

- Get more sunlight during the day. Sunlight helps to boost melatonin levels which aids the body in falling asleep.
- Have positive thoughts. Repeat positive thoughts and nurturing affirmations before going to bed and upon arising in the morning.
- Make your room dark, cool and uncluttered Clutter and objects that are laying around the room can trigger flash backs as the objects may resemble an item or bring back the memory that caused the trau-
- If you can't fall asleep, get up. Don't stay in bed
- Avoid caffeine. Caffeine can increase adrenaline, cortisol, and dopamine within the body causing greater agitation and irritability.
- Avoid alcohol. Consuming alcohol will interrupt the circadian rhythm and blocks the mind from achieving REM sleep.
- If your not sleepy, get up. Get out of bed to do some low-stimulation activities to occupy your mind
- Allow your mind to rest. Don't read or watch upsetting news reports or TV shows in the evening.
- Get help. Contact the local Behavioral Health Office (BHOP) or sleep center for help if sleep problems are severe or persist for more than a month.

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



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Dear Health Myth Busters,

I returned a few months ago from Afghanistan and have had some trouble sleeping. I was never directly involved in any major combat incidents, but did come under some small fire a few times. I've been experiencing what I believe to be PTSD since returning and have had more difficulty getting a good nights sleep than in the past. During my post-deployment health assessment, the tech told me that I may experience some residual affects like difficulty sleeping. Is this true? Is there a correlation between PTSD and sleeping problems?

Sleep Concerned

Dear Sleep Concerned,

I would like to say that I am glad that you have returned home safely. To answer your question, yes there is a correlation between traumatic events and sleeping problems. When a person, such as you, has experienced a traumatic event, the body and brain can become over stimulated as the brain becomes flooded with neurochemicals such as adrenaline and epinephrine, making it more difficult for the mind and body to wind down. If you are still in a heightened state for more than one month after the traumatic event has occurred, it becomes Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD. This continuous heightened state can interrupt your normal sleep cycle resulting in difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep as well as horror like visual experiences while asleep, or nightmares.

Experiencing a traumatic event, no matter how big or small, will cause you to be "on alert" and may feel the need to be on guard or "on the lookout," to protect yourself from danger. Because your mind is still in a hyper-state, you may experience flashbacks that may make it harder to fall asleep and may startle more easily awake from even the smallest of noises. Going through a traumatic experience such as the one you experienced, may cause you to worry more or believe the event will revisit you when you are least prepared or aware. These thoughts can make it difficult for you to fall asleep as you may feel that you are in constant danger.

Some have turned to alcohol to help cope with their symptoms. It is highly encourage that you do not go down that road as alcohol can get in the way of attaining good quality and restful sleep. Except where prescription medications are prescribed by a physician to help in the aide of sleep, use of illicit drugs to cope should not be an answer.

To get the recommended 7-9 hours of sleep per night after experiencing a traumatic event, change your sleeping area, keep a bedtime routine and sleep schedule, try to relax if you can't sleep, modify your activities during the day to less stressful ones. A couple of ways that you can try and relax if you can't sleep are to imagine yourself in a peaceful, pleasant scene and focus on the details and feelings of being in a place that is relaxing. If you can't sleep, get up and do a quiet activity such as reading, until you feel sleepy. If you can't sleep because you are in pain or have an injury, feel anxious at night, or have bad dreams or nightmares, talk to your doctor or a sleep specialist.

> Sincerely, Health Myth Busters

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# Aircraft Fact Sheets: F-35A

the primary fighter aircraft for more than 20 years, and bring operations. with it an enhanced capability to survive in the advanced With its aerodynamic performance and advanced integrated avionics, the F-35A will provide next-generation stealth, enhanced situational awareness, and reduced vulnerability for the United States and allied nations.

The conventional takeoff and landing (CTOL) F-35A gives the U.S. Air Force and allies the power to dominate the skies – anytime, anywhere. The F-35A is an agile, versatile, high-performance, 9g capable multirole fighter that combines stealth, sensor fusion, and unprecedented situational aware- displayed on the helmet's visor.

The F-35A's advanced sensor package is designed to gathhistory, giving operators a decisive advantage over all adver- low-pressure turbine.

saries. Its processing power, open architecture, sophisticated The F-35A is the U.S. Air Force's latest fifth-generation sensors, information fusion and flexible communication links fighter. It will replace the U.S. Air Force's aging fleet of F-16 make the F-35 an indispensable tool in future homeland de-Fighting Falcons and A-10 Thunderbolt II's, which have been fense, Joint and Coalition irregular warfare and major combat

The F-35's electronic sensors include the Electro-Optical threat environment in which it was designed to operate. Distributed Aperture System (DAS). This system provides pilots with situational awareness in a sphere around the aircraft for enhanced missile warning, aircraft warning, and day/ night pilot vision.. Additionally, the aircraft is equipped with the Electro-Optical Targeting System (EOTS). The internally mounted EOTS provides extended range detection and precision targeting against ground targets, plus long range detection of air-to-air threats.

> The F-35's helmet mounted display system is the most advanced system of its kind. All the intelligence and targeting information an F-35 pilot needs to complete the mission is

The F-35's engine produces 43,000 lbs of thrust and consists of a 3-stage fan, a 6-stage compressor, an annular comer, fuse and distribute more information than any fighter in bustor, a single stage high-pressure turbine, and a 2 stage

The F-35 is designed to provide the pilot with unsurpassed situational awareness, positive target identification and precision strike in all weather conditions. Mission systems integration and outstanding over-the-nose visibility features are designed to dramatically enhance pilot performance.

The F-35 is designed to replace aging fighter inventories including U.S. Air Force F-16s and A-10s, U.S. Navy F/A-18s, U.S. Marine Corps AV-8B Harriers and F/A-18s, and U.K. Harrier GR.7s and Sea Harriers. With stealth and a host of next-generation technologies, the F-35 will be far and away the world's most advanced multi-role fighter. There exists an aging fleet of tactical aircraft worldwide. The F-35 is intended to solve that problem.

On October 26, 2001, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge Jr. announced the decision to proceed with the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) program. This approval advanced the program to the System Development and Demonstration (SDD) phase. The Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche announced the selection of Lockheed Martin teamed with Northrop Grumman and BAE to develop and then produce



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Alexander Cook

Capt. Andrew Olson, F-35 Heritage Flight Team pilot and commander, performs a highspeed pass during the Canadian International Air Show in Toronto, Sept. 1, 2018. The F-35 HFT's performance consists of aerial maneuvers to include the vertical climb, highspeed pass, and tactical pitch.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Eric M. Fisher

A U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II multi-role fighter aircraft waits to take off Feb. 2, 2018, at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. The Joint Strike Fighter Operational Test Team consists of Air Force, Marine and Navy personnel responsible for conducting and evaluating



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Participants throw a burst of chalk powder in the air after the sixth annual color run Sept. 22, 2018, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Runners were provided fruit, Gatorade, and water by the Red Cross after the run



Participants run through a cloud of chalk during the sixth annual Color Run Sept. 22, 2018, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Over 150 people participated in the run hosted by the 14th Force Support Sauadron Youth Center.



U.S. Air Force photos by Airman Hannah Bean



Participants run during the sixth annual color run Sept. 22, 2018, at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The event included a 5K run or a 2-mile run that participants could choose between.



# SUPT Class 18-15 earns silver wings





Maj. Justin Childers Rio, Illinois C-130H3



1st Lt. Taylor Klinkmann Albuquerque, New Mexico



2nd Lt. Andrew Daigle Charlotte, North Carolina



**2nd Lt. David Hunt** Dayton, Ohio C-130J



2nd Lt. Nathaniel Kendrick Columbus, Mississippi

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

T-1A Jayhawk students from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-15 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium. Col. Daniel R. McDonough, commander, 182nd Airlift Wing, Peoria, 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. Andrew Daigle received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding student overall in his class.

The Air Force
Association Award
was presented to 2nd
Lt. Nathan Kendrick. 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.

Daigle was named the distinguished graduate of SUPT Class 18-15.

The 52-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, instru-

ment 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-en-

gine 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, 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 18-15 pilot partner is the Princess Theater.



2nd Lt. Jerrad Gillen Chapman, Kansas T-6A



2nd Lt. Nathan Gruenhaupt Castle Rock, Colorado C-17



2nd Lt. Lawton Huffman Weston, Montana RC-135



2nd Lt. Allison Schwartz Quincy, Illinois KC-135



2nd Lt. Ryan Smith Hudson, New Hampshire KC-135R