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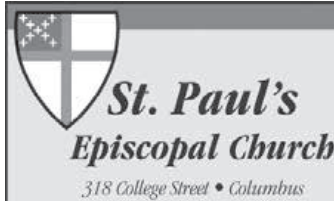
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Forecast provided by the 14th OSS Weather Flight

News Briefs

SUPT Class 19-04/05 Graduation

SUPT Class 19-04/05 is scheduled to graduate at 10 a.m. Jan. 25 in the Kaye Auditorium. Stop by and join the newest Air Force aviators in celebrating their accomplishment.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

All new active-duty service members are required to attend the Wing Newcomers Orientation starting at 8 a.m. Jan. 29 in the Columbus Club. The Wing Newcomers Brief is a great way to learn all the different organizations on base and get a feel for how Columbus operates. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Quarterly Awards/Enlisted Promotions

The 14th Flying Training Wing Quarterly Awards followed by Enlisted Promotions will begin at 3 p.m. Jan 31 in the Columbus Club. Join our fellow Team BLAZE members in celebrating their accomplishment.

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A Year in Review:
2018 is highlighted in this
week's feature.



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

A T-6 Texan II prepares to take flight Jan. 7, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Each year pilots with the 14th Flying Training Wing gather in the Kaye Auditorium to go over safety information and mishap prevention briefings so they are better prepared to return to pilot training.

Starting the New Year off with safety

Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Time off is necessary for anyone to recharge and come back stronger; however, after returning everyone must refocus to get back on track to eliminate costly mistakes.

Pilots from the 14th Flying Training Wing spent Jan. 2 getting into the right mindset to continue their flying training mission in 2019.

"We typically do our annual safety training after the holiday season, because that's when we are most vulnerable to mishaps," said Capt. Harris Hollis, 14th FTW safety officer and one of the many individuals who prepared and organized the briefings this year.

A safety day gives pilots the chance to refocus their priorities as aviators and instructors. It lowers the risk of incidents by getting them back into a healthy mindset to train the next generation of military aviators effectively and efficiently.

"One of the things we incorporate in our safety day is mishap prevention," Hollis said. "We make sure we focus on previous mishaps that have occurred ... it gives us a chance to look at past events, see some data and materials that will allow us to learn from mistakes and factors that caused these mishaps ... the goal is to mitigate lapses in judgment while planning and, ultimately, in the cockpit."

Hollis related the safety training of pilots to riding a bike.

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II		PHASE III		IFF		WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Track Select	Squadron	Graduation	Squadron	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (19-18)	Jan. 8	48th (19-05)	Jan. 24	49th (19-DBC)	Jan. 31	T-6	98	32	6,322
41st (19-19)	Jan. 24	50th (19-04)	Jan. 15			T-1	46	20	2,134
Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Stephen W. "Seve" Wilson will be the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 19-04's graduation at 10 a.m. Jan. 25, 2019, in the Kaye Auditorium.						T-38	12	8	2,518
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Leadership from the 14th Flying Training Wing stand with newly promoted Airmen



14th Flying Training Wing leadership stands with the newly promoted Airmen Dec. 31, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. At the end of every month, Team BLAZE gathers to congratulate their fellow Airmen in their accomplishment.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
14	15 Pilot Partner Welcome 20-03/04	16	17	18	19/20	Jan. 29: Wing Newcomers Jan. 31: Quarterly Awards/ Enlisted Promotions Feb. 1: SUPT Class 19-06 Assignment Night Feb. 5: Wing Newcomers Feb. 8: Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 14: Valentine's Day Feb. 15: SUPT Class 19-06 Graduation Feb. 25: ALS Begins Feb. 26: Wing Newcomers Feb. 28: Hearts Apart
21 Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.	22 Honorary Commander Ceremony, 6 p.m. @ Club	23	24 Enlisted Partnering, 6 p.m. @ Thai by Thai	25 SUPT Class 19-04/05 graduation, 10 a.m. @ Kaye Sonic Johnson Retirement Ceremony, 1:30 p.m. @ Kaye	26/27	

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Air University's LEDx 2.0 promotes diverse, innovative thinking at all levels of leadership

Airman 1st Class Charles Welty
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Air University's Air Command and Staff College Department of Leadership hosted its second annual Leadership Education Development eXperience, or LEDx, last week, promoting the theme of "Diversity at the Intersection of Leadership, Strategy and Innovation."

The two-day conference provided attendees with a blend of keynote addresses, TED Talk-style speaker presentations and interactive small-group lab sessions designed to promote an environment that fosters innovative and diverse thinking from a leadership perspective.

When not engaged in one of the formal events, participants were encouraged to continue the conversation and share their thoughts on what the theme's message means to them.

"This year's theme was intended to spark conversations and generate ideas," said Col. Evan Pettus, ACSC commandant. "We invited speakers who could help (attendees) challenge their assumption about what each of these ideas mean. We believe that cognitive diversity and collaboration are critical components to helping us build leaders capable of adapting to future challenges."

The event was intentionally designed with an unorthodox format, giving those in attendance the opportunity to build their own schedules to match their interests.

"Rather than sticking to a very military minded traditional format of sitting in a large auditorium for hours, we really wanted to build in opportunities for both the speakers and attendees to engage in discussions, possibly have respectable debates on topics and share ideas," said Maj. Gregory Strong, ACSC instructor and lead coordinator for LEDx.

"The word 'leadership' is difficult for some to define explic-



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Samuel Contreras
Steve Justice, To The Stars Academy aerospace division director, speaks during Air University's Leadership Education Development eXperience Jan. 3, 2019, at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. In alignment with this year's theme of "Diversity at the Intersection of Leadership, Strategy and Innovation," Justice opened the event with his keynote on diversity of thought.

itly, and it means something different to people both in and out of uniform and across all ranks," Strong said. "LEDx provides a mode for people to come together and understand that varying perspectives is a good thing and we can all learn from each other."

Straying away from a traditional military-style format, LEDx aimed to open the minds of participants and encourage diversification of thought at all levels.

"We want people to come away from LEDx with an enhanced

understanding of the value of varying perspectives related to leadership, innovation and strategy," Strong said. "We see LEDx as a conduit to allowing people a few days to really step back, assess, engage and digest varying topics under the overarching theme of leadership. Specifically, there may be a topic or perspective that someone heard and completely disagreed with, but there is still tremendous value that can be gained from that perspective."

Although hosted by AU, this event wasn't only attended by Air Force personnel, but also members of all sister services, as well as many international officers and local civilian attendees, which created a unique forum for joint leadership collaboration.

"The very nature of this makeup serves to add value at the forefront; the Air Force gains a huge benefit from building relationships and partnerships while simultaneously engaging in conversations regrading topics related to leadership," Strong added. "Obviously, all of us that serve receive a heavy dose of professional military education no matter what rank and each of those PME sources certainly offer great opportunities to expand on leadership-related topics. However, LEDx seeks to build on those foundational focal points and allow people the opportunity to really hit the pause button on the daily vigor of ops and share ideas. There is no exam, final paper or briefing to pass LEDx. It is truly a reciprocating experience in that you really get out of it what you put into it."

LEDx truly embodies the chief of staff of the Air Force's three primary focus areas of revitalizing squadrons, strengthening joint leaders and teams and advancing multi-domain command and control, he said

"In order to revitalize, strengthen and advance, we must be able to come together with different perspectives and synergize in order to lead, innovate and strategize," Strong added.

For more information, visit <https://www.ledxau.com/>

Air Force Marathon makes major changes for 2019

Air Force Marathon Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio —The Air Force Marathon opened registration for their 2019 event Jan. 1, with major changes designed to improve the experience for more than 12,000 annual runners.

Marathon staff have added a 1K kids' run, the Tailwind Trot, and extended the Fly! Fight! Win! Challenge that debuted in 2018 to include an option to run either a half or full marathon in addition to the 5K and 10K races.

"We've never had an event specifically for the kids and we think it's time to offer that," said Brandon Hough, Air Force Marathon race director. "Running is an amazing activity that brings so much to people's lives; there's no better way to celebrate that than by inspiring our

youngest runners."

Beyond the new events, other changes include redesigned full marathon, half marathon and 10K courses as well as new start times for the events. The 10K race is now scheduled for 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 followed by the full and half marathons at 7:30 a.m. The Tailwind Trot and 5K race presented by Wright State University are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively, Friday, Sept. 20.

"We've altered the courses to not only improve the runners' experience as they make their way through the rich, historic backdrop of Wright-Patterson's military community, but also to ensure proper separation of the different races to make it safer and easier to maintain whatever pace runners chose throughout the event," Hough said.

Runners can also expect changes at the race start with the addition of a corral system with staggered starts based on previous race times or on predicted times. The corral system is intended to create a faster and safer running environment for all participants.

"We can't wait for runners to experience all of the changes we are planning," said Hough, "We really listened to all of their input on previous events and are excited to see how they enjoy the improved race experience."

Additionally, the Sports and Fitness Expo held at the Wright State University Nutter Center will now feature more vendor booths, a relocated New Balance Dayton Apparel store and a mobility clinic for disabled runners.

"There is a lot of excitement in the running community for our 23rd race," said Hough. "The changes we've made this year are cer-

tainly driving a lot of that excitement."

That excitement was evident as marathon registrations opened with a 22-percent increase over the same date from the previous year. Hough says that while he's encouraged by the numbers, the focus of the Air Force Marathon is, and always will be, on creating the best possible experience for runners.

The 2019 Air Force Marathon is presented by Northrop Grumman, USAA and Boeing and is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019. The Sports & Fitness expo is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 19, and Friday, Sept. 20. The Breakfast of Champions is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 20, from 8 to 10 a.m. and the Gourmet Pasta Dinner is scheduled for Friday evening, starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information about the Air Force Marathon, go to www.usafmarathon.com.

GOLDFEIN

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pararescuemen with U.S. Army crews all transported in an Army CH-47 Chinook.

Throughout the trip, Goldfein encouraged Airmen to consider how they’ve helped shape the outlooks and security of their families and friends in the United States.

“Your families are waking up at home, celebrating the holidays with all their family traditions,” Goldfein said during the stop in Qatar.

“They’re also thinking about a lot of things like you, relatives, church, school, traffic and all those things that make up America,” he said. “But what they’re not thinking about right now is being attacked in their hometown. That’s not because there aren’t those out there who want to do just that. America sleeps pretty well at night because we don’t. Never underestimate the importance of your service in uniform, at this time, when our nation needs us most.”

Goldfein acknowledged, however, receiving occasional questions about the potential for policy changes affecting the Air Force’s mission and future operations in the two regions.

Goldfein was careful about predicting the changes and how they might affect Air Force operations.

Whatever is required, Goldfein said he has no doubt the Air Force will be ready and fully capable to meet the challenge and the mission.

That confidence is informed by Goldfein’s Air Force career, and now, reinforced by what he saw and heard on his most recent trip.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kaylee Dubois
Lt. Gen. Joseph Guastella, commander of U.S. Air Forces Central Command, answers a question along with Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright during a base-wide “all call” at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Dec. 25, 2018. While answering questions, Goldfein and Wright discussed recent and upcoming changes to empower Airmen to be more resilient and lethal.

OTS restructures program to increase quality, quantity of officers

Airman 1st Class Charles Welty
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — The Air Force’s Officer Training School is changing the paradigm for building officers, pivoting away from separate programs for line and non-line officers and conducting merged classes beginning in January 2019.

The Total Force Officer Training and Commissioned Officer Training courses will be phased out over the course of 2019, according to Col. Pete Bailey, OTS commandant. They will be replaced by a combined eight-week course, which will offer an off-ramp for a limited number of non-line specialties.

“The purpose for this change is twofold,” said Bailey. “First, we are ensuring the best leadership training is offered to all who attend OTS, in a setting which better mirrors the environment in which they will serve. Also, this change assists in the development of a more resilient organization, which is effectively resourced to meet both steady state and surge requirements of the Total Force.”

The OTS “One Syllabus for One Offi-

cer” concept is enabled by moving from its current three-training squadron construct to a more efficient two-training squadron model, said Lt. Col. Erick Saks, 24th Training Squadron commander. With two squadrons training both line and non-line officers, OTS can increase the quantity and quality of its officers. The initiative increases officer production capacity from around 2,700 graduates annually to 3,300 with a surge capability of up to 3,800. Students also gain the opportunity to train alongside officers who they would not have interacted with until much further along in their careers, providing a shared foundation for both line and non-line officers.

“The real nexus behind the new syllabus was to make the right training, for the right Airman, at the right time,” added Bailey. “Producing good officers and good leaders is not only a force multiplier, but will also help revitalize the organization that we take to war, which is the squadron. When you have the responsibility of training over 54 percent of the officers who access into the United States Air Force annually, you have to get it right.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Samuel Contreras
An Air Force Commissioned Officer Training course trainee stands in formation, May 24, 2018, on Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. OTS has recently merged COT with the Total Force Officer Training course to increase the quality and quantity of officers it can produce annually.

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SAFETY

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Once you get on a bike and learn to ride, it becomes easier and easier, but if you stop riding for a while your familiarity with the bike deteriorates. In order to stay familiar and safe, 14th FTW pilots have to continuously practice to stay sharp.

“It’s important to get instructors into the right frame of mind after a break like the holidays and it’s important to teach students good habit patterns that will be important to have no matter what airframe they go on to fly,” said Capt. Taylor Coffey, 37th Flying Training Squadron executive officer. “You’re moving so fast in an aircraft that the moment you become complacent, mistakes can be costly.”

Safety doesn’t stop at the annual training and certainly doesn’t only consist of mishap prevention data alongside a few words of wisdom. Students are taught safety techniques throughout all of UPT because flying safety is essential to creating a topnotch aviator. Hollis spoke about how safety is implemented in training and beyond.

“As students move into the flying realm and the operational side, they’ll hit safety every day,” Hollis said. “The goal is to be as safe as possible and still execute the mission. The reality is we can’t be 100 percent safe because then we wouldn’t be flying ... that’s where operational risk management skills come into play ... students are taught to always think safety, they have to always be thinking of scenarios to safely recover their aircraft.”

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14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 27 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.



Palmer Home for Children visits Columbus AFB

Airman Hannah Bean
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

About 40 children and volunteers from the Palmer Home for Children in Columbus, Mississippi, visited Columbus Air Force Base Jan. 4.

The visit, hosted by the 49th Fighter Training Squadron, began with a military working dog demonstration at the kennels on base. Afterward, the visitors continued to the 49th FTS where they all were welcomed by Lt. Col. John Macasek, the 49 FTS commander.

Palmer Home for Children is a Christian non-profit organization providing residential care without charge and an introduction to God through service, to children who have a need for viable placement.

After the welcoming, the visitors split into three groups and explored many aspects of Columbus AFB. All three groups visited the fire department, hopping inside a fire truck,

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trying on gear worn by firefighters and watching a fire truck utilize its water system. The groups also got up close and personal to a T-38C Talon.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Hannah Bean
TeTech. Sgt. Bruce Weir, 14th Security Forces Squadron military working dog trainer, answers questions during a MWD demonstration, Jan. 4, 2019, at the MWD kennel on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The visitors explored many aspects of Columbus AFB including static displays, time in flight simulators and much more.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Holcomb
A Vertex Aerospace worker explains T-38C Talon maintenance to visitors from the Palmer Home for Children in the BLAZE hangar, Jan. 4, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The visitors explored many aspects of Columbus AFB including static displays, time in flight simulators and much more.

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Two groups got the opportunity to fly in a T-38C simulator in the 14th Operations Group and learned about what it takes to maintain an aircraft in the BLAZE hangar.

One of the groups toured the flightline as well as the Air Traffic Control tower, learning about how Columbus AFB operates on a daily basis.

After the groups finished their tours, everyone gathered in the 49th FTS heritage room for a cookout and closing remarks.

Simerly said the tour is a way to give back, show appreciation and let these kids see some of the things on base and some of the things we do.

Goldfein highlights professionalism, accomplishments of Airmen during trip to the Middle East, Southwest Asia

Charles Pope
Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — No matter the year or circumstance, the Middle East and Southwest Asia are challenging places for Airmen deployed there.

Yet, during an extended trip to Jordan, Qatar, Iraq, Turkey and Afghanistan over the Christmas holiday, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein found another – but different – consistent truth: an unblinking focus on the mission coupled with dedication and professionalism.

“I saw total commitment to mission,” Goldfein said the day after returning from the 12-day trip. “I expected that because that is what the Air Force is and it’s how we always are. I also saw on-the-ground innovation that is central to who we are as an Air Force.

“I found master sergeants and tech sergeants finding ways to flatten the command structure so decisions could be made quicker,” Goldfein said. “I found that morale was high; I didn’t find any kind of wavering in terms of mission or purpose. It never ceases to impress me.”

Goldfein’s trip to the U.S. Air Forces Central Command’s area of responsibility was a mostly informative, rejuvenating trip that mixed high-level meetings with assorted senior government and military officials with face-to-face interactions with Airmen.

In Jordan, he met with King Abdullah, reaffirming the strong security cooperation that has defined the relationship between the two countries. His visit to Qatar included a meeting with the country’s armed forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Ghanim bin Shaheen al-Ghanim, with whom he discussed a range of topics, including ways to maintain a partnership and strategic interests.

In Iraq, Goldfein held discussions with Air Force Lt. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera and Maj. Gen. Chad P. Franks, commander and deputy commander of Combined Joint Task Force Inherent Resolve, and throughout many stops, he was accompanied by Lt. Gen. Joseph T. Guastella, AFCENT commander – a position Goldfein himself once held.

He was joined, as is often the case, by Chief Master Sgt of the Air Force, Kaleth O. Wright.

In broad strokes, the trip was similar to others he routinely takes to locations both



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Kaylee Dubois
Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein takes a group photo with Airmen at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Dec. 25, 2018. Goldfein and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright visited Airmen throughout U.S. Air Forces Central Command’s area of responsibility to offer guidance, thanks, and listen to Airmen.

domestic and foreign.

But this trip also was infused with additional features not always present. It came amid the resignation of Secretary of De-

fense James Mattis, the decision by President Trump to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria and Afghanistan and a debate back home about the motives, meaning and conse-



Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein listens to Capt. Zachary Tolbert, 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron pilot, talk about the C-130J Super Hercules’ mission at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Dec. 25, 2018. Goldfein and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright visited Airmen throughout U.S. Air Forces Central Command’s area of responsibility to offer guidance, thanks, and listen to Airmen.



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright talks with Master Sgt. Steven Nowicki, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, during a visit at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Dec. 25, 2018. Wright thanked deployed Airmen for their contributions to the fight, especially during the holiday season.

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quences of those actions. Even with those unexpected elements, the focus of the trip was primarily to see and recognize the efforts of Airmen and get a close-up view of their circumstances. At every location, Goldfein acknowledged outstanding performances by Airmen of all ranks.

While in Afghanistan, for example, he highlighted the contributions of security forces Airmen. He also spent time visiting the 83rd Expeditionary Rescue Squadron, a joint unit that combines highly-trained

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Free Breakfast for Club Members

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Salsa Night at the Overrun in the Event Center

Grab a partner and dust off your dancing shoes! Starting at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 26, join instructor Gabriela Blanco and DJ Felix for a great night of Latin music! Food and drink specials. For more information, contact 434-2489.

Alpha Warrior Osprey Tab Test

You've heard the hype, now prove it! Complete the Alpha Warrior Osprey Tab Test per standards and under the time allowed, and you've earned yourself a spot in the elite group of Osprey Tab Airmen. Join us at the Alpha Warrior Rig on Saturday, at 9 a.m. Jan. 19. Call 434-2772 for more information.

Free Saturday Matinee

Free Saturday Matinee Saturday, Jan. 26 at Kaye Auditorium. For more information, call 434-2337.

GRAB A PARTNER!

Salsa Night @ The Overrun

Inside the Event Center

Join Instructor Gabriela Blanco and DJ Felix for a night of Latin Music!

Saturday, January 26, 2019
Social Hour 6:30-7:30 PM
Salsa Class 7:30- 8:30 PM
Free Dancing 8:30-12 AM

Food and Drink Specials!!
Call 434-2489 for more information



Free Crafts at the Base Library

Craft like no one is watching! The Base Library is offering the following craft weeks during normal business hours: Martin Luther King Craft Week from Jan. 14-18. For more information, contact the Base Library at 434-2934.

Wood Shop is OPEN!

The Wood Shop is back in business! They are open Mon-Thurs. from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 434-7836 for more information.

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 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 434-2934.

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 Columbus AFB Riding Stables usually has stall space available. For pricing and more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at 434-2505.

Laser Bowling

The Strike Zone offers laser bowling every Friday and Saturday night starting at 5 p.m., stop in for a great time! Call 434-3426 for more information.

Play Paintball

Outdoor Recreation offers paintball for groups or individuals. You must book 24 hours in advance; 17 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$15 per person for party of 10 or more; \$20 per person for party of nine or less. You must purchase paint balls at Outdoor Recreation for \$50 per case of 2,000. For more information, contact 434-2505.

The Overrun Open Friday Nights

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

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.

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.

Transportation for Assignment Nights

Reserve the bus of van through Information Ticket and Travel for assignment nights. Reservation must be made in person, the cost is \$30 per hour with a four hour minimum. Price includes Columbus and local areas. For more information, contact 434-7861.

Youth Center Excellence



U.S. Air Force photo by Mary Crump

Leadership from the 14th Mission Support Group leadership awards the Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi Youth Center on their exemplary council accreditation for after school services Dec. 12, 2018. The Youth Center allows children of service members to play in a safe and productive environment while they complete the mission day in and day out.



THE AIRMAN'S CREED

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.
I AM A WARRIOR.
I HAVE ANSWERED MY NATION'S CALL.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.
MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT, AND WIN.
I AM FAITHFUL TO A PROUD HERITAGE,
A TRADITION OF HONOR,
AND A LEGACY OF VALOR.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN,
GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE,
MY NATION'S SWORD AND SHIELD,
ITS SENTRY AND AVENGER.
I DEFEND MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN:
WINGMAN, LEADER, WARRIOR.
I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND,
I WILL NEVER FALTER,
AND I WILL NOT FAIL.

Fire safety: Home heating fires

Facts about home heating fires:

- From 2013-2015, an average of 45,900 home heating fires occurred in the U.S. each year. These fires caused an annual average of approximately 205 deaths, 725 injuries and \$506 million in property loss.
- Heating was the second leading cause of home fires after cooking.
- Home heating fires peaked in January (21 percent) and declined to the lowest point June-August.
- Twenty-nine percent of home fires happened because the heat source (like a space heater or fire place) was too close to things that can burn.

- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid, outside, at least 3 feet from your home.

Woodstove



- Make sure your wood stove is 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Put the fire out before you go to sleep or leave your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.

Furnace



- Have your furnace inspected each year.
- Keep anything that can burn away from the furnace.

Kerosene heater



- Refuel cooled heater outside and only use Kerosene fuel.
- Make sure the heater has automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.

Call 911 to report any emergency

Author: Fire Inspector Darren Amos
434-2274

Data from U.S. Fire Administration

Space heater



- Keep anything that can burn, such as bedding, clothing and curtains, at least 3 feet away from the heater.
- Make sure the heater has automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

Fireplace



- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out.

Commander's Action Line 434-1414

In an effort to stay Connected, the Commander's Action Line is your direct link to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

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 can be reached at 434-1414. Leave your name and phone number or email if you would like to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential.

If you would like to remain anonymous, please submit your inquiries through our base application in the 'Our Wing' then 'Contact the CC' tab or you can submit through the webpage at www.columbus.af.mil. Click "Contact Us" at the top left of the page and select "Commander's Action Line" in the Recipient drop down menu.

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

Medical Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Make better beverage choices in the New Year

What you drink is as important as what you eat. Many beverages contain added sugars and offer little or no nutrients, while others may provide nutrients but too much fat and too many calories. Here are some tips to help you make better beverage choices.



Drink water instead of sugary drinks. Regular soda, energy or sports drinks, and other sweet drinks usually contain a lot of added sugar, which provides more calories than needed.

How much water is enough? Let your thirst be your guide. Water is an important nutrient for the body, but everyone's needs are different. Most of us

get enough water from the foods we eat and the beverages we drink. A healthy body can balance water needs throughout the day. Drink plenty of water if you are very active, live or work in hot conditions, or are an older adult.

Manage your calories. Drink water with and between your meals. Adults and children take in about 400 calories per day as beverages — drinking water can help you manage your calories.

Don't forget your dairy.* When you choose milk or milk alternatives, select lowfat or fat-free milk or fortified soymilk. Each type of milk offers the same key nutrients such as calcium, vitamin D, and potassium, but the number of calories are very different.

Enjoy your beverage. When water just won't do — enjoy the beverage of your choice, but just cut back. Remember to check the serving size and the number of servings in the can, bottle, or container to stay within calorie needs. Select smaller cans, cups, or glasses instead of large or supersized options.

Check the facts. Use the Nutrition Facts label to choose beverages at the grocery store. The food label and ingredients list contain information about added sugars, saturated fat, sodium, and calories to help you make better choices.

*Milk is a part of the Dairy Group. A cup = 1 cup of milk or yogurt, 1½ ounces of natural cheese, or 2 ounces of processed cheese

10 Tips: Make Better Beverage Choices. Retrieved from <https://www.choosemyplate.gov/ten-tips-makebetter-beverage-choices>

New Year...New Goals

This is the time of year where many resolve to make healthier lifestyle choices; this usually includes improving their diets.

Here are a few nutrition goals that can easily be incorporated into your life style.

Stay hydrated. The general recommendation for an adult is 30 to 40 ml of fluid per kg of body weight each day. An appropriate fluid intake will reduce the likelihood of confusing hunger cues with thirst as well as improve overall perceived energy and performance.

Choose lean protein. When selecting protein, choose unsalted and lean forms more often. Limit processed meats that may have additional sodium and saturated fat. Consider adding more plant-based protein sources, such as soy products and legumes (beans and peas).

Change your food patterns. Eat a variety of dark green vegetables, red and orange vegetables and legumes. These foods are good sources of dietary fiber, potassium, iron, folate and other nutrients.

Choose whole fruits. Whole fruits provide more fiber than 100% fruit juice. Be adventurous and try something new. If you like apples, try Asian pears or jicama. If you like cherries, try pomegranate. Enjoy pineapple? Try Cherimoya.

Consume alcohol in moderation. Adults of legal drinking age should limit alcohol up to one drink per day for women and up to two drinks per day for men.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Department of Agriculture. 2015 – 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. 8th Edition. December 2015. Available at <https://health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015/guidelines/>.

A personal message from your health promotion Health Myth Busting Team



Dear Health Myth Busters,
I am excited about the New Year and I plan to eat healthier. Over time, I have learned that I need to use a S.M.A.R.T. strategy when setting goals — every goal is specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time bound. In the past, I have been able to keep my New Year's resolution for as long as a month. Is it true that New Year's resolutions do not tend to last past the first week? How can I ensure that I will make healthier food choices longer than the month that I typically last?

Sincerely,
I Eat My Healthiest in January

Dear I Eat My Healthiest in January,
It is great that you are seeking advice on how to make sustainable changes to reach your nutrition goals. The New Year is a popular time to set new health goals.

There are multiple ways to make small changes that will have an overall greater impact on your health. In fact, you may find that reducing the amount of sugar you consume from beverages to be the first step toward a healthier intake. Start by ensuring that you are hydrating appropriately by tracking exactly how much water you consume each day. Some people even find that using a water bottle with measurements along the sides of the container helps with tracking their fluid intake.

Other strategies may include eating more nutrient dense foods such as dark green leafy vegetables, fresh whole fruit, legumes, and lean proteins.

Studies indicate that delayed rewards, like the goal to pursue overall good health, are a good start. However, immediate rewards are more strongly associated with reaching long-term goals. So, what does this mean? Set small targets. For instance, you may start with the goal to drink the appropriate amount of water every day for a week. What would be an appropriate reward? Maybe a new water bottle. This year, continue the use of SMART goals and incorporate immediate rewards for short term successes to assist in making long-term changes.

Sincerely,
Health Myth Busters

Got questions on other health issues related to sleep health, physical activity, tobacco, or nutrition? Share them with us and we will help you "Bust The Myths!" Send your questions to usaf.jbsa.afmoa.mbx.hpo@mail.mil. Make sure to include in the subject line "Health Myth Buster." For more online health tips visit the Air Force Health Promotion webpage <https://www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/Resources/Health-Promotion/>

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.)

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

The next Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. March 4-8 and includes seminars on: Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP and Department of Labor. Preseparation counseling is required before attending, and recommended attendance is 12-24 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register or for more information, please call the TAP Manager at (662) 434-2631/2790.

Air Force Recovery Coordination Program

A Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC) will be providing assistance from noon-5 p.m. Feb. 6; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 7; and 8 a.m.-noon Feb. 8 at the A&FRC. The Recovery Coordination Program (RCP) streamlines and improves the way care and support is delivered to wounded, ill, and injured Airmen and their families. The RCP provides the support of a RCC who guides the Airman and family along their road to recovery. Those eligible include wounded, ill and injured Airmen who: (1) have a serious illness or injury, (2) are unlikely to return to duty within a specified amount of time, (3) may be medically separated from the military. Additional details are available by contacting the Columbus AFB A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Federal USAJobs Workshop

The next Federal USAJobs workshop is from 9-10:30 a.m. Jan. 16. 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 is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan 17-18. 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 is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 22 in the A&FRC. This workshop helps members identify skills, increase awareness of training and

Columbus AFB connects to community during holidays



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert
Columbus Air Force Base Honor Guard Airmen pose with local community members Dec. 20, 2018, after delivering gift baskets for the holidays. Over 100 fruit baskets were delivered and reached 75 different local families.

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

Airman & Family Readiness Center Open House

Please visit A&FRC between 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 30 for an OPEN HOUSE to learn about all the services available to you and your family. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided. This event is open to anyone with access to the A&FRC.

Hearts Apart

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

Heart Link

The next Heart Link is from 8:30 a.m.-noon Jan. 31, in the A&FRC. This half-day program is open to all spouses of active-duty military members assigned to Columbus AFB. Attendees will receive information about life in the Air Force, in the local area, and at Columbus AFB from local subject matter experts including spouse leaders. To register or for more information, please

call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Bundles of Joy

The next Bundles of Joy workshop is from 1-3:30 p.m. Feb. 21, in the A&FRC. This program is designed for active-duty Air Force members and/or their spouses who are pregnant or have a child 4 months old or less. Attendees will learn about finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. A \$50 gift card sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society will be provided for each qualifying child. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the A&FRC. We have volunteer opportunities located across the base for one-time events, special events, or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Medical Clinic, Chapel, Airman's Attic, Thrift Store, the Retiree Activities Office, and many other locations. For more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Military and Family Life Counselor Program

Military and Family Life Counselors provide non-medical counseling to help Airmen (single

and married), spouses, and other family members cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration, and life 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) 435-1110/360-5372.

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 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 the A&FRC at (662) 434-2790 for more information.

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 Choir)
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)

Pursuing a healthy dialogue and stigmatizing rape culture

Senior Airman Savannah Waters
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — *Editor's note: This commentary focuses on the perpetuation of rape culture from one Airman's perspective and offers recommendations on how to improve upon this issue in the Air Force and society as a whole.*

As service members, we receive a number of mandatory sexual harassment and assault awareness briefings each year. These briefings address an array of topics, but I would like service members to be given the opportunity to gain a better understanding of what constitutes rape culture.

We've learned about the effects of sexual harassment, sexual assault and abuse, and rape, but how often do we discuss the effects of rape culture? What value would defining, identifying, and stigmatizing rape culture hold for us as an Air Force? As a society?

According to the University of New Hampshire's Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program, rape culture is defined as stereotyped, false beliefs about rape that justify sexual aggression and trivialize the seriousness of sexual violence.

Tolerance of this culture alienates survivors and reinforces blame toward the victim, making it less likely for a victim of sexual assault or rape to come forward. The glamorization of sexual violence, objectification of both men and women's bodies and lack of support creates a toxic environment that disregards safety.

Rape culture is an environment in which rape is prevalent — but just because someone hasn't actively raped, sexually assaulted or harassed anyone doesn't mean they aren't contributing to rape culture.

Our society does not outwardly promote rape itself. Rape culture teaches rape prevention instead of teaching them not to rape. Rape culture tolerates friends who make rape jokes. Rape culture shifts blame to the victim. Rape culture normalizes sexual violence and excuses it in the media and popular culture. Rape culture allows victims to be doubted, shamed and harassed.

On social media, users see posts and memes that perpetuate rape culture through jokes, slut-shaming and victim-blaming remarks, and the objectification of strangers, friends and co-workers.

This enables the continuum of harm. Sexual harassment, even online, can eventually lead to sexual assault because

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some people don't think making objectifying comments on a social media post are a big deal. This is sustaining a rape culture by allowing perpetrators to get away with the "small stuff," making them feel more comfortable to keep pushing.

After all, sexual assault is not just about sex. It is about power, control and humiliation.

It's disappointing seeing social media posts and comments that encourage rape culture, and service members who openly support it. If some people believe rape jokes are funny and don't take allegations seriously, how could I ever go to one of them for help if I needed it?

My job as an alert photographer has required me to witness the evidence of sexual assault, harassment, violence and abuse. Reported statistics show women are more affected by sexual assault, harassment and rape culture than men. As a woman, it has been a challenge to stay entirely unbiased, because I have experienced and witnessed varying levels of rape culture in which women are the victim.

Discussing rape culture from a woman's perspective is bound to evoke anti-feminist views. I have come to realize there's a difference between feminism and toxic feminism, and people should understand discussing rape culture is not a part of some anti-male feminist agenda. We need to stop labeling every woman who discredits men as a feminist, because that is not the definition of feminism.

People intentionally reimagine feminism as simply want-

ing to be paid fairly and empty supporting other women, painting the women who challenge them as irrational "man haters." Feminism is about equality, and being seen as more than an object. The objectification of both men and women contributes to rape culture, and it needs to stop.

Another important component to this culture is false accusations...they do exist. While false accusations are serious and should be punished, we cannot use the fear of being falsely accused to invalidate someone else's fears or encounters.

People of all backgrounds have experienced rape culture, regardless of factors such as gender, sexual orientation, physical size, age or race.

Sexual harassment and rape culture is not normal, nor will it ever be funny.

The more we educate each other and lift one another up through positive actions and reactions, the better our work environment, the Air Force, and society as a whole will be.

Education must start early. We should educate our children as well as ourselves about consent, how to properly express our emotions without violence, how to ask for help and accept responsibility for our wrongdoings.

We should teach our children coping skills and how to express their emotions in healthy ways, instead of bottling it up and hiding it to appear "tough." Teach them there are ways to solve problems other than with violence. Even as adults, we can learn to better regulate our emotions and work on improving mental health to create a better society that won't stand for something so damaging as rape culture.

We should check in on our friends and be more understanding of struggles that don't directly affect us. We should also advocate for those who don't have a voice, especially when they decide to speak up and trust others.

My hope is that continuing to pursue a healthy, honest dialogue about rape culture will foster greater understanding and encourage Airmen and others outside of the military to not only stand up against it, but stigmatize it.

As a quote I came across on Twitter says: "Just because you did something wrong in the past doesn't mean you can't advocate against it now. You aren't a hypocrite, you grew. Don't let anyone use your past to invalidate your current mindset."

Helpful websites:
<http://www.sapr.mil/index.php>
<https://www.af.mil/SAPR.aspx>

BLAZE Hangar Tails: T-1A Jayhawk

Mission

The T-1A Jayhawk is a medium-range, twin-engine jet trainer used in the advanced phase of specialized undergraduate pilot training for students selected to fly airlift or tanker aircraft. It is also used to support navigator training for the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and international services.

Background

The first T-1A was delivered to Reese Air Force Base, Texas, in January 1992, and student training began in 1993.

Starting in 1993, undergraduate pilots who have graduated from their primary aircraft have proceeded to specialized training tailored for their follow-on assignments. The T-1A is used in advanced training for students identified to go into airlift or tanker aircraft. Those selected for bombers and fighters re-

differs from its commercial counterpart with structural enhancements that provide for increased bird strike resistance and an additional fuselage fuel tank.

Features

The swept-wing T-1A is a military version of the Beech 400A. It has cockpit seating for an instructor and two students and is powered by twin turbofan engines capable of an operating speed of 538 mph. The T-1A



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

Two U.S. Air Force T-1 Jayhawk Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training aircraft taxi before flying a training mission July 23, 2018, from the Golden Triangle Regional Airport in Columbus, Mississippi.

ceive their advanced in the T-38.

The T-1A is used at Columbus AFB, Mississippi, Laughlin AFB, Texas, and Vance AFB, Oklahoma. It is also used at Randolph AFB, Texas, to train instructor pilots and at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, for combat systems officer training.

General Characteristics

Primary Function: Advanced trainer for airlift and tanker pilots

Builder: Raytheon Corp. (Beech)

Power Plant: Two Pratt and Whitney JT15D-5B turbofan engines

Thrust: 2,900 pounds each engine

Length: 48 feet, 5 inches (14.75 meters)

Height: 13 feet, 11 inches (4.24 meters)

Wingspan: 43 feet, 6 inches (13.25 meters)

Maximum Speed: 538 miles per hour (Mach .70)

Ceiling: 41,000 feet (12,500 meters)

Maximum Takeoff Weight: 16,100 pounds (7,303 kilograms)

Range: 2,222 nautical miles (2,900 nm flying long-range cruise)

Armament: None

Crew: Three (pilot, co-pilot, instructor pilot)

Date Deployed: February 1992

Unit Cost: \$4.1 million

Inventory: Active force, 178; ANG, 0; Reserve, 0




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


Second Lt. Kevin Pollard, 48th Flying Training Squadron student pilot, and 1st Lt. Chris Breyfogle, 48th FTS instructor pilot, inspect a T-1 Jayhawk before a training sortie July 23, 2018, from the Golden Triangle Regional Airport in Columbus, Mississippi. Each flying training squadron has had to work with the 14th Operations Group to schedule and plan around the resurfacing, but the 48th FTS was greatly affected and has been the squadron to take the mantle of flying almost half of their sorties out and back from a completely different location.



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A Year in Review: 2018

Dr. Doris Crusoe

Historian, 14th Flying Training Wing

Another fleeing year, or so seemed 2018 has come and gone, as Team BLAZE members may now pause, if only for a brief moment, to reflect and truly appreciate and celebrate their numerous contributions to the ongoing mission of the 14th Flying Training Wing.

Over the past 12 months, the wing not only gained new senior and support level leadership and personnel, but Columbus lost Airmen at all levels, due to numerous change of duty station, separations and retirements. Nonetheless, the 14th FTW successfully met its primary mission requirement to train military pilots and thereby, "Create the world's most advanced military pilots."

Subsequently, during Fiscal Year 2018, the wing trained and graduated 350 new Air Force pilots, resulting in 52,574 sorties and 71,621 flying training hours.

Moreover, throughout 2018, Team BLAZE continued to accomplish all aspects of its pilot training mission to include an endeavor to, "Cultivate Airmen to be innovative leaders." This aspect of the mission was made self-evident through the numerous achieved academic degrees; promotions and award ceremonies, which included recipients of both individual and unit level awards. In addition, the wing continued deployment of selected personnel to support contingency locations overseas and stateside.

■ Columbus AFB's 2018 footprint began in January, when student researchers from Air Command and Staff College, Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, visited the base to conduct an Adaptive Flight Training Study, designed to aid in the Air Force's advancement in training and education through virtual reality. The four-day study

measured whether adults learned at or above the rates they were currently learning, and observed how the brain worked and reacted in conjunction with other parts of the human body during this particular learning process. Also, on Jan. 11, Columbus AFB held its first ever Storytellers event, designed to provide a venue which allowed Columbus Airmen to tell their personal and professional stories of resiliency.

■ On Feb. 1, Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, directed an operational pause to the T-6 Texan II fleet training due to mechanical concerns. Several weeks later, on Feb. 27, Doherty ordered an end to the operational pause of the T-6, following the collection and analysis of operational flight test data. Airmen Leadership School held a graduation ceremony on March 29 for Class 18-3 at the Columbus Club. The following month, Columbus AFB hosted an Open House and Air and Space Show on April 21. This event attracted over 21,000 visitors to the base, who enjoyed numerous aerobatic acts and static aircraft displays.

■ Over a month later, Maj. Andrew Becker, a former Columbus AFB graduate, SUPT Class 09-10, name was inscribed on the wall dedicated to fallen CAFB graduates on May 24, during a Wing Memorial Day ceremony at the Gene Smith Plaza located in front of the Wing Headquarters building. Later, on June 8, during Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-10 graduation ceremony, Maj. Gen. Glen VanHerck, vice director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., spoke to the class about what it takes to have a successful career.

■ In July, the 14th FTW hosted Patriot Fest 2018. The local community event featured a live performance from American country music group, Thompson Square and singer, Easton Corbin, who said, "The military and their families do



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
Second Lt. Kenneth Soyars, 14th Student Squadron student pilot, takes off during a virtual reality flight simulation Jan. 10, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Two subjects flew at a time but no other subjects were allowed to watch or learn from other individuals' sorties. The Adaptive Flight Training Study pushed subjects to learn through the VR technology.

so much to serve our country and we just want to give back."

■ Col. Douglas Gosney relinquished command of the 14th Flying Training Wing to incoming commander, Col. Samantha Weeks during the wing chain of command ceremony held on Aug. 6. Doherty officiated the ceremony. Later that day, Doherty talked with squadron commanders regarding their higher command, 19th AF's endeavor to address ongoing challenges experienced at the squadron level. Also, Chief Master Sgt. David Brown, 19th Air Force command chief, met with staff and technical sergeants to give sage advice, motivational and inspirational guidance to this group of next generation enlisted leaders at Columbus AFB.

■ As an important aspect of the 14th FTW's mission to



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



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert
Easton Corbin, American country music singer, performs at Patriot Fest July 6, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Both music groups were a part of a five-base tour with Air Force Entertainment.

"Cultivate Airmen", on Sept. 14, Andy Christiansen, honorary professor of leadership at Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, spoke to Team BLAZE members. During his presentation, which addressed the subject, "Finding/Being a Mentor," Christiansen highlighted "the purpose and power of strategic mentoring relationships in the post information age."

■ Then, on Oct. 11, during the Base Community Council Luncheon, held at the Columbus Club, Weeks addressed the Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Impact Report. She emphasized that the total economic impact for 2017's fiscal year was \$271.2 million, a \$10.4 million increase compared to fiscal 2016. The report was measured by the economic impact of



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 Air Force ROTC 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.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
A dissimilar formation of all 14th Flying Training Wing aircraft change their course to fly over the 2018 Wings Over Columbus Open House and Air and Space Show grounds April 20, 2018, over Columbus, Mississippi. Roughly 21,000 people were able to view hours of aerobatic acts and many static displays from the Air Force's current inventory at the 2018 air show.

personnel and payroll, indirect jobs and annual expenditures. Moreover, Weeks took the opportunity to share with the Base Community Council members and attending audience aspects of her new wing mission statement, in which she aims to "Cultivate Airmen to be innovative leaders, Create the world's most advanced military pilots and Connect to each other, our families and community." In early Nov., daylight savings time provided an additional hour of rest, followed by Veterans Day, which included a parade held on Nov. 10 in downtown Columbus.

■ The following month was highlighted with a walking parade, led by Santa, which began at base operations and ended with a traditional Christmas tree lighting ceremony held



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert
Airmen assigned to the 14th Flying Training Wing participate in an Operational Readiness Exercise: Ability to Survive and Operate course Sept. 19, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. ATSO teaches Airmen how to properly use Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear and check for faulty equipment.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gross
Capt. Hunter Barnhill, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, talks to those who came to greet him upon his return from the Department of Defense Warrior Games June 10, 2018, at the Golden Triangle Regional Airport in Columbus, Mississippi. Barnhill spent the past week, June 1-9, competing in shooting, cycling and indoor rowing events, and earned three medals.

on Dec. 4 at the Base Chapel — an event which heralded the end of a long and productive year. Meanwhile, other personnel attended Christmas parties, finished administrative requirements and made plans to share their much needed time off with family and friends.

While December signified the passing of another 12 months, let us remember all we have accomplished during 2018, in an endeavor to fulfill the 14th FTW's mission to Cultivate Airmen, Create Pilots, and Connect.

As the wing moves forward into the year 2018, here's wishing all Team BLAZE members a most fulfilling and prosperous New Year.



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Capt. Phillip Huebner, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, speaks during the Spark Cell grand opening Oct. 19, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The innovation team is requiring all individuals interested in 3D printing to get signed off by a Spark Cell member first to help protect the equipment.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Joshua Matias, 14th Operations Group air traffic control tower chief controller speaks with an afternoon crew June 20, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Matias and 11 others were awarded the 2018 Outstanding Airman of the Year Award by the Air Force Association.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert
U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, 19th Air Force commander, talks to 14th Flying Training Wing squadron commanders at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi Aug. 6, 2018. Doherty discussed the reformation of the 19th Air Force staff and how that will positively affect members at the squadron levels.