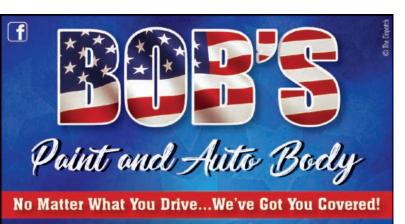
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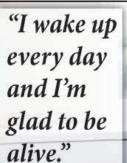


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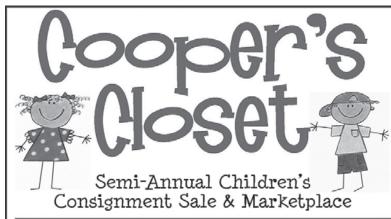
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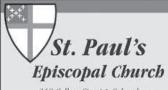
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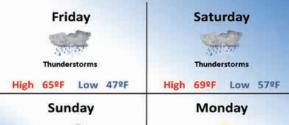
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News Briefs

SUPT Class 19-07 Graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 19-07 graduates at 10 a.m. March 15 at the Kaye Auditorium.

ALS Class 19-3 Burger Burn

ALS Class 19-3 will host a burger burn March 16 at the Stennis Lock and Dam in Columbus. The event celebrates the accomplishments of the class as they progress through their training.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

All new active-duty service members are required to attend the Wing Newcomers Orientation starting at 8 a.m. March 19 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 also encouraged to attend.

Inside



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The 14th MDSS is nighlighted in this week's



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Beaux Heber

A high school student pilots a spaceship using virtual reality at Mississippi State University's Engineering Day March 4, 2019, in Starkville, Mississippi. VR technology is one of the many ways the Air Force is revolutionizing the way pilots are trained.

Team BLAZE connects with students during MSU's Engineering Day

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Senior Airman Beaux Hebert

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

STARKVILLE, Miss.—Several members from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, showcased new innovative technology, the 14th Flying Training Wing is using to revolutionize

pilot training, to high school students at Mississippi State University's Engineering Day.

MSU invited the base to Colvard Student Union along with several other organizations to partner with Bagley College of

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

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Brig. Gen. James Sears, Air Education and Training Command director of plans, programs and requirements, will be the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 19-07's graduation at 10 a.m. March 15 in the Kaye Auditorium.

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The shop is a non-profit and all proceeds benefit Columbus Air Force Base Community.

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March 28: ALS Class 19-3 Graduation

March 28: Spring Pilgrimage Kickoff Party

March 29: Spark Cell

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April 2: IFF Class 19FBC Graduation

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XQ-58A Valkyrie demonstrator completes inaugural flight

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The XQ-58A Valkyrie demonstrator, a long-range, high subsonic unmanned air vehicle completed its inaugural flight March 5, 2019, at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona. The Air Force Research Laboratory partnered with Kratos Unmanned Aerial Systems to develop the XQ-58A

This joint effort falls within the Air Force Research Laboratory's Low Cost Attritable Aircraft Technology, or LCAAT, portfolio, which has the objective to break the escalating cost trajectory of tactically relevant aircraft. The objectives of the LCAAT initiative include designing and building UAS faster by developing better design tools and maturing and leveraging commercial manufacturing processes to reduce build time

Developed for runway independence, the aircraft behaved as expected and completed 76 minutes of flight time. The time to first flight took a little over 2.5 years from contract award. The XQ-58A has a total of five planned test flights in two phases with objectives that include evaluating system functionality, aerodynamic performance and launch and re-

"XQ-58A is the first example of a class of UAV that is defined by low procurement and operating costs while providing AFRL's XO-58A Program Manager.



game changing combat capability," said Doug Szczublewski, The XQ-58A Valkyrie demonstrator, a long-range, high subsonic unmanned air vehicle completed its inaugural flight March 5, 2019 at Yuma Proving Grounds, Arizona.

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

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.



News Around Town

Mumford and Sons Concert

Mumford and Sons, British Alternative Rock band, will perform at 7:30 p.m. March 23 at the Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama. Tickets available online.

Spring Pilgrimage Kickoff Party

Columbus Spring Pilgrimage festivities kick off on March 28, from 5-8 p.m., with

music! The annual community-wide Kickoff Party takes place on the lawn of the Tennessee Williams Home and Welcome Center at 300 Main Street. Boiled crawfish and shrimp plates by Huck's will be available for purchase, complete with all the trimmings. There will be a free concert, and everyone

an outstanding evening of great food and



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Holloman F-16 pilot attends Captain Marvel premiere

Capt. Kaylee Ausbun 49th Wing Public Affairs

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — An instructor pilot assigned to the 311th Fighter Squadron at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, was invited to attend Captain Marvel premiere events in Los Angeles, California, March 3-4, 2019.

Capt. Danielle "Kazi" Park, who was previously stationed at

The release

of this movie

coincides with

the observance of

Women's History

Month, which

occurs every

March.

Nellis AFB, Nevada, flew the star of the film, Brie Larson, as part of a familiarization flight in the F-16 Fighting Falcon, or better known as

the Viper. "I had the awesome opportunity to fly Brie when I was stationed at Nellis," said Capt. Danielle

Park, 311th Fighter Squadron instructor pilot. "She was very friendly and genuinely interested in just a role for her."

to join her husband, Capt. Mathew Park, 314th Fighter Squadron instructor pilot, and instructs student pilots on the skills needed to be future combat-ready fighter pilots. The 311th FS, which is part of the 54th Fighter Group here, is part of the largest F-16 flying training unit in the Air Force.

"Kazi is a phenomenal officer, instructor and fighter pilot," said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Shulman, 311th FS commander. "The Sidewinders are lucky to

Park has over 1,300 flying hours, 361 of which are in combat, and she is an Air Force-level award

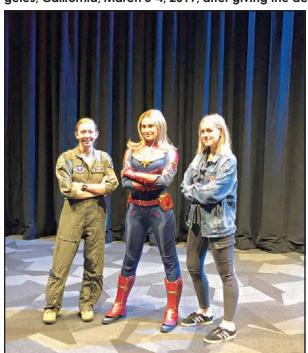
"She is a U.S. Air Force MacKay Trophy winner, former aggressor pilot and now an FTU instructor," said Shulman. "Our nation is lucky to have her teach and lead our newest Viper pilots who will fight and win our nation's wars.

The Mackay Trophy was first presented by Clarence Mackay in 1912 and is awarded for the most meritorious flight of the year by an Air Force person, persons or organization.

The release of this movie coincides with the observance of Women's History Month, which occurs every March.



the life of a female fighter pilot. It was more than Capt. Danielle Park (right), 311th Fighter Squadron instructor pilot, stands next to Brie Larson, who stars in the Captain Marval film, in a hangar at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. in 2018. Park was invited to attend the premiere of Captain Marval in Los An-Park was assigned to Holloman in June 2018 geles, California, March 3-4, 2019, after giving the actress, Brie Larson, a ride in an F-16 Fighting Falcon while stationed at Nellis.





LEFT: Capt. Danielle Park (right), 311th Fighter Squadron instructor pilot, hands patches to a girl dressed in a Captain Marval costume at Disney Land in Anaheim, California, March 3, 2019. Park was invited to attend the premiere of Captain Marval after giving the actress, Brie Larson, a ride in an F-16 Fighting Falcon while stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, Neva-

FAR LEFT: Capt. Danielle Park

(left), 311th Fighter Squadron

instructor pilot, poses with the

Captain Marval Disney charac-

ter impersonator in Los Ange-

les, California, March 4, 2019.

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Air Force Base, Nevada.



Capt. Joseph Barton, 14th Operations Group commander's action group, talks to high student about the innovative technology the Air Force is using to revolutionize pilot training at Mississippi State University's Engineering Day March 4, 2019, in Starkville, Mississippi. Students were able to get a hands-on experience with virtual reality technology and gear pilots wear while flying such as G-suits, pilot helmets and parachute



U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Beaux Heber

High school students experience the new virtual reality technology the 14th Flying Training Wing is using to revolutionize pilot training at Mississippi State University's Engineering Day March 4, 2019, in Starkville, Mississippi. Rather than lecture the students about VR technology, the pilots decided that a hands-on experience would leave

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Engineering and provide students with a hands on and interactive atmosphere. This year's theme was "Space."

Team Blaze connected with over 350 students from Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi at the space-themed event geared toward helping high school students start planning the next few years of their life.

"We are bringing high school students here to expose them to engineering and help them start planning for the future," said Dr. Vemitra White, MSU Bagley College of Engineering director of K-12 educational outreach and support programs.

Capt. Joseph Barton, 14th Operations Group commander's action group, Capt. Adam Evenson, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot and 1st Lt. Timothy Crain, 50th FTS instructor pilot, each had a station displaying the new virtual reality training being used in Specialized Undergrad-

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uate Pilot Training.

Rather than lecture the students about VR technology, the pilots decided that a hands-on experience would leave more to help out the university while interacting with potential of an impression. Students took turns experiencing what

SUPT uses in order to create the world's best military aviators. The students' faces lit up as they watched their friends flying a virtual aircraft and were eager to try it themselves.

"The students seem to really enjoy the hands-on aspect of our exhibit," Barton said. "They get to go up there and see through the eyes of pilots and experience what it's like to fly a military aircraft."

In addition to the VR technology, the pilots also taught the class about G-suits, pilot helmets and parachute harnesses; some of the gear necessary to fly in an Air Force aircraft.

Barton said these types of outreach programs are important because it gives Columbus AFB a chance to connect to the local community. He said both officers and enlisted personnel get a chance to inspire students to pursue their dreams.

"The best part was the interaction with the local community," Barton said. "As a MSU graduate, it was great to be able

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14TH FLYING TRAINING **WING DEPLOYED**

As of press time, 51 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while thev are away.

Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness



Sears to speak at SUPT Class 19-07's graduation

Air Education and Training Command director of plans, programs and requirements, will be the guest speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 19-07's graduation at 10 a.m. March 15 in the Kaye Auditorium.

Sears is responsible for planning and programming \$7.6 billion annually supporting 60,000 personnel across 22 bases charged with recruiting, training, and educating for the United



States Air Force and our international partners. He develops AETC's inputs to the Program Objective Memorandum, eads AETC Strategic Planning, and manages flying training and technical training operational capability requirements.

He was commissioned in 1991 as a graduate from the United States Air Force Academy. He has commanded the 61st Fighter Squadron, 20th Operations Group, 14th Flying Training Wing, and 455th Air Expeditionary Wing and has held a variety of staff positions. His flight experience includes C-130 low level special operations, every conventional mission in the F-16, and three AETC assignments as an instructor pilot. Prior to his current assignment he was the AETC Director of Intelligence, Operations, and Nucle-

Sears is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flying nia, Yemen, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Science in political science, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. 1997 Master of Arts in human resource development,

Webster University

1998 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base,

2003 Air Command and Staff College, by correspon-

2005 Air War College, by correspondence

strategy, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2011 Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership

2012 Executive Leadership Development Program, ditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan Darden School of Business, University of Virginia

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. August 1991 September 1992, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
- 2. October 1992 January 1993, student, C-130 Formal Training Unit, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
- 3. January 1993 December 1995, C-130 Aircraft Commander, Special Operations Low-Level II Pilot, and mission scheduler, 40th and 41st Airlift Squadrons, Pope AFB, N.C.
- 4. December 1995 March 1998, Assistant Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, T-3A Instructor Pilot, Chief Spin Pilot, and Flight Examiner, 557th Flying Training Squadron, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
- 5. April 1998 Jun 1999, student, F-16 Formal Training
- 6. July 1999 April 2002, Wing Training and Life Support Officer, Flight Commander, and F-16 Mission Commander, 18th Fighter Squadron, Eielson AFB, Alaska
- 7. May 2002 April 2003, Assistant Director of Operations, F-16 Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner, 35th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Base, South Korea
- 8. April 2003 June 2005, Deputy Director, Pacific Air Forces Commander's Action Group, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
- 9. July 2005 June 2006, Senior Developmental Educahours, including contingency and combat sorties over Bostion Student, Joint Advanced Warfighting School, National Defense University, Naval Air Station Norfolk, Va.
 - 10. July 2006 July 2007, Chief of Wing Safety, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.
 - 11. July 2007 October 2008, Commander, 61st Fighter **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION** Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
 - 12. October 2008 August 2010, Special Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe and
 - Commander, U.S. European Command, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe, Belgium
 - 13. August 2010 June 2012, Commander, 20th Operations Group, Shaw AFB, S.C.
- 14. June 2012 July 2014, Commander, 14th Flying 2006 Master of Science in joint campaign planning and Training Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss.

15. July 2014 – May 2016, Director of Assignments and AEF Operations, Headquarters Air Force Personnel

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Center, JB San Antonio-Randolph, Texas 16. June 2016 – June 2017, Commander, 455th Air Expe-

- 17. July 2017 April 2018, Director of Intelligence, Operations, and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, JB San Antonio Randolph.
- 18. April 2018 present, Director of Plans, Programs and Requirements, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, JB San Antonio-Randolph, Texas

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2008 - August 2010, Special Assistant to the SACEUR and Commander, USEUCOM, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe, Belgium as a lieutenant col-

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot Flight hours: More than 3,600 Aircraft flown: C-130E, T-3A, F-16, and T-38C

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Second Lieutenant May 29, 1991 First Lieutenant May 29, 1993 Captain May 29, 1995 Major April 1, 2002 Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2006 Colonel October 1, 2009 Brigadier General June 24, 2016

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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.)

Career Exploration & Planning Track Workshop

The next Career Exploration & Planning Track workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 11-12 in the A&FRC. This workshop helps members identify skills, increase awareness of training and credentialing programs, and develop an action plan to achieve career goals. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

Federal USA Jobs Workshop

The next Federal USA Jobs workshop is from 9-10:30 a.m. March 13. 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.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation is from 8 a.m.-noon March 19. 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 is from 5-7 p.m. March 28. This monthly social event is for family members whose sponsor is deployed, on a remote tour or TDY for more than 30 days. To register or for more information, please call A&-FRC at (662) 434-2790.

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

The next Transition Assistance Program workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. April 1-5 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.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link is from 8:30 a.m.-noon April 11 in the A&FRC. This half-day program is open to all spouses of active-duty military members assigned to Columbus AFB. Attend-Air Force, in the local area and at Columbus at (662) 434-2790.

Youth Center Gym Grand Opening



Col. Gary Hayward, 14th Mission Support Group commander, talks to parents about the renovated basketball gym Feb. 23, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. The gym flooring and the basketball goals were the focus of the renovations.

AFB from local subject matter experts including spouse leaders. 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. May 9-10. 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.

Bundles for Babies

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

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 locaees will receive information about life in the tions. For more information, please call A&FRC

Sponsorship Training

An electronic version of sponsorship training called eSponsorship Application & Training (eSAT) is now available. It can be found on the Military Installations homepage militaryinstallations.dod.mil, under "Are You A Sponsor?" For additional information, please contact the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

Survivor Benefit Plan

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

Installation Voting Assistance Office A&FRC houses the Voting Assistance Of-

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e-mail: vote.columbus@us.af.mil.

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.

the Installation VAO at (662) 434-2701/2790 or

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.

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 24 months prior to retirement Counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m., and it takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact 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 Fall)

4 p.m. – Choir Practice

p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)

p.m. – Mass

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

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

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

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Get Connected with Your New Base App!

As a way to connect people together, Columbus Air Force Base launched a new app to connect Airmen and families to the mission and community! The app is available on all app stores and can be found by searching 'Columbus Air Force Base'

Lunch Buffets at the Overrun

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

Free Breakfast for Club Members

Start your morning off at the Overrun with free breakfast for club members and \$8 for non-members from 6:30-9 a.m. March 19. Become a club member and save! For more information, con-

National Pancake Day at the Strike Zone Bowl-

The Strike Zone Bowling Center is celebrating national Pancake Day on March 12 with 2 for \$1 pancakes!! Stop in between 6:30-10:30 a.m. and celebrate this glorious holiday with us! Call

Glow Run and After Party

The Fitness Center in association with the Columbus Club will be hosting the Glow run on March 16 starting at 6 p.m. Glow sticks will be available to all participants. After the run join us at the Columbus Club for the Glow Run after Party, music, food and drink specials, bounce castles and kids' games will be available. For more information, call 434-2772.

FREE Bowling Day!!

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Strike Zone Bowling Center with Free Bowling All Day on Friday, March 15, 2019. Food and drinks will be available for purchase and Cosmic Bowling will begin at 5 p.m. Green beer will also be available for those 21 and over. Call 434-3426 for more information.

Skydive Alabama

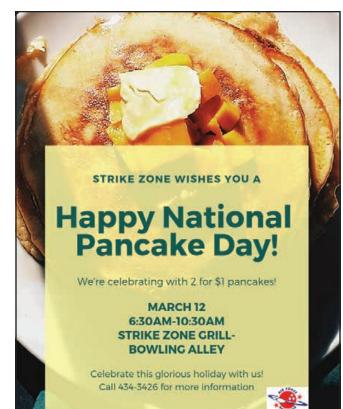
Outdoor Recreation is hosting a Skydiving trip to Vinemont, Alabama, on March 23 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. \$50 per person includes admission, instructors, transportation, snacks and drinks. Must be 19 or over to sign up. Deadline to sign up is March 18. For more information, contact ODR 434-2505

Casino Trip

Hop on the Bus and ride in comfort to the Silver Star and Martial Arts Golden Moon Casinos March 23, 2019, bus will depart from the older to participate, event takes place rain or shine. No refunds. at 434-2504. No cancellations. For more information, contact 434-7861.

St. Patrick's Day North Alabama Picnic Wine Trail

Let the shenanigans begin! Join us on March 16, 2019 as we take you on a 3 winery tour. Meet at the BX parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and arrive at Jules Berta vineyards, then move through two fice at (662) 434-7861.



other wineries for food, wine and perhaps you'll also find your Pot O' Gold. \$40 per person, must sign up by March 9 at 4 p.m. Must be 21 and older to participate, event takes place rain or shine. No refunds. No cancellations. For more information, contact

Theme Thursdays at the Overrun

Join us every Thursday in March as we enter into March Madness! Themed trivia along with \$0.45 wings, drink specials and sports games on TV's. Call 434-2489 for more information.

E5 and up VS. E4 and below Paintball battle

Outdoor Recreation presents E5 and up VS. E\$ and below Paintball battle, on March 30 from 9 a.m.-noon, teams of 8 vs 8 will compete. \$25 per participant, paintballs included. For more information, contact 434-2505.

Assignment Night Transportation

Book Assignment Night transportation with ITT! Reserve the bus, the van or both! The cost is only \$30 per hour for Columbus and local areas; a \$30 deposit is required and applied to the total cost of reservation. Reservation must be a minimum of four hours and reserved in person. For more information, contact 434-7861.

Martial Arts classes are available at the Youth Center every Instructors Needed BX parking lot at 3 p.m. \$30 per person. Each participant will Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. receive two free inreceive \$20 in Bonus Bucks to use at the Casinos. Must be 21 and troductory classes, contact the Youth Center 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 of-

Storytime Schedule

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

FSS Gift Cards

Make your shopping easier! Purchase or redeem your FSS 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.

Horse Boarding Available

The CAFB Riding Stables usually has stall space available. For pricing and more information, contact Outdoor Recreation

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.

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 is Open Friday Nights

The Overrun is open Fridays 4:30 p.m. until Midnight. Excluding Graduation nights. For more information, contact 434-2489.

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.

Wood Shop is OPEN!

The Wood Shop is back in business! They are open Mon-Thurs. from 10-5 and Saturday 8-4, call 4347836 for more infor-

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.

The Youth Center is seeking instructors for tumbling classes, dance classes, piano and guitar lessons. For more information, contact the Youth Center.

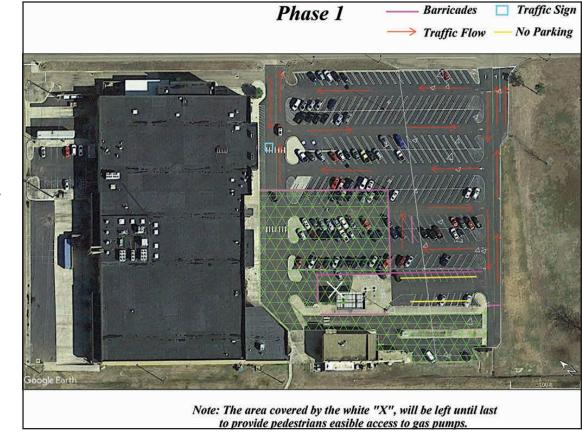
Fitness on Request

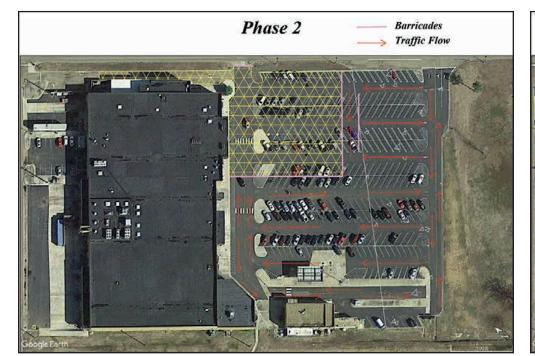
The Fitness Center offers a truly comprehensive group fitness platform that is available all day and completely customizable to meet your needs with 119 different classes on the Fitness on Request system. For more information, call 434-2772.

Paving operations to effect parking in BX, Commissary areas starting March 16

Beginning March 18, the parking lots for the Base Exchange and Commissary on Columbus Air Force Base will undergo a threephase repaving plan. It's being completed in three phases in order to accommodate continued access for shoppers. The estimated completion date is projected to be the end of July or early August. The images reflect the order in which repaying will be done.

Patrons should be aware that weather plays a role in the timeline for construction, which makes it difficult to give exact dates for completion.







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Fire Safety: Dryers and washing machines

14th Civil Engineer Squadron fire inspector

Doing laundry is most likely part of your everyday routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer and washing machine is to the safety of your home?



safety tips you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

Between 2010-2014, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 15,970 home fires involving clothes dryers or washing machines each year. These fires resulted in annual losses estimated at 13 deaths, 440 injuries, and \$238 million in property damage.

Columbus AFB Fire & Emergency Services rec-

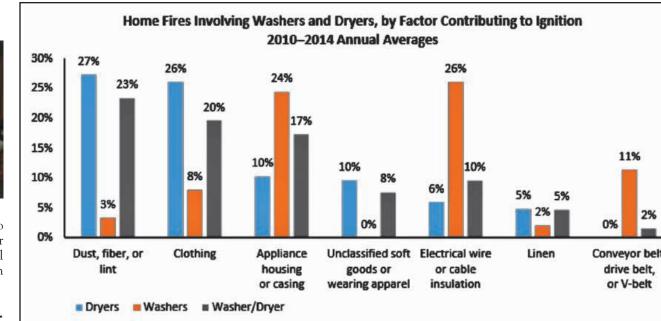
• Refrain from doing laundry when you are away from home. In the event a malfunction occurs or a fire erupts or a water line bursts, being home will allow you to take action such as dialing 911, using a portable fire extinguisher, or shutting off the water to reduce damage.

• Do not use the dryer without a lint filter. If the lint filter

is damaged or missing, replace it with new. Clean the lint filter after each load of laundry.

 Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted or bent and the

outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more



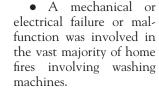
often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe.

- inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.
- Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc.

Facts and figures

- Clothes dryers accounted for 92 percent of the fires; washing machines 4 percent, and washer and dryer combinations accounted for 5 percent.
- The leading factor contributing to the ignition of home

fires involving clothes dry ers was failure to clean, ac-• Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be counting for one-third (33 percent) of dryer fires.



 Fires involving clothes dryers usually started with the ignition of something that was being dried or was a byproduct

(such as lint) of drying, while washing machine fires usually involved the ignition of some part of the appliance.

Data from National Fire Protection Association

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Change on the horizon

14th Medical Support Sauadron commander

More change on the horizon, connecting never meant so much as is does right now for our medical professionals here at Columbus. The Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) has embarked on one of the biggest updates to how we do business in the history of the AFMS.

Congress directed a transformational change that includes Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force medical enterprises to combine under one agency. The new agency is the Defense Health Agency (DHA), which will bring all medical capabilities under one headquarters to oversee the operational aspect of military medicine.

How does this affect us here at the Columbus AFB?

From the BLAZE MEDICS perspective; our goal here at the 14th Medical Group is to limit any impact on the patient and our mission. We have already started developing a plan to transition, to include a detailed performance analysis for near and short term time lines. The planning phase remains fluid, we anticipate some adjustments, please be patient with us. As always we focus on delivering safe, effective and efficient care. We'll hold everything to make sure our patients are safe.

From the WING perspective; you will see name chang-tirelessly to care for you and make this change seamless to our

es on the signs but the same people will be providing the care, Readiness continues to be our No. 1 job, in the coming months we will convert our 14th Medical Operations Squadron (MDOS) to the 14th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron (OMRS) where we will focus on medical readiness for our active duty population much like we currently operate. The 14th Medical Support Squadron (MDSS) will change to the 14th Health Care Operations Squadron (HCOS) where we will continue to provide the behind the scenes support of logistics, systems and resource management. Ancillary services will continue, those functions will fall under the HCOS to include Pharmacy, Lab and Radiology services. The TRI-CARE element will also continue as a beneficiary service to our patients and the HCOS will add some overlapping direct patient care access as well.

The 14th MDG executive leadership team has been providing critical feedback directly to DHA to shape the future of the 14th MDG. We have worked hard on our strategic initiatives to align our cultivating mindset with this emerging medical construct. We have stressed the importance of our mission to create pilots to our DHA leadership. The care you receive will continue to be world class, next time you have the opportunity to connect with a medical professional ask them how they are doing they'll be busy but they will work

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Our commitment to deliver the health benefit in a safe, efctive and efficient manner remains our priority. We request your patience, support and open communication to facilitate the upcoming changes. We will use all available resources to keep Team BLAZE informed. As always follow our Facebook page and the Wing App for updates.

Patient Safety Awareness Week 2019

The 14th Medical Group joins nationwide effort to promote patient safety awareness

courage the engagement of patients, fami-The 14th Medical Group announced today its participation in Patient Safety Awareby the Institute for Healthcare Improve-

Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 10-16, 2019 is intended to spark dialogue, promote action to improve the safety of the health care system for patients and the workforce, and instill the message that "every day is patient safety day."

courages health care organizations around the world to take part by helping to increase awareness among their team and in their will be set up in the main waiting area with Patient-Safety-Awareness-Week/Pages/

In an effort to raise awareness and en- safety and the prevention of medical harm.

"While there have been improvements there is still much work to be done," said have the infrastructure and resources that hospitals have put in place to address safety. care remains a challenge.

planned activities to educate team members and engage patients as well as educational ence in patient safety.' During this recognition week, IHI en- outreach to the broader community, includ-

A Patient Safety Awareness Week booth http://www.ihi.org/Engage/Initiatives/ community of the importance of patient educational material as well as gifts from default.aspx

"I am proud of the work that our team lies, health care providers, and the public, in patient safety over the past 20 years, does every day to support our Wing mission and make the 14th Medical Group a lead-Tejal K. Gandhi, MD, MPH, CPPS, Chief ing health care provider in our community, ness Week, an annual recognition week led Clinical and Safety Officer at IHI. "For says Col. Guy R. Majkowski, 14th MDG example, most ambulatory settings do not commander. "Patient Safety Awareness Week is a time to recognize the work that has been done, reflect, educate and engage. Improving safety across the continuum of Everyone– from providers to patients and family members - plays a role in ensuring To observe the week, The 14th MDG has safe care. By uniting together and sharing that common goal, we can make a differ-

> For more information about Patient Safety Awareness Week, please see



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BLAZE Hangar Tails: B-2 Spirit

The B-2 Spirit is a multi-role bomber capable of delivering forward in technology, the bomber represents a major mile- of four and the B-52's crew of five. stone in the U.S. bomber modernization program. The B-2 brings massive firepower to bear, in a short time, anywhere on **Background** the globe through previously impenetrable defenses.

trate an enemy's most sophisticated defenses and threaten its B-2. most valued, and heavily defended, targets. Its capability to penetrate air defenses and threaten effective retaliation pro-

ogies with high aerodynamic efficiency and large payload Okla. gives the B-2 important advantages over existing bombers. Its low-observability provides it greater freedom of action at high altitudes, thus increasing its range and a better field of view for the aircraft's sensors. Its unrefueled range is approximately 6,000 nautical miles (9,600 kilometers).

of reduced infrared, acoustic, electromagnetic, visual and ra- and back. The B-2 completed its first-ever combat deploydar signatures. These signatures make it difficult for the soment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, flying 22 sorties phisticated defensive systems to detect, track and engage the from a forward operating location as well as 27 sorties from B-2. Many aspects of the low-observability process remain Whiteman AFB and releasing more than 1.5 million pounds classified; however, the B-2's composite materials, special of munitions. The aircraft received full operational capability coatings and flying-wing design all contribute to its "stealth-status in December 2003. On Feb. 1, 2009, the Air Force's

The B-2 has a crew of two pilots, a pilot in the left seat and both conventional and nuclear munitions. A dramatic leap mission commander in the right, compared to the B-1B's crew

The first B-2 was publicly displayed on Nov. 22, 1988, when it was rolled out of its hangar at Air Force Plant 42, Palmdale, California. Its first flight was July 17, 1989. The B-2 The B-2 provides the penetrating flexibility and effec- Combined Test Force, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards tiveness inherent in manned bombers. Its low-observable, or Air Force Base, California, is responsible for flight testing the "stealth," characteristics give it the unique ability to pene- engineering, manufacturing and development aircraft on the

Whiteman AFB, Missouri, is the only operational base for the B-2. The first aircraft, Spirit of Missouri, was delivered vides a strong, effective deterrent and combat force well into Dec. 17, 1993. Depot maintenance responsibility for the B-2 is performed by Air Force contractor support and is managed The revolutionary blending of low-observable technolar the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker AFB,

The combat effectiveness of the B-2 was proved in Operation Allied Force, where it was responsible for destroying 33 percent of all Serbian targets in the first eight weeks, by flying nonstop to Kosovo from its home base in Missouri and back. In support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the B-2 flew one The B-2's low observability is derived from a combination of its longest missions to date from Whiteman to Afghanistan

newest command, Air Force Global Strike Command, assumed responsibility for the B-2 from Air Combat Command.

The prime contractor, responsible for overall system design and integration, is Northrop Grumman Integrated Systems Sector. Boeing Military Airplanes Co., Hughes Radar Systems Group, General Electric Aircraft Engine Group and Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc., are key members of the aircraft contractor team.

General characteristics

Primary function: multi-role heavy bomber

Contractor: Northrop Grumman Corp. and Contractor Team: Boeing Military Airplanes Co., Hughes Radar Systems Group, General Electric Aircraft Engine Group and Vought Aircraft Industries, Inc.

Power plant: four General Electric F118-GE-100 engines

Thrust: 17,300 pounds each engine Wingspan: 172 feet (52.12 meters)

Length: 69 feet (20.9 meters)

Height: 17 feet (5.1 meters) **Weight:** 160,000 pounds (72,575 kilograms)

Maximum takeoff weight: 336,500 pounds (152,634 ki-

Fuel capacity: 167,000 pounds (75750 kilograms)

Payload: 40,000 pounds (18,144 kilograms)

Speed: high subsonic

Range: intercontinental

Ceiling: 50,000 feet (15,240 meters)

Armament: conventional or nuclear weapons

Crew: two pilots

Unit cost: Approximately \$1.157 billion (fiscal 1998 con-

Initial operating capability: April 1997

Inventory: active force: 20 (1 test); ANG: 0; Reserve: 0



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Gerald Willi

A U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit bomber takes off Jan. 11, 2018 from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Approximately 200 Airmen and three B-2s from Whiteman AFB, Missouri, deployed to Andersen AFB in support of U.S. Pacific Command's (PACOM) Bomber Assurance and Deterrence mission. U.S. Strategic Command bombers regularly rotate through the Indo-Pacific region to conduct U.S. PACOM-led air operations, providing leaders with deterrent options to maintain regional stability. During this short-term deployment, the B-2s will conduct local and regional training sorties and will integrate capabilities with key regional partners, ensuring bomber crews maintain a high state of readiness and crew proficiency.



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sqt. Russ Scalf

A B-2 Spirit bomber deployed from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, flies near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, during an interoperability training mission Jan. 15, 2019. The aircraft are flying in support of a U.S. Strategic Command Bomber Task Force mission. U.S. Strategic Command's Bomber Forces regularly conduct combined theater security cooperation engagements with allies and partners, demonstrating the U.S. capability to command, control and conduct bomber missions across the globe.

Defending the base: Changes coming to Main and South Gate entry, exit areas

14th Security Forces Squadron commander

Defending the base is a critical part of the 14th Flying Training Wing mission to Cultivate Airmen, Create Pilots, and Connect.

The 14th Security Forces Squadron has a mission to protect and provide a safe environment for the men and women on Columbus AFB. It is my job as the 14th SFS commander to reach out and create an environment of understanding and transparency. There are times the measures may cause minor inconveniences to the people who work here.

Near the end of March and beginning of April, you will see construction and changes at the Main and South Gate. We will be installing speed bumps, a 5 mph speed limit sign, and reverse entry tire shredders in the outbound lanes. Early in 2018, there was an Air Force wide review of installation the more basic needs. Without security and safety, belongingsecurity at the perimeter and entry control points. The 14th FTW commander directed the 14th SFS and Civil Engineer Squadron to form a team to evaluate the installation perimeter and entry control points. The 14th FTW commander with base agencies, develops measures to defend the base. then personally visited the Main and South Gates to discuss options to improve installation security. After a review of opsecure environment to Cultivate, Create and Connect. How-

tions the team put together and a discussion with several base ever, we are also part of the community and believe in being agencies, the 14th FTW commander approved adding these features to the outbound lanes.

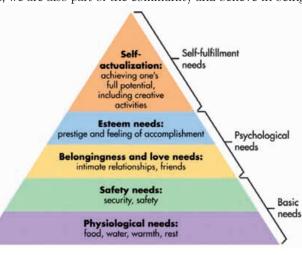
These features will help to prevent potential harm to the installation by significantly damaging the tires of a vehicle trying to bypass the entry control point. They are low profile and reliable. We will also be able to secure the teeth for special events to allow traffic to use all lanes. We reached out to other installations that have success with these features.

There is very little chance of inadvertent damage when drivers drive over the shredders in the proper direction with wheels straight and follow the speed limit of 5 mph.

According to Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, security and safety is a basic need right after the physiological needs of food, water, warmth, and rest. According to Maslow's theories, the higher needs cannot be met without meeting ness and love needs – connecting, esteem needs – Cultivating/Creating, and self-actualization – Cultivating/Creating, cannot be addressed. That is where 14th SFS, in cooperation

We are here to defend the base and provide a safe and

achieving one's full potential, including creative



transparent where possible and as a Security Forces member,

always approachable. Thank you for your time, support, and understanding.



Don't text while driving.



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I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN: WINGMAN, LEADER, WARRIOR. I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND,

AND I WILL NOT FAIL.

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

Airman Valerie Argumedo, 14th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician, prepares to give a customer their prescription March 4, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Over 109,000 prescriptions are written for over 18,000 thousand beneficiaries yearly.

Hub of the Kortiz Clinic: The 14th MDSS pharmacy

Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Each year 109,000 prescriptions are written for over 18,000 beneficiaries, and each week roughly 1,500 patients are seen by the 14th Medical Support Squadrons pharmacy technicians.

The pharmacy works diligently to make sure every prescription is filed and filled correctly to the very last pill, allowing the 14th Medical Group to keep Airmen, family members and retirees healthy as possible while completing the mission.

"We also maintain all the medication throughout the Kortiz Clinic so each unit can provide in-clinic service," said Maj. Steven Osakue Ir., 14th MDSS Diagnostics and Therapeutics Flight commander. "We also have a cough-and-cold program where we are able to give medication to help with common cold symptoms."

Sometimes pilots will have an ailment or illness that needs to be treated, and Osakue said, "That's where we come in and make sure they are prescribed the right medications so they can

get back into the cockpit."

With a small team working with so many patients each week, with a pharmacist. every extra minute counts, so the 14th MDSS implemented kiosks across the medical group so patients can scan their identification cards and let the pharmacists know who is on their way their medications ready." to pick up a prescription.

ber," said Staff Sgt. Joanna Sanchez, NCO in-charge of pharmacy services. "This feature is so you can receive a text message when your prescription is ready. Right now it only works for peosystem to text those with refills or special orders."

come at first by customers, but Osakue and Sanchez noted the helping. new kiosks are the first of several new improvements coming to the 14th MDSS to improve customer quality of life.

to work with a program that will show the prescriptions or med—with you, we'll have something to give you in order to help."

ications available and see what their refills are before meeting

"A system like that would give us a good head start," Osakue said "Before they would be called up we could potentially have

The pharmacy had won a 14th Medical Groups innova-"When you sign into the kiosk it will ask for your phone num-tion team of the quarter, an award showing how proactive and creative the team is when finding the best ways to serve their friends, family, and fellow Airmen.

Both Osakue and Sanchez had stories from their previous ple waiting on a prescription, but we are working on getting the duty locations that helped them enjoy their jobs to this day. It was unanimous their care for patients drives them and their Some new technological improvements are not always wel- Airmen to continue working for the 14th MDSS pharmacy and

"We reach each clinic and touch almost every patient with our prescriptions," Osakue said. "You can walk past every unit in A 14th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician counts pills for a They are projected to implement a system allowing the kiosk the medical group, but almost anytime there's something wrong



customer's prescription March 4, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mis-



Capt. Whitney Howard, 14th Medical Support Squadron pharmacist, works on refilling prescriptions March 4, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, Pharmacists work with technicians to approve prescriptions and ensure customers are receiving the right care.



Airman Valerie Argumedo, 14th Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician, speaks to a customer March 4, 2019, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Roughly 1,500 patients are seen weekly by the 14th Medical Support Squadrons pharmacy technicians.