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- Salons, barber shops and other personal care/grooming establishments.
- State and local parks are allowed.
- Freedom park access from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. You must wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before and after playing at the park. 50 people maximum in line with Governor's outdoor guidance.
- The base pool is open under limitations.
- Overnight lodging facilities.
- Arts and Crafts, and bowling center with limitations.
- Dining-in has been allowed at restaurants.

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- Bars, casinos or breweries or similar establishments are prohibited.
- Gyms, bowling centers, theaters, auditoriums and events off base are prohibited.

**Gathering limitations:**

- 20 people indoors and 50 people outdoors
- 6' physical distancing
- Personal hygiene is key
- Cloth face covering if physical distance can't be maintained



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Davis Donaldson  
Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Walter Boltwood, assistant Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) chief controller, points to a radar and chats with his peers on Jan. 7, 2020, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. Responsible for managing the flow of aircraft through all aspects of their flight, Air Traffic Control specialists ensure the safety and efficiency of air traffic on the ground and in the air.

## Controller commemorated with 40 years of ATC

**Airman 1st Class Davis Donaldson**  
14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Walter Boltwood, assistant Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) chief controller, celebrated 40 accumulated years of air traffic control with friends and family at the ATC tower on January 7, 2020, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

To help commemorate the significant occasion, Boltwood remotely cleared Lt. Col. Jennifer Prouty, 14th Operations Sup-

port Squadron commander, for take-off, which was also the first of the duty day.

Boltwood said there were ups, downs and challenges to get to this point his career, one of which being the attacks on 9/11, but with the help of others he managed to face and overcome the obstacles along the way.

“I was the RAPCON watch supervisor the morning of the horrific events, securing the airspace and ensuring no other

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# COVID-19

## Coronavirus Disease 2019

# Officials discuss COVID-19 vaccine deliveries, prioritization criteria

By David Vergun  
DOD News

There's been significant progress in getting the COVID-19 vaccines out to the states, said Army Gen. Gustave F. Perna, the chief operating officer of Operation Warp Speed.

Thus far, 25 million doses of the Moderna and the Pfizer Inc.-BioNTech vaccines have been sent to 16,000 locations throughout the United States, he said.

Perna; Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Dr. Moncef Slaoui, chief advisor to OWS; and, Alex M. Azar II, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, briefed the news media today on OWS.

"The cadence of allocations, the cadence of orders, the cadence of picking and packing, the cadence of what's being shipped, has really become a remarkable feat for all of us, and the whole of America to be proud of," Perna said. "The result will be a safe and effective vaccine delivered to the American people."

OWS, in collaboration with pharmacies Walgreens and CVS have made significant progress in getting vaccines out to many of the 70,000 skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, he said.

In less than a month, 11,000 of those facilities have received the first dose of vaccines, he said, and 12,000 more are scheduled this week, with similar numbers for the weeks following.

Perna acknowledged the hard work of Moderna, Pfizer, distributor McKesson Corp., United Parcel Service, Inc. and FedEx Corp., who he said are working 24 hours a day, seven days a week to deliver the vaccine in a timely manner.

Azar said that "we've seen substantial rises in American's confidence in these vaccines and interest in taking them."

Over the last several days, OWS has averaged around 700,000 reported vaccinations each day and OWS is on track to



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Samuel Colvin  
**Air Force Tech. Sgt. Robert Smalling, the 673d Healthcare Operations Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of family health, administers the first of a two-dose series of a COVID-19 vaccine to Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Kristopher Berg, the Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Alaskan Command and Eleventh Air Force command chief, at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, Jan. 4, 2021.**

reach 1 million per day within about 10 days or less, he said. A total of 9 million first vaccinations have already been given.

By the end of next week, 95% of long-term care facilities will have had first dose vaccines administered, Azar added.

Azar said he's telling states to allow people 65 and older to now receive the vaccine, as well as those who are younger and who have a comorbidity with medical documentation.

"We're expanding the groups getting vaccinated because state restrictions on eligibility have obstructed speed and accessibility of administration," he explained.

"There was never a reason states needed to complete vaccinating all healthcare providers before opening vaccinations to older Americans and other vulnerable populations," he added.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Samuel Colvin

**Upon receiving the initial shipment of the vaccine, part of which is shown here, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, began inoculating personnel following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's prioritization guidelines.**

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### Pre- and Post-Deployment Tour Briefing

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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. Please contact A&FRC at (662) 434-2790 to schedule a counseling session and/or for more information.

### Employment Workshop

An employment workshop on local and base employment opportunities is held every Wednesday, 1-2 p.m. This program provides military families and DoD civilian members individual assessment and career counseling to assist with local employment, preparation for future endeavors via education, job search, or self-owned business objectives in the local area. For more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

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mation, please call (662) 434-2839.

### Military and Family Life Counselor Program

Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLCs) 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.

### Sponsorship Training

An electronic version of sponsorship training called eSponsorship Application & Training (eSAT) is the required training course to become a sponsor. It can be found in Military One Source's MilLife Learning training Course Catalog at this link <https://militaryonesource.mil/MOS/f?p=-SIS:2:0::More online resources are available on Columbus AFB Living at https://www.columbusafbiving.com/airmen-family-readiness-center/relocaiton-assistance/electronic-sponsor-resources/>. For additional information, please contact the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Davis Donaldson

**Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Walter Boltwood, assistant Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) chief controller, looks through binoculars as a T-6A Texan II prepares to taxi on a runway on Jan. 7, 2020, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The pilot in the T-6 was Lt. Col. Jennifer Prouty, 14th Operations Support Squadron commander. Prouty wanted Boltwood to clear her for take-off to acknowledge the anniversary.**

### ATC

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aircraft were able to penetrate our airspace," Boltwood said. "Our ATC team acted professionally, preparing for the continued protection of our freedom from terrorists ruining the mission. The support of my co-workers, supervisors and leadership helped in overcoming my challenges throughout the years."

Boltwood, originally from Long Island, New York, started his career at Columbus AFB in June of 1980. As an airman, Boltwood had many assignments and throughout his 23 years in the military, he went to places such as, California, Spain, Honduras, Alaska and Hungary.

When Boltwood retired from the service in February of 2002, he decided he wanted to continue his journey in ATC at Columbus AFB, but as a civilian worker.

"To stay in Columbus was the obvious choice and I haven't regretted my decision at all," Boltwood said. "We're one of the busiest facilities in the Air Force and I've always enjoyed the challenge, personnel and comradery we have instilled here."

Two of Boltwood's friends attending the anniversary were Ret. U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Albert Bordelon and Ret. U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Fredrick Sumner, both prior co-workers of Boltwood.

Both Bordelon and Sumner described what it was like to work with Boltwood.

Sumner said Boltwood made an impact on everyone he worked with, including those above him.

"He was conscientious, dedicated and worked hard to carry out every duty assigned to him," Sumner said. "He never failed to give 100 percent to achieve the very best results possible. He was well respected by the chief of air traffic control



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Davis Donaldson

**Memorabilia of Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Walter Boltwood, assistant Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) chief controller. Providing specialized skills, air traffic controllers make quick decisions while monitoring many variables to keep bases, air-space and Airmen all over the world safe.**



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**U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jennifer Prouty, 14th Operations Support Squadron commander, shakes hands with, Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Walter Boltwood, assistant Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) chief controller on Jan. 7, 2020, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The photo was taken shortly after Prouty taxied on the flightline and Boltwood cleared her for takeoff.**

operations, the tower chief controller and staff."

Bordelon had Boltwood as a subordinate and described him as a very personable and energetic airman who was eager to learn.

"I worked with Mr. Boltwood in the early 80s when he was a young airman in the old Columbus Control Tower," Bordelon said. "He had no trouble grasping air traffic control principles and applying them in a professional manner. Walt is well-deserving of recognition for his outstanding 40 years of service to the U.S. Air Force, especially at Columbus AFB."



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**(Back Row, Left to Right) Retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Walter Boltwood, assistant Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) chief controller, Ret. U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Albert Bordelon, Boltwood's prior co-worker, Ret. U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Fredrick Sumner, Boltwood's prior co-worker and (Front) Mrs. Aimee Boltwood, Boltwood's wife, pose for a photo on January 7, 2020, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. One of the primary reasons Boltwood stayed at Columbus AFB was because his son was attending school in Lowndes County at the time.**



## Base information briefs

### 2021 Personal Goal 1:

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### Weight Airmen Promotion System (WAPS) Testing:

The upcoming TSgt (21E6) promotion test dates are 15 Feb.-15 Apr. 21. Airmen eligible to test this cycle should review the Enlisted Promotions References and Requirements Catalog (EPRRC) and e-World references at <https://www.omsq.af.mil> for current study references.

### Base Exchange Hours:

Effective the 31st of January 2021, the Exchange will resume opening on Sunday and Monday. The hours will be Sunday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

## 2021 Annual Shred Day Event

Mike Blythe  
14th Civil Engineer Squadron

On January 28, 2021, 14 Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) /Environmental Management (CEIE) will be conducting their annual Shred Day Event at building 926 from 9:00-1130. This event is for all personnel with base access that require personal or work related material to be shredded. The shredder is approved for unclassified material only. CES cannot shred 3 ring binders or cardboard. However, they do have a shredder at the recycling center where you may drop material off and they will be glad to take care of these for you there. If your flight or squadron should have any excess material generated during an office renovation, end of year clean out, office move, etc., they can assist you. 14 CES/CEIE can bring out their 16 foot caged trailer or extra recycling bins to assist you in recyclable collection during these times. CAFB recycles the following items; all paper, plastic bottles (#1 water bottles and # 2 milk jugs) newspapers, magazines, wooden pallets, batteries, clean glass bottles and cardboard. If you have any questions please call Mike Blythe at 434-7353 or the recycling center at 434-7406.

## Home heating fires

Darren Amos  
Fire Inspector

### Facts about home heating fires:

- From 2013-2015, an average of 45,900 home heating fires occurred in the United States 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.

### SPACE HEATER



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.
- 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



professional.

- 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

### 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

Data from U.S. Fire Administration

### 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.)

"Please note events are subject to change due to COVID-19, so please contact A&FRC to confirm all events"

### Department of Labor Transition Vocational Track Workshop

The next DoL Transition Vocational Track Workshop is from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Jan.19-20 and will be held 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.

### Smooth Move Relocation Workshop

The next Smooth Move is from 10-11 a.m. Jan. 21 in the A&FRC. This workshop is highly recommended for first-time and over-seas relocating members. Get the very latest moving information straight from base-wide relocation assistance agencies. Learn what to expect before you move with information from Tri-Care, Housing, Military Pay, TMO, Medical Records and A&FRC. Be sure to ask any relocating questions you may have during this event. Pre-registration is required, so call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790 to register or for more information.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation will be held on Jan. 26 from 8-11:45 a.m. in the Kaye Auditorium. This event is mandatory for all newly arrived military and DoD civilian personnel. The event's foundation is the base's mobile App, so if you are registered, please locate and download the Columbus Air Force Base App from the App Store prior to attending. Pre-registration is required, so please contact your unit CSS to be registered. For more information, please call the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

### Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The next Entrepreneurship Track Transition workshop will be held on Jan. 28-29 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 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.

## Santa Claus comes to Columbus



U.S. Air Force photo by Sharon Ybarra

Chief Master Sgt. Trevor James, 14th Flying Training Wing command chief, stands with his wife, Santa, and others, during a gift bag giveaway at the Youth Center at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., Dec. 18, 2020. Earlier in the day Santa also virtually read books to children.

### Hearts Apart

The next Hearts Apart will be Jan. 28, from 5-7 p.m. This monthly social event is for family members whose sponsor is deployed, on a remote tour or TDY for more than 30 days. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Bundles for Babies

The next "Zoom" Bundles for Babies workshop is from 1-3:30 p.m., Feb. 11. This program is designed for active duty AF members and/or their spouses who are pregnant or have a child four 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.

### Transition Assistance Program Workshop

The next Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is Mar. 1-5 from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. 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.

### Federal USA Jobs Workshop

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

### Heart Link

The next "Zoom" Heart Link / Spouse Welcome is from 8:30 a.m.-noon, Apr. 8. 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.

### EFMP-FS

Exceptional Family Members Program-Family Support, EFMP-FS, establishes, implements and maintains the FS (community support) entity of the Air Force EFMP in coordination with the Medical & Assignments components by enhancing the quality of life of special needs family members. Feel free to contact 662-434-3323/2790 for any questions related to EFMP or for one-on-one assistance. We can assess your needs and make the proper community referral for you and your family!

### 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.

### Installation Voting Assistance Office

A&FRC houses the Voting Assistance Office (VAO) which is open Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and closed weekends/holidays. The VAO offers voting assistance including voter registration, absentee ballot requests and voting, change of address, and provides answers for other general voting questions to uniformed service members, their family members and civilians with access to A&FRC. Assistance includes but is not limited to aid in preparing and submitting Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) SF-76, Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) SF-186 and National Mail Voter Registration Form (NVRF). The VAO also leads and trains all installation unit voting assistance officers. For more information, please contact the Installation VAO at (662) 434-2701/2790 or e-mail: [vote.columbus@us.af.mil](mailto:vote.columbus@us.af.mil).

### Discovery Resource Center

The Columbus A&FRC has 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.

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### Chapel Schedule

Chapel services are now available.

Catholic Services: 5 p.m. on Sun

Protestant Services: 10:45 a.m. on Sun

Daily Mass: 10 a.m. on Tues and Wed

As we gather for services there is a 50 person limit inside the chapel. Thank you all for your help during this time and we are looking forward to seeing you all soon!

## Commander's Action Line

# 662-434-1414

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](http://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.





## Columbus Air Force Base Information and Events

Join our Facebook page at Columbus AFB Living, Instagram at columbus\_afb\_living, or visit our website at [www.columbusafbliving.com](http://www.columbusafbliving.com) to keep up to date with all the great events happening around base. Check out the calendar on the website for important Airman and Family Readiness Center events. For more information, contact (662) 434-2337.

## Get Connected with Your 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'.

## Back to School Planning

During these times of uncertainty, we want you to be certain of one thing... Columbus AFB School Age Care (SAC) is here to support your needs. During the 2020-2021 School Year, SAC will be offering both after school and full day care services daily. Register today! Please call the Youth Center at (662) 434-2504.

## Strike Zone Grill at the Columbus Club/The Over-run

The Strike Zone Grill (also known as the Snack Bar) has move to The Overrun at The Columbus Club and features DINE-IN and TAKE-OUT service. It's the same great food, same great staff, at a new location. The hours are Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Sat & Sun: Closed. Breakfast is offered until 10:30 a.m. For take-out orders, call (662) 434- 3426.

## Bowling Center

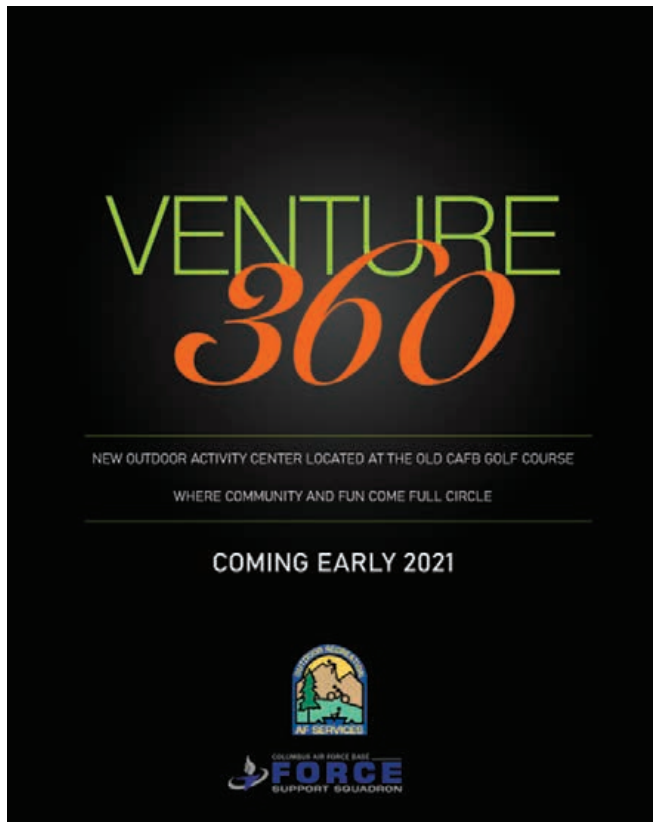
The Bowling Center lanes are open! Hours are Tuesday-Friday: 3 – 9 p.m., Saturday: Noon – 6 p.m. Sign-up via the Bowling Center's Facebook page @ColumbusAFBBowlingCenter. Limited to 4 persons per lane. Maximum of 20 people in the facility. Beverages and packaged snacks will be available during bowling hours. For more information, call (662) 434-3426.

## Library Curbside Delivery

The library is offering curbside delivery. Find your book at [www.columbusafb.mil.asolutions.com](http://www.columbusafb.mil.asolutions.com). Email your order to the library at [14.fss.fsd.library@us.af.mil](mailto:14.fss.fsd.library@us.af.mil). A confirmation email will be sent when your order is ready! Orders received before 11 a.m. will be ready during 1 – 4 p.m. that same day. Before picking up, please make sure you get a confirmation email stating your book is ready for pickup. When you park in the back parking lot, please give the library a call at (662) 434-2934 so the library knows you are there. When returning books, you can drop them off anytime at the book drop off located in the back parking lot of the library. To return DVDs and audiobooks, please call us at (662) 434-2934 on Monday-Friday from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. for an employee to meet you at the back parking lot to pick it up from your car. Please note, all rentals are first come, first serve.

## Arts and Crafts

Stop by Arts & Crafts for all you Framing and Engraving needs! Call A&C at (662) 434-7856 to arrange for curbside pickup.



## Auto Skills Center & Hobby Shop Opening Soon!

For all you shade tree mechanics, the Auto Skills Center is making preparation to reopen soon! It features lifts, air hoses, equipment for self-serve oil and filter changes, tire balance and rotation, and tools for repair and maintenance. Open Friday 3 – 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Follow [ColumbusAFBLiving.com](http://ColumbusAFBLiving.com) and Social Media for updates.

## Fitness Center

The Fitness Center is open and back to normal hours of operations – Monday-Friday: 5 a.m. – 9 p.m., Saturday & Sunday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Check with the Fitness Center for their holiday hours. Now serving all eligible DoD cardholders! And, you can now reserve 90 minute blocks. Space is limited! Patrons must sign up via SignUpGenius to secure a spot/access. The link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/93d7e-de00a2cae5c42-fitness>. There will be no 24/7 access. Please note some important things: 100% ID Card Check. Bathrooms only available. No showers or lockers for use. Bring gym necessities only. No rental equipment. For more information, call the Fitness Center at (662) 434-2772.

## Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation's (ODR) hours are Monday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed Tuesday and Wednesday) and Saturday/Sunday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. ODR offers all sorts of rental for the water, camping, and much more! Call ODR at (662) 434-2505 for all of your outdoor activities.

## Venture 360 Coming Soon!

Outdoor Recreation is excited about Venture 360 coming in early 2021! This is a new outdoor activity center located

at the old CAFB golf course. It will be where community and fun come full circle! Stay tuned to [ColumbusAFBLiving.com](http://ColumbusAFBLiving.com) and social media for updates!

## Coffee House on 5th

Coffee House on 5th, located in the Blaze Commons, is back open to 50% capacity inside. Drive through or come in to enjoy a cup of coffee or a tasty treat. Their hours are Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. – Noon. Call for more information at (662) 434-2233.

## Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT)

Information, Tickets & Travel is back open! Hours are Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday). Come by and check out their new location at Outdoor Recreation building 152. For more information, call (662) 434-7861 or (662) 434-2507.

## 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 (662) 434-7861.

## Exclusive Military Vacation Packages

Did you know that you can book exclusive military vacation packages at ITT and save up to 60%? American Forces Travel is now serving APF and NAF civilians. Packages include Universal Studios and Disney destinations. To book your vacation at [www.americaforcestravel.com](http://www.americaforcestravel.com) or visit your ITT office at (662) 434-7861.

## CAFB Library

The Base Library is offering virtual story time, live craft demonstrations, book clubs and other activities on their Facebook page: @columbusairforcebaselibrary. For more information, contact (662) 434-2934 or send them a direct message on their Facebook page, Columbus Air Force Library.

## FSS Gift Cards

Make your shopping easier! Purchase or redeem your FSS Gift Card at the following locations: Arts and Crafts, Bowling Center, 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 at (662) 434-2505.

## Free Mango Languages

Learn a new language today! Free Mango Languages available at the Base Library; real-life conversations in over 70 languages. For more information, contact (662) 434-2934.

## Lawn Mower and Bicycle Repair

Outdoor Recreation is now offering lawn mower repair and self-help bicycle repair. For more information, contact (662) 434-2507.

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# Air Force rolls out GO Inspire program to increase diversity, attract future leaders

**Master Sgt. Chance Babin**  
Air Force Recruiting Service  
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Air Force Recruiting Service announced the establishment of a program designed to increase diversity in ranks of the two services while attracting the next generation of Airmen and Guardians.

The program dubbed "GO Inspire" began Jan. 1 and rallies general officers to hit the streets with teams of top Airmen and Guardians to inform, influence and inspire young Americans for military service.

"Increasing diversity and attracting the best talent across our Air and Space Forces is a war-fighting imperative for our nation, and as such, general officer leadership is critical," wrote Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., and Chief of Space Operations Gen. Jay Raymond in a memo directing the program.

GO Inspire, with "GO" standing for general officer, is specifically designed for Air and Space Force generals to get out and engage youth and youth influencers from underrepresented groups, or URGs, across the nation. The goal, according to AFRS leadership, is to increase the diversity of its applicant pool in the rated and space communities, as well as the broader Air and Space Forces.

Officials from both services believe that early engagement is key to more diverse leaders in the future. "We must embrace a culture where every general officer is a recruiter," the three leaders wrote. "In order to ensure our future force is ready, lethal and reflective of the society which we serve, we must

better engage our communities. The responsibility to inspire, engage and recruit the next generation of Air and Space Force professionals starts with senior leaders."

While the focus of the program is increasing community and youth engagement by the two services' top leadership, the department is banking on the support team that will accompany the senior leaders to help inspire the younger generation.

"The program is as much about the young, sharp Airmen and Guardians our senior leaders take with them to school and community visits than it is about having a general show up and talk about service in the Air or Space Force," said the department's top recruiter, Maj. Gen. Ed Thomas, AFRS commander.

Thomas said the intent of the GO Inspire program is for every youth to have an opportunity to connect with someone they can identify with. That may be based on race or gender but it could also be where they grew up or simply finding someone who's accomplished their dream.

"GO Inspire gets after this by asking general officers to develop a diverse team of individuals to attend their outreach events with them," Thomas said. "AFRS's Aviation Inspiration Mentorship (AIM) team is an asset that GO's can request to bring with them on their outreach events. AIM members are rated officers trained in youth outreach and how to inform, influence, and inspire."

The GO Inspire was in many ways motivated by the Air Force chief of staff's Rated Diversity Improvement initiative tasker to develop a program for Air and Space Force general officers to seek out, when appropriate, and conduct outreach engagements. The goal of

GO Inspire is to connect general officers to identified AFRS needs and opportunities that will further attract and recruit high-quality youth from across America.

"GO Inspire is designed to drive a culture change in the Air and Space Forces. Our department leadership has a vision that all general officers would embrace a culture to 'Earn a star ... become a recruiter,'" said Lt. Col. Annie Driscoll, AFRS Detachment 1 commander. "With a comprehensive approach that starts at the top of our chain of command, together we can better reach our nation's youth and their influencers."

To ensure the Air and Space Forces continue to recruit the best and brightest across America, Det. 1 seeks to actively inspire, engage and inform youth and those who influence them.

"GO Inspire is the framework that structures general officer outreach efforts, connects them to recruiters and recruiting efforts, and adds precision guidance to where efforts can be placed to reach areas that need it most," Driscoll added.

The GO Inspire program will be asking general officers from all of the total force components to take part and contribute.

"The program encourages general officers to personally interact and inform youth influencers and youth on training, education, camaraderie and a variety of job opportunities available, as well as share some of the amazing experiences and accomplishments of Airmen Guardians," said Lt. Col. Lara Wilson, AFRS Det. 1, chief of diversity and inclusion. "All of our general officers, to include active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Space Force are being asked to participate and those who have heard about the GO Inspire program are excited and eager to



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Chance Babin  
**Then Col. Peter Bailey, now brigadier general and current Second Air Force Air National Guard assistant to the commander, talks with students during an Aim High Outreach event at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., Nov. 15, 2019. Aim High is an Air Force Recruiting Service Detachment 1-sponsored event that fosters youth engagement, community outreach, professional development and networking. General officers like Bailey are being asked to participate in the GO Inspire program that is designed for Air and Space Force generals to get out and engage youth and youth influencers from underrepresented groups across the nation.**

get started."

In order to become the most capable force, Air and Space Force leadership feels they must have rated officers and leaders with diverse backgrounds, experiences and thoughts who can see the challenges from different perspectives.

Det. 1 has a goal to get in front of every demographic group in America and show them someone in a flight suit who looks like them that they can look up to. GO Inspire officers conducting events are encouraged to bring a team that will give a broad representation of Air and Space Force officers.

"We encourage the GOs to use Det. 1's AIM team," Driscoll said. "The AIM team can relate and engage well with those we are trying to reach. General officers are highly encouraged to take time to mentor their outreach team."

While the GO Inspire program is set to kick off in January, some of the benefits of the program — especially when it comes to inspiring young people for service — may not be realized for years.

"The department's intent is that every Total Force GO will execute one or two events a year," Driscoll said. "We'll work with senior leaders to track metrics but the fruits of this labor won't be measured for

years to come. That is the nature of youth engagement. We may still be a decade away from seeing any of these young men or women in uniform. In the meantime, we want every young kid who looks up in the sky and sees an airplane or rocket launch to know that it could be them one day. We also want to help clarify the pathway to that seat in our services for both kids and their influencers."

While the GO Inspire program is a call to action for general officers, all Airmen are encouraged to do their part to actively recruit for the Air Force.

We Are All Recruiters, or WEAR, is a program which grants active-duty Airmen permissive temporary duty status to participate in an event that helps Air Force recruiting efforts. Approval for WEAR is limited to those events where Airmen are directly speaking to potential applicants or influencers about Air Force opportunities.

"Regardless of rank or position, the Air and Space Force's greatest recruiters are our service members," Thomas said. "I encourage each and every Airman to participate in the WEAR program."

For more information on the WEAR program, visit: <https://www.recruiting.af.mil/WEAR/>.



# Registration open now for virtual AETC Leadership Mentoring Symposium Jan. 27-28

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas – As part of service-wide focus on mentorship, Air Education and Training Command will virtually host a Leadership Mentoring Symposium Jan. 27-28, 2021.

The two-day mentoring event is being hosted by the AETC Mentoring Council, which is comprised of Airmen from around the command, and will allow senior leaders to mentor to a virtual audience on specific topics.

“Headquarters, Air Force A1 has determined that January is the month of mentoring,” said Quency L. Henson, AETC’s Mentoring Council lead. “This symposium is for civilians, enlisted and officers in AETC, regardless of location, and we couldn’t be more excited to share the wisdom and experience of this great lineup of speakers with the entire command.”

Sessions on both days will run from 8 a.m. to noon central time using ZoomGov. There will be a question and answer period after each speaker presents.

Agenda (tentative; subject to change):

## Wednesday, Jan. 27

|           |                              |   |
|-----------|------------------------------|---|
| 8 a.m.    | Symposium Launch             | AETC Mentoring Council                                |
| 8:10 a.m. | The Importance of Mentorship | Col. Paul Swenson, AETC/A1                            |
| 9 a.m.    | Communication                | SES Mr. George Gagnon, AETC International Affairs     |
| 10 a.m.   | Responsibility               | Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing commander |
| 11 a.m.   | Teamwork                     | Col. Heather Blackwell, 81st Training Wing commander  |

## Thursday, Jan. 28

|            |                          |   |
|------------|--------------------------|---|
| 8 a.m.     | Welcome                  | Maj. Gen. William Spangenthal, AETC deputy commander    |
| 8:10 a.m.  | Critical Thinking        | Col. John Lofton, 82nd Training Group commander         |
| 9 a.m.     | Motivating Employees     | Col. Matthew Leard, 97th Air Mobility Wing commander    |
| 10 a.m.    | Professional Development | Col. Eries L.G. Mentzer, 42nd Air Base Wing Commander   |
| 11 a.m.    | Leadership               | Col. Tim Danielson, 71st Flying Training Wing Commander |
| 11:50 a.m. | Wrap up                  | Lt. Gen. Brad Webb, AETC commander                      |

Certificates will be provided for audience participants.

To register for the event and get the ZoomGov link, send email to [HQAETC.A1D.Workflow@us.af.mil](mailto:HQAETC.A1D.Workflow@us.af.mil). Registration is first come-first served and seats are limited to 350 people.



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Learn directly from AETC leadership! Seats are limited to first 350 registrants!

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U.S. Air Force graphic by Dan Hawkins



## Medical Corner



HAPPY NEW YEAR

# Resolve to get better sleep in 2021

Tired of making the same New Year’s resolutions? We’ve all been there. However, if you’re still thinking of some New Year’s resolution ideas, what about getting more, or better, sleep?

The start of a new year is an ideal time to assess your sleep quality and change any habits that are hampering your zzzs. When you sleep well, you will ultimately be more motivated to eat better and move more but also you feel less stressed, think more clearly, your mood will improve and you will generally be happier!

## NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION IDEAS TO HELP YOU SLEEP

1. **Try to stick to a regular bed/wake time schedule.** It might not always be easy, especially if you have children or work shifts, but try to keep it consistent.
2. **Move more.** Exercise really does help you sleep. Try saving vigorous workouts for earlier in the day and use the evening to participate in gentler activities, such as yoga, which can be a perfect late night routine to prepare you for sleep.
3. **Overhaul caffeine and alcohol consumption.** While alcohol can initially make you feel sleepy and help you nod off, it does prevent you from getting the deep, quality sleep your body needs.
4. **Watch what you eat.** Rich or spicy foods take longer to digest which can make it harder to fall asleep. Diet, exercise and sleep all work together. You can’t do one right without the other two!
5. **Make this the year that you turn off all screens an hour before bed!** Artificial light at night suppresses melatonin – the hormone you need to feel sleepy. Not only that but scrolling through social media or playing games can stimulate the brain, making it harder to switch off.
6. **If you have an old mattress (more than seven years) maybe it’s time to look at buying a new one.** What you sleep on affects how you sleep. Research has shown that a new mattress can increase the amount of sleep you get by 42 minutes.
7. **Experiment with new ways to relax.** For example, try taking a warm bath with calming scents, listen to quiet soothing music, pick up an enjoyable book to read or embrace the power of mindfulness or yoga exercises.
8. **Try new ideas in the bedroom.** Think curtains, lighting etc – to make it the ideal sleeping environment. Remove clutter and anything work-related. Your bedroom should be kept for rest and sleep.
9. **Stop pressing snooze.** Hitting the snooze button multiple times doesn’t help you get any more sleep and can leave you feeling more tired. Move your alarm to the other side of the room so you have to get up to switch it off!



## For Better Rest at Night, Resolve to Spend Your Day the Right Way

**NAP PROPERLY:** Short naps can be a beneficial recharge. Naps longer than 40 minutes can throw off your sleep schedule.

**EXERCISE:** Vigorous daily exercise (at least two hours before you go to bed) can reduce insomnia and lead to a sounder sleep. Bonus: It’s like multitasking. You’ll be working toward that other resolution of losing weight.

**EAT (AND DRINK) RIGHT:** Avoid caffeine, alcohol and heavy meals late in the day. These can make it difficult to fall asleep and wake you during the night with acid reflux or trips to the bathroom.

**SEE YOUR DOCTOR:** Sleep disorders, like snoring, sleep apnea and restless leg syndrome, may be robbing you of restorative rest. Worse yet, these disorders can contribute to bigger health issues. Get diagnosed and seek treatment.

## Did You Know...

Poor sleep is the main reason why 54% of us who make New Year’s resolutions fail within six months.

“Any time we’re under chronic stress it’s harder to find our willpower,” states Stanford University health psychologist Kelly McGonigal, Ph.D. “Sleep deprivation is a kind of chronic stress that impairs how the body and brain use energy. Any step toward more or better quality rest can be a real boost to self-control.”

Put Your Failed Resolutions to Bed. Retrieved from <https://bettersleep.org/blog/new-yearsresolutions/>

Make Getting Better Sleep Your New Year’s Resolution. Retrieved from <https://sleepcouncil.org.uk/make-getting-better-sleep-your-new-years-resolution/>

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



Dear Health Myth Busters,

One of my resolutions for this year is getting better sleep, and I think getting a new mattress will help with that. There is a lot of information about what is best, like firm is better for your back and name brand mattresses are higher quality. What’s true?

Sincerely,

Help me get better sleep this year

Dear Help me get better sleep this year,

Getting a new mattress could be a great way to get better sleep, especially if your mattress is causing pain or no longer comfortable to sleep on. You’re right that conventional wisdom has advertised firm mattresses are ideal for back support, but modern studies say medium to medium-firm might actually be better. A bed that is too firm can force your hips and shoulders up and leave your lower back unsupported. The best mattress for you is one that is both firm enough to provide full-body support and soft enough to accept your curves and prevent pressure points. Everybody and every body is different, so find one that’s comfortable for you.

There are many mattress industry giants that have established brands and reputations, but they don’t necessarily produce beds of higher quality. Rather than relying on brand reputation, check real reviews to see what people are saying. Good luck on better sleep this year!

Sincerely,

Health Myth Busters

Debunking Mattress Myths. Retrieved from <https://savvysleeper.org/debunking-mattress-myths/>

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.afmsa.mbx.lpo@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.jbsa.afmsa.mbx.lpo@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.airforce-medicine.af.mil/Resources/Health-Promotion/>



# BLAZE Hangar Tails: F-22 Raptor

## Mission

The F-22 Raptor’s combination of stealth, super cruise, maneuverability and integrated avionics, coupled with improved supportability, represents an exponential leap in war-fighting capabilities. The Raptor performs both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions allowing full realization of operational concepts vital to the 21st century Air Force.

The F-22, a critical component of the Global Strike Task Force, is designed to project air dominance, rapidly and at great distances and defeat threats attempting to deny access to our nation’s Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

## Features

A combination of sensor capability, integrated avionics, situational awareness, and weapons provides first-kill opportunity against threats. The F-22 possesses a sophisticated sensor suite allowing the pilot to track, identify, shoot and kill air-to-air threats before being detected. Significant advances in cockpit design and sensor fusion improve the pilot’s situational awareness. In the air-to-air configuration the Raptor carries six AIM-120 AMRAAMs and two AIM-9 Sidewinders.

The F-22 has a significant capability to attack surface targets. In the air-to-ground configuration the aircraft can carry two 1,000-pound GBU-32 Joint Direct Attack Munitions internally and will use on-board avionics for navigation and weapons delivery support. In the future, air-to-ground capability will be enhanced with the addition of upgraded radar and up to eight small diameter bombs. The Raptor will also carry two AIM-120s and two AIM-9s in the air-to-ground configuration.



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Kayla Fitzgerald  
U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor sits on the flight line at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, Dec. 15, 2020. The 325th Fighter Wing loaded and employed five AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles from F-22s as part of a Weapons System Evaluation Program.

The F-22 will have better reliability and maintainability than any fighter aircraft in history. Increased F-22 reliability and maintainability pays off in less manpower required to fix the aircraft and the ability to operate more efficiently.

## Background

The Advanced Tactical Fighter entered the Demonstration and Validation phase in 1986. The prototype aircraft (YF-22 and YF-23) both completed their first flights in late 1990. Ultimately the YF-22 was selected as best of the two and the engineering and manufacturing development effort began in 1991 with development contracts to Lockheed/Boeing (airframe) and Pratt & Whitney (engines). EMD included extensive subsystem and system testing as well as flight testing with nine aircraft at Edwards Air Force Base, California. The first EMD flight was in 1997 and at the completion of its flight test life this aircraft was used for live-fire testing.

The program received approval to enter low rate initial production in 2001. Initial operational and test evaluation by the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center was successfully completed in 2004. Based on maturity of design and other factors the program received approval for full rate production in 2005. Air Education and Training Command, Air Combat Command and Pacific Air Forces are the primary Air Force organizations flying the F-22. The aircraft designation was the F/A-22 for a short time before being renamed F-22A in December 2005.

## General characteristics

**Primary function:** air dominance, multi-role fighter

**Contractor:** Lockheed-Martin, Boeing

**Power plant:** two Pratt & Whitney F119-PW-100 turbofan engines with afterburners and two-dimensional thrust vectoring nozzles.

**Thrust:** 35,000-pound class (each engine)

**Wingspan:** 44 feet, 6 inches (13.6 meters)

**Length:** 62 feet, 1 inch (18.9 meters)

**Height:** 16 feet, 8 inches (5.1 meters)

**Weight:** 43,340 pounds (19,700 kilograms)

**Maximum takeoff weight:** 83,500 pounds (38,000 kilograms)

**Fuel capacity: internal:** 18,000 pounds (8,200 kilograms); with 2 external wing fuel tanks: 26,000 pounds (11,900 kilograms)

**Payload:** same as armament air-to-air or air-to-ground loadouts; with or without two external wing fuel tanks.

**Speed:** mach two class with supercruise capability

**Range:** more than 1,850 miles ferry range with two external wing fuel tanks (1,600 nautical miles)

**Ceiling:** above 50,000 feet (15 kilometers)

**Armament:** one M61A2 20-millimeter cannon with 480 rounds, internal side weapon bays carriage of two AIM-9 infrared (heat seeking) air-to-air missiles and internal main weapon bays carriage of six AIM-120 radar-guided air-to-air missiles (air-to-air loadout) or two 1,000-pound GBU-32 JDAMs and two AIM-120 radar-guided air-to-air missiles (air-to-ground loadout)

**Crew:** one

**Unit cost:** \$143 million

**Initial operating capability:** December 2005

**Inventory:** total force, 183



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Tiffany Price  
A U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor with the 325th Fighter Wing flies over the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, out of Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, Dec. 10, 2020. Tyndall one of the few Air Force bases with direct access to the EGOMEX, making it the perfect host for large scale exercises and training missions.

# DAF Senior leaders address the recent events at the Capitol

## Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Department of the Air Force senior leaders addressed the recent events at the U.S. Capitol in a letter to Airmen and Guardians encouraging them to exhibit conduct of the highest standard, Jan. 13.

Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Chief of Space Operations Gen. John W. Raymond, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass and Senior Enlisted Advisor of

the Space Force Chief Master Sgt. Roger A. Towberman all signed the memorandum.

“We swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States,” the letter reads. “On the 6th of January, the violent assault on our Nation’s Capitol was an attack on the foundation of our republic.”

The senior leaders reminded Airmen and Guardians to be guided by service core values while they continue to safeguard American ideals.

“Our actions build the sacred trust placed in the military by American citizens, but our actions can also erode our cred-

ibility as an institution,” the leaders said. “You are called to exhibit conduct of the highest standard. ... Remain steady and stay focused on your duties to the country. We are proud to stand beside you in service to our Nation.”

The full letter can be found here.

Additionally, in their roles as members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Brown and Gen. Raymond also signed a message to the Joint Force along with the Chairman and fellow Joint Chiefs on Jan. 12 about the violent riot at the Capitol. That letter can be found here.







T-1A Jayhawk

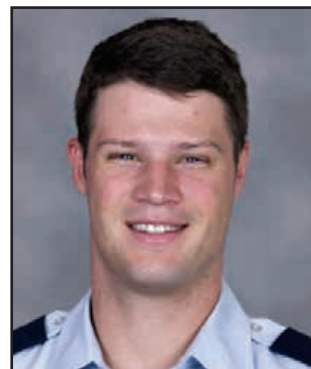


T-38C Talon

# SUPT Class 21-04 earns silver wings



**Capt. Tyler Davidson**  
Melbourne, Florida  
F-35



**1st Lt. Benjamin White**  
Columbus, Ohio  
F-16

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

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 21-04 graduates at 10 a.m. to-day during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

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

Capt. Tyler Davidson and 1st Lt. Michael Matthews received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to Davidson who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

The distinguished graduates of Class 21-04 recognized were Davidson and Matthews for outstanding performance in academics, officer qualities and flying abilities.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

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

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

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

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

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

Each class is partnered with business or civic organizations during their year of training. This program is designed to foster closer ties between the community and Columbus AFB. Today, each student will be given a set of pilot wings with their names engraved on the back as a token of good luck from their partners. SUPT Class 21-04's pilot partner is Nammo Talley.



**1st Lt. Mathew DeMarco**  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania  
T-38C



**1st Lt. Michael Matthews**  
Reno, Nevada  
C-130H



**2nd Lt. Jason Washburn**  
Peru, Indiana  
KC-135



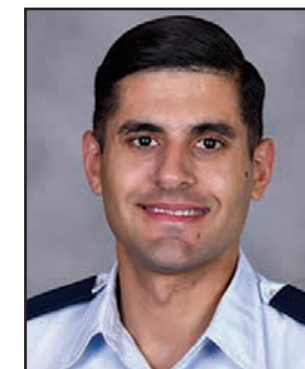
**2nd Lt. Lane Nunier**  
Louisville, Kentucky  
KC-135



**2nd Lt. Mitchell George**  
Oklahoma City  
F-16



**2nd Lt. Nicholas Knoll**  
Mason, Tennessee  
E-3



**2nd Lt. Rafael Galvao**  
Brazil  
T-6



**2nd Lt. Sean Short**  
Kenner, Louisiana  
F-16



**2nd Lt. Timothy Josephson**  
Roseville, Minnesota  
C-17



**1st Lt. Bradley Green**  
Corydon, Indiana  
B-52



**1st Lt. Jihoon Jeon**  
Irvine, California  
F-16



**2nd Lt. Christopher Wilson**  
Burleson, Texas  
U-28A



**2nd Lt. Hector Burgos Ocasio**  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
C-130H