

WHAT WE BELIEVE ...

CORE VALUES

Integrity First
Service Before Self
Excellence in All We Do

AIR FORCE MISSION

To fly, fight and win... airpower
anytime, anywhere.

14 FTW MISSION

Train World Class Pilots

VISION

Better Every Day

PRIORITIES

Mission, Team, Community

14 FTW/CC's Vectors

Safety
Unity
Professionalism
Teamwork



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING

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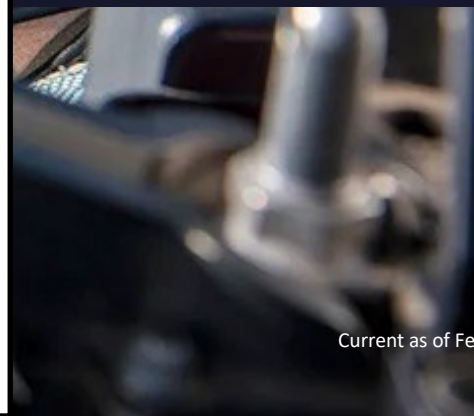
COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE

TRAINING WORLD CLASS PILOTS



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Current as of February 6, 2023

COLUMBUS AFB HISTORY In June 1941, the War Department approved establishment of an Army Airfield for pilot training in the Columbus area. Columbus officials leased the land to the United States for \$1 per acre per year. In 1942 the installation was named Kaye Field (pronounced “coy”), in honor of Capt Sam Kaye, a World War I flying ace from Columbus, but due to confusion with another airfield the name changed to Columbus Army Flying School in March of 1942.

During World War II, 7,412 students received their wings and commissions at CAFS. During this time, they trained in the AT-8, AT-9, AT-10, and B-25. By 1945, the base reached a peak of 2,300 enlisted, 300 officers, and an average of 250 pilot cadets per class. The end of hostilities slowed training and in 1946 the base was inactivated.

In 1950, Air Training Command activated Columbus AFB to handle increased pilot demand for the Korean War. However, by 1955, Columbus AFB transferred to Strategic Air Command (SAC) and became the home of a B-52 bomber squadron and a KC-135 refueling squadron under the 4228th Strategic Wing, eventually becoming the 454th Bombardment Wing, Heavy in 1963.

Columbus transferred back to ATC and its mission of training pilots in 1969 as the 3650th Pilot Training Wing. The first class, 71-01, entered training on July 17, 1969 flying the T-37 Tweet and the T-38 Talon. On June 1, 1972, the 3650th became the 14th Flying Training Wing, which continues today as the home of the world’s premier pilot training.

In the mid-1990s, Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) became Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) with the addition of the T-1A Jayhawk with the first aircraft arriving in 1996. Columbus AFB received the T-6A Texan II in October, 2006 and by April, 2008, the T-37 was officially retired.

In 2007, the 49th Fighter Training Squadron returned to Columbus AFB to teach Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) in the T-38C. In 2014, the 81st Fighter Squadron was activated at Moody AFB, GA. The 81 FS was a geographically separated unit that trained pilots and maintainers from Afghanistan, Lebanon, and Nigeria in the A-29 Super Tucano. The 81st FS was deactivated on December 6, 2022.



COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE

Commander:	Col Justin Grieve
Vice Commander:	Col Jeremy Bergin
Command Chief:	CMSgt Antonio Cooper

BY THE NUMBERS:

Established:	Aug 12, 1941
Total Force Strength:	2,697
Base Size:	4,931 Acres
T-6 Auxiliary Field:	1,082 Acres

AIRCRAFT INVENTORY: 230 TOTAL

T-6A Texan II:	99
T-1A Jayhawk:	47
T-38C Talon:	84 (SUPT: 59, IFF: 25)

SORTIES AND HOURS	FY 21	FY 22
Sorties Flown		
T-6A Texan II:	21,817	24,287
T-1A Jayhawk:	7,250	9,521
T-38C Talon (SUPT):	9,445	9,669
T-38C Talon (IFF):	4,088	4,285
Total Sorties:	42,600	47,762

Hours Flown		
T-6A Texan II:	29,827	34,676
T-1A Jayhawk:	16,702	21,089
T-38C Talon (SUPT):	10,025	10,388
T-38C Talon (IFF):	3,594	3,761
Total Hours:	60,148	69,914

STUDENTS TRAINED	FY 21	FY 22
SUPT Graduates:	354*	384**
Int’l Graduates #:	41	55
IFF Graduates:	94	90
Nations Represented:	17	12
Total Graduates:	448	474

* Most Pilots Graduated (earning Air Force wings) in 35 Years.

** Most Pilots Graduated in 36 Years.

International Graduates are included in SUPT totals.

WHO WE ARE ...

TOTAL	2,806	AVERAGE AGE*	
Officer:	867	Officer:	33 yrs
Students:	480	Enlisted:	28 yrs
International	38		
Enlisted:	443	AVERAGE TOTAL SERVICE*	
Civilian:	1,383	Officer :	10.5 yrs
Contract:	747	Enlisted :	7.0 yrs
Civil Service:	524		
Other:	112		

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP (%)*		WHERE WE LIVE	
Caucasian:	80.2	Off Base:	58.1%
Black:	12.8	On Base:	41.9%
Hispanic/Latino:	1.4	On Base Population:	1,274
Asian	2.9		
Hawaiian/Pacific Is:	1.2	UNACCOMPANIED QUARTERS	
Am Indian/Alaskan:	1.5	Enlisted (UEQ):	55
		UEQ Capacity:	94
		Officer (UOQ):	162
		UOQ Capacity:	304
EDUCATION LEVELS			
Enlisted-Highest Attained:		PRIVATIZED HOUSING:	
AA or Equivalent:	27%	Occupants:	1,057
B.A., B.S., or higher:	17%	Occupied Units:	429
Officer-Highest Attained:		Total Privatized Units:	453
Advanced Degrees:	33%		

* Permanent party only.

OUR ECONOMIC IMPACT (FY 22)

ANNUAL PAYROLL	\$194M
ANNUAL EXPENDITURES	\$105M
ANNUAL INDRECT JOBS	\$162M
IMPACT FOR FY22: \$461M	
\$7.8M in end-of-year unfunded requests	