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## *Command Spouse Welcome Message*

### **About the Student Squadron (STUS) Spouses Group**

The mission of the Student Squadron (or STUS) is to produce pilots. The mission of the STUS Spouses Group is to help spouses and significant others find support by connecting with each other and to services available to them as dependents.

The STUS Spouses Group offers socials/get-togethers for all student spouses and significant others. This will hopefully foster a sense of community among them and provide opportunities to connect with other spouses/significant others in their respective classes. Our monthly STUS Spouse socials include Lunch Bunch, playgroups for kids and parents, evening get-togethers, and informational events like our Spouse Rally days and Welcome Get-Togethers. For students and their spouses, we also have quarterly squadron socials including our end of summer Pool Party, Fall Social at the Pumpkin Patch, and Holiday Party. The Air Force Ball in September is an event you may also want to attend.

### **Connecting with the STUS Spouses Group**

Please join our private Facebook Page (14th Stus Spouses at Columbus) to get connected with information and events. We also post information about job opportunities, base activities, community events, workshops provided by base support agencies, and more! If you are an inbound or newly arrived spouse/significant other, please fill out the "Student Spouse Information Form" and send that along with any questions you may have to [14thSTUSSpouses@gmail.com](mailto:14thSTUSSpouses@gmail.com).

### **Helpful Information**

Students are expected to be accountable; they are held to a higher standard. Cheating is not allowed. Drinking and driving is not allowed. Physical fitness is a requirement. They are required to be professional in their relationships (no sexual assault or anything like it). They must keep the law.

When severe stress becomes a problem, violence against spouses is never okay. Chaplains on base are available to talk to--not necessarily on religious topic—but as a support to spouses and students. Free counseling is available to students and spouses through the Military & Family Life Consultant (MFLC) at the Airman & Family Readiness Center (AFRC) and Medical Group as well.

Administrative holds: If you are having a problem in your marriage, a death in the family, or major health issues etc., it is important to let someone know (including your spouse's flight commander). They can give the student time, if necessary, to work through these issues. Be up front if you are having problems. If you're struggling with debt problems, the Airman and Family Readiness Center (AFRC) has a get out-of-debt program. If the student drops out of pilot training (drop on request or DOR), they will not be readmitted, but many times this can be avoided. Please see the "Aviation Terms & Acronyms" section for other pilot training definitions.

There are great support services available to you as a dependent on base to include the Legal Office where you can get wills, medical directives and power of attorney documents done for free. There is also a tax office with free tax assistance. Other services are the library, bowling alley, gym and Outdoor Recreation with inexpensive rentals (tents, bikes, boats etc.) to name a few.

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Speeding and cell phones are not allowed while driving on base (unless cell phones are hands-free). At 5 p.m., the national anthem will play on loud speakers. Pull over and stop or if you are outside, stop what you are doing, stand in place and place your hand over your heart while the national anthem is played.

## *Spouse Mentorship Team*

Command Spouse: Amya Jensen

Key Spouse Mentor: Mari-Ann Allen (T-38 Spouse)

Key Spouse Mentor: Kelli Brewer (T-6 Spouse)

Key Spouse Mentor: Meg Gregory (T-6 Spouse)

Key Spouse Mentor: Stephanie Litscher (T-1 Spouse)

Key Spouse Mentor: Jennifer Lodmell (T-1 Spouse)

Mentor Assistant: Morgan Elson (T-1 FAIP Spouse)

Mentor Assistant: Natalie Reyes (T-1 FAIP Spouse)

### **Mentorship**

Each class or group of student spouses who will be going through pilot training together, will be assigned a STUS Key Spouse Mentor. These mentors are experienced Air Force pilot spouses who have attended the Key Spouse Mentor training provided by the Airman & Family Readiness Center. A mentor will be assigned to you at the beginning of pilot training and will guide you through your time in Columbus AFB. There will be regular phone calls, messages, or get-togethers with your mentor. The goal is to provide you with the support and guidance you need to help you transition into the Air Force and the pilot spouse lifestyle. Moreover, they will help you get connected with other student pilot spouses so you can begin networking and creating lasting friendships.

We also have mentor assistants who are First Assignment Instructor Pilot (FAIP) spouses. Unlike the Key Spouse Mentors who have operational experience (experience outside of the pilot training environment), FAIP spouses are those who just recently graduated pilot training themselves and, as the name suggests, this is their first assignment in the Air Force. The FAIP spouses are valuable members to the team because they provide the unique perspective of having recently gone through what you will be going through in pilot training.

### **Inbound Spouse or Newly Arrived to Columbus AFB?**

If you are relocating to Columbus AFB for pilot training or have recently arrived, please fill out the "Student Spouse Information Form" which can be found in the Appendix. This allows us to contact you or at the very least, have your name and contact information in our master roster for emergency purposes. The members who handle Personally Identifiable Information (PII) have been trained to manage and handle contact information and will not use it for advertising purposes. Moreover, if you wish to volunteer in the STUS Spouses Group, you can let us know which committee(s) you would be interested in on the form. Once you have the form completed, you can email it to

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14thSTUSSpouses@gmail.com or print it out and have your student pilot turn it into the personnel at Transition Flight.

# Surviving Pilot Training: A How-To Guide

## How to Help Your Student Pilot

You want your student pilot to succeed while he or she is going through UPT. Here are some helpful ways that you can offer support while they endure one of the most challenging years in their Air Force career.

- Provide a quiet study area and time every day and one day of the weekend to dedicate to studying.
- Help them study, if requested. Ask them to create a study guide, notes, or flash cards for you.
- Help them get away one day of the weekend for a “family day” to help their mind rest.
- Encourage good health habits (for example: balanced diet, exercise 3-5 times per week). There might be times where they will get consumed with studying or mission planning that they may forget or not have time to eat. Encourage them to pack a snack or prepped meal in their flight bag. Also, the student *must* pass their Physical Training Assessment (PFA) at the end of pilot training. Failing the test will require them to retake the test and may delay their graduation.
- Allow for 8 hours of rest each night. If the student has trouble sleeping there are programs in the medical clinic that address sleep deprivation.
- Find a good balance between faith, family, fitness and fun.
- Realize that drinking and driving can ruin their career. Do what you can to encourage responsibility if they drink.
- If your spouse is having a bad day, be positive and encouraging. Many students still graduate after having 89 sorties or after being put on CAP (see the “Aviation Terms & Acronyms” and “Frequently Asked Questions” sections for more information on these).
- Realize that they are under a great deal of pressure (possibly the most of their career). Don’t take it personally if they are busy a lot.
- There is free counseling on the base for whatever needs you or your spouse have. Talk to someone you trust or call one of the Mentors if you need help.

## How to Help Yourself

While your student pilot is busy at training, there are some things that can help you to enjoy this challenging experience as well. Your spouse will not likely be your main social outlet for the next year so you will need to find other social outlet sources (friends, church, work, service, etc.). Below are some things that will help.

- Get involved in school, work, or service to fill your time.
- Take care of yourself. Exercise regularly, learn, make friends, fill your spirit with good things.
- Take care to play with your children, and if you feel stressed or burnt out, call a friend, chaplain, mentor, or counselor. We are here to help! We have many free resources designed to help you through this process. Taking good care of yourself will help you take good care of your spouse and children.
- Volunteer with the base (i.e. library, thrift store), base organizations (i.e. STUS spouses group, Columbus Spouses’ Club), and local organizations (Palmer Home for Children, United Way).
- Your spouse’s classmates may need you too, as well as other spouses. Spouses tend to ground a class. Sometimes single guys will talk to spouses about things that they won’t talk to

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classmates about. Spouses have helped stop planned suicides in the past. Spouses can be a voice of reason: NO drinking and driving! Call (662)434-RIDE.

## **Miscellaneous Tips**

Student group events are a great way for students to learn and support each other. The classes that hang out together tend to do the best in training. The classes that play together stay together. You can make life-long friends if you take the time to socialize during this year. There is a good chance you will see fellow classmates again during your time in the Air Force.

RSVP to events. This will help us better plan our events. Attend events especially the welcome orientation with the Command Spouse (Student Squadron Commander's Spouse), monthly get-togethers, and quarterly Spouse Rallies. At the Spouse Rallies, you will have the opportunity to talk with Instructor Pilot (IP) spouses and get information about the phases of pilot training, different aircraft and locations, personal experiences in the Air Force, what it is like to be a pilot spouse, and more!

Consider volunteering. On base there is the Thrift Shop, Youth Center, AFRC and Columbus Spouses Club. Off base, there are United Way agencies, Columbus Humane Society, Pregnancy Crisis Center in downtown Columbus, and more.

There will be opportunities for you to visit the squadrons for a tour, social or solo ride. Other than those, it is best to not disturb the student at work by hanging out in the squadron or calling for a casual chat. It is fine to contact them in an emergency. Emergency numbers are listed in the "Important Phone Numbers" section.

Phase 2 of pilot training (T-6) includes initial solos, solo parties, and track select. For the solo party, please know you will not be allowed on the flight line during solo, but you can go to the flight room so you can hear the student make radio calls or you can go out to Perimeter Road and take pictures of them taking off. You can also watch them get thrown in the dunk tank.



## Frequently Asked Questions

What is an SRO?

Senior Ranking Officer. Usually the highest ranking in a UPT Class. This could be based off of rank, age or being prior enlisted.

What is the difference between a Flight Commander and a Class Flight Commander?

A Flight Commander helps push the students through the UPT syllabus and manages each flight or academic event that they have while on the flight line. A Class Flight Commander, or Class Commander, deals with the administrative paperwork, personal, and medical issues and follows each student through the entirety of UPT.

What is a FAIP?

First Assignment Instructor Pilot. This is a student who graduated from UPT and instead of going to a major weapon system (MWS) at another base, they return to a UPT flying squadron to become an instructor pilot.

Can student pilots take leave while in UPT?

Students are not usually allowed to take leave when UPT begins (Phase 1 Academics all the way to Graduation). However, there are specific times that all students can take leave and that is during the holidays. There are some case-by-case basis events from which a student can take leave, but this is rare.

What is formal release?

Formal release is when the students and IPs are in the flight room or the flight line all day (12 hours). This usually takes place at the beginning of UPT and students must earn their way out of formal release. This may require good check ride scores, not failing academic events, or getting to a certain point of training as a class. Students can always go back on formal release as a punitive action.

What is stand up?

This is an event that takes place on the flight line during Phases 2 and 3 of UPT that prepares students for emergency procedures while in a classroom setting.

What is chair flying?

Chair flying is where students fly out their entire profile for the next flight or simulator which could include radio calls, power settings, verbal call-outs, etc. so that they are more proficient at the next flight. This creates muscle memory and good practice (could be with another student) without actually being in the plane.

What is a day like for a T-6/T-1/T-38 student pilot?

A typical day would involve a flight, a possible simulator, student in a ground event such as a briefing or stand up. Most of the time the students are in the flight room preparing for the next flight or studying with other classmates.

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What is track select?

Track select is when a student has completed Phase 2 of UPT (T-6) and moves onto their next training airframe based on their class ranking. The follow-on training airframe could include the T-1 (airlift/tanker trainer), T-38 (fighter/bomber trainer) or the UH-1 (helicopter trainer that is located in Fort Rucker, Georgia).

Describe the track select process.

The track selection process is a culmination of academics, flight training grades, check ride scores, and flight commander ranking that rack-and-stacks their students on a list. The top students are able to choose what path they want to take (example: T-38 or fighter/bomber follow-on trainer). This completes Phase 2 and proceeds to Phase 3.

What is a solo flight?

A solo flight is where students who have progressed enough into the syllabus are allowed to take the aircraft into the air by themselves.

What is a dollar ride?

A dollar ride is the first ride in that specific aircraft.

What is a cross country?  
IPs Where do you go? How long?

Cross country is a term used during UPT to have students and go off-station to other locations outside of the local area. This usually involves multiple rides over the span of multiple days, typically an entire weekend.

What is an out and back?

An out and back is similar to a cross country, but instead of going to a location and staying the night there, they come back to Columbus AFB.

What is a check ride? How often do check rides happen in UPT and AF?

A check ride for UPT students is a flight and ground evaluation that encompasses their current training into one specific ride at the end of a category (Transition, Instruments, Formation, etc.). Check rides can happen fairly often in UPT (once every 1 to 2 months). However, a check ride post-UPT takes place once every 12 to 17 months.

What is CAP? How does this affect the student?

Commander's Awareness Program. This helps highlight students in UPT if they are possibly having trouble in a specific area (academics, airsickness, behavioral, etc.). CAP is not always a bad thing. Flight Commanders use CAP to identify students with airsickness to help alleviate those symptoms by flying them at certain times of the day or flying them more often to get them used

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<p>Can a student still graduate if usually they fail something? the syllabus</p>	<p>to aircraft. However, the majority of CAP students are in this program due to academic failures, which require remedial help.</p>
<p>What is the progression of same rides for someone who is correct not doing well?</p>	<p>They can still graduate. A flight that is failed or "unsat" will involve them retaking the flight or continuing through with that item downgraded until it is finally brought back up to a standard level. A student can be removed from pilot training if they continually fail flights or check rides back-to-back.</p>
<p>Are there opportunities for extra flights?</p>	<p>This all depends. Usually they will continue to complete the ride until they pass or move to the next ride and still have to their previous mistakes.</p>
	<p>Yes. An 84 flight is a warm-up ride for someone if they got new glasses or lenses while they are in pilot training. Students can get up 2 of these rides.</p> <p>An 86 flight is used after a break in the students training for a multitude of issues. These could include being sick, aircraft maintenance, weather, or other issues. These flights are given to students at the discretion of the Flight Commander and Squadron Commander. If the student just started a phase of training, they may not get an 86 just because they have enough flights to get everything up to a passing level by the end of the phase of training or block. If a student has had a long break and they have a limited number of rides left to get everything up to a passing level, this is where a Flight Commander may recommend to the Squadron Commander to approve the use of an 86 flight.</p>
	<p>An 87 flight is used as a warm-up ride prior to a progress or elimination check ride.</p>
	<p>An 88 flight is flown after a failed check ride in a phase of training. This is called a "progress check" ride. This ride focuses on specifically the items that the students failed their check ride for, but the student will still be graded on all items in accordance with the syllabus. These sorties are usually flown with a Flight Commander, Assistance Director of Operations, or Chief of a section in the squadron.</p>
	<p>An 89 flight is flown after a failed progress check. This ride is called an "elimination check" ride. This ride is usually flown with either the Squadron Commander, Director of Operations, or the Chief Pilot in a squadron. This ride will focus on the items that the student failed</p>

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How can I help my husband/  
pilot wife to study?

their progress check for, but the student will still be graded on all items in accordance with the syllabus.

The best thing to do is learn the information from your student and just listen when you can. That student is going to say a lot of lingo that will not make sense, but eventually you will start to understand most of the terms. Also, you can always help them study Bold Face/Ops Limits. These are just lines and numbers that must be memorized verbatim prior to starting UPT. This will be a stressful environment for that student and any little bit of studying will help them in the long run.

Provide an overview of  
what to expect at follow-on  
training and first PCS after UPT.

The common follow-on training will be a training school house that is usually not collocated with the final PCS location (example: student will go to Altus AFB, OK for KC-135 follow-on training prior to going to their PCS location). Students could also go to SERE in Spokane, WA for a month for combat survival training prior to their initial school house or PCS.

How do I get base visitor access  
for family/guests for drop night,  
graduation, etc.?

Students can go to the Visitor's Center outside of the main gate and give their family member's information to the Security Forces personnel that work there. The information that they will need is full name, date of birth, driver's license number and the state that issued it.

# Connecting

## Base App

Download the Columbus AFB/14FTW app on your mobile device.

## Websites

columbusafbliving.com is a useful website for information on base resources, calendar of events, and more. "Like" the Columbus AFB Living Facebook page to view information on your Facebook feed.

## Facebook

### Spouse Groups

- 14th Stus Spouses at Columbus
- 14th Stus Air National Guard Spouses
- 14th Stus Reserve Spouses
- Columbus AFB Spouses
- Columbus Spouses' Club

### Children & Pets

- CAFB Sitter Page
- CAFB Mom's Group
- CAFB Playgroup
- CAFB Puppy Playtime

### Buy & Sell

- Team Blaze Virtual Swap
- Kids Blaze Swap Meet
- CAFB Homemade/Home Business
- CAFB Thrift Store
- Columbus AFB Aiman's Attic
- Columbus AFB ONLY, Mississippi, Yard Sale

### Base Organizations

- Columbus Air Force Base
- Columbus AFB Living
- Columbus Family Housing
- Columbus Air Force Base Chapel
- Airman & Family Readiness (Columbus AFB)
- CAFB FSS Rocks
- CDC Parents- CAFB
- Columbus AFB Youth Center
- Columbus AFB Fun & Recreation
- AFMS - Columbus - 14th Medical Group
- Columbus AFB Fitness Center

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- Columbus Air Force Base Library
- Columbus AFB Bowling Center
- Columbus AFB Living/Whispering Pines Golf Course
- Columbus AFB Emergency Management
- Columbus AFB Fire Department
- Columbus AFB...Magnolia Inn!

### **Base Orientation Programs**

#### **Wing Newcomers Orientation**

Attend the Wing Newcomers Orientation with your active duty member. It is a requirement for the active duty member to attend and spouses are encouraged to attend. At this presentation, you will learn about the base's mission and the support agencies on base. This is held at the Columbus Club/Event Center. For more information, call (662) 434-2790.

#### **Heart Link/New Spouse Orientation**

This spouse orientation program is designed for spouses new to the military or new to Columbus AFB. This is a great opportunity to increase knowledge of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocols and available programs and services in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. There will also be a base tour and lunch will be provided. To register and more information please call (662) 434-2790.

## *Important Phone Numbers*

Base Operator	(662) 434-1110
Transition Office	(662) 434-7626
Duty Desk	
37th/41st	(662) 434-7666
48th	(662) 434-7847
50th	(662) 434-7738
First Sergeant	
Office	(662) 434-7454
Cell	(662) 364-7454
Designated Driver	(662) 434-RIDE
Housing	
Office	(888) 318-5771
Office Fax	(662) 434-0079
Maintenance Requests	(662) 434-8213
After Hours Maintenance	(662) 434-8213
Medical	
Appointment Line	(662) 434-2273
Dental	(662) 434-2250
Optometry	(662) 434-2331
Outpatient Records	(662) 434-3129
Pharmacy	(662) 434-2168
Physical Therapy	(662) 434-2120
Tricare/Referrals/Claims	(662) 434-2137; (662) 434-2161; (662) 434-7905
Airman & Family Readiness Center	(662) 434-2790
Military Personnel Flight	(662) 434-2624 or (662) 434-2626
Finance	(662) 434-2095; (662) 434-2705; (662) 434-3598
Legal	(662) 434-7030
Chaplain	(662) 434-2500
Inspector General	(662) 434-3056

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Security Forces Desk	(662) 434-7129
Mental Health	(662) 434-2239
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)	
Office	(662) 434-1228
Hotline	(662) 364-0822
Military Family Life Counselor (MFLC)	(662) 435-1110
Outdoor Recreation	(662) 434-2505; (662) 434-7861
Information, Tickets, & Travel (ITT)	(662) 434-7861



## *Base Support Quick Reference*

This provides a list of base agencies and personnel who can offer a host of support and services to you as a military dependent. It is not a comprehensive list nor does it explain all the services each agency offers. It simply provides a starting point for your search. Please refer to the agencies' official website, columbusafbliving.com, or the base app for more detailed information.

### **Airman & Family Readiness Center (AFRC)**

Air Force Aid Society

Casualty/BSP

Employment/Career Focus Program

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

Family Life

Education

Family/Personal Readiness

Key Spouse Program

Military Family Life Consultant (MFLC)

Personal Financial Management

Relocation Assistance

School Liaison Officer

Transition Assistance

Volunteer Program

Programs Offered:

Pre-separation Counseling, Pre- & Post-Deployment Brief, Survivor Benefit Plan, Career Technical Training, Federal USAJobs Workshop, Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop, Heart Link, Hearts Apart, TAP, Capstone, Newcomers Orientation

### **Airman's Attic**

Junior enlisted members can get clothes and household essentials free of charge

Volunteer on Saturdays

Donations accepted anytime at the loading dock

### **Arts & Crafts Center**

Engraving

Graphics

Framing

Woodwork

### **Base Exchange (BX)**

Military clothing store (inside BX)

Mall includes barber shop, beauty shop, optical shop, GNC, Subway and Taco Bell

### **BLAZE Commons**

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## *Library*

- Books
- E-Readers
- Audio Books
- DVDs
- Story Time
- Book Club

## *Information, Travel & Tickets (ITT)*

- Travel discounts
- Theme park tickets and hoppers
- Vacation packages
- Bus/Shuttle Rental

## *Coffee House on 5th*

## **Chapel**

- Services
- Privileged Communication
- Faith Groups
- Youth Group

## **Child Development Center (CDC)**

Accepts children six weeks of age through five years  
Full time slots and drop-in care is available only on a space available basis

## **Commissary**

Deli & Sushi (inside Commissary)

## **Education Center**

- Tuition Assistance
- GI Bill
- Testing
- Local Colleges

## **Finance**

- Military Pay
- Leave & Earning Statements
- Reimbursements

## **Legal**

Notary & Power of Attorney (POA) Services

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Will and Advance Medical Directive  
Tax Preparation (February to mid-April)  
Military Claims (Relocation/Household Claims)

## **Medical Clinic**

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT)  
Dental  
Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)  
Family Advocacy  
Family Health  
Immunizations  
Laboratory  
Mental Health  
Optometry Clinic  
Outpatient Records  
Pharmacy Services  
Physical Therapy  
Public Health  
Radiology  
TRICARE

## **Military Personnel Flight (MPF)**

Common Access Card (CAC)/Dependent ID  
DEERS Enrollment (Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System)  
PCS Orders  
Government Passport  
Visa  
Awards and Decorations

## **Outdoor Recreation**

Rentals: camping, fishing, hunting, boating, sports, poker, home, carnival, lawn, garden  
Weekend Packages: camping, family fishing, family/group canoe, biking, backpacking

## **Thrift Store**

Non-profit organization run by the Columbus AFB spouses  
Proceeds go back to our military and local community  
Volunteer during operating hours  
Consignment

## **Visitor Center**

Long and short-term passes  
Focal point for functions and special events for guests who do not have DoD affiliation

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### **Youth Center**

Activities for children ages 5 and up

Offers a wide range of educationally enhanced programs, instructional classes, field trips and events

# Employment

If you are seeking employment, visit the Airman & Family Readiness Center (AFRC). The staff hosts a local employment workshop is held each Wednesday from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Topics include a discussion of local employment opportunities and matching skills with jobs. Bring a copy of your resume.

The AFRC is located across the parking lot from the base clinic. For more information on the local employment workshop or other services they offer, call (662) 434-2790.

The following websites list jobs in the Columbus AFB area.

## **Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF)**

<https://www.nafjobs.org>

- Under the USAF NAFJobs banner, use the scroll down menu to find “UNITED STATES, Mississippi, Columbus”
- Click “Go”
- An “Open Positions” page will pop-up
- You can conduct a more refined search by filling in specific criteria in the “Search Open Positions” section

*Note:* The AFRC provides a workshop to help navigate through this website

## **USAJobs**

<https://www.usajobs.gov>

- You can search for federal or civil service jobs based on keywords and/or location
  - You need to create a profile and a resume
- For resumes, it is best to create the resume in MS Word then cut and paste into resume maker in USAJobs. If you use resume maker you are able to load as many as five resumes. If you just upload a resume without using resume maker you can upload two.

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## **Columbus Lowndes Chamber of Commerce**

<https://www.clchamber.org>

- Click on the green information bar and select “Business Development” and the “Job Listings” from the pull-down menu
- This will list current job opportunities in the Columbus area and links to four temporary staffing agencies (The CPI Group, Qualified Staffing, The Wise Staffing Group, and Express Employment Professionals)

## **Mississippi Works**

<http://mississippiworks.org>

- Click on the blue rectangle titled “Find A Job”
- Edit “Jackson, MS” to “Columbus, MS”
- Select miles you are willing to travel

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## **The Commercial Dispatch** (local newspaper)

<https://www.cdispatch.com>

- Click on "Classifieds"
- Click on "Employment"

## **Indeed**

<https://www.indeed.com>

- You can search for jobs based on "What" (job title, keywords, or company) and/or "Where" (city, state, or zip code)
- After conducting you "What" and/or "Where" search, you can refine your search by Distance, Salary Estimate, Job Type, Location, Company, and/or Experience Level

## **The CPI Group**

<http://www.cpi-group.com>

- Scroll over "Job Seekers"
- Click on "Search Jobs"

## **Qualified Staffing**

<https://jobs.q-staffing.com>

- Click on "Job Seekers"
- Scroll down the page and click on the "Search Our Jobs" button
- Enter keywords and/or location and click on the "Begin Searching" button

## **The Wise Staffing Group**

<https://wisestaffinggroup.com>

- Scroll over "Employee"
- A drop-down menu will appear then select "Job Search"
- Enter keywords and/or location or select "Mississippi" under "Locations" on the left-hand side

## **Express Employment Professionals**

<https://jobs.expresspros.com>

- Under "Job Search," enter keywords and/or location
- Click on "Search"

# Pilot Training Phases

## PHASES OVERVIEW

There are 3 general phases of Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT):

- PHASE 1: Academic Classes and Pre-Flight Training
- PHASE 2: Primary Aircraft Training (T-6) & Track Selection Process
- PHASE 3: Advanced Aircraft Training (T-1, T-38)

\*Students selected to train in UH-1 helicopters will have follow-on training in Fort Rucker, Georgia

## TIMELINE OVERVIEW

PHASE 1: 6 wks	PHASE 2: 6 months	PHASE 3: 4 months
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## TRANSITION

Before beginning Academics, student pilots may be assigned to the Transition Flight on casual status as they await their class start date. Duration of transition phase will vary depending on arrival date and class start date.

- All students arriving at Columbus AFB will proceed directly to the Transition Office in the 14STUS building to start their initial in-processing (Day 1).
- Each Active Duty student (ROTC/Academy/OTS graduate/crossflow) will be assigned to the Transition Office as a casual between 2 to 6 months.
- Student who arrive from a Guard/Reserve unit immediately in-process at the base and start their 10-days out duties to prepare for academics.
- Casual Lieutenants awaiting Initial Flight Training (IFT) or UPT are given jobs with specific squadrons and base agencies.
- IFT takes place at DOSS Aviation in Pueblo, Colorado and lasts about one month.
- All students who have either completed IFT or have a Private Pilot License (PPL) will begin Phase 1 Academics and be removed from their casual duties 10 business days out from their UPT class start date. This will be referred to as "10-days out."

**PRO TIP:** There is limited phone availability/contact during some phases of training. Moreover, students are encouraged to "not make major life decisions" during UPT due to the stressful nature of this training. Please be supportive of this.

## PHASE 1: Academic Classes and Pre-Flight Training

PHASE 1: 6 wks	PHASE 2: 6 months	PHASE 3: 4 months
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- Aerospace Physiology, Altitude Chamber Rides + Test
- Ejection Seat / Egress Training, Parachute Landing Falls
- Aircraft Systems Class + Test
- Basic Instruments Class + Test
- Mission Planning / Navigation Class + Test
- Aviation Weather Class + Test

**PRO TIP:** Have your student pilot make a study guide with the answers you can quiz them on. Additionally, have them prioritize sleep over an extra hour of studying.

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## PHASE 2: Primary Aircraft Training (T-6) & Track Selection Process

PHASE 1: 6 wks	PHASE 2: 6 months	PHASE 3: 4 months
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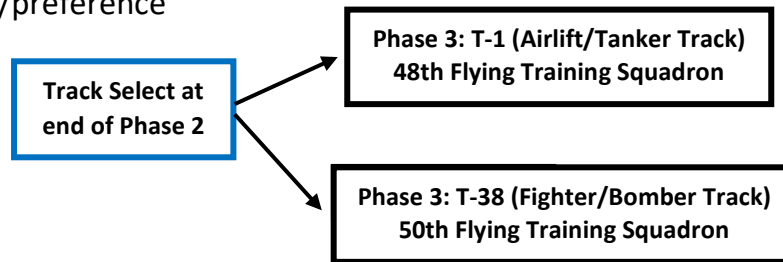
### Primary Aircraft Training (T-6)

- Approximately 90 hours of flight training instruction
- Purpose: Teach students basic flying skills
- Focus: Contact, Instruments, Formation (2-ship), Navigation
- At the end of this 6-month phase, students pick which Advanced Track they wish to pursue
- Students are assigned which track they go to based on their performance and ranking in Phase 2

**PRO TIP:** Encourage a healthy diet and workout regimen throughout UPT. Students are required to pass the Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) upon graduation.

### Track Selection Process – How do you pick which track you will pursue?

- Students request track preference – you pick your track, not your aircraft
- Quota for each track is determined on a class-by-class basis – based on USAF needs
- Selection is based on merit and instructor recommendation
- Students are ranked based on: check ride scores, daily ride scores, academics, and flight commander assessment of military qualities (Commander's Ranking)
- Wing Commander approves track placement
- The track that you select narrows down what type of aircraft you are assigned to after UPT whether that be on the fighter/bomber track or the airlift/tanker track
- Reconnaissance/Special Operations aircraft can be assigned to either track based on performance/preference



**PRO TIP:** Choosing a path for track select? Talk with your spouse about joint/family goals and career aspirations. Which aircraft, missions, and/or locations would meet those for both of you? Use the UPT and aircraft assignment guides provided with this resource to ask IPs questions and conduct your own research.

## PHASE 3: Advanced Aircraft Training (T-1, T-38)

PHASE 1: 6 wks	PHASE 2: 6 months	PHASE 3: 4 months
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### T-1 Jayhawk – Airlift / Tanker Track

- Approximately 105 hours of flight instruction
- Purpose: Prepare graduates for airlift and tanker assignments
- Focus: Visual Flying (Transition), Instruments, Navigation, Low-level, Formation, Air Refueling, and Airdrop



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- All students receive basic airdrop / refueling training
- Graduates will pick follow-on aircraft based on merit and instructor recommendation (similar to track select)

### **T-38 Talon – Fighter / Bomber Track**

- Approximately 120 hours of flight instruction
- Purpose: Prepare graduates for fighter and bomber assignments
- Focus: Visual Flying (Contact), Instruments, Formation (2/4 ship), Navigation, Low-level
- Graduates will pick follow-on aircraft based on merit and instructor recommendation (similar to track select)

**PRO TIP:** Work together as a class/flight. Student pilots should identify each person's strengths and share that for everyone's benefit & growth (for example: studying habits, briefings skills, mission planning efficiency).

### **Merit Assignment Selection System (MASS) Process – How do you pick your aircraft?**

- At completion of Phase 3, students are ranked based on: check ride scores, daily ride scores, academics, and flight commander assessment of military qualities (flight commander's ranking)
- Compete for aircraft compatible with their specialized tracks (i.e. fighter/bomber, airlift/tanker)
- Numbers for each aircraft, also known as a Major Weapon System (MWS), as well as locations are determined by USAF needs
- Wing Commander approves assignments
- Graduates progress to Formal/Remote Training Unit (FTU/RTU) specific MWS training
- Students also attend Land Survival, Water Survival, and any other schools required for their next assignment

**PRO TIP:** Try not to think about MASS too much. Your job as a UPT student is to be the most technically proficient pilot and leader by the time you graduate. If you are focused on making yourself look good, then you are prioritizing the wrong thing!

If you do think about MASS, do not compare yourself to others. Daily rides are meant to push yourself so downgrades are okay. Check rides are where you "make your money."

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### **UH-1 – Helicopter Track**

- Focus: Contact, Instruments, Cross Country, Remotes, Remote-Form, Low-Level, Low-Level Form, NVGs, and no-threat NVG-LL-Form rides
- NVG flying is a big part of the last month or two of training
- UH-1 is flown during contact phase (the first 1-2 months) then you transition to the TH-1 for the remainder of the program (Instruments, Day Tac and Night Tac)

### **Graduation & Post-Graduation**

- Choices at graduation: UH-1N, HH-60G, CV-22, and FAIP
- All students (except FAIPs) will follow-on to Kirtland AFB to the rotary-wing school house for another 4-6 months
- Osprey pilots go to MCAS New River to train with the Marines before they come back to the school house and move on to their unit
- FAIPs are trained in-house at Fort Rucker, Georgia

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## POST-GRADUATION TRAINING

### **Formal Training Unit (FTU) / Pilot Initial Qualification (PIQ) / (B-Course)**

Graduates receive their silver wings and are awarded the aeronautical rating of pilot. They attend follow-on training in their assigned aircraft at various bases known as Formal Training Units (FTUs) or Pilot Initial Qualification around the country. Nineteenth Air Force also provides follow-on training for most Air Force pilots in their assigned aircraft.

- Pilots assigned to fighter aircraft complete the Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) course at Randolph AFB, TX, Sheppard AFB, TX, or Columbus AFB, MS flying the AT-38B and then move on to train in their assigned fighter aircraft. Location for follow-on fighter training:
  - o F-15C at Klamath Falls, OR
  - o F-15E at Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
  - o F-16 at Luke AFB, AZ or Holloman AFB, NM
  - o F-22 at Tyndall AFB, FL
  - o F-35 at Tyndall AFB, FL
  
- Pilots assigned to bomber aircraft will train at the following respective bases:
  - o B-1 at Dyess AFB, TX
  - o B-2 at Whiteman AFB, MO (usually not assigned out of pilot training but can be a second assignment if applied for)
  - o B-52 at Barksdale AFB, LA
  
- Pilots assigned to airlift/tanker aircraft will train at the following respective bases:
  - o C-17, KC-135, and eventually the KC-46 at Altus AFB, OK
  - o C-5 at Lackland AFB, TX
  - o C-130 at Little Rock AFB, AR
  - o MC-130, AC-130, HC-130, UH-1N, HH-60, and CV-22 at Kirtland AFB, NM
  - o C-21 at Scott AFB, IL
  - o U-28 at Hurlburt Field, FL
  - o C-146 in Toronto, Canada followed by training at Duke Field, FL
  - o FAIPs at Randolph AFB, TX

### **Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF)**

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron in Columbus AFB, MS conducts IFF training for over 75 U.S. Air Force and international pilots and Weapon System Officers annually. In IFF, the goal is to learn the advanced tactics of flying a fighter aircraft. It develops the ability, proficiency, confidence, discipline, judgement, situational awareness and airmanship of future fighter wingmen.

### **Pilot Instructor Training (PIT)**

The task of training instructors is up to the members of the 559th Flying Training Squadron (T-6 Texan IIs), 560th Flying Training Squadron (T-38C Talons), and 99th Flying Training Squadron (T-1A Jayhawks) at Randolph AFB, Texas. The syllabus that new UPT instructors complete mirrors the program that

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UPT students complete. However, the emphasis is on effective instruction and timely intervention in situations where safety of flight is an issue. The PIT program is often challenging and usually takes 4 months and around 70-100 flying hours to complete.

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### **Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) & Water Survival**

The U.S. Air Force SERE school is located in Fairchild AFB, Washington. The curriculum has three parts: (1) Survival & Evasion, (2) Resistance & Escape, and (3) Water Survival. Some parts are classified. Most SERE training is intended, above all, to provide students with the skills needed to live up to the U.S. military code of conduct when in uncertain or hostile environments.

The majority of trainees at the USAF SERE School are Air Force aircrew members – pilots, navigators, flight engineers, loadmasters, boom operators, gunners, and other crew positions. Additionally, some intelligence officers and life support technicians may also attend. They spend weeks learning how to survive outdoors under any circumstances and to come home honorably.

## Aviation Terms & Acronyms

2-ship/4-ship	These are two different kinds of formations. A 2-ship has 2 aircraft involved and a 4-ship has 4. The aircraft in these formations communicate throughout the flight to stay together.
Abeam	Object located in your 3 or 9 o'clock position. Used in position reporting.
AGL	Above Ground Level. An airplane's altimeter reads height above Mean Sea Level (MSL).
AOA	Angle of Attack. Angle of the wing relative to the forward flight path of the airplane. On any aircraft, too great an angle of attack will cause the wing to stall, as airflow across the upper surface becomes separated and turbulent.
AR	Air Refueling. This type of mission is practiced in the T-1 to simulate the air refueling capability that some follow-on aircrafts have.
Below MIF	Not up to standards. All graded items must be at or "above MIF" in order to progress to the next set of flights. MIF stands for Maneuver Item File.
Bingo	Minimum fuel for a safe return to base.
Bugout	Egress a position or situation rapidly.
CAP	Commander's Action Program. Students "go on CAP" when they have done something that requires closer attention to them. There are 4 types: (1) Flying – hook 2 rides in a row, (2) USEM – fail 2 stand ups or EPQs in a row, (3) Academic – fail 2 tests, and (4) Military – breaking military protocol or severe issue with professionalism.
Checkride	A graded flight that is a sort of "final test" on a set of flights of a certain type.
Check Six	Visual observation of the rear quadrant. Refers to the clock system of scanning the envelope around the aircraft; 12 o'clock is straight ahead, 6 o'clock is directly astern.
Clean or Clean Configuration	Gear up, flaps up.

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Cross Country (XC)	A multi-day, off-station mission when a group of students or IPs have multiple flights and spend the night in another city. It is usually not actually across the entire country. Common places are Florida or Texas.
DNIF	Duty Not Involving Flying. Pilots can “go DNIF” for a number of reasons such as allergies or a broken leg.
DOR	Drop On Request. This is when a student pilot decides that pilot training is not the appropriate path for them and is removed from training. Once the student drops out of pilot training, they will not be readmitted.
Driver	Pilot.
FAIP	First Assignment Instructor Pilot. A potential for students at assignment/drop night. This assignment is common during a class’ drop, though people get teased for it since they will be “stuck” at a training base for ~4 more years.
Envelope	The maximum performance parameters of an aircraft; flying at the edge of the envelope means to utilize max speed, Gs or altitude of an aircraft.
EPQ	Emergency Procedures Quiz. A weekly quiz that tests general knowledge based on the section the class is in. Grades for these factor into overall ranking. <85% = FAIL.
FBO	Fixed-Based Operator. Airports may have an FBO that provide aeronautical services such as fueling, hangaring, tie-down and parking. FBOs may also provide free/cheap food and beverage for the pilots as they wait.
Flare	The nose-up landing attitude normal for most land-based aircraft.
FOD	Foreign Object Debris. Any object, particle, substance, debris or agent that is not where it is supposed to be (i.e. flight line, aircraft). In an aviation or similar environment, could create a hazard to aircraft, equipment, cargo, or personnel.

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Form	Short for Formation Flight. This is a type of flight that is practiced in various aircraft where two or more planes are flying in conjunction with each other. In the T-38, they can get as close as 2-3 feet flying over 500MPH!
Gouge	The latest inside information. It is also referred to unofficial study materials. Students make their own gouge to help study during UPT.
Gradebook	It is where, after each event, instructors would debrief student pilots and record grades for each maneuver attempted or demonstrated in.
Gs, G-loading	High-performance aircraft subject airframes and occupants to centrifugal forces. One-G equals normal gravity (14.7psi); a pilot and plane pulling 4-Gs will feel forces equal to four times the weight of gravity.
Head on a Swivel	Keeping eyes peeled. Being observant of surroundings.
Hook	If someone “hooks a flight,” they failed it. This does not mean they crashed or ejected. It means students were rated below MIF on one or more items they were being graded on (during a check ride) or an overall score of below MIF. You have to repeat hooked rides.
HUD	Heads Up Display. A transparent screen mounted in front of the windscreen on which pertinent data from flight instruments and weapons systems are projected.
IFR	Instrument Flight Rules. IFR are a set of regulations that dictate how aircraft are to be operated when the pilot is unable to navigate using visual references under Visual Flight Rules.
IP	Instructor Pilot.
MASS	Merit Assignment Selection System. This is the score that considers everything students are assessed on and is used to provide final rankings.



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MIF	Maneuver Item File. This is the standard at which the student is held. At the beginning of each phase, the MIF (or standard) is low and is gradually increased with each new block.
MOA	Military Operating Area. This is essentially a 3D arena in space that pilots can request access to during a flight to complete maneuvers. It is bad when you “bust the MOA” – it’s like coloring outside the lines.
MSL	Mean Sea Level. MSL is your altitude above an average, invisible "sea level" all over the world. Normal flight operations use this reference so everyone is on the same page as to altitudes.
MWS	Major Weapon System. According to US Department of Defense, an MWS is “one of a limited number of systems or subsystems that for reasons of military urgency, criticality, or resource requirements, is determined by the Department of Defense as being vital to the national interest.”
No-Notice Test	In each block of Phases 2 and 3 of training, students will be given a no-notice test (which has no study guide) to ensure their general knowledge is up to the required standard.
Over G	Each aircraft has G-force limitations that are considered safe during flight. If someone over Gs the aircraft, they have gone over the limit.
PIT	Pilot Instructor Training. Students who FAIP go onto PIT in San Antonio, TX before returning to a training base to instruct student pilots.
Punch Out	To eject.
Quibble	Talking back. People might quibble when receiving feedback.
Red Flag	Advanced aerial combat training exercise held by the Air Force at Nellis AFB, Nevada.
SA	Situational Awareness. Knowing what your airplane is doing relative to its envelope, where the ground is, and hundreds of other

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	variables.
SERE	Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape. This training is conducted in Fairchild AFB, WA and is intended to provide students with the skills to uphold the U.S. military code of conduct when in uncertain or hostile environments.
Sim	Short for Simulator or Simulated Flight. Students do "Sims" as a way to practice flying in a simulated flight before getting in a real plane.
Shot Gun	During daily stand up, all students will stand while being asked questions. If they provide the correct answer, they may sit. If they do not, they face another round of questioning.
Sortie	A single mission by one aircraft.
So to Speak	A common phrase that is said after using words in an unusual or figurative way rather than a literal way.
SRO	Senior Ranking Officer. The student that is the highest ranking in class that acts as the point of contact or liaison between the Class Commander/Flight Commander and the members of his/her class.
Stand Up	A type of assessment where students are given an emergency scenario where they have to talk through how they would safely execute a maneuver or flight.
STUDs	Short for student pilots.
SUPT	Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training. Sometimes shortened to UPT. This is the training program that all potential Air Force pilots must complete before earning their wings.
That Checks	That makes sense.
Throttle Back	To slow down, power back.
Up to Speed or Up to Snuff	To understand or to know what's going on.
USEM	Unit Standardization Evaluation Monitor. The individual who manages the Unit Standardization Evaluation program. This program is the formal way of properly monitoring students' general

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	knowledge and emergency procedures. It consists of: shot gun, stand up, EPQs, and no-notice tests.
VFR	Visual Flight Rules. VFR are the regulations that specify the cloud and visibility limitations for aircraft operating with visual reference to terrain.
Wash Out	To not make the grade at pilot training.
Wingman	Second aircraft/pilot in a two-ship formation.
Yank and Bank	Successive Steep climbing/banking turns, high G loading and unloading.

# Assignment Night

## ASSIGNMENT/DROP NIGHT

### What is Assignment Night?

This is the night that your spouse will get their assignment for their next air frame and base. It usually takes place two-three weeks before graduation at the Columbus Club on base. Everyone from the base is invited. Family and friends are welcome to join as well. Visit the Visitor Center outside the main gate to obtain base passes for your family and friends who do not reside on base.

### Assignment Night Preparations

It is up to the students to provide food, beverages, and decorations for Assignment Night. The spouses can help decorate for the occasion. Information will be given to the students for this process and one student will be in charge of the preparations. The students can also prepare a class video beforehand that will be shown. Usually spouses will either create matching t-shirts or dress in theme with the class patch for Assignment Night but they do not have to if they do not want to.

### What to expect at Assignment Night

- Do not expect to see much of your spouse before Assignment night starts. The students are currently allowed to celebrate at the squadron before assignment night and will be driven over to the club. Once they arrive, they usually hang out in a separate room until the festivities begin.
- After the class video has played, the students will come out as a group and line up to the right of the stage. The spouses can sit in the front row on the right side of the club. The front row on the left is reserved for Wing leadership.
- An instructor from the T-1 and T-38s (chosen by the students) will read a roast (written by their fellow students and instructors) for each student before they get their assignment.
- Students and spouses are welcome to celebrate afterward at the Columbus Club. An instructor will be assigned to ensure that they do not get into any trouble.
- Transportation can be rented to shuttle the students/spouses to another location to celebrate. Reserve a bus, van, or both through Information, Tickets, & Travel (ITT) located inside the BLAZE Commons. You must make the reservation in person. The cost is \$30 per hour. This price includes transportation in Columbus and the local area. A \$30 deposit is required and applied to the total cost. Reservations must be a minimum of 4 hours. For more information, contact ITT at (662) 434-7861.

# Aircraft Assignments

The following is a list of potential airframes that may be available for student pilots to rack-and-stack before Assignment/Drop Night conforming to their personal wish list. The list of available airframes for each class may vary depending on availability and needs of the Air Force.

Refer to the “Columbus Air Force Base UPT Assignment Guide” created by the Lean In Chapter for detailed information on: decision-making based on aircraft/mission/location, questions you and your student pilot should ask, family planning considerations, an aircraft and base matrix, and more! This guide can be found in the base app (Straxis) under the “Mentorship” icon, search for the PDF in the 14th Stus Spouses at Columbus Facebook page, or have your student pilot to ask Captain Katy Boshears, Captain Afton Brown, or any other members of the Lean In program for more information.

## Aircraft available for T-1 Student Pilots:

C-5M	HC-130N/P/J	E-3	U-28A
C-17A	MC-130H/P/J	E-4A	CV-22B
C-130H	WC-130J	E-8C	T-1 FAIP
EC-130H	KC-10A	C-12	T-6 FAIP
WC-130H	KC-46A	C-21A	MQ-1B
C-130J	KC-135	C-144	MQ-9B
AC-130U/W/J	RC-135	C-145	RQ-4
EC-130J/SJ	WC-135	C-146A	RQ-170

## Aircraft available for T-38 Student Pilots:

A-10C	U-2
B-1B	T-6 FAIP
B-2A	T-38 FAIP
B-52H	MQ-1B
F-15C/D	MQ-9B
F-15E	RQ-4
F-16	RQ-170
F-22A	* T-38 student pilots are also eligible for any Tanker, Transport, or
F-35A	Special Operations aircraft

Note: In the following “T-1 Aircraft Assignment” and “T-38 Aircraft Assignment” guides, some of the information may be out-of-date because aircraft availability and bases are constantly in flux. Conduct your research diligently and ask IPs if you have questions.

# T-1 Aircraft Assignments

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## C-5M Galaxy

**Mission:** Transport

**Locations:**

Altus AFB, OK  
Dover AFB, DE  
Kelly Field, TX  
Travis AFB, CA



## C-17A Globemaster III

**Mission:** Transport

**Locations:**

Altus AFB, OK  
Charleston AFB, SC  
Dover AFB, DE  
Edwards AFB, CA  
Hickam AFB, HI  
McCord AFB, WA  
McGuire AFB, NJ  
Travis AFB, CA



## C-130H Hercules

**Mission:** Transport

**Locations:**

ANG & Reserve bases



## EC-130H Compass Call

**Mission:** Electronic Warfare

**Location:**

Davis Monthan AFB, AZ





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## **LC-130H Hercules**

**Mission:** Transport

**Location:**

New York ANGB, NY



## **C-130J Super Hercules**

**Mission:** Transport

**Locations:**

Dyess AFB, TX

Little Rock AFB, AR

Ramstein AB, Germany

Yokota AB, Japan



## **AC-130 Spectre**

**Mission:** Gunship

**Locations:**

Cannon AFB, NM

Edwards AFB, CA

Hurlburt AFB, FL



## **EC-130J Compass Call**

**Mission:** Electronic Warfare

**Location:**

Davis Monthan AFB, AZ



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## **C-130N/P Combat King**

**Mission:** Search & Rescue

**Locations:**

Davis Monthan AFB, AZ  
Kirtland AFB, NM  
Moody AFB, GA  
Patrick AFB, FL (AFRC)



## **MC-130 H/P/J Combat Talon**

**Mission:** Multi-Mission

**Locations:**

Eglin AFB, FL  
Hurlburt AFB, FL  
Kadena AB, Japan  
Kirtland AFB, NM  
RAF Mildenhall, UK



## **WC-130J Weatherbird**

**Mission:** Weather Reconnaissance

**Location:**

Keesler AFB, MS



## **KC-10A Extender**

**Mission:** Aerial Refueling

**Locations:**

McGuire AFB, NJ  
Travis AFB, CA





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## **KC-46A Pegasus**

**Mission:** Aerial Refueling

### **Planned Locations:**

Altus AFB, OK  
Edwards AFB, CA  
McConnell AFB, KS  
Pease ANGB, NH  
Seymour Johnson AFB, NC



## **KC-135 Stratotanker**

**Mission:** Aerial Refueling

### **Locations:**

Altus AFB, OK  
Birmingham ANGB, AL  
Edwards AFB, CA  
Fairchild AFB, WA  
Kadena AB, Japan  
MacDill AFB, FL  
March ARB, CA  
McConnel AFB, KS  
Nellis AFB, NV  
Pease ANGB, NH  
RAF Mildenhall, UK  
Scott AFB, IL



## **RC-135 Rivet Joint**

**Mission:** Reconnaissance

### **Locations:**

Offut AFB, NE  
Sub-units at: RAF Mildenhall,  
Kadena AB, Japan, and  
Souda Bay Crete



## **WC-135 Constant Phoenix**

**Mission:** Weather Reconnaissance

### **Location:**

Offut AFB, NE



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## **E-3 Sentry**

**Mission:** Command & Control

**Locations:**

Elmendorf AFB, AK

Kadena AB, Japan

Tinker AFB, OK



## **E-4B Nightwatch**

**Mission:** Command & Control

**Location:**

Offut AFB, NE



## **E-8C JSTARS**

**Mission:** Command & Control

**Location:**

Robins AFB, CA



## **C-12 Huron**

**Missions:** Transport & Surveillance

**Locations:**

Eilson AFB, AK

Holloman AFB, NK

Yokota AB, Japan



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## **C-21A**

**Mission:** Passenger Transport

**Locations:**

Andrews AFB, MD

Ramstein AB, Germany

Scott AFB, IL



## **C-144**

**Mission:** NSAv (Non-Standard Aviation)

**Location:**

Undisclosed Location



## **C-145 Skytruck**

**Mission:** NSAv (Non-Standard Aviation)

**Location:**

Cannon AFB, NM



## **C-146A Wolfhound**

**Mission:** NSAv (Non-Standard Aviation)

**Location:**

Hurlburt AFB, FL





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## **U-28A**

**Mission:** Utility

**Locations:**

Cannon AFB, NM

Hurlburt AFB, FL



## **CV-22B Osprey**

**Mission:** Cargo, VTOL aircraft

**Locations:**

Canonn AFB, NK

Hurlburt AFB, FL

RAF Lakenheath, UK

RAF Mildenhall, UK



## **T-1A Jayhawk**

**Mission:** Trainer

**Locations:**

Columbus AFB, MS

Laughlin AFB, TX

NAS Pensacola, FL

Randolph AFB, TX

Vance AFB, OK



## **T-6A Texan II**

**Mission:** Trainer

**Locations:**

Columbus AFB, MS

Laughlin AFB, TX

Pensacola NAS, FL

Randolph AFB, TX

Sheppard AFB, TX

Vance AFB, OK



# *T-1 Aircraft Assignments*

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## **MQ-1B Predator**

**Mission:** Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)

**Locations:**

Cannon AFB, NM  
Creech AFB, NV  
Eglin AFB, FL  
Holloman AFB, NM



## **MQ-9B SkyGuardian**

**Mission:** Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)

**Locations:**

Cannon AFB, NM  
Creech AFB, NV  
Eglin AFB, FL  
Holloman AFB, NM



## **RQ-4 Global Hawk**

**Mission:** Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)

**Locations:**

Beale AFB, CA  
Edwards AFB, CA  
Grand Forks, ND



## **RQ-170 Sentinel**

**Mission:** Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)

**Locations:**

Creech AFB, NV



# T-38 Aircraft Assignments

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## **A-10C Thunderbolt II**

**Mission:** Attack, Close Air Support

**Locations:**

Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ  
Fort Wayne ANGS, IN  
Gowen Field ANGB, ID  
Moody AFB, GA  
Nellis AFB, NV  
Osan AB, Korea  
Selfridge ANGB, MI  
Warfield ANGB, MD  
Whiteman AFB (AFRC), MO



## **B-1B Lancer**

**Mission:** Bomber

**Locations:**

Dyess AFB, TX  
Edwards AFB, CA  
Ellsworth AFB, SD  
Grand Forks AFB, ND  
Nellis AFB, NV



## **B-2A Spirit**

**Mission:** Bomber

**Locations:**

Edwards AFB, CA  
Eglin AFB, FL  
Nellis AFB, NV  
Whiteman AFB, MO



## **B-52H Stratofortress**

**Mission:** Bomber

**Locations:**

Barksdale AFB, LA  
Edwards AFB, CA  
Minot AFB, ND  
Nellis AFB, NV





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## **F-15C/D Eagle**

**Mission:** Fighter

**Location:**

Bitburg AB, Germany  
Edwards AFB, CA  
Eglin AFB, FL  
Elmendorf AFB, AK  
Kadena AB, Japan  
Langley AFB, VA  
Mountain Home, ID  
Nellis AFB, NV  
RAF Lakenheath, UK  
Seymour Johnson AFB, NC  
Spangdahlem AB, Germany  
ANG & AFRC bases



## **F-15E Strike Eagle**

**Mission:** Multi-Role Strike Fighter

**Locations:**

Eglin AFB, FL  
Mountain Home AFB, ID  
Nellis AFB, NV  
Seymour Johnson AFB, NC  
RAF Lakenheath, UK



## **F-16 Fighting Falcon**

**Mission:** Fighter

**Locations:**

Aviano AB, Italy  
Eielson AFB, AK  
Eglin AFB, FL  
Kunsan AB, Korea  
Luke AFB, AZ  
Misawa AB, Japan  
Nellis AFB, NV  
Osan AB, Korea  
Shaw AFB, SC  
Spangdahlem AB, Germany  
ANG & AFRC bases



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## **F-22A Raptor**

**Mission:** Fighter

**Locations:**

Edwards AFB, CA  
Elmendorf AFB, AK  
Hickam AFB, HI  
Langley AFB, VA  
Nellis AFB, NV  
Tyndall AFB, FL



## **F-35A Lightning II**

**Mission:** Fighter

**Locations:**

Edwards AFB, CA  
Eglin AFB, FL  
Hill AFB, UT  
Luke AFB, AZ



## **U-2 Dragon Lady**

**Mission:** Reconnaissance

**Location:**

Beale AFB, CA



## **T-6A Texan II**

**Mission:** Trainer

**Locations:**

Columbus AFB, MS  
Laughlin AFB, TX  
Pensacola NAS, FL  
Randolph AFB, TX  
Sheppard AFB, TX  
Vance AFB, OK





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## **T-38 Talon**

**Mission:** Trainer

**Locations:**

Columbus AFB, MS  
Laughlin AFB, TX  
Randolph AFB, TX  
Sheppard AFB, TX  
Vance AFB, OK



## **MQ-1B Predator**

**Mission:** Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)

**Locations:**

Cannon AFB, NM  
Creech AFB, NV  
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## **MQ-9B SkyGuardian**

**Mission:** Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)

**Locations:**

Cannon AFB, NM  
Creech AFB, NV  
Eglin AFB, FL  
Holloman AFB, NM



## **RQ-4 Global Hawk**

**Mission:** Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)

**Locations:**

Beale AFB, CA  
Edwards AFB, CA  
Grand Forks AFB, ND



## *T-38 Aircraft Assignments*

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### **RQ-170 Sentinel**

**Mission:** Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA)

**Location:**

Creech AFB, NV



# *Aircraft Designations*

- A – Attack/Ground Attack (ex. A-10)
- B – Bomber (ex. B-52)
- C – Transport/Cargo (ex. C-130)
- E – Electronic Warfare (ex. E-3)
- F – Fighter (ex. F-16)
- H – Search and Rescue (ex. HC-130)
- K – Tanker (ex. KC-135)
- L – Equipped for Cold Weather Operations (ex. LC-130)
- M – Multi-Mission (ex. MC-130)
- O – Observation (ex. OC-135B)
- P – Maritime Patrol (ex. P-8 Navy aircraft)
- Q – Unmanned Drone (ex. MQ-9)
- R – Reconnaissance (ex. RC- 135)
- T – Trainer (ex. T-6)
- U – Utility (ex. U-2)
- V – Staff Transport (ex. VC-25A)
- W – Weather Reconnaissance (ex. WC-135)

# Graduation

## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

### Graduation Breakfast

Attire: Student Pilots—Service Dress; Families & Guests—Business casual or Sunday best

Location: Varies (check your schedule but usually at the Columbus Club)

Time: Varies (check your schedule but usually at 8am)

- Students and their families enjoy breakfast before the graduation ceremony
- The bus leaves from the Columbus Club to the graduation ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium on base; this helps ensure that everyone going to graduation arrives on time
- The bus will take you back to the Columbus Club to your vehicle

### Graduation Ceremony

Attire: Student Pilots—Service Dress; Families & Guests—Business casual or Sunday best

Location: Kaye Auditorium (on base)

Time: Varies (check your schedule but usually at 10am)

- Students graduate and receive their wings
- There will be no delays, so be one time!

### Red Carpet

Attire: Graduates—May change into Flight Suits; Families & Guests—May change into casual clothing

Location: Respective Squadrons; 48FTS (T-1) or 50FTS (T-38)

Time: Varies (check your schedule but usually around 11am directly after the graduation ceremony)

- Families & guests are given tours of the Squadron & static displays (aircraft tours) by the students
- Families & guests may purchase souvenirs
- Lunch may be served during Red Carpet

\*After Red Carpet is usually down time (3pm-5pm)

- If you are setting up at the Columbus Club for the graduation dinner, this will take place around 3pm-4pm; make sure to communicate this with your spouse—they will need an early simulator slot so you can participate and arrive at the Columbus Club with enough time to set up

### Graduation Dinner

Attire: Graduates—Mess Dress; Families & Guests—Cocktail dress or semi-formal

Location: The Columbus Club

Time: 6pm social hour, 7pm dinner served (time may vary; check your schedule)

- Guest speaker & awards are given
- The Columbus Club staff will start clean up by 9PM whether or not you are done partying! Just be aware, if you are planning to save any of the centerpieces or decorations

# Graduation

The Graduation Officer is available to help vet issues, concerns problems and complaints. Contact STUS secretary for the Graduation Officer's number if you have questions.

**There should be no feeling of expectation -- Spouses are NOT obligated to work on this! It is a volunteer job to help out, so never feel pressured into doing this unless you want to.** However, the more the spouses are involved, the better the event turns out.

## Meals

The Columbus Club is able to work out different dietary restrictions or issues, even if it is not on the menu. Let them know ahead of time. Meal choices are due to the Graduation Officer 4 weeks in advance.

## Guest List

The final guest list and payment for everyone in advance due no later than the Friday before graduation. If someone can't make it, you can invite someone to take their spot, or take their meal home, but there are no refunds.

You can sit eight people per table. You can invite as many people as you want.

To get guests on base, you need a list of everyone's name, birthdate, driver's license number and state issued in. Make sure it hasn't expired. If guests are driving they will need registration and proof of insurance.

## Centerpieces

You can select the color theme you want from The Columbus Club tablecloth selections. They also have a lot of different items that can be used for centerpieces, such as different glass vases, mirrors, beads, etc. that can be used for free. You can make an appointment and go look at their stock. The only tables that **HAVE** to have centerpieces are the four head tables. But you are **NOT** obligated to do flowers. Whatever you are doing for other tables, just do for those as well. There are pictures of examples of centerpieces in the "Spouse Guide to Graduation" PDF.

## PRO TIPS:

- If interested in doing fresh flowers, some classes have gotten a good deal on mail order through large retail warehouse clubs.
- Roses for the Rose Ceremony should be picked-up on **Thursday** to avoid trying to run downtown on Friday.

# Acronyms

AAFES – Army & Air Force Exchange Service  
ADSC – Active Duty Service Commitment  
AETC – Air Education & Training Command  
AFB – Air Force Base  
AFI – Air Force Instruction  
AFPC – Air Force Personnel Center  
AFRC – Air Force Reserve Command  
AFRC – Airman & Family Readiness Center  
AFSC – Air Force Specialty Code  
ANG – Air National Guard  
ATC – Air Traffic Control  
BAH – Basic Allowance for Housing  
BX – Base Exchange  
CAC – Common Access Card  
CAF – Combat Air Forces  
CAP – Commander's Awareness Program  
CBT – Computer-Based Training  
CDC – Child Development Center  
CFC – Combined Federal Campaign  
CGO – Company Grade Officer  
CoC – Change of Command  
CONUS – Continental United States  
CSAF – Chief of Staff, Air Force  
DECA – Defense Commissary Agency  
DEERS – Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System  
DITY – Do-It-Yourself  
DO – Director of Operations  
DoD – Department of Defense  
DOR – Date of Rank/Drop On Request  
DV – Distinguished Visitor  
EO – Equal Opportunity  
EPR – Enlisted Performance Report  
FGO – Field Grade Officer  
FLT/CC – Flight Commander  
FPCON – Force Protection Condition  
FTS – Flying Training Squadron  
FTW – Flying Training Wing  
GTC – Government Travel Card  
HQ – Headquarters  
IAW – In Accordance With  
ICAO – International Civil Aviation Organization  
IG – Inspector General

# Acronyms

JAG – Judge Advocate General  
LOC – Letter of Counseling  
LOR – Letter of Reprimand  
MAF – Mobility Air Forces  
MAJCOM – Major Command  
MDG – Medical Group  
MFLC – Military & Family Life Consultant  
MPS – Military Personnel Section  
MSG – Mission Support Group  
MWR – Morale, Welfare & Recreation  
MWS – Major Weapon System  
MXG – Maintenance Group  
NAF – Numbered Air Force  
NAVAID – Navigational Aid  
NCO – Non-Commissioned Officer  
NCOIC – Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge  
NOTAM – Notice To Airman  
O&B – Out & Back  
OCONUS – Outside the Continental United States  
OI – Operating Instruction  
OG – Operations Group  
OG/CC – Operations Group Commander  
OPR – Officer Performance Report  
OPSEC – Operations Security  
OPSTEMPO – Operations Tempo  
OSI – Office of Special Investigation  
PCA – Permanent Change of Assignment  
PCS – Permanent Change of Station  
PFA – Physical Fitness Assessment  
POC – Point of Contact  
POTUS – President of the United States  
PRF – Personnel Readiness File/Folder  
QoL – Quality of Life  
RTB – Return to Base  
RTD – Return to Duty  
SA – Situational Awareness  
SABC – Self Aid & Buddy Care  
SARC – Sexual Assault Response Coordinator  
SECDEF – Secretary of Defense  
SERE – Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape  
SFS – Security Forces Squadron  
SGLI – Serviceman's Group Life Insurance

## *Acronyms*

SNCO – Senior Non-Commissioned Officer

SOP – Standard Operating Procedure

SQ/CC – Squadron Commander

SUPT – Supplemental Undergraduate Pilot Training

TDY – Temporary Duty

TLF – Temporary Lodging Facility




UPT – Undergraduate Pilot Training

WG/CC – Wing Commander



# Rank Structure



## ENLISTED RANKS

US DoD Pay grade	E-1	E-2	E-3	E-4	E-5	E-6
Insignia	No Insignia					
Title	Airman Basic	Airman	Airman First Class	Senior Airman	Staff Sergeant	Technical Sergeant

E-7	E-8	E-9	
			
Master Sergeant <sup>1</sup>	Senior Master Sergeant <sup>1</sup>	Chief Master Sergeant <sup>1</sup>	Command Chief Master Sergeant
			Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

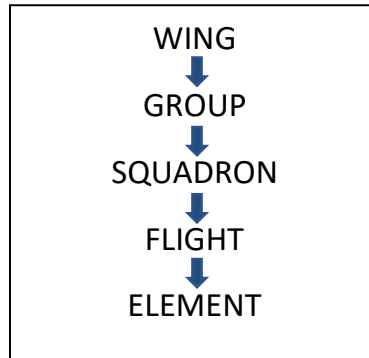
## OFFICER RANKS

Pay grade	O-1	O-2	O-3	O-4	O-5	O-6
Insignia						
Title	Second Lieutenant	First Lieutenant	Captain	Major	Lieutenant Colonel	Colonel

O-7	O-8	O-9	O-10	Special <sup>1</sup>
				
Brigadier General	Major General	Lieutenant General	General	General of the Air Force

# Organizational Structures

## CHAIN OF COMMAND



**Wing:** Each Wing has a distinct mission. It is comprised of one or more Groups and is typically commanded by a Colonel (O-6). Other high visibility wings are commanded by a Brigadier General (O-7).

**Group:** Groups are made up of several Squadrons and is commanded by a Colonel.

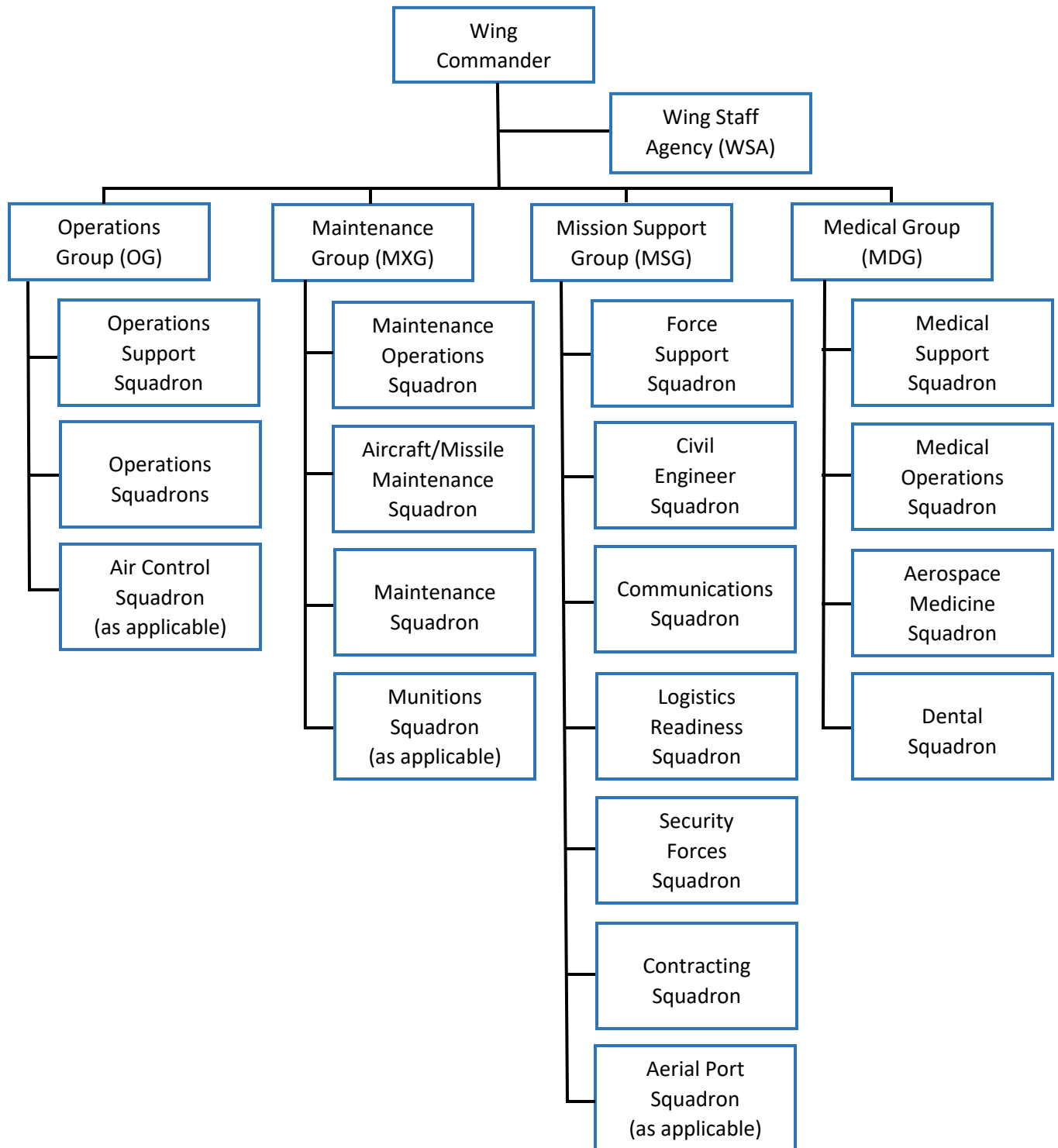
**Squadron:** A Squadron is considered to be the basic unit of the Air Force. It is commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel (O-5).

**Flight:** A Flight is the smallest official capacity in the Air Force. It usually ranges from a dozen people to over a hundred. A typical Flight Commander is a Captain (O-3).

**Element:** An Element is the smallest unit. Each Flight is typically broken down into 3 to 4 Elements.

# Organizational Structures

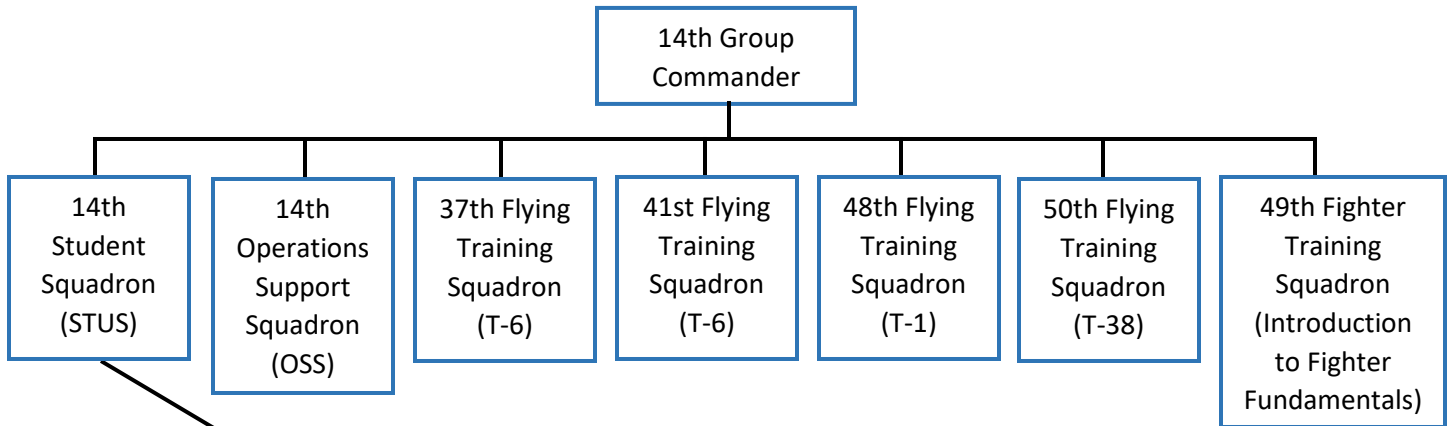
## TYPICAL WING STRUCTURE



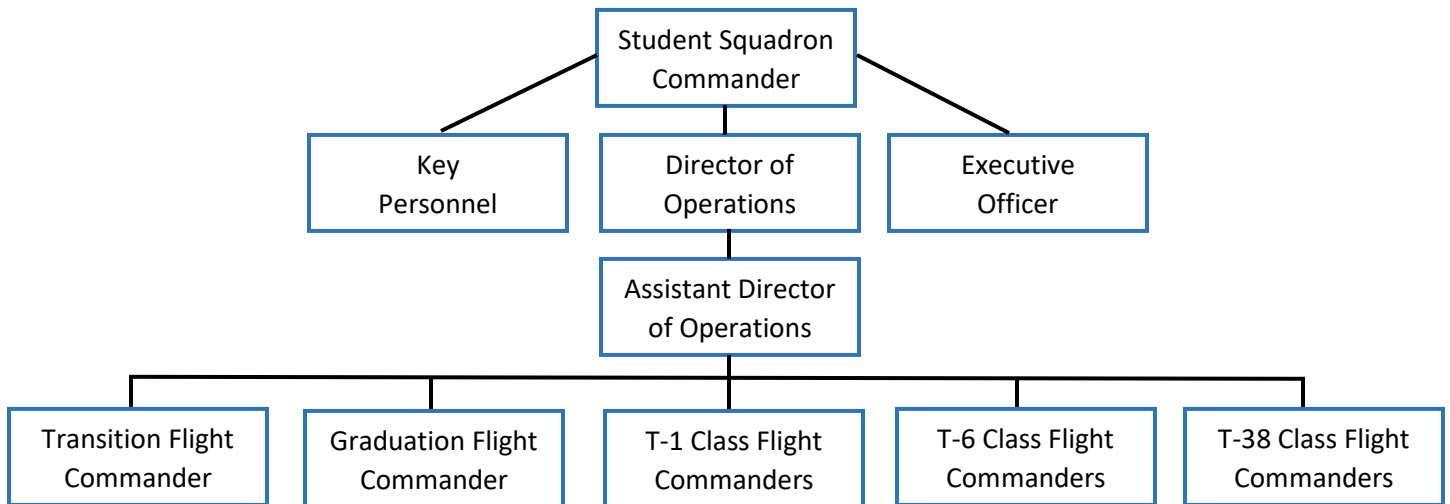
# Organizational Structures

## 14TH OPERATIONS GROUP

\*This organizational chart is simplified to only include units that directly impact student pilots.



## 14TH STUDENT SQUADRON (STUS)



# Air Force Songs

## REVEILLE, RETREAT & TAPS

Reveille, retreat and taps are played each duty day over the base giant voice system. Are you familiar with the proper protocol for each when played?

Reveille is played as a bugle call to signal the beginning of the duty day on base at 7am.

Retreat is played to mark the end of the duty day and precedes the playing of the national anthem at 5pm.

Taps is played to mark the start of quiet hours on base at 9pm.

During the playing of reveille and retreat, uniformed military personnel should stand at attention and face the American flag, or the direction of the music if a flag is not visible. If reveille or retreat is followed by the national anthem or "To the Color," military personnel should salute (during the entirety of the song).

Military personnel and veterans who are present but not in uniform may salute when outdoors [during reveille and retreat] or stand at parade rest. Civilians should stand at attention and place their right hand—with a hat if they are wearing one—over their heart. All vehicles on military installations should come to a complete stop and wait until the last note of the music stops. Military members in their vehicles should sit at attention.

## "THE U.S. AIR FORCE" SONG

Each branch of the U.S. military has its own song for formal ceremonies. They are played by military bands at service academy football games, boot camp/basic training graduations, and more formal ceremonies like retirements, funerals, weddings of military members, and holiday events like Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The Air Force's song titled simply "The U.S. Air Force" is best known for its opening line "Off we go/Into the wild blue yonder."

### **Lyrics to the Air Force Song**

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,  
Climbing high into the sun;  
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,  
At 'em, boys, Give 'er the gun! (Give 'er the gun, Hey!)  
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,  
Off with one helluva roar!  
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!  
Nothing will stop the U.S. Air Force!

Minds of men fashioned a crate of thunder,  
Sent it high into the blue;  
Hands of men blasted the world asunder;  
How they lived God only knew! (God only knew then!)  
Souls of men dreaming of skies to conquer

## *Air Force Songs*

Gave us wings, ever to soar!  
With scouts before And bombers galore. Hey!  
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

("Toast to the Host" lyrics. This verse commemorates fallen Air Force service members, and has a different melody and more somber mood):

Here's a toast to the host  
Of those who love the vastness of the sky,  
To a friend, we send a message of his brother men who fly.  
We drink to those who gave their all of old,  
Then down we roar to score the rainbow's pot of gold.  
A toast to the host of men we boast, the U.S. Air Force!

Off we go into the wild sky yonder,  
Keep the wings level and true;  
If you'd live to be a grey-haired wonder  
Keep the nose out of the blue! (Out of the blue, boy!)  
Flying men, guarding the nation's border,  
We'll be there, followed by more!  
In echelon, we carry on. Hey!  
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

# *Phonetic Alphabet*

A – Alpha or Alfa

B – Bravo

C – Charlie

D – Delta

E – Echo

F – Foxtrot

G – Golf

H – Hotel

I – India

J – Juliett

K – Kilo

L – Lima

M – Mike

N – November

O – Oscar

P – Papa

Q – Quebec

R – Romeo

S – Sierra

T – Tango

U – Uniform

V – Victor

W – Whiskey

X – X-ray

Y – Yankee

Z - Zulu

# Student Spouse Information Form

## 14STUS Spouses Group

Your Name:

Circle One:            Spouse            Fiancé            Girlfriend/Boyfriend

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Physical Address:

Do you have school-aged children?    Yes            No

I **do** \_\_\_ or **do not** \_\_\_ authorize release of my name, telephone number, email address and physical location for the use of maintaining squadron social rosters in accordance with Privacy Act 1974 and AFI 33-332. I understand that I **do** \_\_\_ or **do not** \_\_\_ release my information to the 14th Student Squadron for all squadron social events, rosters and distribution of emails regarding squadron and base activities.

If you **do not** authorize release, can we retain your info for emergency purposes only?    Yes            No

**Can the spouse organization have permission to contact and welcome you?** (Note: Information will not be used for advertising.)    Yes            No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Pilot's Name:

Class Number &/or Estimated Graduation Date (if known):

Has he/she attended Initial Flight Training (IFT)?    Yes    No  
If answer is no, when will he/she be attending IFT?

### Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to volunteer in the 14STUS Spouses Group?  
Check all options you would be interested in.

- Welcome Committee:** Volunteer to welcome new spouses
- Social Committee:** Volunteer to plan/organize social events
- Stork/Sunshine Committee:** Volunteer to set-up meal sign-up/visit with new mothers
- Lunch Bunch:** Volunteer to plan/organize meals in the local area
- Playgroup:** Volunteer to set-up play dates and locations
- Babysitters List:** Interested in babysitting?
- Petsitters List:** Interested in petsitting?
- Student Spouse Representative:** Provide student spouse support, manage one of the committees

### FOR OFFICE USE

Entered