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News Briefs

Enlisted Promotions/Wing Quarterly Awards

The next Columbus Air Force Base Enlisted Promotions Ceremony is at 3 p.m. Jan. 31 at the Columbus Club, followed by the Wing Quarterly Awards.

SUPT Class 18-05 Assignment Night

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-05 will have assignment night at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Columbus Club.

Wing Newcomers Orientation

A Wing Newcomers Orientation is scheduled from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Columbus Club for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel.

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The Airman & Family Readiness Center is highlighted in this week's feature.

Nowland: Speaks of service

Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Mark Nowland, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C, spoke at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-04's graduation here Jan, 19.

As Nowland talked to Class 18-04 he emphasized how important their service is to the Air Force and the United States and wants them to ensure they also provide a service to themselves by ensuring they remain adventurous and enjoy their time as an Air Force pilot.

“The Air Force is in an aircrew crisis,” Nowland said. “Think about how often you fly, think about where you go, it's directly impacted what going on in the world, which means for you all who have earned your wings today ..., congratulations, you've earned a job for life.”

The pilot shortage has put stress on the Air Force, but Nowland acknowledged the importance of service beyond filling these shortages.

“For those of you who have just earned your wings, remember to fly, fight, win, and stay Air Force,” he said. “So parents I'm about to recruit you on that stay Air Force part of it. [Students] you just learned the fly part of it ... but you got a lot of learning still to do. ... Flying is one thing, but what we do is turn your wings into weapons. You need to learn how to fight.”


He told the newest aviators what they can expect at their first squadrons,

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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
Lt. Gen. Mark Nowland, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C, speaks at Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-04's graduation Jan, 19, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Everyone in this team is supporting one another, Nowland told the students during his speech. Everyone will continue to contribute and will fly, fight and win for the United States.

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE											
PHASE II				PHASE III				IFF			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation
37th (18-13)	0.94 days	0.58 days	Feb. 9	48th (18-05)	0.46 days	2.53 days	Feb. 16	49th (18-DBC)	-1.87 days	-1.30 days	Feb. 1
41st (18-14)	2.45 days	2.90 days	Mar. 7	50th (18-05)	-0.16 days	-1.23 days	Feb. 16				
* Mission numbers provided by 14 FTW Wing Scheduling.											
The 14th Communications Squadron is the highlighted squadron for the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-05 graduation at 10 a.m. Feb. 16 in the Kaye Auditorium. Maj. Gen. James Scanlan, Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida is the guest speaker.											
								WING SORTIE BOARD			
								Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
								T-6	2,052	1,697	9,602
								T-1	729	485	2,471
								T-38	578	645	3,526
								IFF	270	224	1,320



14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 39 TEAM BLAZE members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

Deployment numbers provided by the Installation Personnel Readiness Office.

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CAFB to host Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 9

The 2017 Annual Awards Banquet is Feb. 9 at the Columbus Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and the banquet starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are being sold until Feb. 2 and can be purchased online by going to <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=376910&k=016644007A57>.

Each unit is also encouraged to design a “centerpiece” to be displayed on the table leading into the banquet area. The theme for the banquet is “Columbus Through the Ages” so units should feel free to be creative and showcase your squadron’s history.

Please ensure your design does not exceed 18x18 inches at the base and it should be no more than 3 feet high. The best centerpiece will be judged by an unnamed person and the winner will be announced after the award winners.

Please have centerpieces completed and delivered to the club no later than noon on Feb. 8.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun	Long Range Events
29	30 Air Show Table-Top Exercise, 9 a.m. @ Club	31 Enlisted Promotions/Quarterly Awards, 3 p.m. @ Club	1	2 SUPT Class 18-05 Assignment Night, 5:30 p.m. @ Club	3/4 4th: Super Bowl Party, 5 p.m. @ Club	Feb. 13: SUPT Class 19-05’s Pilot Partner Welcome Feb. 14: Valentine’s Day Feb. 15: Daedalian’s Dinner Meeting Feb. 16: SUPT Class 18-05 Graduation Feb. 19: President’s Day Feb. 22: Hearts Apart Feb. 23: SUPT Class 18-06 Assignment Night Feb. 28: Enlisted Promotions Mar. 2: Dorm Dinner Mar. 6: Wing Newcomers Mar. 8: Daedalian’s Meeting Mar. 9: SUPT Class 18-06 Graduation
5	6 Club Member breakfast, 6:30-9 a.m. @ Club Wing Newcomers, 8 a.m. @ Club	7	8	9 Annual Awards Banquet, 6 p.m. @ Club	10/11	

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Feb. 10
Brantley Gilbert, an American country singer, songwriter and record producer, will be performing at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo, Mississippi. Tickets are for sale online.

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awareness.
Kelly advised the commander advance notification is not the same as the official assignment notification. Official assignment notification occurs on day eight when the Airman receives the notification email, logs into virtual MPF and acknowledges receipt. Once the Airman logs in, this records their official assignment notification date which begins the seven-day period the Airman is afforded to either accept the assignment or execute their option to retire or separate, if eligible.

“This new seven-day period is not intended to be a negotiation or reclama period above already existing assignment rule sets,” Kelly said, “But we at the Air Force’s Personnel Center will remain agile and alert for potential adjustments driven by real world changes. We’re intentionally putting this into action now to ensure availability during our upcoming 2018 summer cycle moves.”

AFPC officer assignment teams have begun updating assignments for the summer assignment cycle. The assignment update for the enlisted assignment cycle will occur on Jan. 26, 2018, with approximately 2,900 assignments.

The advance notification only applies to the initial assignment. For example, if an Airman’s initial assignment is a remote tour (dependent-restricted tour) and is approved for a follow-on assignment, the virtual notification for the follow-on assignment will go directly to the Airman via vMPF notification on the selection date.

For more information on the advance notification process, visit the active duty enlisted or officer Assignments pages on myPers from a CAC-enabled computer.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, visit myPers. Eligible individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following the instructions.

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NOWLAND

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and stressed the importance of learning how to fight and the lessons they will need to put into practice.

“You’re going to learn how to [fight] as you go to your next phase of training, your Replacement Training Unit(s),” Nowland said.

Then he spoke about winning and what it means to be an Air Force pilot, using his flying ability to adapt and overcome, flying, fighting and ultimately winning.

“Every one of us remembers our first operational squadron. That first squadron is where you’re going to learn how to win, that means taking your combat capability and doing it,” he said.

He then switched gears and explained to the audience some the reasons for why the new pilots decided to join the Air Force, but also recognized the reasons that will keep them in the Air Force. He noted to the families that they need to help keep these pilots involved, and driven, because the opportunities that will come across are the same opportunities that as Nowland recollected, kept him in.

“The demands on these pilots will be amazing,” Nowland said. “Last year we dropped 40,000 munitions. I visited an F-15E [Strike Eagle] squadron that dropped 5,000 bombs in six months. I have an A-10 [Thunderbolt II] squadron commander friend of mine who went out and his unit fired over 200,000 rounds of 30mm ammunition. I have F-16 [Fighting Falcon] guys who were in Afghanistan and in Syria who dropped equal number of ordinance. They turned their wings



Second Lt. Denis Aurelious, 14th Student Squadron student pilot, attempts to break his first set of wings during Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 18-04’s graduation Jan. 19, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. At the end of every graduation the pilots break their first set of wings as tradition promoting good luck throughout their flying career.

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into weapons, turned it into defeating the enemies of the United States and the enemies of our allies.”

He reminded the pilots that constant vigilance is important now more than ever, and they will help project the Air Force’s power across the globe and not only with weaponized airpower. He spoke about every aircraft the students in front of him had been assigned to.

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you’re going to do it for the United States.”

Nowland referred to the families once again, telling them that none of this comes without a cost.

Joining the military used to be called joining the service, he said. By putting a hand up and stating one is willing to support and defend the Constitution, they separate themselves from the others. The families are with those service members from start to finish.

“The ops tempo is hard, it’s going to require service and it’s going to require sacrifice,” Nowland said. “But the value proposition is: What you do is amazing.”

He encouraged family to visit as much as they can, to be engaged in the graduates careers, to support them during their adventure.

“You need to reinforce that their service is valued, that their service is important, and it’s just not their service, it’s the family’s service,” he said.

Lastly Nowland touched on the importance of loving what one does. He explained his constant awe of being a pilot.

He remembered back to his time as an instructor pilot and how waking up before sunrise and flying as the sun peaks over the tree line was amazing every time he saw it, because he recognized the exclusivity of the job and how not many others have the opportunities to say they are an Air Force pilot.

“You’re going to stay with this because you’re going to do amazing things, with amazing people, with amazing technology,” Nowland said. “You’ve taken flying into a combat capability and very few people can do that. It defends our way of life and that’s why it’s called service.”



CAFB hosts Commander's New Year Reception

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs
Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert

Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, along with commanders at all levels hosted the Commander's New Year Reception Jan. 20 at the Columbus Club here.

Members of Team BLAZE and the local community were invited to hear the accomplishments the base made during 2017 and a peak of what is to come in 2018.

"Events like this bring together the base and community," said Larry Cantrell, Base Community Council President. "There is nothing more important than the protection of the American citizens, in my opinion. We as a community need to let them know that we appreciate it and we will not forget the sacrifices being made."

Gosney started his speech by sharing the wing's primary mission to Produce Pilots. Columbus AFB flew over 76,500 flight hours on 7,700 sorties which produced 327 pilots. He then proceeded to talk about how the wing advances Airmen by encouraging them to pursue education and providing professional military education opportunities.

"Once the Airmen move on from here, they don't just drop off the cliff, they continue to soar because they had a great foundation here," Cantrell said.

Gosney also spoke about some of the more defining moments of 2017, such as the inspection from Air Education and Training Command that resulted in an overall Effective rating. The base also partnered with the local community to put on Fireworks on the Water for over 6,000 people.

Later in 2017, Columbus AFB held their 70th Air Force Birthday Ball at the Trotter Center in downtown Columbus and 400 people listened to guest speaker Maj. Gen. Mark Brown, Air Education and Training Command Deputy Commander, commend the 14th FTW on doing a great job.

The base also received the Community Partner Award at the annual CREATE meeting, for their contributions during the Imagine the Possibilities Career Expo in October in Tupelo, Mississippi, where 110 Team BLAZE members helped inspire over 7,000 eighth-graders.

During November, Columbus AFB partnered with organizations from Lowndes County to organize the Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony, which had 20 floats and over 400 people in attendance.

"We think we are pretty good at what we do, and we think the community is good at what they do," Gosney said. "That's why we make such a great team."

The base also participated in the Happy Fund Shop and Wrap, which gave 400 presents to local school children and 115 food baskets to elderly citizens. The base also collected and donated 436 books to West Lowndes Elementary School. Gosney then talked about the numerous awards the 14th FTW has won from Number Air Force, Major Command level and Air Force levels.

Gosney also highlighted how Team BLAZE Feeds the Fight by talking about some of the recent graduates and the missions they have completed down range.

After Gosney talked about what the base accomplished



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert
Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, speaks during the Commander's New Year Reception Jan. 20, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. This event takes place annually to let community partners and leaders know what the base has accomplished and what the base is looking at accomplishing the following year.

last year, he began to speak of things to come.

"This is going to be a busy year for us," Gosney said. "We are planning a lot for community, Airmen and base that will ultimately impact the Air Force."

Gosney said that the base will be producing more pilots than the previous years. He briefly touched on the Pilot Training Next program that is designed examine ways to improve and streamline pilot production, making it easier and quicker to train pilots.

Gosney then announced the next Air Force Birthday Ball will be Sept. 22, 2018, at the Trotter Center. He also talked about how the base is ramping up for the Wings Over Columbus Open House and Air and Space Show which is free and open to the public, and is April 21-22. The air show will feature multiple acts including aerial acrobatics from the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

Even though the base golf course is shut down, Gosney said Columbus AFB will support the Happy Irby Golf Tournament in a new and different way. While the base Whispering Pines Golf Course closed on May 1 2017, the tournament will be hosted by the Lion Hills Golf Course on March 26, 2018.

Gosney also talked about the upcoming and almost complete projects around the base such as the BLAZE Fit Trail and the Alpha Warrior Competition. He also explained how a big shift in command will take place in 2018, as 12 changes of commands will occur on base, which includes his, two at the group level and nine at the squadron level.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Keith Holcomb
Gary Laughlin, 14th Flying Training Wing Honorary Command Chief, and Col. Douglas Gosney, 14th FTW Commander, talk before Gosney's speech at the Commander's New Year Reception Jan. 20, 2018, on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Members of Team BLAZE and the local community were invited to hear the accomplishments the base has made in 2017 and what is to come in 2018, including the Wings Over Columbus Open House and Air Show and the upcoming changes of commands.

US Air Forces Central Command realigns aircraft, Airmen to Kandahar Airfield

Staff Reports
AFCENT Public Affairs

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar — U.S. Air Forces Central Command has realigned aircraft, Airmen and assets to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, to support increased airpower requirements of Afghan National Defense and Security Forces and U.S. forces tasked to carry out the South Asia Policy under Operation Freedom's Sentinel and the Resolute Support Mission.

The new strategy and its supporting strategic air campaign, ongoing ANDSF and counter-terrorism operations, and the scheduled arrival of a U.S. Army Security Force Assistance Brigade, all requires an increase in Air Force capabilities in multiple mission sets to include close air support, personnel recovery, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

"As we've applied increased pressure on the Taliban and their revenue sources with precision airpower, we've gained considerable momentum in our effort to force them to reconcile or face defeat," said Lt. Gen. Jeffrey Harrigian, U.S. AFCENT commander. "As U.S. advisors move closer to the front lines in support of our Afghan partners, this additional airpower will

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give them the decisive advantage necessary to advance with confidence."

The additional aircraft and Airmen will fall under the geographically separated host-unit, the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, located at Bagram Airfield.

In support of the increased requirement for additional close air support, the 303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron from Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, arrived Jan. 19, 2018, and flew their first mission within 24 hours of landing at Kandahar. The Air Force Reserve unit was previously scheduled to replace the A-10s operating out of Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

In addition to the arrival of the 303rd EFS's A-10s, AFCENT has also

realigned MQ-9s and HH-60Gs to KAF from other deployed locations in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

In anticipation of the KAF build up, AFCENT Airmen from the 1st Expeditionary Civil Engineering Group's Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force and Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer squadrons rapidly built more than a dozen structures to accommodate the arrival of additional Airmen, assets and aircraft.

Additionally, deployed mobility Airmen worked tirelessly to transport more than 3,500 short tons of intra-theater supplies and material and relocated support equipment and defense systems to ensure Airmen and aircraft could effectively and safely operate from KAF.

Advance assignment notification enhancement prompts commander, Airmen career discussions

Kat Bailey
Air Force's Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Commanders will now receive seven-day advance notification of assignments for their Airmen as the Air Force's Personnel Center takes steps toward a more transparent and interactive assignment system. This change supports Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein's "Revitalizing Squadrons" effort, ensuring commanders are aware of assignments given to their Airmen.

As an enhancement to AFPC's virtual assignment notification process, all assignments for enlisted Airmen in the ranks of senior master sergeant and below and officers, lieutenant colonel and below, now go to unit commanders

through their Military Personnel Flights seven days before the official notification to Airmen.

"The advance notification will give commanders an opportunity to notify their Airmen of the assignment, either directly or through a delegated subordinate. It also provides an opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of the assignment, ultimately giving commanders additional mentoring opportunities," said Maj. Gen. Brian Kelly, AFPC commander.

The seven-day window also allows for discussion of the Airman's professional development path and the assignment timing for their family. Additionally, the new step permits delivery of the assignment notification face-to-face versus computer and ensures the commander has full

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Air Force general officer-led team to investigate physiologic events

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — A general officer-led team will integrate and coordinate efforts to address aircrew Unexplained Physiologic Events, the Air Force announced Jan. 22, 2018.

Brig. Gen. Bobbi Jo Doorenbos will lead the UPE Integration Team, which will serve as Headquarters Air Force's focal point for identifying solutions to optimize human performance in tactical aviation and eliminate or minimize the impact of UPEs.

A physiological event occurs when aircrew experience symptoms that can result from a variety of factors, including hypoxia, hypocapnia, hypercapnia or disorientation. These symptoms can hinder their ability to fly safely and effectively.

"As part of the integrated effort to address physiological events, the Air Force is providing more resources to understand UPEs, standardize response actions to such events and assess options for more robust aircrew training to recognize and respond to these events," Doorenbos said. "Our ultimate goal is to prevent UPEs."

Historically, rates for UPEs are low. However, heightened awareness has increased aircrew reporting of in-flight physiologic symptoms. This drives aggressive response actions from the Air Force and joint partners to address these events and implement recommendations to make operations safer.

Lt. Gen. Chris Nowland, Air Force deputy chief of staff for operations, established the team to provide an operational focus for addressing UPEs and ensure prompt implementation of recommendations.

"Maximizing the performance of combat aircraft carries inherent risk, but it is our solemn duty as a service to provide the best equipment and training for our Airmen to ensure their safety is never compromised," Nowland said. "The Air Force takes UPEs very seriously. Results from investigations into these events are shared between Air Force organizations, other military services and industry partners."

Physiologic events are a recognized aviation hazard, so Air Force aircrew are trained to recognize and respond to physiological symptoms and safely recover their aircraft.

"Despite the serious nature of these events, the overall historic rate of UPEs is incredibly low. The probability that a pilot will experience a physiological event is less than 1 percent per year," Doorenbos said. "Still, we are aggressively addressing these events and communicating with aircrew so they remain confident in their aircraft and weapon systems."

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Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, is presented with the 24th annual Tree City USA Award and Growth Award June 5, 2017. Columbus AFB is one of only 45 cities in the state qualifying for this award.

Airman on the Street:

What changes would you like to see in the Air Force for 2018?



Name/Rank: Airman 1st Class Chris Rodriguez
Unit/Duty title: 14th Security Forces Squadron installation entry controller
Hometown: Belvidere, Illinois
Answer: I would like to see a change in uniform from ABUs to multicams.



Name/Rank: Chief Master Sgt. Brad Reilly
Unit/Duty title: 14th Operations Group Superintendent
Hometown: Phoenix
Answer: I would like to see the Air Force Continuum of Learning evolve the enlisted professional military education programs to a higher level.



Name/Rank: 2nd Lt. Charles Loadholt
Unit/Duty title: 14th Student Squadron SUPT Class 18-09 student pilot
Hometown: Fresno, California
Answer: I would like to see more personal and family readiness through enhanced mentoring programs.



Name/Rank: Maj. Adrian Marrero
Unit/Duty title: 14th Medical Operation Squadron Clinical Medicine Flight Commander
Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado
Answer: I would like to see a better evaluation system for both enlisted and officer members. Something besides enlisted and officer performance reports.

Professional Organization Corner

Company Grade Officers Council
The council — second and first lieutenants, and captains — promotes the development of CGOs throughout the 14th Flying Training Wing. They maintain an informational network to enhance the professional development and officer camaraderie the throughout the wing.
Meets first Friday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at the Columbus Club.
President: 1st Lt. Brittney Alonzo;
Vice President: 1st Lt. John Morrow

Air Force Sergeants Association
The Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) is an association dedicated to representing enlisted men and women and their families. AFSA fights for more that benefits and pay, they have a by-name seat at the influential tables in both the Congress and the Pentagon to help shape the tough policy decisions affecting the enlisted corps today.
Meets 3rd Thursday of the month at

noon at the Columbus Club
President: Master Sgt. Thomas Ryan;
Vice President: Master Sgt. Eric Seviers

BLAZE Top 3
The Top 3 establishes and maintains a spirit of comradeship and esprit de corps that will enhance the prestige of all senior NCOs, encourage an attitude of unified purpose and set an example for all enlisted personnel according to the standards, traditions and customs of the Air Force.
Meets the third Thursday of every month at 3 p.m. at the Columbus Club.
President: Master Sgt. Jason Layfield;
Vice President: Master Sgt. Demitri Harper

BLAZE 5/6
The 5/6 represent motivated staff and technical sergeants. They provide an opportunity to meet Airmen, and to network with peers. The organization men-

tors junior enlisted, assist other private organizations, and are heavily involved with community relations.
Meets the last Wednesday of every month at noon at the Columbus Club
President: Staff Sgt. Juliana White;
Vice President: Jeffrey Van Rees

First Four
The Airman's Activity Council functions as a social and professional organization established to enhance morale, esprit de corps, and cooperation between members from the E1-E4. This is accomplished through fundraisers, on and off base, volunteer opportunities, and events or trips for those eligible to become members.
Meets the last Thursday of every month at noon at the Montgomery Village
President: Senior Airman Brittani Amavizca-Waddington;
Vice President: Senior Airman Kate-lyn Jaime

Commander's Action Line
434-1414

The Commander's Action Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. 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 phone number is 434-1414. Callers should leave their name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Message may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.
Written questions may also be brought to the PA office in the Wing Headquarters building, BLDG. 724, suite 210. Questions and answers may be edited for brevity and style.



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.)
Pre-separation Counseling
This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. The counseling is held daily at 8:30 a.m. It takes approximately 60 minutes. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2790 for more information.
Pre- and Post-Deployment Tour Briefing
These briefings are mandatory for active-duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. The briefings are held daily at the A&FRC. Pre-deployment is at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment is at 1:30 p.m. Please contact A&FRC, 434-2839/434-2790 for more information.
Wing Newcomers Orientation
This brief is from 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Columbus Club. The orientation is mandatory for newly arrived active-duty and civilian personnel. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 434-2790.

CAFB attends Drone Symposium at GTR



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

Personnel from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, speak with the Golden Triangle Regional Airport Director and Mississippi State University Raspet Flight Laboratory Graduate Research Assistant at a drone symposium Jan. 24, 2018, at GTR, Mississippi. The symposium was held to discuss the safety and regulations surrounding drones and unmanned aircraft, and encouraged all kinds of fliers to be careful and pass on the information they had learned to others who fly unmanned aircraft.

Heart Link
The next Heart Link is from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Feb. 21 in the A&FRC. This half-day program is open to all spouses of active duty military members assigned to Columbus AFB. Attendees will receive information about life in the Air Force, in the local area, and at Columbus AFB from local subject matter experts including spouse leaders. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.
Hearts Apart
The next Hearts Apart is from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 22, in the A&FRC. 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.
Career Technical Training Track Workshop
The next Career Technical Training Track Workshop will be held 8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 5-6 in the A&FRC. This workshop covers the importance and how to go about obtaining skills required to make better decisions about your technical goals. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.
Federal USAJobs Workshop
This workshop is from 9-10:30 a.m. March 7. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications and job search, using USAJobs. Call 434-2790 to register.
Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop
This workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. May 10-11. The entrepreneurship workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business. To register and more information call 434-2790.

Transition Assistance Program GPS (Goals, Plans, Success) Workshop
This workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 26-March 2, at the A&FRC. The Transition Assistance Program workshop has seminars on: transition, military occupational code crosswalk, financial planning, health benefits, Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP, Department of Labor (TAP portion). Preseparation counseling is required before attending. Recommend attendance eight to 12 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register, call 434-2631.
Smooth Move
The next Smooth Move workshop is from 10-11 a.m. Feb. 13, in the A&FRC. This monthly venue provides information for relocating members and families. Here you'll learn what to expect before you move from agencies such as Traffic Management Office, Housing, Military Pay, Lodging, Tri-Care, School Liaison Officer and A&FRC. To register or for more information, please call the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.
Linked-In Workshop
The Linked-In workshop is from 2-5 p.m. May. 14-15. This workshop will teach you how to establish and use a Linked-In account. To register and more information, please call 434-2790.
Employment Workshop
An employment workshop on local and base

employment opportunities is held every Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 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.
Sponsorship Training
An electronic version of sponsorship training called eSponsorship Application & Training (eSAT) is now available. It can be found on the Military Installations homepage military-installations.dod.mil, under "Are You A Sponsor?" For additional information, please contact the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.
Discovery Resource Center
The Columbus A&FRC has 12 computers with internet access available for job searches, assessments, resumes, cover letters, state and federal applications, and companies' employment information. A printer and fax machine is available. A lending library of books, DVDs, and periodicals on transition and EFMP topics are available for check out. These resources are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Chapel Schedule
Whether you are new to Columbus Air Force Base or have been around for a while, our parish communities welcome you to join us as we worship, fellowship, and encourage one another. For more information, please call 434-2500.
Catholic Community
Sundays:
3:45 p.m. – Religious Education, grades K-9 (Chapel Annex) Start date TBA
4 p.m. – Choir Practice (Chapel Sanctuary)
4 p.m. – Confession (or by appointment)
5 p.m. – Mass
Fellowship Dinner after Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month
Tuesdays:
11:30 a.m. – Daily Mass
Wednesdays:
11:30-12:30 p.m. – Adoration
Protestant Community
Sundays:
9 a.m. – Adult Sunday School (Chapel Library)
10:45 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service
Wednesdays:
4 p.m. - Music Rehearsal
Thursdays:
5:30 p.m. – Student Pilot Bible Study (Chapel Library)
Ecumenical services
Wednesdays:
6 p.m. – AWANA, a religious education program for children ages three years old to 6th grade
6 p.m. – Adult Bible study on the Gospel of John
6 p.m. – Youth Group

Sit down, be humble

Lt. Col. Casey Bartholomew
60th Civil Engineer Squadron

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. – If I asked you to give me a list of words describing qualities you admire in a leader, what would be on it? Perhaps honest, selfless, competent, dedicated, courageous, charismatic or empathetic easily make the list. What about humble? A word synonymous with others like meek, submissive, modest or undistinguished couldn't possibly be on your list of top leadership qualities. After all, who wants to follow an undistinguished leader? I do and here are a few reasons why.

First, showing some humility while interacting with others makes a leader more approachable and ultimately better able to establish mutual trust. Having been part of many leadership teams within various organizations, I firmly believe people will only take advantage of the "open door policy" if they feel like the person offering the opportunity is approachable and genuine in their offer. I know I personally have a hard time bringing up an issue to someone who I perceive as not having the time or seems uninterested in my perspective to begin with. Leaders want their subordinates to be comfortable bringing up problems or sharing thoughts on how to make things better. A dose of humility goes a long way in enabling an environment of mutual trust where that open feedback is possible.

Another reason humble makes my list is because, by definition, a modest person refuses to seek out the limelight and take personal credit for an organization's success. A humble leader is quick to share or deflect the praise

among others within the organization encouraging a team first mentality. An organization that fosters a culture of teamwork will always outperform one that strictly focuses on individual recognition or gain. A dose of humility goes a long way in fostering teamwork across an organization.

The last reason I'll leave you with is the fact that a humble leader doesn't pretend to know it all. I don't think anyone has the ability to know everything especially in an organization as diverse as the Air Force. I would assert that successful leaders are humble enough to acknowledge the fact that they don't know everything and therefore, place their trust and confidence in others that do. By doing so, a leader empowers others within the organization to be the best at whatever role they are placed in. I can say from my experience that when I feel empowered I am quick to take responsibility for whatever task is at hand and will do my best not to disappoint. A dose of humility goes a long way in empowering individuals across an organization.

I hope by sharing this I've at least made you think about humility as a positive leadership trait. One last thing I'll offer is this excerpt from Simon Sinek's book, "Leaders Eat Last" – "When a leader has the humility to distribute power across the organization, the strength of the company becomes less dependent on one person and is thus better able to survive. In this model, instead of trying to command-and-control everything, the leaders devote all their energy to training, building and protecting their people so that the people can command and control any situation themselves."



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The HC-130P/N is an extended-range version of the C-130 Hercules transport. HC-130 crews provide expeditionary, all weather personnel recovery capabilities to our Combatant Commanders and Joint/Coalitions partners worldwide.

Mission

The mission of the HC-130P/N "King" is to rapidly deploy to austere airfields and denied territory in order to execute all weather personnel recovery operations anytime, anywhere. King crews routinely perform high and low altitude personnel and equipment airdrops, infiltration/exfiltration of personnel, helicopter air-to-air refueling, and forward area refueling point missions.

When tasked, the aircraft also conducts humanitarian assistance operations, disaster response, security cooperation/aviation advisory, emergency aeromedical evacuation, casualty evacuation, noncombatant evacuation operations, and, during the Space Shuttle program, space flight support for NASA.

Features

Modifications to the HC-130P/N are improved navigation, threat detection and countermeasures systems. The aircraft fleet has a fully-integrated inertial navigation and global positioning systems, and night vision goggle, or NVG, com-

patible interior and exterior lighting. It also has forward-looking infrared, radar and missile warning receivers, chaff and flare dispensers, satellite and data-burst communications.

The HC-130 can fly in the day; however, crews normally fly night at low to medium altitude levels in contested or sensitive environments, both over land or overwater. Crews use NVGs for tactical flight profiles to avoid detection to accomplish covert infiltration/exfiltration and transload operations.

Background

First flown in 1964, the aircraft has served many roles and missions. It was initially modified to conduct search and rescue missions, provide a command and control platform, in-flight-refuel helicopters and carry supplemental fuel for extending range and increasing loiter time during search operations.

They have been deployed to Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey in support of operations Southern and Northern Watch, Allied Force, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. HC-130s also support continuous alert commitments in Alaska and the Horn of Africa.

General Characteristics

Primary function: Rescue platform

Contractor: Lockheed Aircraft Corp.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jared Trimarchi

Aircrew from two HH-60G Pave Hawk and a HC-130P/N Combat King perform an aerial refueling demonstration during the National Salute to America's Heroes Air and Sea Show, May 27, 2017, at Miami Beach, Florida. Top tier U.S. military assets assembled in Miami to showcase air superiority while honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice during the Memorial Day weekend.



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Joshua Kleinholz

An HC-130P/N King cargo aircraft assigned to the 34th Weapons Squadron, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, lands on a dry lake bed during a composite mission application exercise at the Nevada Test and Training Range, April 24, 2017. The HC-130P/N is an extended-range version of the C-130 Hercules transport. HC-130 crews provide expeditionary, all-weather personnel recovery capabilities to combatant commanders and joint/coalitions partners worldwide.

Airman & Family Readiness Center has support, resources

Mark Horning

Airman & Family Readiness Center Director

In March 2017, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright briefed the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the welfare, readiness and morale of Airmen, expressing the Air Force must focus on child care and spouse employment challenges.

“We continue to explore opportunities to strengthen our force. While some initiatives are force wide, others are more targeted, but all have the same objective; to provide commanders with the most well-trained, deliberately developed Airmen and the most resilient Airmen and families.”

The Columbus Air Force Base Airman & Family Readiness Center is the service organization for base families and is a one stop location where individuals can obtain reliable information and assistance on a wide range of important topics.

Our mission is to “Promote, educate and facilitate readiness and resiliency for Airmen and their families.” Our team strives for excellence in customer service and support. We assist Airmen and their families with relocation, family readiness, volunteering, personnel financial readiness, local employment, Exceptional Family Member Program, casualty services and survivor benefits, information and referrals.

We have core activities and programs that apply to you whether you’re married or single, officer or enlisted, military or civilian. These are just a few of the core programs the A&FRC offers.

Air Force Aid Society

The Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the U. S. Air Force. It promotes the Air Force mission by providing worldwide emergency assistance to members and their families, sponsoring educational assistance programs, and offering a variety of base community enhancement programs that impact member and family welfare.

Casualty Services

The Columbus AFB Casualty Services Program’s primary goals are to provide prompt, accurate reporting, dignified and humane notification, and efficient, thorough, and compassionate assistance to the next of kin for as long as needed.

Survivor Benefit Plan

Military pay stops when a member dies. The SBP is a government program that makes it possible for retiring members to ensure after their death, their eligible survivors receive a portion of their military retired pay in the form of a monthly annuity.

Employment/Career Focus Program

Searching for a new job? The A&FRC is the right place.



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

The Airman & Family Readiness Center on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, offers many programs and courses to help Airmen and their families through a change in station, deployments, financial issues or job searching outside of the military.

The Employment Readiness Program provides no cost consultations, programs and services to help families in the job search process.

Exceptional Family Member Program

Military family members with special needs face unique and often times stressful situations. Every Air Force family needs to know that enrollment in EFMP is mandatory for all active duty with a special needs family member.

Family Life Education

There exists a strong correlation between a military member’s ability to accomplish the mission successfully and the quality of his or her family experience. Because of this, A&FRC offers activities to promote a healthy family and work life.

Key Spouse Program

Spouses may remember what it felt like to be new to a base or to the Air Force. The Key Spouse Program is a chance to assist others, so they don’t travel the same bumpy road.

Family Readiness

Resilience is the ability to respond successfully to the

challenges of life, and our program provides tools to help you anticipate and manage the challenges associated with the deployment cycle. Our goal is to ensure you and your family are fully prepared for your deployment, remote or extended Temporary Duty Assignment (30 or more days). A&FRC co-ordinated monthly social events called Hearts Apart for family members whose sponsor is deployed, remote or on extended TDY. This is a great opportunity to meet other families dealing with similar issues, meet with leaders from around the base, and most importantly a time to relax and enjoy yourself as all events and food are at no cost to participants.

Military and Family Life Counselor

The Military and Family Life Counselor program provides non-medical, short term, situational, problem-solving counseling services to address issues that occur across the military lifestyle and help service members and their families cope with normal reactions to the stressful and often adverse situations created by deployments and reintegration.

Personal Financial Readiness Program

Money should make lives better, not create stress. The A&FRC can help customers develop sound financial skills and obtain consumer information through one-on-one



U.S. Air Force photo/ Airman Daniel Lile

Brian Labonte, Country Pumpkins Harvest-master, drives Hearts Apart attendees on a hay-ride during their visit at Country Pumpkins in Caledonia, Mississippi, Oct. 23. Hearts Apart is run by the Airman and Family Readiness Center for spouses and families of deployed military personnel.

counseling and/or financial workshops.

Relocation Assistance Program

The Relocation Assistance Program at Columbus AFB will assist with information and education to ease the personal and family stressors military families experience with a permanent change of station. All new military and civilian personnel must attend a Wing Newcomers Orientation which is held monthly at the Columbus Club. Attendees receive invaluable information from subject matter experts across the base and local community that assists them in quickly and safely settling in to their new installation/community.

Transition Assistance Program

The A&FRC can help navigate through transitions by utilizing “Goals, Plans, Success”, a program also known as Transition GPS. It is the Department of Defense’s transition program redesigned to ensure service members are better prepared to transition from military to civilian life.

Volunteer Program

Volunteers provide invaluable support to the base and community, donating thousands of hours each month. Opportunities range from Columbus AFB Medical Center to

the Airman’s Attic.

Air Force Families Forever

A long-term aftercare program established to provide proactive outreach to family members who have lost a loved one who, at the time of death, served on active-duty in the U.S. Air Force.

Gold Star Program

Gold Star families are survivors of military service members who lost their lives during armed hostilities. This program provides enhanced support and outreach for the lifetime of each survivor, or until the survivor no longer needs or desires the services.

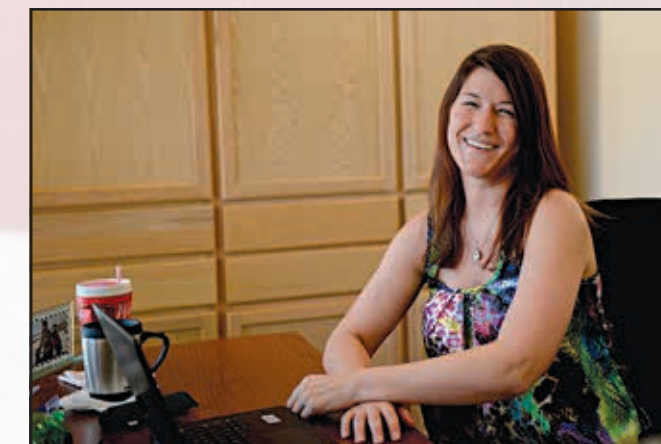
Installation Voting Assistance

Located in A&FRC, the Installation IVA office provides accurate and nonpartisan voting information assistance to uniformed service members and their voting aged dependents, federal civilian employees and other U.S. citizens who have access to the A&FRC. Services include but are not limited to filling out and submitting Federal Post Card Applications, Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots and National Mail Voter Registration Forms.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Beaux Hebert

Avery, son of Lt. Col. Erin Knightner, 14th Medical Group Chief Nurse, rides a pony in the Riding to Improve Development, Esteem, Strength and Spirit arena July 21, 2017, in Caledonia, Mississippi. Parents were encouraged to walk beside their children so they could enjoy the therapy as well. Exceptional Family Member Program members from Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, were able to participate in a therapeutic horse riding session provided by the RIDES Program.



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

Michelle Bruce is an Airman & Family Readiness Center personal finance counselor on Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. She was recently added to the A&FRC team to provide support to active-duty Airmen with numerous financial topics that may be an issue.

For more information about the A&FRC and its programs, call (662) 434-2790 or visit online at columbusafbiving.com.