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WELCOME TO COLUMBUS



Welcome to Columbus Air Force Base, home of the 14th Flying Training Wing of the 19th Air Force, Air Education and Training Command. As you familiarize yourself with the base, you'll learn more about the pivotal role we play in training Air Force pilots and keeping the Air Force ready to deploy across the world at a moment's notice. We're excited about our mission and proud to have you join our team.

With a tradition of warm Southern hospitality and customer service that is second to none, you'll find people ready to help you, whatever your needs. Again, welcome to Mississippi and to Columbus Air Force Base, a community of caring people dedicated to training the world's finest military pilots.

STARTING OUT

Your assignment to Columbus Air Force Base marks a new chapter in your life – one that will surely include new challenges and opportunities, as well as new friendships and cherished memories. Our team is committed to ensuring your move is just the first of many great experiences at Columbus AFB.

YOUR SPONSOR

If you are a permanent-party Air Force member, a sponsor will be assigned to assist in advance of your arrival and to help you settle in. If you haven't heard from your sponsor, contact the Individualized Newcomer Treatment and Orientation (INTRO) manager at DSN 742-2626/2624 or 662-434-2626/2624.

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

The Airman and Family Readiness Center's (A&FRC) relocation assistance program is available to help you and your family become better acquainted with Columbus AFB. Spouse programs offered at the

A&FRC cover everything from the use of healthcare facilities to weekend getaways.

The center can provide information regarding local agencies, organizations, schools and local attractions. In addition, the A&FRC maintains a computer-based information system with videos about military bases around the world as well as foreign language tapes and information to help prepare for your next move.

FORWARDING ADDRESS

Mail may be sent in care of General Delivery. Questions can be answered at 662-434-2959.

The address is:

General Delivery
Attn: (Your Name)
680 Seventh St., Suite 101
Bldg. 926
Columbus AFB, MS 39710

If you are living in government quarters other than military family housing (where mail is delivered to your home), you'll be assigned a permanent mailbox upon arrival. The ZIP code for Columbus Air Force Base work centers and mailboxes is 39710; for military family housing, it's 39705.

WHAT TO BRING

You will need to bring your uniforms in your hand-carried luggage. Nonrated members are to wear airman battle uniforms (ABUs). Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) students are to wear blues or ABUs for their first duty day and will be issued flight suits during the first phase of SUPT. In addition to your uniforms, it is necessary that you hand-carry permanent change of station orders and amendments,

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personnel, medical and flight records and a copy of your household goods shipping, and storage inventory from your packers.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

In the event of an emergency while traveling to Columbus Air Force Base, contact your sponsor, First Sergeant or Commander through the Columbus Air Force Base Command Post: 662-434-7020. You may also reach an American Red Cross representative through these numbers.

GETTING HERE

Columbus Air Force Base is off Highway 45 North, approximately 7.5 miles north of where Highway 82 passes through downtown Columbus. The turnoff to our main (east) gate is well marked with signage and a T-37 static display.

If arriving by commercial air, you will land at the Golden Triangle Regional Airport in Columbus, a 35-minute drive from the base. There is no base-to-airport shuttle; however, taxi and airport limousine services are available. In most cases, these fares are reimbursable if included on your travel voucher. Call 662-327-4422 for airport information.

COLUMBUS FACTS

Telephone

The area code for the Columbus region is 662. The Columbus Air Force Base DSN prefix is 742. To dial base numbers from on and off base, dial the prefix 434 and the extension. For Columbus Air Force Base directory or operator assistance, dial "0" from base work centers; from off-base telephones and military family housing, call 662-434-7322. When calling locally off base from a government phone, dial 99 for an outside line; for DSN, dial 94.

Website

Visit the Columbus Air Force Base website at www.columbus.af.mil.

Time Zone

Mississippi is in Central Time Zone and observes daylight saving time from early April through mid-November.

Climate

Summers are hot and humid, with average highs of 92 degrees and lows of 68 degrees. Afternoon thunderstorms are common during the spring and summer. Winters are mild, with average temperatures ranging from highs of 54 degrees to lows of 32 degrees.

Duty Day

Most base support offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as part of a normal duty day.

Reveille & Retreat

Reveille is played at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday, followed by "To the Colors." Reveille signifies the beginning of the official duty day and the raising of the flag. When Reveille sounds, military personnel in uniform are to face the flag — or the music if the flag is not visible — and stand at parade rest. At the first note of "To the Colors," come to attention and salute.

Civilian personnel on the installation should face the flag or music and place their right hand over their heart for "To the Colors."

All vehicles are to come to a stop and remain so until the last note is played.

Retreat is played at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, followed by the National Anthem. Retreat signifies the end of the official duty day and the lowering of the flag. Individuals outdoors and in uniform should face the flag — or music if the flag is not visible — and stand at parade rest during the sounding of Retreat. At the first note of the National Anthem, come to attention and salute, holding the position until the last note of the anthem is sounded.

If in civilian clothing, both military members and civilians should take the same actions as in uniform, with a few exceptions: men will remove their hats with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder with the right hand over the heart. Men without hats and women are to stand at attention and place their right hand over their heart.

All vehicles should come to a stop and remain so until the last note has ended.

Taps is played at 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. Taps began as a signal for lights or lights out at the end of the day. For these purposes, there are no formal protocol procedures required. However, the playing of Taps continues to be a part of a military funeral/memorial honors ceremony. Upon hearing Taps at a military ceremony, proper protocol dictates those individuals in uniform render a salute until the music is complete. Civilians should remove their headgear and place their hand over their heart.

Note 1: If in the physical fitness uniform, individuals will render the proper salute for Reveille and Retreat.

Note 2: During all ceremonies regarding hoisting, lowering or passing of the flag, members and veterans of the US military are authorized to render a salute while present but not in uniform, according to The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008.





CHECKING IN



Welcome! We are pleased you will be joining our outstanding team of approximately 1600 active duty and 1700 civilian Airmen who make up the Columbus Air Force Base team. The check-in process outlined in the following pages has been compiled for your convenience and is designed to ensure your introduction to the base provides you with everything you need to know.

WHERE TO STAY

Magnolia Inn will serve as your 24-hour arrival point. Here, you can arrange temporary lodging on base or in a hotel downtown. You will need a copy of your orders to check in; the guest services representative will have a list of sponsor names and phone numbers.

Firearms and ammunition are not permitted in on-base lodging facilities and must be stored in the 14th Security Forces Squadron armory. In addition, pets are not allowed in on-base lodging facilities, with the exception of six pet-friendly temporary lodging facility units. Kennel services are available with several local veterinarians and boarding facilities. Ask your sponsor or check with the lodging desk for recommendations.

Off-base hotel rooms are available in downtown Columbus (approximately a 15-minute drive from base). Several major chains are available, and few accept pets. Reservations are recommended and many offer a military rate. In addition to traditional hotel accommodations, Columbus also features several bed and breakfasts in historic antebellum homes. Contact the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau for more information at 662-329-1191 and/or visit their website at www.visitcolumbusms.org.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Columbus Air Force Base offers 20 three-bedroom temporary lodging facilities that can accommodate your family while on PCS status

or permissive temporary duty to house hunt. These units feature a full kitchen, baths and laundry and high-speed wireless internet. Six of the 20 units are pet-friendly (with a maximum of two pets per unit).

The base also has visiting quarters, most of which have a separate bedroom and bath, as well as a kitchenette with microwave and coffeemaker, cable television, high-speed internet and telephone. Located adjacent to the visiting quarters are laundry facilities and a vending room with sodas, snacks and ice machines.

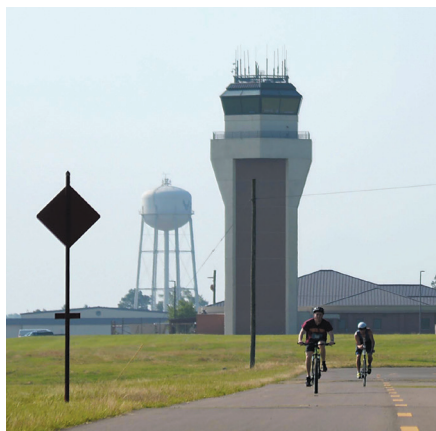
Temporary Lodging Facilities are available for incoming families with PCS status for up to 30 days. When making reservations, be prepared to provide a copy of your orders as well as information regarding your expected arrival date as well as the number of family members in your party. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis without regard to rank and can be made by calling the Magnolia Inn reservation office at 662-434-2548 or visiting www.dodlodging.net.

INPROCESSING

All military members must inprocess in uniform on the first duty day after arrival. Bring your personnel, flight and medical records, PCS orders and amendments, and new duty phone number and organization (if known).

SUPT students should check in through the 14th Student Squadron (STUS) Transition Flight (in the 14th Operations Support Squadron building). Student pilot information packets with an arrival checklist are available at the 14th Student Squadron beginning one week before your class start date. (Additional information regarding inprocessing for SUPT and IFF students can be found on the following page.)

All other military members must inprocess through their unit orderly rooms. If you are assigned to a 14th Flying Training Wing (14 FTW) Staff Agency, you will be administratively attached to the



14th Comptroller Squadron and should report to their administrative function for an inprocessing checklist in Bldg. 730, Suite 256.

If you have inprocessing questions, call the MPF Customer Service Section at 662-434-2626/2624 or the 14 STUS Transition Office at 662-434-7618.

Civilian Employees

Civil service employees should in-process at the Civilian Personnel Office at the time directed in their notification letter. The Civilian Personnel Office is located in Bldg. 730, Mission Support Group Complex, Suite 174 and can be reached by calling 662-434-2635.

NEWCOMER'S ORIENTATION

As part of inprocessing, within your first month at Columbus Air Force Base, you will be required to attend a newcomer's orientation. This will familiarize you with our mission, organization and the surrounding community. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Information and brochures about Columbus Air Force Base and neighboring communities, as well as spouse welcome materials are available at the Magnolia Inn reception area.

MAPS

Maps of Columbus Air Force Base are available at the gates, Magnolia Inn, Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) and Public Affairs office. City maps are available at the A&FRC and housing office.

CHECKING IN FOR STUDENT PILOTS

As a Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training student at Columbus Air Force Base, you are embarking on a demanding and exciting formal training program — one that will culminate with a pair of silver wings and new life as an Air Force pilot.

Upon arrival at Columbus AFB, student pilots are to report directly to the 14th Student Squadron Transition Flight and then to lodging. If arriving on a nonduty day or after duty hours, report to the 14th Student Squadron on the next duty day in Room 12. There, you will be briefed on the remainder of your inprocessing instructions and you will be told when and where to report for your first day of SUPT.

Inprocessing

You will be given a checklist and schedule for various appointments around the base. These inprocessing appointments are mandatory and you must inform your flight commander if you need to reschedule or fail to meet one. You will also be required to schedule medical and dental appointments prior to your class start date. It is imperative that you make every effort to meet these appointments because once your class begins, you will have very little time to get this completed.

Uniforms

Due to the ever-changing level of force protection condition, the uniform for the first few days of class may be blues or ABUs. Have both uniforms ready, and your flight commander will advise which to wear prior to starting. The SUPT classes are permitted to wear flight suits the first day after the entire class passes the boldface exam.

Housing

Single officers and military married to military (not at the same base) who are assigned to Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training are required to live in the dormitories. Exceptions must be approved in writing through your chain of command. The dorm manager can

assist you with the format. Married students (not accompanied by civilian spouses) may be housed with written permission for no longer than 90 days, space permitting.

You cannot sign a lease until you have reported in and have permission to reside off base. If privatized housing occupancy rate is under 95 percent and you are not required to live in the UOQ, you may apply to share an on-base house.

Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) – 49th Fighter Training Squadron

Operations Desk

Commercial 662-434-1649 (DSN 742)

Flight Commanders

Commercial 662-434-1655/6 (DSN 742)

For students enrolled in IFF, your flight commander will provide you with an information packet no later than one day prior to your class start date. This packet will be available for pick up when you check in at lodging, and your room will already be reserved. Follow the instructions in this packet for reporting on day one of IFF.

Fitness

Due to regulations imposed by Air Force Fitness Standards, you are required to take a fitness test within the first four months of arrival. This includes a 1.5-mile run, pushups, sit-ups and a waist measurement. For students who have a start date more than four months after arrival, expect to take the fitness test after you have had three months to acclimatize and again during your academic phase of training. All students will take the test during the academics phase of training and must pass at that time. Failure to pass the fitness test results in removal from training.





SETTLING IN

Getting settled and getting around — two things any newcomer is eager to do! It's easy at Columbus, and there are plenty of people to ensure you're well taken care of.

WHERE TO LIVE

You should report to the housing office within three days of arrival. The housing staff will assist you in the assignment of on-base quarters or if you are authorized to live off base, provide a listing of available sales and rentals. The Housing Referral and Relocation Office is located at 256 State Loop across from the Columbus Club. The phone number is 662-434-3474/3475, DSN 742.

Privatized Family Housing

Hunt Military Communities is proud to provide Columbus Air Force Base with its premier privatized housing community, Columbus Family Housing. We offer spacious, brand-new, renovated and existing homes built as recently as 2009 and designed to exceed your expectations. We have three-, four- and five-bedroom single- and two-story homes that are allocated based on rank and family composition. Some features include spacious bedrooms, living rooms and dining rooms, oversized closets, multiple storage rooms, vaulted ceilings, mud rooms, screened patios, full-size washer and dryer connections, modern kitchens, multicar garages and lush, green yards with lawn care services provided.

The community has a number of exclusive recreational facilities including playgrounds, tot lots and a fitness center in our brand-new community center. There is always something going on throughout the month with our numerous and unsurpassed resident activities designed to promote a sense of community, including picnics, barbecues, holiday and seasonal parties, luncheons, pizza parties, children crafts, bowling nights and karaoke.

The Columbus Family Housing Community Center is located at 256 State Loop, Columbus AFB, MS 39710. Our office hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to lease your new home, please contact one of our friendly and courteous staff members at 662-434 3474, fax: 662-434-6275 or email: www/14ces.cea@us.af.mil. Information is also available at our website: www.columbusfamilyhousing.com.

Unaccompanied Officer Quarters (UOQs)

UOQs are mandatory for single student pilots. Permanent party officers reside off base. Single SUPT lieutenants or military married to military (not at the same base) are required to live in the UOQs. Single captains and above attending SUPT are authorized to reside off base. UOQs are private rooms consisting of a combination living room/bedroom area, kitchen (with stove, refrigerator, microwave, sink and 54 units have dishwashers), bathroom and private outside entrances. Laundry rooms are located in each building with free washers and dryers. Maid service, cable television and telephone service are available at the member's expense. If you have UOQ questions, contact the UOQ manager at 662-434-7278.

Unaccompanied Enlisted Quarters (UEQs)

UEQs are for single airmen basic through senior airmen under three years of service including military married to military not at the same base. Dormitories feature single-person sleeping rooms, semiprivate and private baths, and semiprivate or private kitchens (with stove, refrigerator and microwave). Maid service, cable television, Internet and cable television service are available at the member's expense. Each dorm building has a laundry room with free washers and dryers. The UEQ also has a community building with large-screen TV, study area, pool tables, and a TV area for Internet games. Current policy



allows E-4s with more than three years of service and above to reside off base and receive basic allowance for housing. If you have UEQ questions, contact the UEQ manager at 662-434-2392.

Personal Property Shipments

The Traffic Management Office (TMO) is in the Mission Support Group Complex at 495 Harpe Blvd., Bldg. 730, Suite 120. The local phone number for the Personal Property office is 662-434-2685, DSN 742-2685. If at any time you are experiencing problems or have any questions, contact us so we can resolve any questions in regard to your household goods shipment.

Scheduling Delivery

Customers are requested to contact their Transportation Service Provider (TSP) Move Coordinator as far in advance as possible to set up a delivery date. Columbus AFB TMO can assist with obtaining TSP information. In the case of any issues with TMO, customers can also contact the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office – South Central (JPPSO-SC) at 210-321-4200, DSN 954-4200 or 800-599-7709. You may also email jppso-sc.cs-ms@us.af.mil.

You must have a complete delivery address to schedule delivery, i.e., apartment complex name, building number, apartment number, street address and ZIP code. For deliveries to the dorms, provide both building and room

number. Deliveries are accomplished 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and U.S. holidays. Specific delivery times cannot be scheduled. Property owners or their designated agent must be at the residence during those hours on the day of the delivery. Members should not schedule a delivery on the closing date of residence.

Shipment Delivering Out of Storage-in-Transit (SIT)

When ready to accept the shipment, the member shall contact the TSP to request delivery to the destination residence. Once the TSP has made delivery arrangements, the member can contact the agent on the afternoon preceding delivery out of SIT to determine if the delivery will be performed in the morning (8 a.m. to noon) or in the afternoon (noon to 5 p.m.) of the following day. This data will be based upon the best information available and will be provided upon telephone request of either the TSP or the member/employee. This provision does not apply when direct delivery was authorized by the origin TSP or when delivery can be arranged upon arrival of the line-haul van in the destination area.

If you did a personal property move (DITY), you must have your full and empty weight tickets, original DD Form 2278, orders, a voucher for advance operating allowance, original fuel, oil and toll receipts, a copy of

the rental contract and moving equipment receipt. You may settle your PPM move at the local TMO, Bldg. 730, Room 120. No appointment is necessary for turning in PPM paperwork. If you need to weigh your vehicle before completing your move, scales are at the Outdoor Recreation office, Bldg. 152, phone number 662-434-2507. If you need other options for obtaining weight tickets, contact TMO at 662-434-2567/2685 for more information.

LOANER KITS

Small household items are available for loan from Outdoor Recreation until your household goods arrive. Outdoor Recreation is in Bldg. 152. The phone number is 662-434-2507.

PETS

Dogs and cats must have a current rabies vaccination certificate before moving into military family housing. Housing residents are limited to three four-legged pets, which must be penned or leashed when outdoors. Farm, exotic or wild animals, including birds of prey, pigeons and reptiles (including snakes and lizards), are prohibited. Pets are not allowed in the enlisted or officer dormitories.

POSTAL SERVICE

Mail is delivered to your home in family housing and to the dormitories once you submit a change of address. If you live in the dormitories, you will be issued a mailbox at the time you receive room keys and the dorm managers are authorized to accept packages. Columbus AFB no longer has a post office on base.

FIREARMS, FIREWORKS

If you live in Columbus Family Housing, you may store your firearms at home. If you live in unaccompanied officer or enlisted quarters or are staying in the Magnolia Inn, you must bring your weapon(s) and ammunition to the security forces squadron armory for storage. All firearms, whether stored in family housing or in the armory, must be registered with Combat Arms Training and Maintenance. Call 662-434-7180 for more information. Fireworks are prohibited on Columbus Air Force Base.

TELEPHONE, TV (CABLE) AND INTERNET SERVICES

If you have questions about your service contract, contact the Base Legal Office at 662-434-7030

- Telephone service is provided by AT&T Communications. To arrange service, call 888-757-6500.
- Cable ONE provides basic, premium channel and pay-per-view cable television to all on-base residences including dormitory rooms. Cable service must be arranged in person at 319 College Street, Columbus, Mississippi. The phone number is 662-328-1781. BLAZE 64, the base's information channel, airs on cable Channel 64. Personal 18-inch television satellite dishes are allowed in family housing with permission; however, dishes are not authorized in the enlisted or officer dormitories. The Columbus Family Housing maintenance office must approve the system and its installation in advance. If you have questions about your service contract, call the legal office at 662-434-7030.
- Internet service can be provided by either Cable One or AT&T (888-321-2375) depending on the type of service you want.

DRIVING

You'll receive local conditions driver's safety training during your first month at Columbus.

Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit is 30 mph on base, 15 mph in family housing areas and 10 mph in parking lots. Speed limits are strictly enforced. U-turns are permitted only on Simler Boulevard and Harpe Boulevard. Seat belt use is mandatory for everyone on and off base. Mississippi requires seat belt use for drivers and front seat passengers. Child safety seats are required for children ages 4 and younger or 40 pounds or less. The Airman and Family Readiness Center has child safety seats for temporary checkout.

Implied Consent

When you drive in Mississippi, you give your implied consent to testing for the presence of alcohol or drugs. If a law enforcement officer has good reason to suspect you're driving under the influence, the officer can ask you to take a breath or chemical test. You have the right to refuse, in which case you must surrender your driver's license on the spot. Your license receipt will serve as a temporary license until it is proven in court you were not under the influence of alcohol or drugs. A blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent is considered evidence of driving under the influence for all ages.

The base requires minimum coverage of 10/20/5, and uninsured motorist coverage is strongly recommended. Family members must show their identification card and know their sponsor's organization and duty phone.

State law requires all vehicles registered in Mississippi (other than for short-term visits) display a current safety inspection sticker. If your vehicle has a current sticker from another state, it will satisfy the Mississippi requirement. The auto skills center and several off-base locations such as car dealerships, tire stores and auto maintenance shops perform safety inspections. To operate a motorcycle on base, you must have a helmet with eye protection, long pants, over-the-ankle footwear, full-finger gloves and a valid motorcycle endorsement on the license. Proof of insurance with a valid Mississippi registration is required. If you own a motorcycle, you can get a temporary registration until you complete a motorcycle safety course, after which you can get permanent registration. The course is also required before borrowing a motorcycle to ride on or off base.

Call the Wing Safety office at 662-434-2518 for scheduling information. For more information on vehicle registration, call the Pass and Registration office at 662-434-7133.

Car License Plates

Service members or their family members stationed at Columbus AFB may use tags from their state of legal residence (if permitted by that state) or may purchase Mississippi license plates. Service members who are not residents of Mississippi can pick up a tax-exempt form at the 14 SFS Pass & ID office if purchasing Mississippi plates. Civilian employees who are new residents must purchase Mississippi tags within 30 days of establishing residency. Tags for cars and boat trailers may be purchased at the tax collector's office in the Lowndes County Courthouse, 505 Second Ave. N. The phone number is 662-329-5771. Boats must be registered with the Mississippi Wildlife, Game and Conservation Office in Jackson, Mississippi. Forms are available at the tax collector's office in the courthouse and at most sporting goods and department stores.

DRIVER'S LICENSES

If you're stationed at Columbus AFB, you and your family members are not required to have Mississippi driver's licenses but must have a valid license from your home state. You can still use your home state driver's licenses if you purchase Mississippi car tags. Civilian employees who are new residents must apply for a Mississippi driver's license within 60 days of establishing residency. To get a Mississippi driver's license, a person with a valid out-of-state license must take an eye exam. You'll need your Social Security card when you apply for your license. The fee for a four-year license is \$20 and must be paid in cash. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety driver's license office is located in the Justice Court Building at 17 Airline Road in Columbus or on Highway 82 as you enter Starkville. The phone number in Columbus is 662-327-1833.

No Three-Way Split

Any combination of your car tag, your driver's license and the state in which you are stationed cannot involve three different states. For example, you cannot have a Colorado driver's license and a Texas license plate and be stationed in Mississippi; two of the three must be the same. Any registration, license or tag that you possess must be from your state of legal residence (if permitted by that state) or from the state of Mississippi. For clarification, call the legal office at 662-434-7030.





SERVING THE FAMILY

Columbus Air Force Base has a full-time school liaison office (SLO) to provide K-12 education information to all personnel assigned to the installation. Contact the SLO at 662-434-2792 or via email at slo@columbus.af.mil with any of your questions. Children of families living on base have a choice to attend Columbus Municipal School District (CMSD) schools or Lowndes County School District (LCSD) schools. Both districts are fully accredited and provide a full range of academic support to include special needs, gifted, vocational and special education programs.

Children who are 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 are accepted into kindergarten, and children who are 6 years of age on or before Sept. 1 are accepted into first grade. Mississippi does NOT offer public universal pre-K. Bus transportation is provided by both school districts.

CMSD offers the magnet school concept in their K-5 schools and assignment is by lottery. Parents must register with the CMSD office upon arrival to enroll their children in the lottery system. There is one middle school for seventh and eighth grades and the Columbus High School campus for ninth through twelfth grades. All students in kindergarten through eighth grades are required to wear school uniforms. Direct questions to the CMSD office at 662-241-7400 or visit www.columbuscityschools.org.

LCSD schools for personnel who reside on the installation are located in the Caledonia community. All three schools are located on the same campus. For additional information, please visit www.lowndes.k12.ms.us.

To register, you'll need your child's certified birth certificate and Social Security card, two proofs of residency (one is a copy of your lease from the housing office) and a Mississippi Certificate of Immunization Compliance (available at the base immunization clinic upon presentation of your child's shot record). If your child is transferring in, bring the transfer or report card from the previous school and the name and address of the school. Registration is at the school of attendance.

Mississippi is a compulsory school attendance state. Personnel who elect to home-school must register with the Mississippi Department of Education. Contact the school liaison officer to complete the necessary documentation.

PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Heritage Academy (K-12); Annunciation Catholic School (K-6); Columbus Christian (preschool-12); Victory Christian Academy (K-12); and the Montessori School (preschool-2) represent some of the private schools in the area. No transportation is provided.

The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science is a public residential high school for gifted students. The curriculum emphasizes mathematics and science while providing strong liberal arts programs. Research, writing and computer skills are emphasized across the curriculum. The school is located on the Mississippi University for Women campus, also home to the Mississippi Governor's School, a summer honors program for high school juniors and seniors.

The Greater Columbus Learning Center provides individualized, self-paced, computer-assisted instruction in reading, language and math for preschoolers through senior citizens. The center operates its cost-free services year-round on the Mississippi University for Women campus.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Child Development Center provides quality educational and developmental full-time care for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. The center also offers a part-time enrichment program for children ages 2 to 5. The Columbus Child Development Center is currently the only center accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children within the local area. Parents are encouraged to call 24 hours in advance



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The youth center is located at 386 Imes St., Building 348, and the phone number is 662-434-2504.

Scouting

The Columbus area has several active troops at all levels of Boy and Girl Scouting. For more information, call the Boy Scouts at 662-328-7228 and the Girl Scouts at 662-328 1930. Adult volunteers are always needed and welcome.

COLUMBUS SPOUSES' CLUB

The Columbus Spouses' Club is a non-profit organization with both a social/recreational and charitable/scholarship focus. It is a fun-loving, service-oriented group. Most importantly, it is part of a military family that comes to support each other, Columbus Air Force Base and the community. It hosts a social function every month for a creative and fun get-together with good food, interesting topics and great information.

AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER (A&FRC)

The A&FRC offers a wide variety of programs in support of members and their families during periods of separation due to temporary duty, deployment, remote duty, evacuations and local/national emergencies. The family readiness NCO provides pre-deployment briefings to ensure members are in a continuous state of readiness. Separate briefings for married and single members have been tailored to meet the specific needs of each group. Members are encouraged to have their affairs in order and are familiarized with the various ways A&FRC can assist before, during and



to see if hourly care is available. In order to enroll your child into the program, an account must be created on the militarychildcare.com website. Through this website, patrons are able to search for and request care and manage their requests in order to have their childcare needs met. Updated immunization records are required at the time of enrollment for both full-time and hourly care. The center is closed weekends, holidays and AETC family days. Evening and weekend care may be provided by special arrangement. Because fees are based on total family income, parents enrolling children in a weekly program must present a copy of their last leave and earnings statement or paycheck stub, as appropriate.

The center is located at 225 State Loop, Building 940, across the street from the Hunt Housing Management Office. The phone number is 662-434-2479.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Columbus Youth Programs provides year-round sports, social and outdoor activities for young people ages 5 to 18 with games, classes, dances, contests, field trips, life skills programs, family activities and tournaments. The youth center also offers youth sports including fall and spring soccer, basketball, flag football, and baseball. The School Age Care is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and is currently one of two accredited after-school programs in Mississippi available for 5- to 12-year-olds. Full-time care is offered during scheduled non-school days. In order to enroll

your child into the program, simply contact the program and inform them of your child care needs. Because fees are based on total family income, parents enrolling children in a weekly program must present a copy of their last leave and earnings statement or paycheck stub, as appropriate. Youth Programs also offers open recreation for ages 9 and up. Open recreation offers pre-teens and teens with supervised recreational and educational activities with the freedom to come and go as they choose. All activities are well-supervised by a professional staff in a modern, well-equipped facility. Parents and other members of the base community are encouraged to serve as volunteers.





after their separation. If you're a newcomer to Columbus, one of your first stops should be the A&FRC. The center offers a full range of services and programs for the entire base community, not just families, and is "never the wrong place to visit." The facility is located at 166 C Circle, in Building 1114 across the parking lot from the medical clinic. The phone number is 662-434-2790.

Relocation Assistance

The community readiness consultants (CRC) can assist you in getting acquainted with your new duty station. Information on local agencies, organizations and schools, and brochures on tourism attractions and weekend getaways are also available. The A&FRC also maintains a Web-based information system, Military OneSource, and videos on some military bases around the world. Other resources include foreign language tapes and checklists on planning your next move. For more information, call 662-434-2790, DSN 742-2790 or email afrc@columbus.af.mil.

Family Life Education

The A&FRC offers personal and family development materials such as CDs, and publications on a wide variety of family life matters. A large database of information on local agencies is available to meet the needs of our customers, as well as referrals to on-base agencies for assistance. Spouses are encouraged to attend the quarterly Heart Link seminar that provides interesting information on the local area and the military lifestyle at Columbus AFB and

other bases. Numerous other life enhancement seminars, workshops and other training sessions are scheduled on a regular basis and are open to anyone who works on base. Special presentations by request are also available for units or other small groups. Listings of what is offered at the A&FRC and events in the local area can be found on the A&FRC's electronic calendar. People who would like to subscribe to the monthly calendar can send their request to afrc@columbus.af.mil.

Financial Management

The Personal Financial Readiness Program (PFR) offers information, education and

personal counseling to help you and your family meet financial goals. Your PFR manager has a large library of materials that can help you understand more about managing your money. The PFR offers classes on topics such as scholarships, credit reports, money management and more. If you would like in-depth assistance, call 662-434-2790 or 662-434-2855 to sign up for one-on-one counseling to analyze your personal financial status, design a budget, get out of debt, maintain your checkbook, manage your credit, plan your retirement or just to gain a better overall understanding of your options.

Air Force Aid Society

The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is a private, nonprofit organization that provides interest-free loans and grants to Air Force members and their families during unforeseen financial crises. The charter of the AFAS is to promote the Air Force mission by helping to relieve the distress of Air Force members and their families and assist in financial aspects of their education. The AFAS also provides community enhancement programs such as Car Care Because We Care, Child Care for Volunteers, Give Parents a Break, Respite Care, Bundles of Joy and Heart Link. Call the A&FRC at 662-434-2790 for program and eligibility details.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross office provides a wide range of services for the Columbus community. In an emergency, your family should call their local American Red Cross with your name, rank, Social Security number and unit



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of assignment. That office will work with our Columbus chapter, 662-328-5710, to notify you of the situation, help initiate emergency leave and arrange financial assistance for emergency travel if necessary. The American Red Cross also assists with disaster and health and welfare reports and with humanitarian transfer and hardship discharge verification. Services are confidential. The American Red Cross regularly offers CPR, first aid, baby-sitting, water safety, emergency response and other training classes on base and in Columbus. Emergency help is available 24 hours a day by calling 877-272-7337.

Spouse/Transition Employment Assistance

The A&FRC offers job search training and employment referral for spouses and people separating from the military. Emphasis is focused on assisting spouses in obtaining employment and maintaining existing careers. The center has current job listings and information on local employers. A local employment seminar is held at 1 p.m. each Wednesday. Clients may use the center's computers to create a resume or complete employment applications. Seminars and other resources such as books and CDs cover interview skills, career choices, resume and cover letters, and entering the workforce. Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshops are offered bimonthly. Pre-separation counseling is scheduled on an individual basis and may be conducted up to 12 months before separation.

Employment Opportunities

All Columbus AFB civil service job opportunities are listed on www.usajobs.gov. The 14th Force Support Squadron, human resources office is located in the 14th Mission Support Group Complex, Building 730, Suite 170, and provides information to people interested in nonappropriated fund employment in services

and recreational activities. NAF jobs are listed online at www.nafjobs.org. Army and Air Force Exchange Service employment opportunities are listed at <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/applymyexchange>.

There are nearly 700 permanent jobs with civilian contractors on Columbus AFB. The largest are aircraft maintenance, academic and simulator instruction, vehicle maintenance and operations and data automation. There is no central point of contact for employment opportunities with contractors; inquire through the Mississippi Department of Employment Security at www.mdes.ms.gov, 662-328-6876, 5000 N. Frontage Road, Columbus, MS 39701 or directly with the contractors. Temporary and permanent employment agencies are available locally. Volunteer positions are available through the A&FRC, American Red Cross, chapel, Services Division, Girl and Boy Scouts, and the Columbus Spouses' Club.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The A&FRC can help you navigate and connect with community/family support services through:

- Information and Referral (before, during and after PCS) to on-base, off-base, local, state and federal services.
- Support Services in the form of outreach.
- Community awareness and education on EFMP.



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The A&FRC can discuss and recommend appropriate local, state and national resources to help families who are enrolled in the EFMP special needs program. The center maintains a resource library of books, videos and CDs on information pertaining to special needs.

EDUCATION

Educational opportunities around Columbus AFB are available through several nearby colleges and universities offering undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate degree programs, as well as vocational-technical programs.

The CAFB Education Center is located at 81 Ward St. and can be reached at 662-434-2562/2563. The education center provides assistance with military tuition assistance, the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), general education counseling and veterans' education benefits.

Military members and their families can take advantage of CLEP and DANTES college-level testing programs. Military personnel only can take the ACT and SAT college admissions exams.

Two schools offer degree programs on Columbus AFB:

- East Mississippi Community College (EMCC).
- Saint Leo University (SLU).

East Mississippi Community College (EMCC)

In addition to freshman- and sophomore-level classes on base leading to an associate degree in liberal studies, EMCC offers a huge selection of online classes. EMCC also offers a wide variety of academic and vocational-technical programs at their Golden Triangle campus located about 10 miles west of Columbus in Mayhew, Miss.

EMCC's main campus is located about an hour away in Scooba, Mississippi. The EMCC-Columbus AFB office can be reached at 662-434 2564/2660 or go to www.eastms.edu for information about degree programs.

Saint Leo University (SLU)

SLU provides bachelor's degree programs on base in psychology, criminal justice (homeland security and criminalistics) and business administration (management and technology management). Classes are also offered online and on CD-ROM for maximum convenience. SLU has been operating continuing education centers on military installations for more than 40 years. Their main campus is located about 30 miles north of Tampa, Florida. Call the SLU-Columbus AFB office at 662-434-8844 for more information or go to www.saintleo.edu.

Two universities are located within easy driving distance of the base:

- Mississippi University for Women (MUW).
- Mississippi State University (MSU).

Mississippi University for Women (MUW)

MUW is a coeducational, four-year institution offering a full range of classes on its campus in Columbus, Miss. MUW also offers degrees that can be completed online. The major academic divisions are business and legal studies, education and human sciences, nursing and

speech-language pathology, and arts and sciences. For more information, go to www.muw.edu or call the school at 662-329-7106.

Mississippi State University (MSU)

MSU, founded in 1878 and located 25 miles west of Columbus in Starkville, Mississippi, is a comprehensive university with an on-campus enrollment of approximately 22,000 students. MSU students come from all 50 states and more than 80 countries. The university offers an array of more than 135 doctoral, master's, specialist and bachelor's degree programs. The major academic divisions are agriculture and life sciences, architecture, arts and sciences, business and industry, education, engineering, forest resources and veterinary medicine. Go to www.msstate.edu or call MSU at 662-325-2323.

University of Alabama

The University of Alabama is located about 60 miles east of Columbus in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Its 14 colleges and schools offer more than 300 accredited programs at the bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral



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levels. For information, call 205-348-6010 or check out their website at www.ua.edu.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The base clinic offers a variety of health care options through the family health, flight medicine, mental health, optometry, dental, physical therapy and immunizations clinics. Ancillary services such as lab, radiology and pharmacy are also available. Active-duty members, who are on flying status or are Special Operation Duty (SOD) personnel, and their families, are enrolled in the flight medicine clinic. All other active-duty members and their families, and retirees and their families are enrolled in the family health clinic. Patients are assigned to professional teams that manage their care.

Emergency Care

The clinic does not have an emergency room (ER). For emergency care, proceed to the nearest emergency room or call 911 identifying that you are calling from Columbus AFB and indicate that assistance is needed on base. Your call will be transferred to the Columbus AFB Fire Department; therefore, remain on the line in case an ambulance is required. Active-duty members must contact the clinic or on-call provider within 24 hours of an ER visit so that duty status can be determined and follow-up care coordinated. Ambulance transportation from the base is provided by Baptist Memorial Hospital in downtown Columbus, on Hospital Drive. Baptist is one of the state's largest providers of health care services.

Clinic Hours

The clinic is open for patient care 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, but closes for training the third Thursday of every month. In January and February, the clinic will be closed for the first Thursday of the month in lieu of the regular third Thursday closure. It is closed

weekends and federal holidays. An on-call provider is available after normal duty hours by calling 662-434-CARE (2273).

Appointments

The base clinic provides acute and routine health care by appointment only; arriving without an appointment will delay your access to care. Appointments can be made by calling our appointment desk at 662-434-CARE (2273) or by accessing TRICARE Online at www.tricareonline.com. TRICARE Online is also available so appointments can be made after hours. Active-duty members have priority call-in from 7 to 7:30 a.m. Calls for all other TRICARE Prime enrollees start at 7:30 a.m. Patients calling in for a routine or wellness appointment should do so after 9 a.m. to avoid long waits on the appointment line. If you have an acute care need (an injury or illness that is not manageable by self-care methods or

over-the-counter medications), your care will be coordinated within 24 hours. All other care will be seen within seven to 28 days.

Flight Medicine

Aviator and SOD personnel care is provided by appointment Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made by calling our appointment desk at 662-434-CARE (2273).

Dental Care

Active-duty service members receive comprehensive dental care and can schedule an appointment by calling 662-434-2846. By law, family members are only authorized emergency dental treatment by the base dental clinic; therefore, families are encouraged to participate in the dependent dental plan. Urgent dental needs are usually scheduled that same day or within 24 hours. A dentist is on call for after-hours dental emergencies and can be reached by calling 662 434-CARE (2273).

TRICARE

TRICARE is the Department of Defense's (DOD) worldwide health care program available to eligible beneficiaries in any of the seven uniformed services implemented in this region in July 1996. Active-duty members are automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime but must make a decision among TRICARE Standard, Extra or Prime for their family members. Information on these plans is provided to all members and their families during the wing newcomer's brief and is available by calling Humana Military at 800-444-5445. All active-duty members and families assigned to Columbus AFB need to contact Humana Military to be assigned to the Military Treatment Facility for care after they



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ensure their DEERS record (address, phone number, etc.) is updated.

CHAPLAIN CORPS TEAM

The Chaplain Corps team provides spiritual care and the opportunity for Air Force members, their families and other authorized personnel to exercise their constitutional right to the free exercise of religion. Their core competencies are spiritual care (to include confidential counseling, pastoral care and conducting religious services) and advising Air Force leadership on spiritual, ethical, moral, morale and religious accommodation issues. The Chaplain Corps team also provides opportunities for religious education, leads spiritual resiliency retreats and events, and is involved in unit visitation. Catholic and Protestant services are held each Sunday (Protestant service is at 10:45 a.m. and Catholic Mass is at 5 p.m.) and chaplains are available 24/7 for confidential counseling. For more information regarding services, religious education, programs or to schedule confidential counseling, call the main office at 662-434-2500 or drop by the chapel at 464 Harpe Blvd.

LEGAL SERVICES

The staff judge advocate (JAG) office supports the mission of the 14th Flying Training Wing by providing legal advice to wing and subordinate command leadership on all legal matters including: military justice, civil law, claims, fiscal law, contracting, ethics, environmental law and the laws particular to Air Force operations. Additionally, the legal office provides legal assistance to eligible clients on matters such as landlord/tenant issues, consumer protection, personal finance, debt collection, domestic relations, adoption, citizenship and a variety of other topics. Powers of attorney and notary services are

offered every day. Wills are by appointment on Tuesday mornings. Newcomers receive claims instructions during inprocessing and the legal staff can assist you in filing claims for property lost or damaged in shipment or storage. Additionally, the legal office organizes and oversees the volunteer tax program each year, assisting eligible clients in need of tax help. The legal office is in the Wing Headquarters Building. The phone number is 662-434-7030.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The public affairs office is the focal point for all internal and external news and information about Columbus AFB and its people. Public affairs produces the weekly base newspaper, *Silver Wings*; runs the official base website and Facebook feed; posts messages on the electronic

marquees at each gate, coordinates all news media queries, interviews and visits; clears Air Force information for public release; conducts base tours; and arranges base participation in community events. The public affairs office is in the Wing Headquarters Building, Bldg. 724, Suite 210, at 555 Seventh St. The phone number is 662-434-7068.

COMMISSARY

The commissary carries a complete line of grocery items, including a clerk-serviced delicatessen. The commissary is located at 323 Simler Blvd. The phone number is 662-434-7109.

BASE EXCHANGE (BX)

The BX offers a variety of merchandise and services including military clothing sales, catalog orders, layaways, Western Union wire service, money orders and check cashing. A barbershop, beauty shop, GNC and optical shop are in the mall of the BX complex, as well as Subway and Rajun Cajun. The Shoppette/Class Six and gas station are adjacent to the BX. The BX phone number is 662-434-6013.

THRIFT SHOP

The thrift shop is an excellent place to buy and sell used items such as household goods, electronics, carpets and drapes, kitchen utensils, clothing, toys and baby furniture. Proceeds are used for the spouses club's welfare projects. The thrift shop is at Bldg. 345, next to the youth center. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The phone number is 662-434-2954.





RECREATION

Columbus offers a wide variety of recreational activities. The base can accommodate almost any interest with professional instruction and top-notch facilities and equipment. Combine this with an unlimited number of local points of interest, attractions and outdoor fun just a short drive away, and you've got everything it takes to make your assignment here an enjoyable and memorable experience.

FITNESS AND SPORTS CENTER

The center is equipped with modern workout equipment including complete Life Fitness strength training equipment, stationary bicycles, elliptical trainers and treadmills, cross trainers, free weights and stair climbers. The center also features saunas, two racquetball courts and a multipurpose court. Other facilities include an all-weather track and outdoor fitness circuit, lighted tennis and outdoor basketball courts, two lighted regulation softball fields, a soccer and flag football field, and a covered Alpha Warrior Battle Rig fitness pad. Intramural sports programs include basketball, volleyball, softball, flag football. Special events and runs are held throughout the year. The center's ongoing fitness programs include group exercise classes, fitness incentive programs, and fitness challenges and competitions. The center is located at 829 Simler Blvd. The phone number is 662-434-2772.

BOWLING CENTER

The modern, 10-lane Strike Zone Lanes bowling center features computerized scoring machines, a pro shop and lockers. Qubica automatic scorers are used, and bowling is offered six days a week. Lanes are sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress. Intramural, open and league bowling, and tournaments are offered year-round. A youth league is also available. The bowling center is open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. through 8 p.m. Saturday. It is closed

on Sunday and holidays. The bowling center is at 575 Harpe Blvd., Bldg. 736. The phone number is 662-434-3426.

OUTDOOR RECREATION, EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Outdoor Recreation offers a year-round schedule of activities including backpacking, canoeing, whitewater rafting, skiing, rappelling, camping, and water and wilderness education. A wide variety of recreation and home maintenance equipment is available for rent. Camping gear, tents, pop-up campers, fishing boats, canoes and pontoons, and Jon boats are some of the items available. Lawn and gas garden equipment, canopies, trailers and hitches, and tow and appliance dollies can also be rented.

Spaces are available for storing boats, trailers and recreational vehicles in a fenced and locked area to which owners have access 24 hours a day. Boats and recreational vehicles cannot be stored in base housing. Outdoor Recreation and equipment rental are located in Building 152. The phone number is 662-434-2507.

INFORMATION, TICKETS, AND TRAVEL

ITT offers a wide variety of theme park tickets; special pricing on cruises, plane tickets, hotel reservations, rental cars, and complete vacation packages, including Disney and Universal. ITT also has a shuttle transportation service and a Balloon Shop. ITT is located in the Blaze Commons, Building 715. The phone number is 662-434-7861.

SWIMMING POOL

Independence Pool is located next to the Columbus Club on Independence Drive. It features a diving board, a wading pool, a sun deck, locker rooms and a concession area. It is open daily Memorial Day through Labor Day. Lifeguards are on duty at all times. The pool may be booked for parties. Season passes are available at the Outdoor Recreation Center

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and at Independence Pool. Swimming lessons are available through the Outdoor Recreation department. For more information, call at 662-434-2507.

STABLES

The stables have stalls for 15 horses and a wash rack, hay barn, tack room and four pastures. Most stalls have a fenced run. To reach the stables, enter Perimeter Road behind the 14th Security Forces Squadron and follow the road to the southeastern corner of the base. For information, call Outdoor Recreation at 662-434-2507.

LIBRARY

The library is responsive to the needs of Columbus AFB's patrons.

- **Children's Section** — The children's section has its own separate room with bright colors, child-sized chairs and a wide selection of exciting books to inspire lifelong interest in reading in the youngest patrons.
- **Free Internet Access** — Just because you don't have a computer doesn't mean you can't affordably keep in touch with relatives back home. The library has 10 workstations with Internet access provided by

Cable One to let you use the Internet for email and research.

- **Fiction** — All the latest bestsellers, in addition to the classics, are available.
- **Nonfiction** — The library has a nonfiction section that's in touch with your needs. Whether its preparation for the SAT, GRE or LSAT, information on repairing a pesky automotive problem or researching medical conditions, the library will be of great assistance.
- **Military Reading** — The chief of staff of the Air Force's reading list is available for the professional military education of civilians, officers and enlisted personnel.
- **Copying and Fax Service** — If you need to make copies or send a fax, you don't need to drive all the way into town. The library is a convenient, affordable place to take care of your information needs. Photocopies are 10 cents per page. Sending a fax costs \$1 per page and receiving a fax costs only 10 cents per page.

The library is located in the Blaze Commons, Building 715t. The phone number is 662-434-2934.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Arts and Crafts is located at 143 B Place. It offers a variety of self-help and service activities and classes. The frame shop features both a do-it-yourself picture framing and a complete customized shop. They frame anything from signed and numbered prints and T-shirts to guns and retirement shadow boxes. The frame shop carries metal and wood frames,





paper and rag mats, and regular and nonglare glass. It offers a wide variety of aircraft prints and can order other prints for other types of enthusiasts. Dry mounting is available for your posters or other prints. Decorative corners and cuts are also available. The phone number is 662-434 7856.

Do you need a special gift for someone? Stop by Designer's Choice to see the customized gift shop. Engraving services, regular



or laser, for customized plaques, desk sets, paperweights, award acrylics, pens and more are available. We even have pet tags for your favorite cat or dog. The phone number is 662-434-7836.

THE COLUMBUS CLUB

The Columbus Club is an all-ranks membership club serving lunch Monday through Friday, brunch on select Sundays and specials

throughout each month. The club caters parties, receptions and banquets. Enlisted membership is open to all active-duty and retired enlisted people and civilians in grades WG-1-4 and GS-1-6. Officer membership is open to active-duty and retired officers and civilians in grades GS-7 and above.

Membership includes reduced meal rates or discounts on many items at most Force Support facilities on base.

The Columbus Club is located at 508 Independence Drive. The phone number is 662-434-2490/2471.

THE OVERRUN CAFÉ

The Overrun is located in the Columbus Club. It is open for lunch Tuesday-Friday and open Friday evenings and for special events. The phone number is 662-434-2489.

TIMBERLANE NATURE TRAIL, SAC LAKE

The Timberlane Nature Trail near SAC Lake features three self-guided footpaths. Wild turkeys, rabbits, deer, and a variety of birds and small animals are common along the trail. Picnic tables, grills and pavilions are located near the lake. Fishing at SAC Lake requires a Mississippi fishing license validated at the accounting and finance cashier's cage. Children 16 and younger do not need fishing



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licenses. No hunting is allowed at SAC Lake or in the nature trail area. The nature trails and lake are located at the north end of the base. Follow Independence Drive toward the SAC alert facility. Directional signs begin shortly before the road ends. The nature trail entrance is about 1,000 feet south of the SAC Lake picnic grounds. Columbus AFB has three pavilions that may be rented for \$15 for a half-day and \$25 for a whole day.

FISHING, HUNTING

Columbus has excellent hunting and fishing opportunities on and off base. A resident state hunting and fishing license is required annually for everyone who wishes to hunt or fish on base. Hunting is permitted in marked



areas on base. To hunt on base, you must first pay a fee of \$20 for hunting and \$5 for fishing at the accounting and finance cashier's cage. Then bring your receipt and Mississippi hunting license to one of the base game wardens and receive a mandatory hunter's safety briefing. For more information, call the natural resources manager at 662-434-7958.

FUN ON THE TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provides numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation along the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, which passes right by the base. The Corps of Engineers manages seven Class A campgrounds, numerous boat ramps and

picnic areas, and thousands of acres of hunting lands. The waterway includes Columbus Lake, which is an 8,900-acre lake located near Columbus AFB. Two campgrounds (DeWayne Hayes and Town Creek), three picnic areas (DeWayne Hayes, Waverly and Stennis Lock East Bank) and four boat ramps are all located within a few minutes of Columbus AFB. Hunting regulations, permits and maps are posted at bulletin boards located at all of the Corps of Engineers' boat ramps. Permits and maps can also be downloaded from their website at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Recreation/TennesseeTombigbeeWaterway.aspx. For more information, call the Corps of Engineers at 662-327-2142.





MISSION

The mission of the 14th Flying Training Wing is to cultivate airmen, create pilots, and connect. The wing accomplishes this via specialized undergraduate pilot training in T-6A, T-38C and T-1A trainer aircraft. Each day the wing flies an average of 300 sorties using three parallel runways. The success of the wing's training and deployment missions depends on the numerous units that comprise team BLAZE — both inside and outside the gates of Columbus AFB.

WING STAFF AGENCIES

The Flying Training Wing Staff Agencies act as advisers and aides to the 14th Flying Training Wing Commander, ensuring that the various aspects of the wing operate efficiently and effectively.

14th Comptroller Squadron

The 14th Comptroller Squadron provides financial management, resource allocation and decision support to the 14th Flying Training Wing. The squadron is also responsible for wing-wide programs, such as the Defense Travel System and the Government Travel Card program. The Financial Analysis Flight is responsible for an operations-and-maintenance budget of more than \$100 million annually. The Financial Services Flight is responsible for providing financial services to over 3,100 civilians, retirees, foreign students and contractors, which include travel pay, military and civilian pay, and disbursing operational funding to the 14th Flying Training Wing and five geographically separated units. The Financial Customer Service Counter is open 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additionally, customers can contact 14 CPTS via email at 14CPTS.FCS@us.af.mil.

Commander's Activities/Operations Center (CAOC)

The Commander's Action Group (CAG) is located in the 14th Flying Training Wing (FTW) Headquarters. This group provides direct executive support to the 14 Flying Training Wing commander. The functional

support staff focuses on the commander's initiatives and helps develop and articulate the vision for the base. Contact the CAG at 662-434-1410 or email at 14ftw/cag@us.af.mil.

Inspector General (IG)

The 14 FTW's Inspector General's mission is sustaining the combat capability of America's Air Force through inspections of unit mission effectiveness, compliance and readiness; providing an independent avenue for addressing and resolving complaints; and providing trained and ready forces for AEF requirements. The IG staff is a stand-alone entity outside of the base chain of command and under delegated authority to the Wing Commander.

The IG is a protected alternative to the chain of command when reporting possible misconduct, fraud, waste, abuse or violations. The IGQ ensures the concerns of complainants and the best interests of the Air Force are addressed through objective fact-finding. The IGI oversees, plans, and executes the Wing Commander's Inspection Program to include managing the Commander's Inspection Management Board and training/certifying the augmented Wing Inspection Team (WIT). The WIT is a team of functional experts chosen from wing units to plan and conduct exercises led by the IGI.

The IG can be contacted at 662-434-2927 or 14ftw.ig@us.af.mil or 14ftw.igi@us.af.mil.

Command Post (XP)

The command post provides world-class command and control by accurately upchanneling and disseminating information for the 14th Flying Training Wing. Command Post can be reached at 662-434-7020.

Wing Equal Opportunity Office (EO)

The EO office ensures that no Air Force personnel, military or civilian, are subjected to unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment. All base

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personnel have the responsibility to uphold the policies of EO and must be alert to any indication of discrimination or harassment, fulfilling the responsibility of ensuring equal opportunity and treatment for all.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPR)

The sexual assault response coordinators (SARC), sexual assault victim advocates (SAVA) and volunteer victim advocates are available at major DOD installations to assist victims of sexual assault. The Columbus AFB SARC serves as the single point of contact for integrating and coordinating sexual assault victim care 24/7. The SAPR office is also responsible for providing sexual assault prevention and awareness training throughout the installation. The SAPR office is in Bldg. 730, Room 195, and can be reached 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at SARC: 662-434-0822, DSN 742-0822.

Wing Safety (SE)

The mission of the wing safety office is to preserve the human and material resources of the wing by preventing mishaps. The key processes for wing safety are primarily aimed at increasing safety awareness throughout

the base. Even the requirement to investigate mishaps stems from a need to identify causes of mishaps and reduce the chance for future occurrences. Wing safety uses unit safety representatives and the unit commanders to enhance the effectiveness of their programs.

Wing Plans and Programs

Wing Plans and Programs section develops and maintains a host of base plans used in response to events such as natural disasters, aircraft mishaps, unit deployments or hazardous material spills to name a few.

Wing Maintenance Authority (MA) and Maintenance Authority Quality (MAQ)

The 14 FTW/MA and MAQ are responsible to the 14 FTW commander for the enforcement of a \$46.3 million annual aircraft maintenance contract. Their mission is to monitor a contracted civilian organization exceeding 480 personnel maintaining 243 aircraft separated into three different airframes; the T-1A, T-6A and T-38C totaling \$1.5 billion in assets. The service provider's organization consists of flightline maintenance and 33 maintenance back shops. They are also the primary adviser to wing leadership and contracting on all aircraft maintenance issues. To ensure all

levels of command are kept aware of maintenance issues and contractor performance, the MA/MAQ prepares detailed studies and briefs for Major Command and Numbered Air Force commanders and also serves as the primary point of contact for all higher headquarters maintenance inquiries and inspections.

14TH OPERATIONS GROUP

The 14th Operations Group and its nine squadrons are responsible for the 54-week specialized undergraduate pilot training (SUPT) mission at Columbus AFB and A-29 training at Moody AFB, Georgia. The international officer management flight is under the 14th Student Squadron.

14th Operations Support Squadron

The 14th Operations Support Squadron is a diverse unit providing direct support to the training mission and the National Airspace System. Squadron functions include air traffic control of Columbus AFB and 13 outlying airports, airspace management, flight authorization support, airfield management, flying hour program management, life support, weather support, flight records management and contract quality assurance.





14th Student Squadron

The 14th Student Squadron (STUS) was reactivated Dec. 2, 2011, and directly supports the training mission of more than 450 specialized undergraduate pilot training students by providing complete administrative control of the students. Other functions include academic instruction, managing student in-processing and handling all TDY training for follow-on assignments. In addition, the 14 STUS is responsible for the operation of the transition office and reclassification process providing manning for 50 critically understaffed base agencies.

37th Flying Training Squadron, 41st Flying Training Squadron

The 37th Flying Training Squadron and the 41st Flying Training Squadron conduct primary flight training in the single-engine T-6 Texan II. Seated tandem in this aircraft, each student receives about 87 hours of flight training. Students learn basic aircraft characteristics and control; takeoff and landing techniques; aerobatics; and night, instrument and formation flying. The 37th and the 41st are the only two flying training squadrons in the Air Force that conduct the Air Education and Training Command (AETC) Aviation Leadership

Program for the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. The international students participating in this program receive U.S. Air Force pilot wings upon graduation. After completion of their T-6 training, students progress to advanced training in the T-38, T-1, T-44 or UH-1.

43rd Flying Training Squadron

The mission of the 43rd Flying Training Squadron is to provide a reserve of experienced instructor pilots to augment the Air Education and Training Command's instructor cadre. During wartime, or in the event of hostilities, the unit is mobilized to offset the anticipated loss of experienced active-duty instructor pilots.

48th Flying Training Squadron

The 48th Flying Training Squadron conducts the training of the tanker and airlift tracks of SUPT. Students receive a minimum of 160 hours of flight instruction in the Beech T-1A Jay Hawk. Students learn air refueling procedures, tactical navigation, airdrop and advanced navigation, with an emphasis on crew resource management.

49th Fighter Training Squadron

The 49th Fighter Training Squadron conducts Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals flying training in the T-38C for more than 75 U.S. Air Force and international pilots and weapon system officers annually. It develops the ability, proficiency, confidence, discipline, judgment, situational awareness and airman-ship of future fighter wingmen. In addition, unit members deploy to support fighter syllabus and operational training requirements for



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50th Flying Training Squadron

The 50th Flying Training Squadron conducts an advanced phase of undergraduate pilot training. This phase consists of 181 hours of ground training, 38 simulator hours and 110 flight hours in the Northrop T-38C Talon. Training includes advanced aircraft handling, instruments, low-level navigation and an increased emphasis in two/four-ship formation. At the completion of training, the graduate is awarded the aeronautical rating of pilot and receives his or her coveted Air Force wings.

81st Fighter Squadron

The 81st Fighter Squadron conducts combat training for Afghan Air Force pilots and maintainers in the A-29 Super Tucano. The 81st Fighter Squadron executes an annual flying program of approximately 3,000 sorties and 4,500 hours. The 81st Fighter Squadron is a unique organization composed of Air Advisor Pilots, Air Advisor Maintainers and support personnel who conduct CONUS- and OCONUS-based training for the Afghan Air Force. This training includes basic and advanced tactical employment of the A-29 to Afghan pilots, maintenance training and support mission training. The squadron is the only combat mission-ready fighter squadron in AETC.

14TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

The 14th Mission Support Group provides essential services with five squadrons, one division, more than 750 people and a \$40 million budget. It operates and maintains 508 facilities and infrastructure for Columbus AFB and provides contracting, law enforcement, supply, transportation, fire protection, communications, education, recreation and personnel management for 10,000 people. The group is also responsible for wartime preparedness and contingency operations.

14th Force Support Squadron

The 14th Force Support Squadron manages MWR programs, child and youth services, military and civilian personnel, education services, professional military education, and Airman and Family Readiness Center programs. Additionally, it develops policies and plans and provides services, facilities, training and resources to commanders, base personnel and family members.

14th Security Forces Squadron

The 14th Security Forces Squadron maintains 24-hour law enforcement, integrated



defense and contingency response capabilities. It is responsible for resource protection, crime prevention, anti-terrorism, unit security programs, and combat arms training and maintenance, as well as training and equipping mobility teams to support global force protection requirements. The squadron also teams with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to facilitate the timely exchange of criminal and threat information.

14th Civil Engineer Squadron

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron provides planning, design, construction, operations and maintenance support, as well as fire and environmental protection and emergency management response to support across the base. This is done through conscientious management of 5,981 acres, three runways, 157

facilities, 328 dormitory units and all base infrastructures, valued at \$1 billion with an annual budget of \$12 million. In addition, the 14th Civil Engineer Squadron partners with the Hunt management team to provide housing management and maintenance to 453 housing units.

14th Contracting Squadron

The 14th Contracting Squadron provides business advice and timely contract support for the acquisition of supplies, equipment, and construction and base maintenance services in support of the 14th Flying Training Wing's mission. The squadron manages service contracts exceeding \$300 million in total value accounting for 30 percent of the base workforce. They were responsible for annual contract obligations that totaled more than





\$53 million for fiscal 2012. They also provide support for wartime contingency and worldwide mobility taskings. The phone number for 14th Contracting Squadron customer service is 662-434-7802.

14th Communications Squadron

The 14th Communications Squadron provides essential communications and information systems, air traffic control and landing systems, and information management to support the flying training mission. It has a 71-person military, civilian and contractor workforce with a \$1.6 million annual budget. These cyber warriors plan, acquire, coordinate

and integrate upgrades to communications and information infrastructure, as well as provide combat-ready troops for mobility taskings.

14th Logistics Readiness Division

The 14th Logistics Readiness Division provides logistical support for the 14th Flying Training Wing's mission. Its personnel issue and account for 12 million gallons of aircraft fuel and 40,000 supply items and provide maintenance for 150 vehicles. They provide traffic management for passengers, personal property and cargo shipments. The division also supports Air Force contingency missions with mobility supplies and services.

14TH MEDICAL GROUP

The 14th Medical Group enhances the flying mission through emergency medical response during flying emergencies, life-support education and aerospace physiology training. The medical and dental readiness capability of active-duty members and SUPT students assigned to the 14th Flying Training Wing are ensured. The warrior mentality is instilled through optimal deployment skills training to meet present and future contingencies with the right resources. Furthermore, a healthy community is promoted by providing medical care to the nonactive-duty beneficiary population, including disease management and education for chronic illnesses.

14th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron

The 14th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron provides family medicine, aerospace medicine, mental health support and dental services. The squadron also offers physical therapy, immunizations, aerospace physiology, radiology, and Health and Wellness Center services.

14th Healthcare Operations Squadron

The 14th Healthcare Operations Squadron supports the medical group's mission through medical material services, medical facilities management, medical readiness, resource management, information systems, pharmacy, radiology and laboratory services, TRICARE and patient administration services, and personnel and administration support.





HISTORY

When you arrive at Columbus Air Force Base, you'll join a team with a proud heritage. From our earliest days as an Army Air Corps pilot training base to the Cold War when our runways trembled under the roar of the mighty B-52s, to our reputation today as one of the world's premier flying training bases, you're joining a tradition of "Columbus Class."

Columbus Air Force Base began as an advanced twin-engine flying school during the rearming of America prior to World War II. Efforts by local civic leaders in the 1930s to secure an airport shifted to obtaining a military flying field as U.S. forces geared up for war. On June 26, 1941, the War Department announced Columbus' selection as the site for an Army Air Corps pilot training school. Construction got underway in 1941, and pilot training began in 1942. With an unparalleled safety record, this is where both instrument training and flying standardization boards got their start, earning the Columbus Army Flying School national recognition in *Time* magazine and *The New York Times*. More than 8,000 students came to Columbus for pilot training during World War II to become flying officers in the Army Air Corps. AT-6s, AT-8s, AT-9s, AT-10s, Lockheed-Hudson A-29s and TB-25s were used at Columbus during this time. By war's end, the air base, then known as Columbus Army Air Field, had become one of the largest in the Southeast, with four runways and seven auxiliary fields. The base was closed in 1945 and remained inactive until the nation again faced the prospect of war, this time to defend South Korea.

Because post-World War II disarmament had been so extensive, the Air Force found itself pressed beyond its pilot training limits. The nation's pilot production goal more than doubled to 10,000 annually, necessitating more training bases. The crisis impelled the Air Force to turn to contract pilot training, which could expand capacity quickly and inexpensively, so Columbus Air Force Base reopened in 1951 as a contract flying school. Air

Training Command's 3301st Pilot Training Squadron oversaw the contract flight instruction of about 3,000 pilots in PA-18 Piper Cubs and AT-6s. With the Korean War at an end and pilot production needs dropping, the decision was made to close the contract flying school at Columbus. Though desirable as a startup school, contract operations could operate economically only if the student load was at or near maximum capacity.

While the Air Force's pilot training requirements were decreasing, its strategic air arm was expanding. During the 1950s, Strategic Air Command (SAC) wings had become extremely large. As the Russian missile threat became more pronounced and warning time decreased, SAC bases presented increasingly attractive targets. By providing additional bases to which the aircraft could be dispersed, the enemy's targeting problem would be compounded, and more bombers could become airborne within a given time period. It was decided to break up these large concentrations of aircraft and distribute them among more bases. Thus, Columbus Air Force Base was relinquished to the Strategic Air Command in April 1955. After a four-year rebuilding program to prepare the base for its new mission, Columbus became home to a B-52 bomber squadron and a KC-135 tanker squadron in 1958. Beginning in 1965, the same year it won the coveted Fairchild Trophy as "Best in SAC," Columbus' 454th Bombardment Wing deployed to the western Pacific, completing more than 100 missions to South Vietnam. A convergence of situations brought a close to the Strategic Air Command years at Columbus. As the demand for pilots to support the war in Southeast Asia increased, the number of B-52s stateside fell because they were needed overseas. At the same time, Minuteman and Polaris missiles were taking their places in strategic deterrence, replacing much of the bomber alert force.

After 14 years under Strategic Air Command, Columbus AFB rejoined Air Training Command on July 1, 1969, and resumed the mission for which it was originally activated: training pilots. The first undergraduate pilot

training class, Class 71-01, entered training July 17, 1969, in the T-37 and later progressed to the T-38. Class 08-15 was the last class to fly the T-37s. After 39 years of service at Columbus AFB and being known as “the gateway to the sky” for more than 10,685 graduates, the T-37B Tweet was formally retired April 3, 2008. Two years earlier, the first of the replacement aircraft, the T-6A Texan II, arrived on base in October 2006. As a vital resource which allows for the continual accomplishment of the flying training mission, on Sept. 16, 2013, the completion of a six-month modernization and reconstruction effort resulted in replacement of Columbus Air Force Base’s nearly 60-year-old middle runway surface.

Today, Columbus Air Force Base is home of the 14th Flying Training Wing, Air Education and Training Command.



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The **wings** represent the Air Force.

The **star** likewise represents the Air Force and space.

OUR 14 FTW PATCH

By Lt. Robert Dawson, 14th Student Squadron, Student Pilot (2019)



To the casual observer, the wing patch of the 14th Flying Training Wing (FTW) appears as little more than an awkward Star Trek clone. On the contrary, a little investigation into the subject will reveal that our wing patch is full of inspiring symbols that are reminiscent of a rich history of legendary heroism. In its lifetime, the 14 FTW has also been the 14th Fighter Wing of World War II and the 14th Air Commando Wing and 14th Special Operations Wing of Vietnam, the heritage of which can be found on the patch.

During World War II, we were the 14th Fighter Group. Four of the squadrons still belong to the wing today and include the 37th, 48th, 49th and 50th. After patrolling the western coast of the United States in P-38s, we helped escort bombers to enemy targets in France. A year later, the 14th found itself in North Africa providing escort, strafing and reconnaissance missions. In 1943, the 14th performed dive-bombing missions on Pantelleria Island, resulting in the eventual capture of Sicily. During the Vietnam War, the 14th produced numerous Medal of Honor recipients, including Maj. Bernard Fisher, 1st Lt. James Fleming and Airman 1st Class John Levitow.

This heritage is ingrained on our patch. The white over black shield over two crossed laurel branches serves as a daily reminder of the aforementioned honors and battle credits carried by the wing. The white stylized plane represents our peaceful humanitarian mission, and the red plane symbolizes the tactical power employed in close air support, ground support, search and rescue, and armed reconnaissance our wing conducted as a special operations unit. The stars represent the excellence with which we perform our mission, and the blue represents the sky in which we perform.

As you continue your journey in the Air Force, remember those who have sacrificed to give us this legendary heritage, and carry with you the fervor to live up to its name.





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Life in Mississippi honors deep cultural roots and a tradition of warm hospitality. Nowhere is that more evident than in Columbus, affectionately known as the "Friendly City." Learn more about things to do and sights to see, in and around the area, by visiting Columbus' Tennessee Williams Home and Welcome Center, at 300 Main St. in downtown Columbus. Pick up information on everything from local dining and attractions to the latest events in the area, or stop by for a complimentary tour of the beautifully vibrant Victorian home on the corner of Third and Main streets. Moved to its present location in 1995, this house was the first home of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tennessee Williams, who was born in Columbus in 1911.

History is a highlight in Columbus, home to more than 650 historic properties within three National Register historic districts. While here, you might spend leisure time touring antebellum mansions and strolling tree-lined streets, enjoying the vast array of dining and entertainment

options in town, or visiting Friendship Cemetery "where flowers healed a nation" when the first Memorial Day was observed. Set out to explore a nearby Civil War battlefield or ancient Native American mounds, or spend hours in antique shops and take home your own piece of history. As in Columbus, museums and collections can be found in virtually every Mississippi town, each one giving a personal account of their place in the state's rich culture.

And history is not the only focus in town. Columbus' active arts council, community theater, private theater, year-round festivals and ongoing events at local universities and churches provide a wide array of activities. Top 20 Southeast Tourism events include the annual Spring Pilgrimage tours of antebellum homes and the annual Market Street Festival in downtown Columbus. Modern resorts are nearby, too, in Choctaw, Tunica and along the Gulf Coast.

If you think there's nothing "major league" about Mississippi, think again. Major sports teams play only hours away in Atlanta, New Orleans, Nashville and Memphis. Or stay in the Magnolia State to see top-quality athletics when the Mississippi Braves, a Minor League Baseball team affiliated with the Atlanta Braves, play at home in Jackson. The Biloxi Shuckers, a Milwaukee Brewers Minor League Baseball team, play at home on the Coast, another great playground destination and little more than a four-hour drive away. The Alabama coast and the Florida Panhandle are also popular nearby weekend getaways.

The varied natural environments in Mississippi provide for a wide array of outdoor fun. The state offers 17 million acres of woodlands teeming with wildlife. Hiking, bird watching and hunting opportunities abound throughout the state. No matter where you are in Mississippi, you are never very far from a body of water and water recreation. Enjoy water sports and fun on the safe and scenic Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway; the 9,000-acre lake it created at Columbus is one of the top 20 bass



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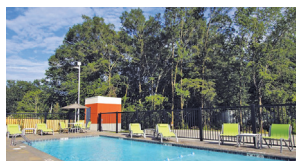
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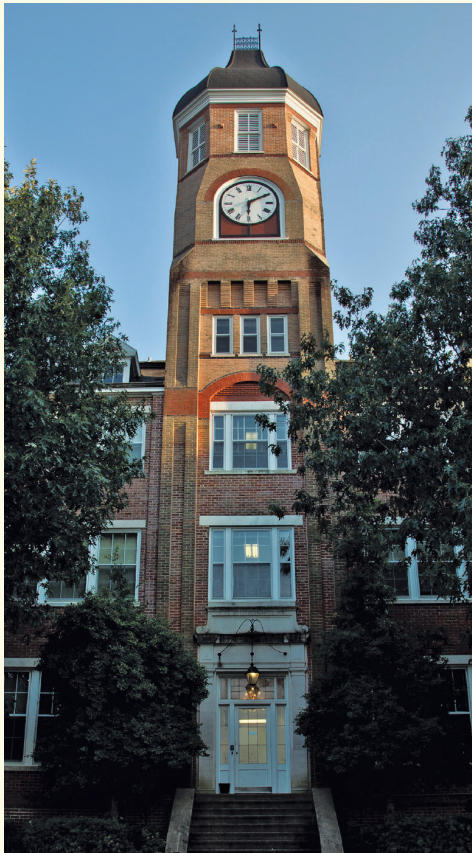


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Our Programs, Services, and Events

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Youth Development

- After school programs
- Aquatic Classes
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- Child Care
- Children Playgroups
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- Field Trips
- Kids Olympics
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- Parent and Me Classes
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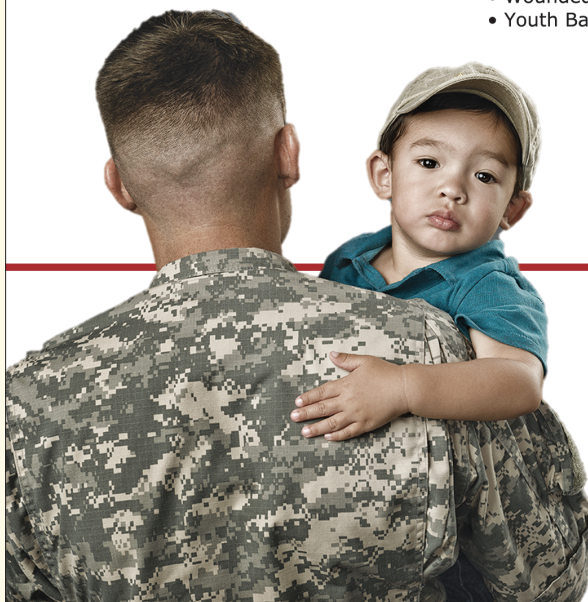
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- Baby Contest
- Bible Study
- Christmas You Missed
- Family Meals
- Fitness Classes
- Food Pantries or Emergency Food Assistance
- Healthy Kids Day
- Kids Cooking
- Military Family Outreach
- Military Family Recognition
- NICU Reunion
- Operation Kid Comfort
- Parent/Child Dances/Teas
- Programs for Children with Special Needs
- Recreation Therapy
- Spouse Activities
- Summer Food for Children
- Troop Fishing Trips
- Trunk or Treat
- Wounded Warrior Support
- Youth Basketball

Social Responsibility

- Activate America
- Airmen Against Drunk Driving
- Airport Lounges
- Baby Bundles
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Formal Attire Loan/Giveaway
- Give Aways, Tickets
- Guardian Angel
- Holiday Activities; Food and Gift Assistance
- Infant Car Seat
- Local Community Outreach
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- Military Unit Support
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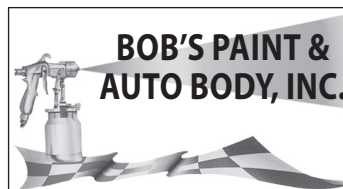
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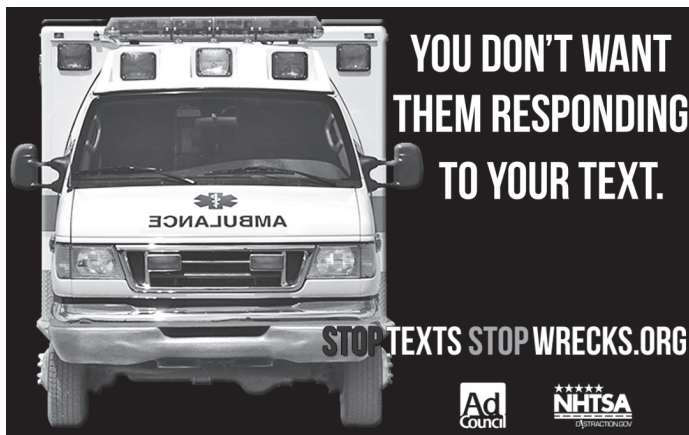
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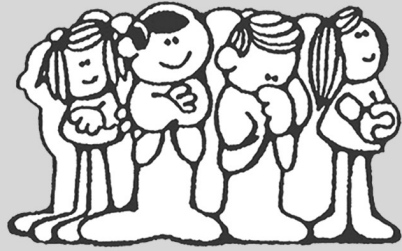


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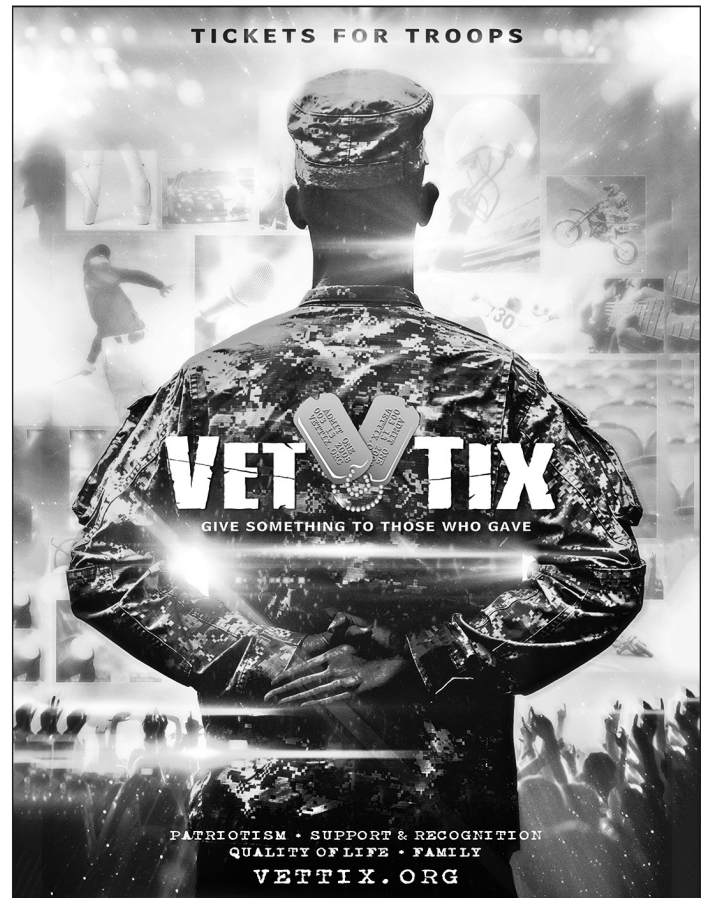
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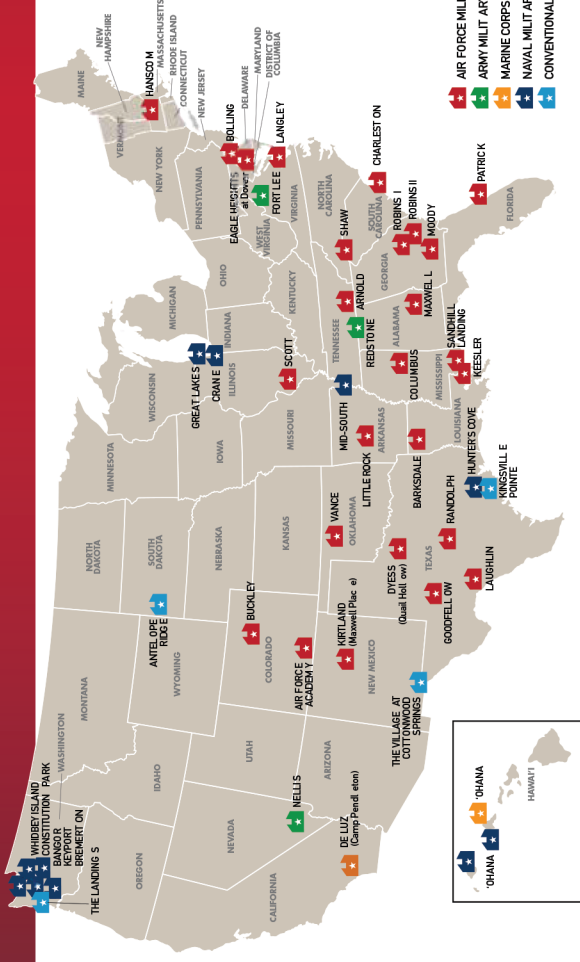


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