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Friday Feels

The Event Center at Columbus Air Force Base, located right across from Hunt Housing, is a familiar location for many of us. Tradition holds this is the location where pilots gather on drop night to receive their next assignments. Many happy and sad tears have been shed here as pilots and their families learn the next path on their Air Force journey. The memories of assignment nights and graduations conjure up feelings of good times with our classmates, families, and friends. To help foster those warm fuzzy feelings and more importantly, create new ones, the Event Center is proud and excited to present "Friday Feels!"

This end of the week opportunity to get together with your friends and share stories, laughs, food, and drinks, will be from 1600-2000 every Friday night! There will be live music by local bands, performers, or a DJ to create a perfect spot to hang out with friends and meet new people on base!



Jessica Denis [JD]
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The Event Center, also

known as "The Columbus Club," is offered to all ranks. Private events may also be booked at the club such as baby showers, holiday parties and any special occasion you may want to host. The Event Center can provide a variety of food options for your special event. The bar menu includes chicken tenders, egg rolls, french fries, and chicken wings. Everything is made fresh to order.

The lounge is home to many different specialty drinks, like the Coconut Ocean Water, and the Blue Lagoon. Bartender Jessica Denis has worked at the Event Center for since April 17th, 2023, and is excited to have a packed house every Friday night. She loves to get to know all the guests and create a friendly social environment for everyone.

Friday Feels will still take place even if there is a drop night or graduation scheduled. This is a great location to hang out and still be safe on base. Grab your friends and we will see you every Friday for some great "Friday Feels."

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RADIO CHATTER

THOUGHTS FROM THE COCKPIT



1LT
Andrew Martin
T1 Instructor Pilot
Nichita, KS

Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. - 1LT Andrew Martin offered his insight and experience in an interview as a T-1 First Assignment Instructor Pilot (FAIP) with the 48th Flying Training Squadron at Columbus AFB. He began his FAIP career in late 2022 and will complete his time as a FAIP at the end of 2025. He has seen the syllabus evolve between his time as a student and as an instructor.

Martin graduated in 2019 from Wichita State University and set his dreams on becoming a pilot for the Air Force. He graduated from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) and received his wings at Columbus AFB on 15 April 2022 with SUPT class 22-09. Martin enjoyed the challenges and stability for the duration of the training.

Following the legacy syllabus, pilot training shifted to Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) 2.5, now known as UPT; the process of training pilots in the timeline and events began its monumental change. The Air Force began to produce winged pilots directly following the completion of the T-6 curriculum. The requirements to train an aviator to receive wings earlier in the timeline caused changes in the structure of UPT. The syllabus divides the categories of the program into a fundamental phase and a mission Phase. The fundamental phase includes transition, navigation and formation while the mission phase integrates all parts of the fundamental phases to prove

the student has become in proficient in the application of flying fundamentals. Previously, students earned pilot wings after the completion of T-1s or T-38s; with the new syllabus, students are awarded pilot wings after completing the final check ride in the T-6.

"UPT 2.5 offers a new experience to students," Martin said. "In SUPT, there were three distinct phases: in phase one, students would have academics; in phase two, students would fly T-6s; and in phase three they would split to either the T-1 or T-38."

The UPT syllabus is an evolving document able to adapt to new challenges presented. In the current version of the T-1 syllabus, students learn the fundamentals of crew flying in fewer events. Although the current

"The students will remember these rides, and I want to be the best instructor every day I step through the doors."

- Martin

syllabus is more condensed, Lt Martin strives to ensure each student is held to the standard Air Force pilots require. Martin aspires for his students to take away a positive understanding from the experience in the aircraft, while knowing he instructed to his maximum potential.

"I want to leave a legacy anywhere I go throughout the Air Force," Martin said. "The students will remember these rides, and I want to be the best instructor everyday I step through the doors."

Fun fact about 1LT Martin: Martin ranked T-1 FAIP as his top choice!

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CARSON SONGY DARES TO BECOME PART OF THE LEGEND

The city of Nice will play host to the Ironman Race, one of Europe's premier triathlon events, September 10th, 2023. Participants will compete from the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean to the mountains in the glamorous French Riviera. The story behind what makes this single-day endurance event begins with Judy and John Collins, a couple who moved from California to Hawaii in 1975. The Collins family had participated in the Mission Bay Triathlon in San Diego, CA in September 1974. Endurance athletes consider this event as the start of modern triathlon in the U.S.

In 1977, the Collins' felt the need to bring the triathlon to Hawaii. The Island provided everything needed to bring about a competitive endurance race for those strong enough mentally and physically. The name Ironman was coined by John Collins, "...whoever finishes first we'll call him the Ironman." The race has become an iconic symbol of proving to oneself and others what the human body is capable of and meeting challenges head on. Ironman competitions are now found all over the world.



Meet SSgt. Carson Songy, a 30-year-old native from Slidell, Louisiana, husband and father to two sons. SSgt. Songy is heading to Nice, France for the Ironman competition. Out of shape, and developing medical issues, SSgt. Songy realized a change needed to happen. He realized he was at a point in his life he was just stale. He was happy with kids and family, but had a nagging feeling he was not living up to his full potential. He yearned to do something more in his life. SSgt. Songy began reading a book called *Iron War*, about how Ironman started. He was inspired and competed in his first marathon weighing 215 pounds. He received 2nd place in his age group in the Tupelo race. Time progressed with training and he competed in Ironman Chattanooga last September, and blew his own expectations away! "Once I started training the fitness came quick, and it was a motivational factor." SSgt. Songy states.

SSgt. Songy believes, "That is what I love about these races, because it will always come with a challenge. Even if I got last place, life is a hurdle and you have to be able to figure it out on the spot. You don't have a choice, you have to be able to figure it out on the spot, and be able to control your emotions. This helped me outside of sports to become a better man in everything I do. Suffering helped me learn to deal with discomfort."

Songy's mentality going into France is knowing he will have to overcome circumstances. Knowing every Ironman race is going to have its challenges, he is ready to conquer whatever comes his way. It is a metaphor for life, "keep calm in all situations in the race" is the goal for Songy. Outside of sports, Songy explains how Ironman has helped him in his life with family. Families are presented with challenges daily, just like running a race.

"Something goes wrong in any Iron Man race, because the event is too long for something not to happen. That is the joy of every race you compete in, you always will have to overcome something that comes your way. If your legs hurt, so what, you have to now go run 26 miles - you have to figure it out," SSgt. Songy shares.

Songy's inspiration to compete in Ironman races, came from reading *Iron War*. He buckled down and got in shape. A year from that date he wanted to run a marathon, second goal two years from that date he wanted to do an Ironman. He started running, and before he knew it, ran the Tupelo marathon in Tupelo, MS, and got second in his age group. He hired a coach to incorporate biking and swimming in September of 2021. Ironman competitions are now in his blood and are apart of his life. His main goal in what he wants to get out of this experience is, "I want to inspire others to do great things. I am just a regular guy but want others to know they can do great things." New season, new goals, exceptional races and a historic moment for SSgt. Songy, when he heads to Nice, France for the first ever Ironman competition.



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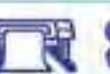
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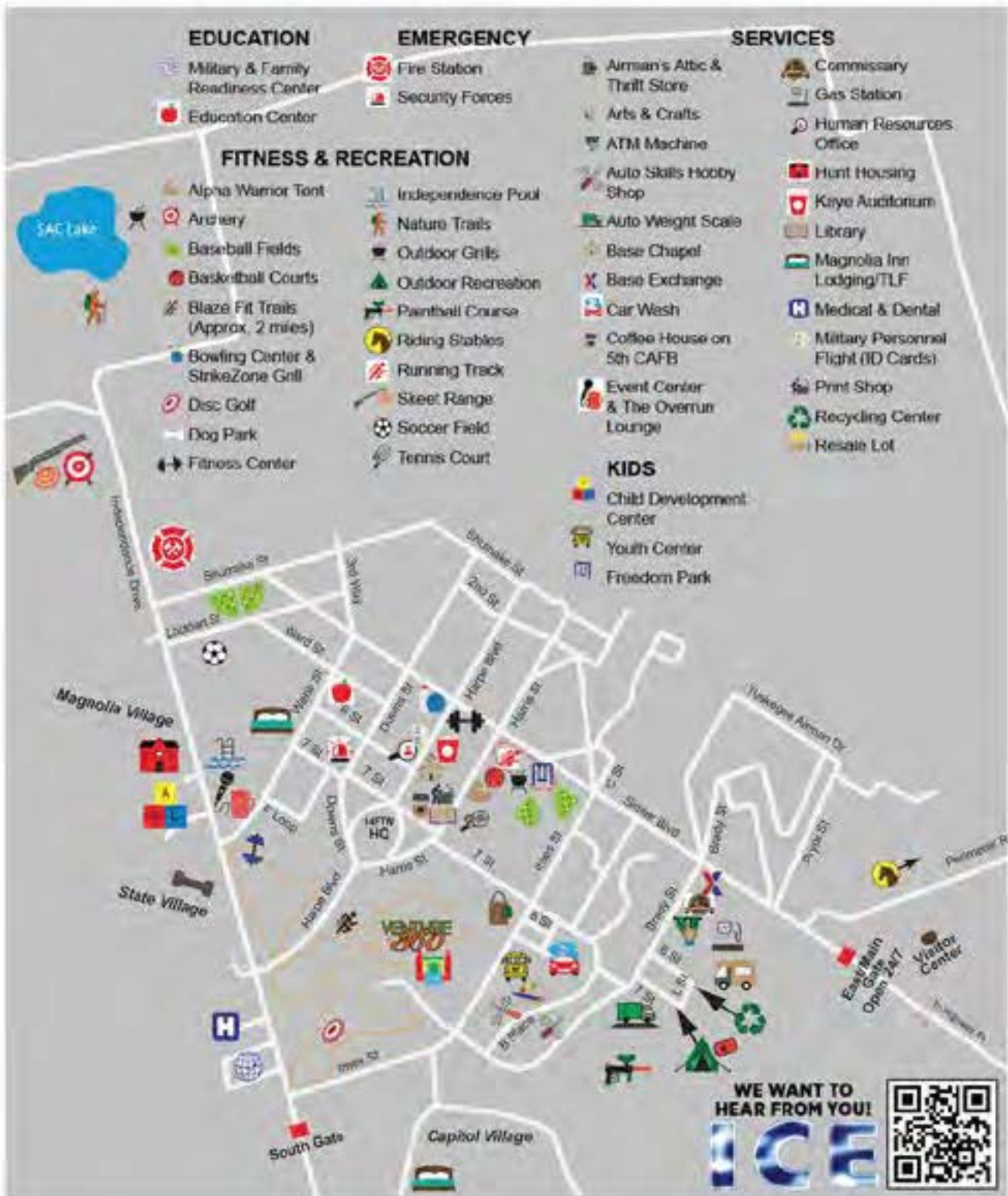


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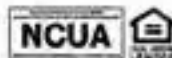
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