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# Robins Air Show draws thousands for two-day event

U.S. Air Force photo by KENYA JAMES The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team headlined the Thunder over Georgia Air Show last weekend. It was the first time the team has been here since 2009.

BY ANGELA WOOLEN angela.woolen.ctr@us.af.mil

erfect weather and a free air show made it a weekend to remember in Middle Georgia. For the thousands of people who attended the Thunder over Georgia Air Show here, there was certainly a buzz in agencies, as well as the combined team of base and community First Responders, we ensured a safe and secure environment for the event.

"We couldn't have done it without the amazing support from our community and industry partners," King added. "Team Robins was thrilled to host such an entertaining air show for Middle Georgia. It was also a great opportunity to display Air Force capabilities, as well as the pride and professionalism with which your hometown military base accomplishes our diverse mission sets."

the air.

The community was ready for another Thunderbirds visit as people showed up in droves to catch all the action. The last air show the Thunderbirds headlined at Robins was in 2009.

"This year's Thunder over Georgia was a huge success," said Col. Jeff King, 78th Air Base Wing Commander. "Robins Air Force Base hosted an estimated 125,000 visitors to the two-day event. Thanks to exceptional cooperation between Team Robins Security Forces and local law enforcement The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, who are stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, spent five days in Warner Robins and the surrounding areas at speaking engagements, with the media and demonstrating the power of the F-16.

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# Show Some Love: Robins CFC kicks off Tuesday

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he 2016 Robins Combined Federal Campaign season will begin its active campaign period beginning Tuesday and will continue through Nov. 10.

This year's theme is "Show Some Love." The goal this year is \$1 million, with 100 percent contact with members of Team Robins.

"The men and women that work at Robins Air Force Base have always been very generous in supporting causes they care about across the globe," said Troy Hubbard, Robins 2016 CFC chair. "We encourage all Team Robins members to participate with any amount of contributions they can, because there are so many worthy charities that truly depend on our support to provide much needed services and support to our local communities, the United States and around the world," he said.

In 2015, the Robins campaign raised \$867,000. CFC is the world's largest annual workplace charity campaign, which includes nearly 200 CFC campaigns throughout the country and overseas, and raising millions of dollars each year. Pledges made by donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world. Super monitors: Capt. Dana A. Ionita, 116th ACW; Heidi Avant, AFSC/FZ-R; Tech. Sgt. Andrew Marshall, Aquincy O. Roberts, 448th SCMW; 2nd Lt. Joseph H. Elliot, AFSC/PK/PZ; Maj. Katherine Easevoli, AFRC; Master Sgt. Ross Retter, 461st ACW; Cayatana Palumbo, Paula Patrick, WR-ALC; Master Sgt. Aaron Daigle, 1st Lt. Troy Drabek, 5th CCG; 2nd Lt. Trevor Pass, AFSC EN; Master Sgt. Nicole Griffin, 2nd Lt. Joseph Watts, 78th ABW; Gina Fudge, DLA; Emily Glover, DP; Master Sgt. Merlin Shaver, Shirlyn Johnson Granville, AFLCMC Combined; and Dawn Dixon, AFAA/Robins AAO.

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#### **IDS Tip of the Week**

Everyone needs someone to lean on every now and then. Since needs don't always arise during work hours, embodying the Wingman Concept is a 24-hour job for both military and civilian airmen.

To learn more, talk with your supervisor or unit first sergeant.

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#### **Career Fair set for Nov. 9**

The Team Robins Career Fair, sponsored by 78th Force Support Squadron, will host between 45 and 60 employers Nov. 9.

The career fair will be held at the Heritage Club Bldg. 956 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring their resumes and come dressed to interview. The fair is open to base access personnel, which includes all Team Robins members and eligible family members.



Don't let your dreams go up in smoke – practice fire safety.

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# Second Front



#### **Don't Wait:** Check the Date!

National Fire Alarm Code requires smoke alarms be replaced at least every 10 years, but because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes have smoke alarms past their expiration date, putting people at increased risk.

# Every smoke alarm has an expiration date: What's yours?

BY ROBINS FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES

recent survey conducted by National Fire Protection Agency revealed that only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced.

That lack of awareness is a concern for Robins Fire Emergency Services and other fire departments across the country.

Smoke alarms don't last forever.

Time and again, we've seen the life-saving impact smoke alarms can have in a home fire, and also have seen the tragedy that can result when smoke alarms aren't working properly.

That's why we're making an effort to educate Team Robins about the importance of smoke alarms and their functionality.

National Fire Alarm Code requires smoke alarms be replaced every 10 years, but because the public is generally unaware of that requirement, many have alarms past their expiration date, putting people at risk.

As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, NFPA is promoting this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," to educate people about the importance of knowing how old their smoke alarms are and replacing them once they're 10 years old.

Fire Prevention Week is Sunday through Oct.15.

To find out how old your smoke alarm is and its expiration date, simply look on the back of the alarm where the date of manufacture is marked.

The smoke alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date – not the date of purchase.

Robins FES also reminds everyone smoke alarms should be tested monthly, and that batteries should be replaced once a year or when they begin to chirp, signaling they're running low.

For more information on smoke alarms and this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

#### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

►Tuesday – Emergency Action Cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 31 from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. and at Wynn Dining Hall from 11 to 11:30 a.m.; A table display and Sparky the Fire Dog will be at the Base Exchange from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Smokey Bear and the Fire Chief will visit Bldg. 905 from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

► Wednesday – Emergency Action Cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 44 from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. and at Wynn Dining Hall from 11 to 11:30 a.m.; Sparky the Fire Dog and the Friendly Fireman will visit the Child Development Center in Bldg. 943 from 9 to 10 a.m.; A table display will be set up at the Base Restaurant from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Smokey Bear and the Fire Chief will visit at Bldg. 215 at 2 p.m.

►Thursday – Emergency Action Cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 38 from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. and at Wynn Dining Hall from 11 to 11:30 a.m.; Sparky the Fire Dog and the Friendly Fireman will visit the Child Development Center in Bldg. 946 from 9 to 10 a.m.; A table display will be set up at the BX from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Smokey Bear and the Fire Chief will visit at Bldg. 300 at 2 p.m. and Bldg. 301 at 2:30 p.m.

▶ Friday – Smokey Bear will visit Bldg. 125 at 9 a.m.; Emergency Action Cards will be distributed at Wynn Dining Hall from 11 to 11:30 a.m. and Bldg. 640 from 2 to 3 p.m.; A table display and Sparky the Fire Dog will be at the Commissary from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



U.S. Air Force file photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON The Robins Recycling Center is no longer accepting plastic products.

# Robins recycling reductions now in effect

BY BECKY MCCOY 78th Civil Engineer Squadron director

The Recycling Center at Robins stopped accepting plastic on Saturday.

Robins runs its Recycling Program according to Department of Defense Qualified Recycling Program regulations, which requires recycling white paper, cardboard, and as many other commodities as economically feasible while striving to meet solid waste diversion to landfill goals.

Unfortunately, the base program has never made a profit; in fact, it has incurred a substantial cost to the government to recycle white paper, cardboard, newspaper, mixed paper, aluminum, glass and plastics.

The base hasn't received proceeds from recycling plastic for more than a year. There's no demand for recycled plastics in the local area, and it costs recycling companies more to transport plastics to companies which can re-use them than they make on the sale of those materials. Those costs are passed to the base via the recycling program contract.

In order to reduce costs, Qualified Recycling Program team members asked for quotes for several different cost reduction scenarios. The scenario chosen was to eliminate plastic at the Recycling Center, reduce manning to three days a week and reduce the number of pick-ups for white paper. Those changes had the least impact to solid waste landfill diversion, but the cost savings will be considerable. The recycling program expects to save an estimated \$150,000 as compared to last year, which will get the program closer to a breakeven point.

Our Qualified Recycling Program Team is looking at options to further reduce the costs of recycling on Robins, with a goal of breaking even or making a profit in the coming months. As always, we strive to be good stewards of the government's resources and our environment.

Editor's Note: The installation operates its Qualified Recycling Program in accordance with10 U.S.C. §2577, Disposal

of Recyclables Materials, 32 CFR §172 (b), Disposition of Proceeds from DOD Sales of Surplus Personal Property and DoD QRP policies.

# Robins opens dialogue on Disability Employment Awareness with activities throughout October

ctober is National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Team Robins has a variety of events planned throughout October to help spread awareness of how individuals with disabilities can be an integral part of the workforce.

These events are intended to demonstrate how people with disabilities adapt and overcome their challenges in a variety of ways.

The events are designed to provide information about resources available to both employees and supervisors of individuals with disabilities.

All base ID cardholders and individuals with disabilities who have base access can participate in the month's events.

Supervisors are encouraged

to attend the video teleconference with the Computer/ Electronic Aid Program Technology Evaluation Center.

For details, contact Stewart Crow at stewart.crow@ us.af.mil, 478-222-3462 or Shanekqua Ellis, shanekqua. ellis@us.af.mil, 478-327-7305.

Editor's note: Civilian employees on an approved Request for Approval of Excused Absence for Physical Fitness Activities may use fitness leave for the activity at the Fitness Center. Civilian employees may be excused for one hour or less, portal to portal, to attend services conducted on base when not held in conjunction with lunch. Civilian employees may be excused to attend only one event not held in conjunction with lunch.



#### Schedule of events:

► A bowling clinic will be held today from 1 to 3 p.m. at Robins Lanes Bowling Alley. The clinic focuses on learning how to bowl with various disabilities.

► Lunch and Learn will be Wednesday at noon in the Base Restaurant. The briefing will discuss how to use the Workforce Recruitment Program and its benefits. Master Sgt. Beth Wakefield will be the guest speaker. For more information on the program, visit www.wrp.gov.

► A Wheelchair Basketball Clinic and Ft. Benning Warrior Transition Battalion visit will be Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center. The clinic on wheelchair basketball will be given by the Henry County Parks and Recreation Department. The Warrior Transition Battalion will play a pick-up game against the base population.

► Video teleconference with the Computer/Electronic Aid Program Technology Evaluation Center will be held Oct. 26 at 9 a.m., at the Base Theater. The informational briefing will be about free accommodative devices available to the workforce for individuals with disabilities. For more information, visit www.cap.mil.



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Part of the mission of the Thunderbirds is to educate the public about the military's capabilities.

"Our demonstration team brings the pride, professionalism and precision to bridge the gap between civilians and the Air Force. The No. 1 thing we do is inspire," said the No. 4 pilot Maj. Nick Krajicek.

And, according to Air Force Reserve recruiter Tech. Sgt. JaVan Kimmel, inspire they did.

"The public aspect of the air show is huge," he said. "It isn't about reaching people our age, but to motivate and educate the youth of tomorrow."

The show generated 223 leads just for the Air Force Reserve, Kimmel said.

To ensure folks had the opportunity to find that inspiration, 110 buses were used to get people from off base parking areas to the gates.

While it will always be a challenge getting so many people on and off the installation in a safe and secure manner, initial feedback is the effort was leaps and bounds better than the base's air show in 2012.

And it was a show for people of all ages. The Kid Zone was very popular among parents with small children. Not only did it provide a separate area with inflatables for children to play on free of charge, but Betty Varnadoe, 78th Force Support Squadron chief of resources, said it had another purpose.

"It's something different for them to do until the planes fly," she said.

And though there were some lulls, planes seemed to be flying consistently from morning until late afternoon.

At the same time, there were things that didn't fly, but were just as impressive.

From the Shockwave jet engine truck to the C-130 strong man pull, crowds were treated to spectacular displays.

To beat the Middle Georgia heat, some found shade beneath the wings of static airplanes while others braved the sunlight to sit dozens deep near the grass where they had a clear view of the flight line. Others didn't brave the parking and shuttle busses, electing to set up camp on the other side of the railroad tracks across Ga. Highway 247.

At the end of the day, regardless where one saw the aerial demonstrations of the Thunderbirds, it was worth the wait.

Editor's note:U.S. Air Force photos on this page by Misuzu Allen, Tommie Horton and Tech. Sgt. Stephen D. Schester.







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## Local Thunderbird team member comes home

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or one Thunderbird crew member, being at Robins Air Force Base was not just another show. It was a homecoming. Staff Sgt. Joshua "Trey" Whiteley, the No. 3 assistant dedicated crew chief, is a 2008 graduate of Warner Robins High School.

When he wasn't busy preparing the F-16 for the Thunder Over Georgia air show, Whiteley was getting reacquainted with his home town.

"I've been pretty busy getting to see all my friends and family," he said.

When he joined the Air Force, he never dreamed he would end up working for the Thunderbirds or that the show would bring him home.

"It has been an epic journey," Whiteley said.

He has been with the Thunderbirds for a year and a half of his three-year assignment. This weekend he'll be in Puerto Rico for an air show, and in two weeks, will visit his parents and siblings in Fort Worth, Texas.

"In my wildest dreams I never would

have imagined I'd be working for the Thunderbirds," he said. Whiteley also never imaged someone would be asking for his autograph when he was attending school in Houston County.

U.S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

WHITELEY

Before he joined the Thunderbirds, Whiteley was stationed at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, as a sheet metal mechanic.

Growing up in an Air Force family, Whiteley's father was a training instructor and then a recruiter. Their last duty station was at Robins and before moving to Texas, the family spent 13 years in Warner Robins.

A reminiscent Whiteley remembers sitting in his father's lap at air shows when he was a young boy while his father talked to people about joining the Air Force.

"I never thought it was possible," he said. "I never thought I'd join the Air Force. It has been an experience for sure."





U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

#### **Robins Air Force Base on Facebook**

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# Robins Airmen reenlist with U.S. Air ForceThunderbirds

The following Team Robins airmen decided to renew their oath and be part of a reenlistment ceremony by the Thunderbirds on Friday: Tech. Sgt Destinee Forte; Senior Airman Cody Taylor; Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Quick Jr.; Master Sgt. Jeramiah Dempsey; and Airman 1st Class Justin Rosaa.



# Living legend speaks at **Museum of Aviation**

BY ANGELA WOOLEN angela.woolen.ctr@us.af.mil

t 93 years old, retired Lt. William E. Rice is one of only a handful of

He returned stateside on a liberty ship which sailed into New York where he saw the Statue of Liberty.

He went on to work with Boeing and retired 41 years later in 1993.



Tuskegee Airmen still alive.

He told his story to a captivated audience Sept. 30 in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight hangar.

"I first thought about flying when I was a young child," Rice said.

Because he grew up poor, Rice said he didn't believe he could become a pilot. World War II, and forward-thinking leaders, changed all of that.

Rice reported for duty in April 1943. He passed his physical for cadet training in Fort Mead, Maryland. He went to Keelser Field in Biloxi, Mississippi, for basic training. From there, he was sent to Alabama.

"Finally I was sent to Tuskegee for preflight training. That's where I learned to fly," he said.

Rice learned to fly in PT-17 and PT-19. He then graduated to AT-6 with more horsepower. For combat training, he flew the P-47.

"It was just like a Cadillac," Rice said with a smile.

In December 1944, Rice spent 17 days crossing the Atlantic and arrived in Ramitelli Airfield in Italy.

"Most of the time I enjoyed my stay in Italy," he said.

During one flight, he said he was heading back to base, and after crossing the Alps, he turned the heat on in the cockpit.

Hydraulic fluid came through the air ducts and covered the windshield.

"I didn't have any flaps, no brakes ... I had to use the whole runway to get down," he said.

Daniel Haulman, chief organizational histories branch of the Air Force Historical Research Agency, spoke about the history of the Tuskegee Airmen before handing the microphone to Rice.

Nearly 1,000 pilots graduated from pilot training from Tuskegee. The Tuskegee Airmen are credited with 112 aerial victories and three shot down four enemy aircraft. They were 1st Lt. Lee Archer, Capt. Edward Toppins and Capt. Joseph Elsberry.

There were 95 Tuskegee Airmen who earned 96 distinguished cross medals, Haulman said.

For six months, the airmen escorted bombers on their missions and didn't lose a bomber until a mission in Berlin.

Col. Jarvis Baker, 78th Mission Support Group commander told the audience the six guiding principles of the Tuskegee Airmen: Aim high, believe in yourself, use your brain, be ready to go, never quit and expect to win.

"Your efforts forced our nation to recognize black Americans. You paved the way. You fought bigotry, knocked down doors of segregation and you stared down good old-fashioned racism. I'm not sure many of us can understand those struggles," Baker told Rice.

Baker spoke of the achievements the Tuskegee Airmen achieved during their history including 15,000 sorties and 1,500 missions.

"We owe you a world of gratitude," he said.

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U.S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON Maj. Scott Petz, pilot of the No. 8 Thunderbird jet, talks to fifth graders from Northside Elementary School Sept. 29 during a visit to Starbase Robins students at the Museum of Aviation.

# Thunderbird pilot meets with Starbase Robins students

BY ANGELA WOOLEN angela.woolen.ctr@us.af.mil

aj. Scott Petz, pilot of the No. 8 Thunderbird jet, met with Starbase students at the Museum of Aviation Sept. 29.

Starbase Robins is a Department of Defense program which mentors children in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Petz's mission was to inspire the fifth graders to not only become Air Force pilots but to study math and science because those are the driving forces in a pilot's life.

"Math is extremely important," he said. He asked the students math and science questions about G-force and its effects on the human body.

Students asked about combatting the G-force as well as if he'd witnessed crashes.

Petz has spent more than 2,000 hours in the F-16, the jet the Thunderbirds fly. It takes dedication, training and trust to be able to do the maneuvers.

"We fly 3 to 5 feet from an aircraft going about 500 to 600 mph. That all goes back to training," Petz said.

Maj. Nick Krajicek spoke to Jr. ROTC

cadets on Friday morning at the museum during Tuskegee Airman Education Day.

He said the goal of the Thunderbirds was to inspire people to want to serve their country.

"Less than 1 percent of the population raises their hand to serve," Krajicek said.

He also encouraged the students to hold on to their dreams and not take no for an answer.

Krajicek enlisted with the Army when he was 17 and became an infantryman.

While there, he was in college and decided he wanted to be a helicopter pilot. He flew the UH-60 Blackhawks. During a mission supporting the Air Force, he decided he wanted to fly jets, and in 2004, he made that dream come true.

One of the Thunderbird maintainers, Tech. Sgt. Conrad Nelson, was asked about his favorite part of the show.

Nelson got emotional talking about how the Thunderbirds dedicate each one of the shows to a fallen warrior. The family is invited to see the jet, and it lets them know we haven't forgotten about their son or daughter who paid the ultimate sacrifice, he said.

# FRONT ROW SEATS INSPIRING A WHOLE NEW GENERATION







U.S. Air Force photos by KENYA JAMES



# HAPPENINGS/SERVICES





# **ROBINS HOLIDAY HOURS**

#### FSS

All 78th Force Support Squadron facilities will be closed with the exception of:

- ▶Bowling Center 1 to 8 p.m.
- ► Golf Course 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Main Fitness Center 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Skeet Range from noon to 4 p.m.
- ►Wynn Dining Facility normal hours

#### **Exchange Main Store**

▶10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Service Station** ▶10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Shoppette/Class Six

▶10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Military Clothing Store

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► Closed

#### 78th Medical Group ►Closed

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