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By **GEOFF JANES**
Robins Public Affairs



The first thing you notice about Airman 1st Class Corynn Marcelo when she talks about her recent deployment to Afghanistan is her professionalism and military bearing.

She carries herself like a seasoned veteran and speaks with a quiet authority usually reserved for older, more experienced troops. Yet there's something that just doesn't seem to fit.

It's only when the Flint, Michigan native tells you about how she came to the decision to join the Air Force that it dawns on you. *She's only 21.*

Just like countless other young Americans, she has family who served in the military, and she tried a bit of college before deciding what she really wanted was something different – something challenging.

So she enlisted in the Air Force to create a new life for herself, and she found it here with the 78th Medical Group where she works in Bldg. 701 performing medical logistics.

It's a job she's proud of, and one she's quick to point out helps keep the Med Group running.

Marcelo had only been married a couple of months to her husband — a member of Team JSTARS here — when she first got her orders to deploy last year. His deployment followed a couple of months later. He too has since returned to Robins.

"I was actually excited," she said enthusiastically. "Our job field, we don't get to deploy very much, and I wanted to deploy at least once in my career to get the experience."

It was a long haul from here to there.

The journey took six days, with four stops flying on three different aircraft. It marked the beginning of a five-and-a-half month deployment which would change her outlook on life.

Marcelo said the trip in went smoothly, and she felt prepared because she knew an airman who was already there.

She went to one of the trainings with me prior to deployment, Marcelo said of the airman on station, and she was able to tell me what was going on and what to expect.

FRIDAY FLYBY



MOA looking for volunteers to help with marathon

The Museum of Aviation Foundation is sponsoring its annual Marathon, Half-Marathon and 5K, Jan. 14. Last year, over 875 runners participated, and more than 100 people volunteered.

For those wishing to volunteer this year, contact Master Sgt. Amanda McCullough at 413-835-5797, or by email at amanda.mccullough.2@us.af.mil; Capt Pedro Avila-Morales at 787-396-1307 or ped-ro.avila_morales.1@us.af.mil; or Tech Sgt. Christina Williamson-Haupt at 828-450-1692 or christina.williamsonhaupt@us.af.mil by Jan. 10.

WATSON GATE SLATED TO CLOSE

Final part of three-phase construction project to start Jan. 5

ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On Jan. 5, the Watson Gate will be closed to inbound and outbound traffic. This is the third and final portion of the gate project, and is expected to take 21 days. The MLK Gate will be open for inbound traffic from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., and outbound traffic from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Russell Gate will be open 24 hours and has one outbound lane from 6 to 8 a.m. Green Street will maintain its normal hours (5 a.m. to 6 p.m.). The Visitor Control Center will remain open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays (except for federal holidays).

To access the Visitor Control Center personnel will enter the Watson Gate area through the outbound lanes. All traffic will be directed to the Visitor Control Center.

There will be no main base access from Ga. Highway 247 through the Watson Gate.



This week in Air Force History

For his extraordinary heroism on Dec. 20, 1943, in action over Bremen, Germany, B-17 radio operator TSgt Forrest Lee Vosler received the Medal of Honor. He was the second enlisted U.S. airman to ever receive a Medal of Honor. He was born on July 29, 1923, in Lyndonville, New York. During World War II he flew for the 358th Bombardment Squadron, 303rd Bomber Group. For his actions he also won the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Air Medal. He died on Feb. 17, 1992, in Titusville, Florida, and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

His Medal of Honor citation read: *"For conspicuous gallantry in action against the enemy above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a radio operator-air gunner on a heavy bombardment aircraft in a mission over Bremen, Germany, on 20 December 1943. After bombing the target, the aircraft in which T/Sgt. Vosler was serving was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, forced out of formation, and immediately subjected to repeated vicious attacks by enemy fighters. Early in the engagement a 20-mm. cannon shell exploded in the radio compartment, painfully wounding T/Sgt. Vosler in the legs and thighs. At about the same time a direct hit on the tail of the ship seriously wounded the tail gunner and rendered the tail guns inoperative. Realizing the great need for firepower in protecting the vulnerable tail of the ship, T/Sgt. Vosler, with grim determination, kept up a steady stream of deadly fire. Shortly thereafter another 20-mm. enemy shell exploded, wounding T/Sgt. Vosler in the chest and about the face. Pieces of metal lodged in both eyes, impairing his vision to such an extent that he could only distinguish blurred shapes. Displaying remarkable tenacity and courage, he kept firing his guns and declined to take first-aid treatment. The radio equipment had been rendered inoperative during the battle, and when the pilot announced that he would have to ditch, although unable to see and working entirely by touch, T/Sgt. Vosler finally got the set operating and sent out distress signals despite several lapses into unconsciousness. When the ship ditched, T/Sgt. Vosler managed to get out on the wing by himself and hold the wounded tail gunner from slipping off until the other crewmembers could help them into the dinghy. T/Sgt. Vosler's actions on this occasion were an inspiration to all serving with him. The extraordinary courage, coolness, and skill he displayed in the face of great odds, when handicapped by injuries that would have incapacitated the average crewmember, were outstanding."*



IDS Tip of the Week

Suicide prevention starts with having relationships with the people around you.

Want to learn more about preventing suicide? Call the Robins Air Force Base Mental Health clinic at 478-327-8398 or the Employee Assistance Program at 1-800-222-0364 for help.



AIRMAN

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On the ground, the young airman was assigned to work in an aid station at an Army Special Operations unit at Camp Vance. That unit was the Special Operations Joint Task Force - Afghanistan/NATO Special Operations Component Command - Afghanistan.

It was a joint assignment and not only did she work with Americans, she also worked with an Australian and an Austrian senior medic. She said it was very easy to work with them, but said the accents and the slang took a little getting used to.

Her day-to-day tasks began in the morning with seeing folks at sick call – a change for her because **handling logistics, she didn't normally work with patients.** Then it was business as usual for the rest of the 10-hour shifts she worked ... seven days a week.

Something else that became business as usual was the sound of alarms and sirens going off with a **resounding, "Incoming! Incoming! Incoming!"** It was a fact she stated matter of factly ... like telling you she grabbed breakfast on the way to work.

"It was pretty regular for us to get IDF (indirect fire)," she said. "There were times when there were more at once. I think Sept. 11 we got one every couple of hours throughout the night. Other days we'd get like one or two. Sometimes they were on the other side of base, sometimes they were on the flight line. Twice

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they happened to land on our camp."

The regular attacks made Marcelo very appreciative of the alarms and of the Army firepower designed to remove the threat.

"It was scary ... loud ... It makes you realize that C-RAMs (Counter-Rocket, Artillery, Mortar intercept based weapon) are a very good thing," she said with a knowing grin. "When they shoot them out of the sky and the remnants come down, it's a lot better than the entire IDF landing."

Marcelo said that now that she has deployed, she knows exactly what she would tell another airman if they got word they were being called up.

"When you're back at home, if there are different sections in the job you do, try to rotate to as many as you can," she said. "I was lucky that I was able to, because when I deployed I was the only logistics person, but I did every job. If I wasn't able to get the chance to work in all those sections (at Robins), I don't know if I would've been equipped to do it over there."

She said the deployment broadened her perspective, and she feels like it was not without purpose.

"If you get the chance to do it, do it," she said. "It sucks when you're there, and it sucks to be away ... I feel like it's going to help you on the home station side. I feel like I made a difference because going out there and being able to support the mission first hand ... to be able to order all those supplies with missions going on ... (those supplies could have saved people's lives)."

When she got the news she was returning home, she said it was an amazing feeling. She said that since she has returned she's had folks ask her about joining the military.

"Every time I tell them it was the best decision of my life," she said. "Ya know, you get to meet new people and see new places – do things you couldn't really do if you just went to college and stayed at home."



Brig. Gen. Eric Fick, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition Global Reach Programs director, speaks with members of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex during a recent visit to Robins Air Force Base, Ga. (U.S. Air Force photo by Ray Crayton)

Pentagon Acquisition pros tour WR-ALC

By TIM KURTZ

Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex

As the surrey rolled past stripped-down F-15 fuselages and busy aircraft maintenance hangars, an appreciative smile came across the visitor's face.

"This is so much better than being in the Acquisition conference room," Col. Matthew Bonavita said, rising from his seat to step out onto the Robins Air Force Base flight line.

Bonavita, deputy director of the Directorate of Global Reach, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition, had arrived at the final stop of a whirlwind tour of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex for a group of distinguished visitors from the Pentagon on Dec. 13.

The man who convened the tour couldn't agree more with his deputy's delight.

"From my perspective, this was perfect," Brig. Gen. Eric Fick said to the assemblage at tour's end. Fick, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition Global Reach Programs director, is responsible to the Air Force acquisition executive for the service's \$5.6 billion airlift, air refueling, training and special operations programs portfolio.

He hand-picked 36 members of the SAF/AQQ and A4 (Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection) staff for a one-day tour of the complex and "exposure

not just to Robins, but to the sustainment enterprise at large."

Five years after a massive Air Force Materiel Command reorganization and the advent of the Air Force Sustainment Center, dramatic adjustments have been made at the nation's three air logistics complexes, Fick said.

"Significant progress has been made ... I fear that word is not making it beyond AFMC. I wanted us to wrap our brains around some of the changes. What I really wanted to do, I was hoping to give the staff a little bit more of that sustainment awareness," Fick said. "This was exactly what I was looking for."

Bonavita's enthusiastic statement in the surrey was evidence the general's intent had been realized. At that final tour stop inside the F-15 Wing Shop, the colonel explained his zeal for the visit.

"Instead of PowerPoint slides, you see what the PowerPoint slides are about," Bonavita said. "You need us to do what we do so you can do what you do."

"This is the point," Bonavita added, gesturing to the work being done in the wing shop.

Col. Gerald McCray, WR-ALC vice commander, hosted the tour, travelling with Fick on the lead of two surreys that hit select highlight points in the complex mission.

Detailing WR-ALC mission work for the tour group, McCray spoke often of the complex work force's embracing of the Art of the Possible. AoP was also a major, frequent focus of briefers and guides at every tour stop.

"AoP is actually just good, strong ops management philosophy," McCray said. "It's ops management from a process perspective."

On the day's first surrey trip, McCray told the group, "We want to sell you on what the complexes do — how we integrate not just internally to Warner Robins, but how we interconnect with the other ALCs, and importantly, how we integrate with DLA (the Defense Logistics Agency)."

McCray said great success has been achieved because of changes in the workplace culture: in particular, an emphasis on Continuous Process Improvement bolstered by AoP.

He praised the AoP focus on common goals across the production line. McCray emphasized how at "the bullseye of the AoP leadership model, the center of attention is the technician on the line."

Endless credit was given to how AoP has all of the complexes and their partners sharing a common vernacular.

"It's pretty easy to be on a performance review when aircraft maintenance crews at Tinker and Ogden are speaking the same language as we are," McCray told the visitor's in the ALC conference room.

Before boarding their return flight, Fick told his staff it was important to "know what happens here doesn't just happen here," and that AoP has "momentum across the enterprise."

Editor's note: To read the more in-depth version of this story, visit the Robins Air Force Base official website at www.robins.af.mil.

AROUND ROBINS

Airman & Family Readiness Center

Upcoming classes

Pre Separation Counseling –
Jan. 3 and 24

Pre-Separation Counseling for Retirees – Jan. 17 and 31

Transition GPS workshop, Jan. 9 through 13, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m

Entrepreneurship Track, Jan. 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Career Technical Training Track.
Jan. 18 and 19, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Writing a Winning Resume, Jan. 5, 9 to 11 a.m.

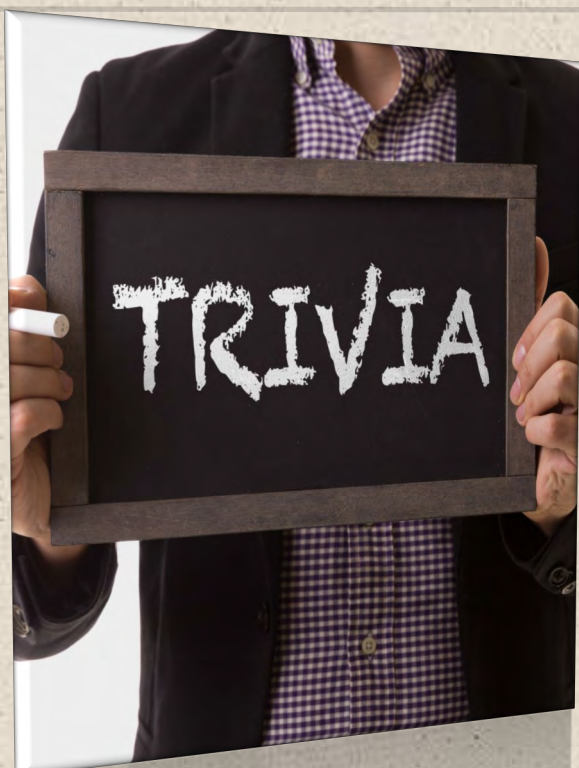
Contact the A&FRC to schedule classes and appointments.

478-926-1256.



For the health of it ...

Kayla Van Boven, Civilian Health Promotion Services specialist, demonstrates the body composition analyzer. It can measure weight, skeletal muscle mass, body fat, body water and metabolic rate. CHPS personnel will be on hand at the fitness center annex Jan. 10 from 8 to 10 a.m. for those who would like to use the analyzer. It is free of charge. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Misuzu Allen)



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Ethical rules dictate holiday do's, don'ts

As a matter of practice, Team Robins' military and Defense Department civilians should check the list of holiday ethics before they start spreading holiday cheer.

The base legal office recently provided guidance on what's acceptable for federal employees this holiday season.

Gift-giving is a common way to spread holiday cheer. "Gifts", according to DOD guidance, include most items of value, including free attendance at dinners and other meals, receptions, sporting events and similar widely attended gatherings.

As a general rule, federal employees may not accept gifts offered because of their official positions or offered by anyone who seeks official action by the employee's agency; does business or seeks to do business with the employee's agency; conducts activities regulated by the employee's agency; has interests that may be substantially affected by the employee's performance of duty; or is an organization composed of members described above. Often, these categories of people are called prohibited sources.

Rules apply to gift-giving within the workplace as well.

Supervisors may not accept gifts from subordinates or federal personnel who receive less pay. Some exceptions do apply, however. On an occasional basis, including any occasion on which gifts are traditionally given or exchanged, supervisors may accept gifts (other than cash) valued at \$10 or less from a subordinate; Supervisors may accept food and refreshments shared in the office and may share in the expenses of an office party. Or if a subordinate is invited to a social event at the supervisor's residence, the subordinate may give the supervisor a hospitality gift of the type and value customarily given on such an occasion.

There are rules for gifts between peers and coworkers.

While there are no legal restrictions on gifts given to peers or subordinate, commonsense and good taste should apply. Gifts that include contractors are another matter though. For instance, gifts from contractors: may never exceed \$20. Before giving a contractor a gift, federal employees should check with the contractor, since many contractors have codes of ethics that are similar to Federal rules and therefore may preclude the acceptance of gifts.

The general rule is that federal personnel may not accept gifts from prohibited sources, including contractors and contractor personnel. The following exceptions apply: 1. Federal personnel may accept gifts (other than cash, certain gift cards, etc.) not exceeding \$20, as long as the total amount of gifts accepted from that source does not exceed \$50 for the year. 2. Federal personnel may accept gifts that are based on a bona fide personal relationship. (Such personal gifts are actually paid for by the friend/contractor employee rather than the contractor.) 3. Federal personnel may generally attend an open house or reception and accept any gift of refreshments if: the ethics official determines that the event is a widely attended gathering, and the employee's supervisor determines that it is in the agency's interest that the employee attends; 4. Federal personnel may accept invitations that are open to the public, all Government employees, or all military personnel. 5. Federal personnel may accept invitations offered to a group or class

that is not related to Government employment. (For example, if the building owner where your office is located throws a reception for all of the tenants of the building.); 6. Refreshments consisting of soft drinks, coffee, pastries, or similar refreshments not constituting a meal may be accepted since they are not considered to be "gifts"; 7. Gifts based on a spouse's outside business or employment relationships may be accepted. For example, suppose that a Federal employee's spouse works at ABC. The Federal employee may accompany the spouse to the ABC employee's holiday party since the invitation is to the spouse as an ABC employee and not to the Federal employee because of his or her position.

Federal personnel may not accept a gift from an outside source, even where one of the exceptions applies, if the gift was solicited or is given in return for being influenced in the performance of an official act. This is considered a bribe.

Check the rules before accepting invites to events too.

Federal employees may attend social events sponsored by individuals who don't do business or seek to do business with the employee's agency; who don't conduct activities regulated by the employee's agency; who doesn't have interests that may be substantially affected by the employee's performance of duty; or who isn't an organization composed of members described above; as long as none of the guests are charged admission.

Parties, Open Houses, and Receptions Hosted by Other Federal Personnel:

You may accept personal hospitality at the residence of a subordinate that is customarily provided on the occasion. Federal employees can also accept Invitations from their boss or a co-worker without restrictions.

Other Things to Keep in Mind

You may not solicit outside sources for contributions for your party. This includes funds, food, and items.

Generally, office parties are unofficial events, and you may not use appropriated funds to pay for them.

Beware that door prizes or drawings could involve gambling, which would require compliance with state statutes and Federal regulations.

You may not use appropriated funds to purchase and send greeting cards.

As a general rule, participation at holiday social events is personal, not official, and therefore use of government vehicles to/from such events would not be authorized.

a. However, there may be very limited circumstances in which a senior official or officer is invited to attend because of his official position and where he will be performing official functions at the event as opposed to being invited because he or she is an important person. In these situations, use of a government vehicle may be authorized, subject to normal "home-to-work" transportation restrictions.

b. Note, however, that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to justify the use of a government vehicle when a function involves one's immediate staff/office or events comprised of personal friends.

c. All requests for use of a government vehicle to attend holiday social events should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Editor's Note: To read the longer version of this story which includes rules applying to contractors, visit the official Robins Air Force Base website at www.robins.af.mil

Safety Office offers tips for the season

It's that time again: the winter holiday season — one of the busiest travel times of the year. With the change in weather and the rush of the season, hazards are everywhere.

The seasonal activities and celebrations that we participate in have unique risks. Being aware of these risks and including risk management in your plans helps keep everyone safe.

Below are just a few tips to help keep us safe during this holiday season, more tips can be found at www.nsc.org (National Safety Council)

Decorating Safety

- ◆ Never use lighted candles near trees, boughs, curtains/drapes, or with any flammable item.
- ◆ Stand your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources.
- ◆ Only use indoor lights indoors (and outdoor lights only outdoors). Look for the UL label. Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, and loose connections.
- ◆ Use no more than three light sets on any one extension cord. Extension cords should not run under rugs, around furniture legs or across doorways.
- ◆ Ensure natural trees are well watered.

Ladder Safety

- ◆ Use a step stool or ladder to reach high places. Don't stand on chairs, desks or other furniture.
- ◆ A straight or extension ladder should be placed one foot away from the surface it rests against for every four feet of ladder height.
- ◆ When you climb, always face the ladder and grip the rungs.
- ◆ Use ladders with slip-resistant feet and wear clean, dry and slip-resistant shoes when climbing a ladder.

Hosting and Food Safety

- ◆ When preparing a holiday meal be sure to wash hands, utensils, sink, and anything else that has come in contact with raw poultry.
- ◆ Never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw it in the refrigerator or in cold water.

- ◆ Use a clean food thermometer to cook foods to a safe internal temperature before serving.
- ◆ When reheating leftovers, bring the temperature up to at least 165° F.
- ◆ More than half of all traffic fatalities are alcohol-related. Use designated drivers.

Winter Vehicle Preparation

Prepare your car for the winter by checking items such as the brakes, spark plugs, battery, and tires.

Check your owner's manual for the recommended interval for a tune-up.

Be prepared for emergency situations on the road by having a winter "survival kit" in the vehicle including items such as: a working flashlight; extra batteries; reflective triangles; compass; first aid kit; exterior windshield cleaner; ice scraper; snow brush; wooden stick matches in a waterproof container; and non-perishable, high-energy foods like unsalted canned nuts, dried fruits and hard candy.

Private Motor Vehicle Travel

- ◆ Maintain a safe following distance. A common, easy method to remember is one car length for every 10 mph between you and the driver ahead of you.
- ◆ Reduce speed during inclement weather.
- ◆ Do NOT drink and drive.
- ◆ Ensure you have good visibility in your vehicle: Do not pack your vehicle full of gifts and bags to where it will reduce visibility through rear view mirrors and plain sight.
- ◆ Get a good night's sleep before traveling long distances. Fatigued driving is one of the leading causal factors in motor vehicle fatalities. Getting a good rest the night before traveling can reduce drowsiness when driving long distances.
- ◆ Let family know when you leave and where you are going. Allowing your family and friends know where you are going and when you are leaving can give a clue to your family if you do not arrive or call with updates.
- ◆ Pack a first aid kit: Having a First Aid kit in case of emergency can help children or even yourself.

— Base Safety Office



Parting Shot

Col. Jeff King, 78th Air Base Wing commander, leads members of the wing during the city of Warner Robins Christmas Parade. (U.S. Air Force photo by Misuzu Allen)

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The Commanders Action Line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to live, learn, work and play. The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the responsible organization.

That gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes. If you do contact the Commanders Action Line, please fully explain whom it is you want to recognize and why, what you have a question about, or your suggestion. **Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed. Commander's Action Line** items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up 2.0.

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78th Medical Group Patient Advocate – 478-327-8475 or DSN 497-8475

78th Security Forces Squadron CC – 478-926-3212 or DSN 468-3212

Civilian Personnel Customer Service – 478-222-0601 or DSN 472-0601

Comptroller Front Office – 478-926-4462 or DSN 468-4462

Family Housing – 478-926-3776 or DSN 468-3776

Equal Opportunity – 478-926-2131 or DSN 468-2131

Household Goods – 478-222-0114 or DSN 472-0114

Inspector General Complaints – 478-222-0818 or DSN 472-0818

Inspector General Inspections – 478-327-5523 or DSN 497-5523

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