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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## Aircraft paint method gets EPA thumbs up

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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When Robins is asked to try some new “environmentally-friendly” product, it often turns out that the product doesn’t meet the effectiveness test, said Clay Elliot, C-5 corrosion engineer.

That is why he and others at Robins are excited that a new aircraft paint product is not only much better for the environment and maintainers who apply it, but it also seems to work better.

“The whole DOD is pushing for green initiatives and this is one of

those that actually ended up being a benefit to the C-5,” said Mr. Elliott, who is in the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing. “It helps corrosion-fighting properties in the primer do their job a little better.”

He is referring to PreKote Surface Pretreatment made by Pantheon Chemical. It is sprayed on aircraft as the first step in the paint process, following by spraying of the primer and then the paint. On Wednesday, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center received an Environmental Protection Agency Plaque of Recognition for its use of the prod-

uct. PreKote, which is non-toxic, replaces other pre-paint treatment processes that included an acid etch and hexavalent chrome, a known carcinogen. That process required maintainers to suit up with respirators and personnel protective equipment, or PPE, said James Cranford, deputy flight chief of the corrosion control flight. With PreKote, workers don’t have to use respirators or as much protective clothing, and that has made the product popular.

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James Cranford and Todd Lavender look over a Prekote surface pretreatment vat.

## NOT FORGOTTEN



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Senior Airman Amanda McNair, representing all Airmen and the United States Air Force, places a service hat on the POW/MIA remembrance table.

Robins hosted a 2009 POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony Sept. 17 at the Museum of Aviation. The guest speaker for the event was Tommy Clack, a retired Captain and triple amputee of the Vietnam War.

POW/MIA Recognition Day honors the sacrifices America's prisoners of war and their families have made for our country. The holiday, on the third Friday of September, also honors those who remain missing.



Right, Tommy Clack speaks about the importance of accounting for and bringing home all POWs and MIAs.

## CheckMATE survey to gauge satisfaction

BY M. GAIL FLOYD-SIMS  
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In today's economically-challenged environment – company downsizing, strapped cash flow, limited resources in equipment, supplies, and people – corporate strategists are hard at work looking for ways to do more with less all the while keeping the pulse of their organizations in check.

What is the leading cause of job dissatisfaction? Why do some employees feel leadership could care less about their needs while others feel they're at the top of their game with unending support of management? How does a company go about taking steps to resolve issues at the

lowest level and ensure company integrity? How do you keep stressed-out, over-worked, under-paid employees supportive of the warfighter?

At Robins, senior leaders have taken steps to address these issues and more by employing an anonymous 12-question survey that identifies areas of concern and then encourages managers, supervisors and employees to work together to come up with plans for resolution that, in the process, strengthen relationships, workforce engagement and employee commitment to the organization. The survey, called CheckMATE (mission

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## C-5M Super Galaxy's 41 world records still pending certification

BY  
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A C-5M Super Galaxy named the Spirit of Normandy unofficially set 41 world records in a single flight, Sept. 13 at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

The results are pending certification by the National Aeronautic Association and should be finalized in about a month, said Kristan Maynard, the NAA official observer who documented the world record attempt. The NAA is the record-keeper for U.S. aviation.

The flight is a big deal for the future of the C-5 program, said

Col. Michael Gregg, commander of the 730th Aircraft Sustainment Group at Robins. The group has worldwide responsibility for all C-5s in the Air Force inventory.

“It represents a whole lot of work by a whole lot of people. I think it's going to pay huge dividends over the next 20 years, said Colonel Gregg”

Robins accepted its first C-5M for programmed depot maintenance in December and completed it on schedule Sept. 6.

The record-breaking flight crew, composed of eight 512th

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THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 46  
Last DUI: 5th CBCSS  
— courtesy 78th Security Forces



### TWO-MINUTEREV

#### Robins CFC kicks off Oct. 1

Robins will hold its official kickoff event for the campaign Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Robert L. Scott Theater.

The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 300 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally to help to raise millions of dollars each year. Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

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Houston County schools to offer flu vaccine to students, A5

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#### New General

402nd MXW commander gets first star, A3

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“The main thing they like about it is they don’t have to wear as much PPE, and they don’t have to worry about as much exposure to hazardous material,” Mr. Cranford said.

PreKote was first used on C-130s about three years ago at the suggestion of Todd Lavender, an environmental engineer in the 402nd Maintenance Wing. He said the C-5s started using PreKote about a year ago, and the first test will be done on a C-17 in a few weeks.

“I think our guys really like working with the stuff better than the old material,” he said.

Col. Robert Stambaugh, vice commander of the WR-

ALC, accepted the EPA award on behalf of the center. Plaques were also given to representatives of the C-5 and C-130 program offices. He called those who backed the use of PreKote “innovators” in promoting workplace safety.

“You shouldn’t have to come to work worrying if you’re going to get sick doing your job, and they got rid of that,” Colonel Stambaugh said.

Jeananne Gettle, the EPA’s acting deputy of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, presented the award.

“This is an important award because this is given under a program to promote innovation in industry to move toward environmental-ly-friendly products that get

as good or better results,” she said. “The goal is to move us in a direction that is more protective of human health and the environment.”

According to Mr. Elliot, the new process also saves about \$60,000 in labor costs because it reduces some pre-paint masking and aircraft washing necessary under the previous process.

Although PreKote has only been in use at Robins for three years, Mr. Elliot said its long-term effectiveness has been proven through its use in the commercial airline industry.

He said an estimated 85 percent of hazardous materials used by the Air Force are related to depot weapon-system maintenance, and the majority is tied to corrosion prevention and control.



courtesy photo

402nd Maintenance Wing workers apply the PreKote Surface Pretreatment to a C-5 Galaxy.

## CHECKMATE

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accomplishment through engagement) focuses on looking at the emotional and psychological attachment people have to their organizations and addresses issues that enhance or detract from that engagement.

The more engaged employees are, the more prepared they are to apply their optimum efforts, talents, knowledge and skills toward organizational success.

Although supervisors

convey the organization’s goals and objectives and encourage employee buy-in, some, according to Mark Yancey, a Robins employee, still feel somewhat disenfranchised and detached from the day-to-day operations of their organizations.

“If management allows employees to participate in decision-making that affects them, you’ll have a better run organization,” Mr. Yancey said. “Throughout the years, I’ve watched managers and how they interact with employees. I remember

one manager who worked with people, and I was amazed at how much more he got from people by making them feel at ease and a part of something that enabled them to talk and open up.”

Mr. Yancy said that by not being on that ‘management high stool,’ the manager met employees at their level and made employees feel as if they mattered and contributed to the organization. “They actually felt something kindred to ownership,” Mr. Yancy said. “He spoke to their strengths as opposed

to tearing down and attacking their weaknesses. And it made employees look at what they could do to improve organizational goals.”

With that in mind, Air Force Materiel Command teamed up with Gallup Corporation, a research group, to develop the methodology to raise workforce engagement by planning the CheckMATE program and administering the Q12 survey. Gallup will e-mail the questionnaire to some participants (Some organizations will receive a hardcopy of the survey due

to lack of computer access) and analyze and share the results with management. Supervisors will then work with teams to develop impact/action plans to address identified issues.

The survey includes questions about expectations, opportunities, recognition, values, mentorship, job importance, commitment and evaluations.

The precisely-worded statements are used as “predictors” for productive management-employee relations.

Robins leadership recognizes the benefits of tak-

ing part in the program and members of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, WR-ALC, Engineering Directorate, Plans and Programs, Contracting, Financial Management, Judge Advocate’s Office and the Equal Opportunity Office will take the survey Oct. 26 through Nov. 6.

The 402nd MXW participated in CheckMATE last year and is eager to see if areas identified then have measured improvements.

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# RISING STAR



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Brig. Gen. Lee K. Levy, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, was promoted to his current rank during a ceremony here Sept. 18. The new brigadier general was sworn in by Lt. Gen. (retired) Michael E. Zettler, former Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

## RECORD

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Airlift Wing reservists and four 436th AW active-duty members, was led by Maj. Cory Bulris, the aircraft commander and 436th Operations Group Program Integration Office chief for the C-5M.

With a payload of about 178,000 pounds, the C-5M climbed to 12,000 meters in less than 28 minutes setting the altitude, payload and time-to-climb records during the one-and-a-half-hour flight. Because they were successful, the records “trickled down” to the lighter payloads and lower altitudes.

“We are very proud of this accomplishment; and, it displayed the capability of the C-5M, the Air Mobility Command’s newest airlifter,” said Major Bulris, who added planning for this mission began almost two months ago.

To prepare for the record-breaking run, the NAA weighed the aircraft, its fuel and cargo.

Mr. Maynard said he was impressed with the aircraft’s record-breaking capability.

“This doesn’t happen

very often; I’ll tell you that - not in one flight,” he said.

One of the records broken was previously held by the Russians who set it in 1989 with a Tupolev Tu-160 aircraft, said Mr. Maynard. It’s one of the more significant records broken - the altitude attained in horizontal flight.

The C-5M crew also set a new record for the greatest mass carried to 2,000 meters, set by a C-17A in 1993. The crew also broke six other records previously held by the C-17.

A C-5M, which was used for the record-breaking flight, is a C-5 Galaxy that has received a modernized glass cockpit and avionics upgrade as part of the Avionics Modernization Program and new engines through the Reliability Enhancement and Re-engineering Program.

The C-5 Galaxy, one of the world’s largest aircraft, has been the backbone of America’s strategic airlift fleet since the late 1960s. Years of wear and tear affected the C-5s’ reliability rates, yet testing revealed the C-5 fleet had 80 percent of its structural service life remaining. Rather than doing away with the aircraft, Lockheed Martin proposed a plan in

September 1998 to update the C-5 Galaxy fleet with newer avionics and engines.

These improvements are predicted to raise the aircraft’s reliability levels.

“This aircraft is capable of significantly shorter take-offs than the previous aircraft,” said Lt. Col. Mike Semo, 709th Airlift Squadron pilot and C-5M Program Office chief. “We are able to take more cargo farther distances with greater reliability. They’ve also vastly improved to a glass cockpit, which results in greater situational awareness for the pilots. There are upgrades to navigation, safety equipment, communications and a new autopilot system. This really is a modern aircraft for a modern Air Force.”

Current Air Force plans call for Lockheed Martin to deliver 52 C-5Ms by 2016. Dover currently has three C-5Ms.

While it’s the Spirit of Normandy that’s set to go down in the record books, future C-5Ms are sure to make a name for themselves as they continue to carry supplies and combat-ready military units around the globe at any time.

—Wayne Crenshaw contributed to this article

## TAKE BACK OUR ROADS

With safety as the number one priority, the 78th Security Forces Squadron initiated a “Take Back our Roads” campaign the week after the Labor Day holiday to promote driver safety. The campaign targeted specific driving concerns which contribute to vehicle mishaps and fatalities and included checkpoints and selective traffic

enforcement checks. The efforts resulted in 374 citations issued with the top three violations being: No proof of insurance (while not required by GA law, it is required to operate a motor vehicle on all DOD installations); No proof of registration; and cell phone usage violations (DOD directive requires the use of hands-free

devices in conjunction with cell phone use while driving on DOD installations).

As a reminder, you are required to have a valid driver’s license, current insurance and vehicle registration at all times while driving on any DOD installation.

— 78th Security Forces Squadron

# Commentary

"Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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The 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 work and live.

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Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

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### TRAINING ROOMS:

I have been thinking for some time about the scheduling and usage of conference and training rooms on base.

Two previous ALC commanders commented when they saw projects for building training rooms that it seemed like we had a lot of them sitting idle most of the time, and yet we keep building more. No action was taken on their concerns at those times.

I have noticed many times since then that the number of training rooms is increasing, and yet I often walk by empty rooms with lights out. I noticed this most recently at Bldg. 270.

You can see this a lot at buildings such as 385, 761, 769, and 901.

We have training rooms in most large buildings on base, such as Cotton Auditorium and the rooms near it in Bldg. 301. I believe we would be shocked at the total number of training

rooms and amount of square footage allotted. Then, if we checked the percentage of time used, we would be shocked again.

On a related note, many conference rooms stand idle most of the time.

These could also be used for training, or at least would be available for the occasional all-day meeting.

Therefore, I suggest we set up a Web site for all training and conference rooms on base and have their calendars placed on it. The data needs to show for each room the location, seating capacity, and equipment available.

The seeker can then sort them by the major characteristics they need. Once they find a room that might work, they can sign up for the time they need.

We might need to put some limitations on it, such as not signing up for more than four hours on any day.

Also, we may have to have

rules about how to request a recurring meeting or a meeting for a whole day. I suggest further that there be a POC for the entire base who can do searches for requests.

Please consider these ideas for more efficiently using our existing space and reducing the square footage of underused space at Robins. Thank you.

### COMMANDER RESPONDS:

Thank you for your note concerning training rooms.

The effective and efficient use of space on Robins is a priority. While there is more to classroom usage than meets the eye, the excess number of training rooms has been identified as a focus area.

We've organized a team to perform an assessment of current space usage and will be reviewing the need for centralized management and control of those rooms. This will allow us to provide bet-

ter support for those needing training rooms, as well as reducing excess space.

We currently have procedures in place to schedule classrooms and those are listed at the DPT - WR-ALC Training Office Web site. The Web site can be accessed from the Robins homepage by selecting Training Resources, then Civilian Training. Once at the DPT Homepage select Resource Links, then Policy Letters and finally Classroom Reservations. A form is available to request a room and states the parameters for the request. DPT will notify the requestor if the room has space available and will provide confirmation of the reservation, or they will inform the requestor if there is no space available.

If you need any additional assistance, please contact Ken Wallace, Chief of Training and Professional Development, at 327-9162.

## When a community comes together

To All,

The local family who lost their home to fire has a new home and everything they need at this point, other than a queen bed for the adults and a dresser. The family received donations in the form of gift cards for food, clothing, housewares and toys for the children. They also received cash donations for a

down payment on a home. The response was overwhelming, and I am truly amazed that in such a short time frame a family who had lost everything now has a new home. When they arrived at the end of school today to pick up the girls all that remained was to hook up water and electricity.

Please accept heart-filled

gratitude and thanksgiving from the parents and children. I was able to witness the excitement each day and hear the stories of the girls as they took new items home so I am doubly blessed.

This is indeed a special community filled with compassionate individuals. Thank you!

This is just one of many examples that demonstrates the

sense of family among our school system employees and military community.

Your generosity is amazing, and each and every one of you who so kindly responded to this need is greatly appreciated. Take care!

— Donna Goode-DeFrancis,  
*Eagle Springs Elementary School counselor.*

## The Value of studying airpower history

New second lieutenants at the Air and Space Basic Course often ask, "Why is it important to study airpower history?" The lieutenants often advocate that current conflicts are much more important to study. These questions typically arise after I give a Polifka Auditorium lecture on Strategic Bombardment (lessons from WWII) at ASBC. While learning from current conflicts is critical, so is studying our airpower history.

I begin to answer these questions with a quote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." In our short airpower history we have

failed to apply some of the lessons we learned from previous conflicts. For example, in WWI at the battle of St. Mihiel we learned the value of placing all air forces under a single commander, yet in Vietnam we had multiple commanders in charge of airpower with reduced effectiveness. Our airpower history is full of these examples, in part, due to our lack of attention to studying it. We must know (and learn from) our past so we can shape our Air Force future.

In addition to providing courses through Professional Military Education on airpower history, for the past 12 years our senior lead-

ership has provided a tool for all Airmen to focus on this important part of our heritage. "The books on our professional reading list provide insight into how and why aerospace power has become so important," General Michael Ryan said. "Many of the books are also a window into the rich heritage of the U.S. Air Force." The general went on to emphasize the value of this reading list: "Engaging in professional reading can help Air Force members of all grades articulate the historical significance of aerospace power."

Studying former airpower theorist, doctrine, and specific battles in context of larger conflicts is

critical. For example, analyzing the works of Mitchell, the value of Field Manual 100-20, and the education received from Operation Torch among many others, provide us numerous benchmarks to follow and mistakes to not be repeated.

Instead of asking, "Why is it important to study airpower history?" We should ask, "How can I study more airpower history to increase my effectiveness as an Airman?"

— By Capt. Andrew Bowers,  
*Flight Commander of the 29th Student Squadron at Air University's Air & Space Basic Course.*



## What is your favorite Fall activity?



**Jacob McLemore**  
Ga. Military College  
office

"Keeping up with Florida Gator's football. I think they'll be undefeated and win a back to back national championship."



**Paul Davison**  
WR-ALC/JA

"Watching Alabama, my alma maters' football games. It helps when we're winning."



**Rodney Mathis**  
410th SCMS

"I play bagpipes, and I love playing in the cool of the Fall season. It reminds me of the beauty of Ireland and my heritage."



**Tiffany Wright**  
330th ACSG

"Cooking. I cook everything - gumbo, dressing. I like to bake a lot, too."

## Houston County Schools flu vaccinations

The Houston County Hot Shots Coalition is offering the flu vaccine on school campuses.

The seasonal flu shot and nasal FluMist will be available at all 37 public schools between Oct. 1 and Nov. 5. Parents of elementary school children are encouraged to be present for the vaccination.

Any parent is welcome at the vaccination clinic and may also obtain the vaccine after children are vaccinated. In addition, once the H1N1 vaccine becomes available, it will be offered at those schools remaining on the schedule.

### **Elementary Schools**

▶Matt Arthur Elementary Oct. 1; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Bonaire Elementary Oct. 15; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Centerville Elementary Oct. 22; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Eagle Springs Elementary Oct. 22; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Elam at Elberta Oct. 28; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Hilltop Elementary Oct. 15; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Kings Chapel Elementary Oct. 1; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Lake Joy Elementary Oct. 27; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Lake Joy Primary Oct. 27; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Lindsey Elementary Oct. 19; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Linwood Elementary Oct. 26; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Miller Elementary Oct. 19; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶M o r n i n g s i d e Elementary Oct. 5; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Northside Elementary Oct. 28; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Parkwood Elementary Oct. 20 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶David Perdue Elementary Oct. 7; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶David Perdue Primary Oct. 9; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Perry Primary Oct. 7; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Quail Run Elementary Oct. 9; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Russell Elementary Oct. 14; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Shirley Hills Elementary Oct. 14; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Pearl Stephens Elementary Oct. 26; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Tucker Elementary Oct. 5; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Westside Elementary Oct. 20; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

### **Middle Schools**

▶Bonaire Middle Nov. 2; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Crossroads Center Oct. 26; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Feagin Mill Middle Oct. 30; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Huntington Middle Nov. 2; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Mossy Creek Middle Oct. 30; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Northside Middle Oct. 28; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Perry Middle Nov. 4; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Thomson Middle Oct. 29; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶Warner Robins Middle Oct. 29; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

### **High Schools**

▶Houston County High Nov. 5; 9 to 11:30 a.m.

▶HCCTC Nov. 5; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Perry High Nov. 4; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Northside High Nov. 5; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

▶Warner Robins High Nov. 5; 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The Health Department will collect payment on the day of the vaccination clinic. Costs are as follows: Medicaid/PeachCare - no charge; State Health Benefit Plan (United Healthcare/Cigna) - no charge; No Insurance - \$14.80; Other Health Insurance - \$25.00.

# National Energy Month right time for renewed conservation focus at Robins

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Energy conservation is a year-around goal at Robins, but during October that message will be emphasized even more.

October is National Energy Month, and base officials have plans for activities throughout the month to get the message across that energy conservation is a part of everyone's job at Robins.

Arthur Howard, energy awareness and conservation manager at Robins, said saving energy is about more than saving money. He said it's a crucial part of efforts to promote energy security by making Robins energy independent from the outside world.

“Most people take electricity for granted,” he said. “We are lucky here in Georgia that when we flip on the switch the power comes on. What we are doing with National Energy Month is underscoring our commitment to a more secure energy future. Using energy more efficiently is a big part of energy security.”

By saving energy, he said, it reduces the size of the facility that will be needed to make the base energy independent. Robins and Georgia Power have formed a team which is exploring ways to make Robins energy independent, he added.

Jeanne Paris, also an energy awareness and conservation manager, said reducing energy use reduces

America's need for foreign oil.

Plans for National Energy Month at Robins include a cubicle/workspace energy reduction campaign and an energy expo. More details will be announced later.

“However large the problem may seem, the fact remains that each of us is part of the solution,” Paris said. “Each of us makes decisions every day that can stimulate the new energy economy. When we put all of the pieces together, all of us – the federal government, private industry and the public – have the means to shape our energy future and help move our nation toward energy independence.”

## Job announcements now available through e-mail

Current federal employees at Robins can now receive e-mail notification of job announcements through the Civilian Announcement Notification System.

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After creating your subscription profile, you may re-enter the Air Force CANS at any time using the same e-mail address(es), view your profile and make any changes, as required.

If you do not have any matches for 30 days, CANS will send you an e-mail notifying you that your subscription profile is still current.

When you create a subscription profile or make any changes to it, the expiration date for your profile is 180 days from that day.

Ten days before your subscription expires, CANS will send an e-mail notifying you of the date your subscription will expire. If you do not renew it, your subscription will automatically expire on that date. You may extend your subscription by entering CANS and clicking on the extend subscription link. This will reset your expiration date to 180 days from that day.

If you're in a non-work status such as leave or on temporary duty assignment and want to avoid missing a job opportunity, you may self nominate for jobs by calling 1-800-525-0102 to access the AFPC automated self-service line.

When using this number, you will be prompted to provide the vacancy announcement number and your personnel information such as Social Security number, date of birth, service computation date, pay plan, grade, series, and PIN.

You may also have your PIN reset, if it has been lost or forgotten.

You are encouraged to keep the 1-800-525-0102 number handy, so you can apply for jobs at Robins at anytime and anywhere. You no longer have to worry about missing a job opportunity when away from work.

# Happy birthday

## Robins celebrates AF birthday, Flight ‘through the decades’



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L-R: Marchelle Snead, 78th Force Support Squadron; Joe Neel, who flew on B-29s during WWII; Airman Ross Pacetti, 78th Security Forces Squadron; Maj. Gen Polly Peyer, WR-ALC commander; and Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, AFRC vice commander cut the birthday cake to celebrate the Air Force's 62nd birthday.



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

Douglas Goodridge, Horizons executive chef, carves up a meal for an attendee.

The Robins community took time at the end of the duty day Sept. 18 to celebrate the Air Force's 62nd birthday.

The celebration was centered around a reception inside Bldg. 905

The theme for the ceremony as well as the birthday was "Flying through the Decades," and posters highlighting the momentous achievements of the Air Force through the decades lined the walls.

The 78th Air Base Wing, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and Air Force Reserve Command co-hosted the event.

The ceremony featured speeches from Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Center commander and Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander.

Additionally, the brass quintet ensemble from the Band of the Air Force Reserve performed.

— from staff reports



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The brass quintet ensemble from the Band of the Air Force Reserve performs.



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Joe Neel, who served in the Air Force from 1952-56 and wore his 1st Lieutenant uniform to honor the birthday celebration, salutes during the national anthem.

## Officials remind Air Force members what's posted online may impact career

BY TECH. SGT. VANN MILLER  
78th ABW Public Affairs

Social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace, Friendster and Twitter continue to attract new patrons from around the world. And as Airmen find themselves becoming more computer savvy with each passing moment, more of them are finding their own connections to this new digital water cooler.

With the emergence of this new means of "reaching out" comes a concern for military

members and their leaders, according to Robins Air Force Base's Area Defense Counsel.

"With increasing technology and the boom in social networking sites, we should be cognizant of what we post on the Internet and send via e-mail," said Capt. Jennifer Powell, ADC at Robins.

Not only do members have to remember the ever-present need to practice operational security and computer security, they have to keep in mind a legal truism, "what you say can and will be used against you in a court of

law."

Social networking Web sites as a whole receive more user traffic than many popular Web search engines today. And, in a report published on Economist.com, one of the newest social networking sites has become so popular that its revenues are projected to be about \$140 million by 2010. In the same report, MySpace was estimated to have earned more than \$490 million in ad revenue just this year. So, with all the popularity, it's no wonder why

many Airmen are drawn to this phenomenon.

Captain Powell reminds military members and employees that the Internet can potentially be a permanent record of the text and photos posted there.

"Sometimes we forget that once we post something on the Internet, we can't take it back," the captain said. "We would never want to post something on the Internet under the assumption that no one is going to see it. When in doubt whether something is questionable, take a step

back and ask yourself what your grandmother would think if she saw it. Get advice from someone you respect or just don't post that particular item on the Internet."

Because of the varying content found on many social networking sites, many of them are blocked from government computers. But, that hasn't deterred Air Force leaders from encouraging their usage to help tell the Air Force's story and reach wider audiences.

## 78th FSS BRIEFS

### SATURDAY

**Let's Celebrate end of Summer Bash will be held at Robins Park** located at the corner of Ninth and Warner Robins Streets on Sept. 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. This event will include live musical entertainment, a craft fair, rides, games and prize drawings.

Entertainment will feature the Air Force Reserve Generations Band and Sugar Creek.

Rides will include a carousel, turbo swing, roaring river water slide, wave of fire slide, rock & joust, lane bungee, rock wall, train ride, space shuttle obstacle, jungle combo, wacky world, jungle playlite, little tykes city and chip shot challenge. Wristbands cost \$5 and gives unlimited access to all rides. Children two and younger are free.

A "Fit Factor Frenzy" corner, in recognition of Fit Factor's Fifth Birthday, will be held at Summer Bash from 4 to 7 p.m. Register for Fit Factor and complete the obstacle course for a free snow cone at Summer Bash.

A dodgeball tournament will be held by the fitness center at 6 p.m. on the tennis courts. Participants need to sign up by Sept. 23 at the fitness center.

Prizes will be an 47-inch HD TV, laptop computer, inflatable pool, fishing gear, Blue Ray DVD player, Wii and balance board, digital camera and more.

Festive food will be on sale by Robins AFB private organizations. A few of the taste-tempting treats on sale will be: funnel cakes, barbecue, hamburgers, pizza, Italian sausage, nachos, hotdogs, bratwurst, chips, pretzels and cheese pretzels, corn-dogs, popcorn, corn-on-the cob, boiled peanuts and more.

Beverages will be on sale by Force Support Squadron.

Sponsored in part by Robins Federal Credit Union, Verizon Wireless, USAA, The Home Depot, The Party Store, Best Buy and N.E.T. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**The Let's Celebrate End of Summer Bash Arts & Crafts Fair** will be held Sept. 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Robins Park. Register at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 984 to reserve a space to display and sell crafts at this well-attended event by Sept. 18. Cost is \$10 for table and \$5 for space. For more information call 926-5282.

### SUNDAY

**Every Sunday watch all the play-by-play NFL football action on the Heritage Club** multiple television screens and three new high definition plasma televisions with satellite. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1 p.m. There will be prizes, food and beverage specials all season long. For more information call 926-2670.

### MONDAY

**The Arts & Crafts Center is now offering sewing classes on Mondays** from noon to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. For more details on this class and more call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-3004.

### UPCOMING

**A Hispanic Culture Art Exhibit will be featured Oct. 1 – 15** in the Arts & Crafts Center daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

**A Super Haunting Halloween Sunday brunch will be held Oct. 4** at Horizons from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch will include breakfast and dinner entrees, omelet station, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and more. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$14.95 for guests and \$7.95 for children (3 – 10 years old) and children two years and younger are free. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

**Bring back our Heritage during the second monthly bash at Horizons** Oct. 2 starting at 5 p.m.

## A cutting edge business



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**Gabriele "Gaby" L.G. Blair, barber at The Barber Shop of Horizons, puts finishing touches on a haircut for Ken Fiedler. The Horizons barber shop is open Monday – Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. but closed for lunch from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. For your convenience, the Heritage Club barber shop is also open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both facilities are open to active duty, reserve, guard, retired military, and family members, DOD civilians and contractors. For more information call the Horizons shop at 918-0775 or the Heritage Club shop at 923-9593.**

Enjoy German-style appetizers as members are free and guests are only \$5. Afterwards join us for dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. Dinner specials are the following: sliced beef striploin with woodland mushroom sauce, garlic roasted mashed potatoes, parsley baby carrots and fresh dinner rolls for only \$11.95 or tricolor ravioli with roasted red pepper coulis and asparagus and fresh dinner rolls for only \$9.95.

Child care "Give Parents a Break" will be available from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and at the School Age program, located in the youth center. Advance sign-up is required by Sept. 30. For more information please go to [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com) or call Horizons at 926-2670.

**Private pilot ground school registration will be through Oct. 5** from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with school starting Oct. 5 – Nov. 27. Cost is \$585 and is due at the time of registration. Register soon as classroom seating is limited. For more information, please call the aero club at 926-4867.

**Piano lessons will be offered at the community center** on Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$65 per person for four weeks. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

**A cake decorating class will be held** Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the community center. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

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### ONGOING

**The Horizons front entrance will be closed until further notice for renovation.** Please use the rear entrance for your dining pleasure (some parking is available in the rear by the Wellston). For more details call Horizons at 926-2670.

**Youth fall sports registrations are under way** through Nov. 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday – Friday for cheerleading (ages 5 – 12 years old), cost \$90 and basketball (ages 5 – 18 years old), cost \$55. Registration accepted until teams are full. Volunteer coaches are needed in all areas. To register or for details, visit the youth center in Bldg. 1021 or call 926-2110.

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE: What do you know about the soft drinks?

Do you think you know a little bit about the your favorite cola? Take this quiz, and see how much you really know.

### QUESTIONS:

**Q1:** What is the oldest soft drink in America?

A) A: Coca Cola, B) Dr Pepper, C) 7-UP, D) IBC Root Beer

**Q2:** What soft drink was developed as an alternative to alcoholic beverages during prohibition?

A) Sprite, B) IBC Root Beer, C) Tab, D) Coca Cola

**Q3:** What soft drink was the first product ever to appear on the cover of Time Magazine?

A) Dr Pepper, B) Coca Cola, C) Pepsi, D) 7-UP

**Q4:** What was Pepsi-Cola originally called?

A) Yum Yum, B) Black Gold, C) Liquid Delight, D) Brad's Drink

**Q5:** What do the "A" and "W" in A&W Root Beer stand for?

A) Anderson & West, B) Alabama & Wyoming, C) Allen & Wright, D) Albert & Wanda

### ANSWERS:

**A1:** B. First sold in 1885 at Morrison's Old Corner Drug Store in Waco, Texas, Dr Pepper is the oldest soft drink in America. It was soon followed by Coca-Cola (1886), Pepsi-Cola (1898), IBC Root Beer (1919), 7-UP (1929), Sprite (1961), and countless other soft drinks that have long since disappeared from the shelves. In 1929, there were more than 600 lemon-lime soft drinks alone on the market!

**A2:** B. IBC Root Beer was developed in 1919 by the Independent Breweries Company in St. Louis as an alternative to alcoholic beverages during prohibition.

**A3:** B. On May 15, 1950, Coca Cola became the first product ever to appear on the cover of Time Magazine. This issue also featured an in-depth article about the Coca Cola Company.

**A4:** D. When Caleb Bradham first created his own carbonated soft drink to serve fountain customers at his drugstore, he called the concoction "Brad's Drink." On August 28, 1898, Bradham renamed his invention "Pepsi-Cola."

**A5:** C. The "A" and "W" in A&W Root Beer stand for "Allen" and "Wright," the two founders of the company. Roy Allen purchased a root beer formula from an Arizona pharmacist and sold his first mug of root beer in 1919. In 1922, he took a partner – Frank Wright, one of his original employees. Two years later, in 1924, Allen bought Wright's share of the business back, but he stuck with the name, and the rest is history. By 1933, he had more than 170 franchised A&W outlets, and by 1950 he had more than 450 outlets nationwide.

Source: [usefultrivia.com](http://usefultrivia.com)

## DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.

The following person has been approved as a leave recipient: **Robyn Mullis**, 402nd AMXS. POC is Cindy Aguilar 222-3436.

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, send information to Lanorris Askew at: [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil). Submissions run for two weeks.

### 78th FSS DIRECTORY

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- ▶ Community Center ..... 926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec ..... 926-4001
- ▶ Arts & Crafts ..... 926-5282
- ▶ Horizons ..... 926-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club ..... 926-7625
- ▶ Library ..... 327-8761
- ▶ HAWC ..... 327-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center ..... 926-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex ..... 926-2128
- ▶ Youth Center ..... 926-2110
- ▶ ITT ..... 926-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center ..... 926-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. .... 926-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot ..... 926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com)

## CHAPEL SERVICES

### Catholic

Catholic masses are at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

### Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

### Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

### Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

### Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Contemporary Sunday in the Chapel at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

## NOW PLAYING



SEPTEMBER 25  
7:30 P.M.  
BANDSLAM  
RATED PG

When gifted singer-songwriter Charlotte Banks asks new kid in town Will Burton to manage her fledgling rock band, she appears to have just one goal in mind: go head-to-head against her egotistical musician ex-boyfriend, Ben at a battle of the bands. Against all odds, their band develops a sound all its own with a real shot at success in the contest.



SEPTEMBER 26  
7:30 P.M.  
THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE  
RATED PG-13

Clare has been in love with Henry her entire life. She believes they are destined to be together, even though she never knows when they will be separated: Henry is a time traveler--cursed with a rare genetic anomaly that causes him to live his life on a shifting timeline, skipping back and forth through his lifespan with no control.



UPCOMING  
POSTGRAD  
RATED PG-13

Ryden had a plan. Do well in high school, thereby receiving a great college scholarship. Now that she's finally graduated, it's time for her to find a gorgeous loft apartment and land her dream job at the city's best publishing house. But when Jessica, Ryden's college nemesis steals her perfect job, she is forced to move back to her childhood home.

Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919





Courtesy photo

Col. Lee-Ann Perkins, 78th Mission Support Group commander, stands next to NASCAR driver Reed Sorenson at the Pep Boys Auto 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Colonel Perkins represented the Air Force at the race.

## NASCAR race impresses commander

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON  
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NASCAR continues to recruit fans and it may have found another one in the 78th Mission Support Group commander.

Col. Lee-Ann Perkins recently represented the Air Force at NASCAR's Pep Boys Auto 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. She said she isn't a traditional NASCAR fan, but when she was given the chance to attend her first-ever race, she couldn't pass it up.

"It sounded like a great opportunity to not only experience a NASCAR race but to also interact with some new recruits," Colonel Perkins said. "The entire experience was a lot of fun and although I may never become a diehard fan, I am definitely a fan."

While at the race, the colonel received the full VIP treatment. She rubbed shoulders with Reed Sorenson,

who drives the Air Force-sponsored vehicle. She attended the pre-race driver's meeting, stood with the drivers in the center of the track while they played the national anthem, and then watched the race trackside from the pit tower.

"That was very interesting," she said. "I got to witness pit stops up close and personal. I saw both extremes — a very well orchestrated pit stop that put the driver several positions ahead and another that didn't go so well and put the driver several positions behind."

She said communication and teamwork were keys to success, just like in the Air Force.

"You can draw lots of parallels between the race and how we do business here in the Air Force. You absolutely need teamwork to be successful in both," Colonel Perkins said.

The commander was able to sit in a racing car, which

she found "not as comfy" as her sedan. She also toured the hauler, which is the rig used to transport the primary and backup vehicles. She said it was outfitted like a garage, with every tool, part and piece imaginable for the car.

She was also impressed with the major role technology plays in racing.

"I was expecting grease monkeys with big wrenches, but it's actually very high tech," she said. "They have computers that monitor every little heartbeat of that car. It's amazing."

While the overall NASCAR experience amazed and impressed, Colonel Perkins said the best part of the day was being able to swear in 15 new recruits.

"I found it just as inspiring as the rest of the day, which was a lot of fun," she said. "They seemed like a great group of young Americans excited to serve their country."

## Record crowd turns out for Air Force Marathon

BY TED THEOPOLOS  
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Nearly 10,000 runners lined up at the starting line for the 2009 Air Force Marathon Saturday at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

The events included participants running in the full marathon as well as a wheeled division, a half-marathon and a 10K run.

The 13th annual running event with an almost 35 percent increase over last year started with remarks by Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Owen, commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center, and included a first-ever visit by an Air Force chief of staff, when Gen. Norton Schwartz arrived to present awards to the winners.

"It's an honor to

assist and kick off the 2009 Air Force Marathon," General Owen said. "There are runners from 50 states and eight foreign countries in today's race. There are Airmen who have once deployed and are running today in this year's marathon."

General Owen welcomed distinguished guests, including those from the USAF Marathon Team, 2nd Lt. Caroline White, and the Royal Air Force Scampton Running Team from Britain.

"I also want to thank the more than 2,000 volunteers," he added.

Lieutenant White ran in the half marathon to prepare for the 2012 Olympics Trials that will be in Minnesota in October.

The marathon course went through historical

places on the base and through downtown Fairborn, Ohio, where onlookers cheered the race participants.

"It was wonderful weather and a great course," said Dave Johnston the winner of the Air Force Marathon with an unofficial time of 2:30:42. "I worked very hard training for this."

Winner of the women's full marathon was Kate Papenberg from Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, at 3:08:55.

A special runner for the second year was Army Capt. Ivan Castro, an Army special forces soldier who was blinded during a mortar attack in Iraq in 2006. Last year the captain ran the full marathon but opted to run the half marathon this year.



U.S. Air Force photo by AL BRIGHT

Nearly 10,000 runners participated in the 2009 Air Force Marathon at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

## ► IN BRIEF

### THE PINK PICNIC

The 14th Annual Breast Cancer Luncheon, the “Pink Picnic” will be Oct. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

Guest speaker for the event will be Dr. Susan Biali, an expert on women’s health, author, speaker and flamenco dancer.

Tickets are \$10, which includes lunch and a gift. Everyone must have a ticket to attend. The event is sponsored by Houston Healthcare, the Robins Health and Wellness Center, the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Central Ga. Cancer Coalition. Call 923-9771 for more information or to purchase a ticket.

### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH LUNCHEON RESCHEDULED

The Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon has been rescheduled for Oct. 1 at the Heritage Club at 11 a.m.

The guest speaker is retired Lt. Col. Alex U. Cruz-Martinez, former chief of the F-15 Production Branch here. For tickets call Senior Airman Steven Flores at 926-5107 or Master Sergeant Josefita Ojeda at 327-0099.

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association will host an Information Technology Products and Services Expo Oct. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Heritage Club, Bldg 956.

Come and see the latest state-of-the-art technologies from various exhibitors.

Attendance is free for all DOD, government and contractor personnel with base security clearance. Refreshments will be served. For more information or if you are interested in exhibiting, call Federal Direct Access Expositions at 1- 877-332-3976. For more information on AFCEA call Master Sgt. Tenisha Mitchell 327-0850.

### MILITARY APPRECIATION

The PGA Tour and the Tour Championship will offer free admission to the PGA Championship at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta through Sunday to all military members and their dependents with valid military ID. There will be a Birdies for the Brave Patriots' Outpost hospitality chalet offering free food and beverage to military members. The Tour Championship is the final playoff event of the FedExCup and will feature the top 30 players in the FedExCup race including Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson. For more information, call the PGA Tour Headquarters at 904-280-4712. No USAF endorsement intended.

### DAY'S END

#### COMPUTER PROCEDURES

All computer users are required to log off workstations at the end of every work day. Removing the CAC and locking the workstation while remaining logged on prevents automated security checks and updates, and increases the vulnerability of the network.

For more information on changes, appearance and icons click the Blue Star for IT Central Quick Solutions or visit <https://workspace.robins.af.mil/itquicksolutions/default.aspx>.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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For example, Air Education and Training Command launched its own Facebook page in August. And, in July, NATO’s supreme allied commander in Europe, Navy Adm. James

Stavridis commemorated his first day on the job by posting a blog.

Still, a new instructional guide recently released on the Knowledge Now site entitled New Media and the Air Force, says “Airmen should note that anytime they engage in social media, they are representing the Air Force,

and therefore should not do anything that will discredit themselves or the Air Force.”

Captain Powell agrees with this.

“Because we are on duty 24-7, we represent the Air Force 24-7 and that means additional expectations,” she said. “You may post a seeming-

ly sarcastic remark or funny photograph on a friend’s Facebook wall to later realize that someone thought you were literal and may have been really offended. Remember, another person’s perception is their reality and that can negatively affect your military career in the long run.”

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