



Robins is quite an expansive workplace. It has the longest runway in Georgia at 12,000 feet long by 300 feet wide with two 1,000 foot overruns. The facilities on base include approximately 4.5 million sq. ft. of maintenance shops, 2.2 million sq. ft. of administrative space, and 4.5 million sq. ft. of storage space.

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## Center set to receive first PDM C-130J

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C-130 maintenance at Robins will enter a new era Tuesday with the arrival of the first C-130J for depot maintenance.

The C-130J is the only model currently in production and represents significant aviation history as the C-130 – with more than 50 years of service – has the longest continuous production run of any other military aircraft.

Although externally the C-130J doesn't look a lot different from the first A-model to test fly in 1954, it has a number of significant differences from older models. It has Rolls-Royce engines and six-blade composite propellers as opposed to the four-blade aluminum propellers on most other C-130 aircraft – giving



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The C-130J has an array of digital displays as opposed to the mechanical gauges in other C-130s.

it more take-off power and the ability to fly from shorter fields.

But its most noticeable difference is the cockpit, which has an array of digital displays as opposed to the mechanical gauges in other C-130s.

The aircraft is so modernized from other C-130s that Robins has been working for more than a year to prepare for heavy maintenance on the C-130J.

The preparation has involved a wide range of

activities, such as building and sequencing work plans, acquiring specialized materials and equipment, and training mechanics. Numerous other support organizations have also been working to get ready for the new plane, said Gary Johnson, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron program chief.

"A huge amount of work has gone into the planning for this aircraft," he said. "We are looking forward to the upcoming induction and are excited about this continuation of the C-130 program."

The Air Force currently has 89 C-130Js, and long-range projections call for a J-model fleet of 180 or more.

Also with the induction, the 560th AMXS will be going to a new maintenance

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## Survey to gauge interest in incentive program

Air Force Materiel Command will survey its civilian workforce beginning May 1 to determine how many individuals would be interested in applying for a fiscal year 2011/12 VERA/VSIP incentive program.

VERA/VSIP stands for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Program. The survey, which will be publicized to the entire workforce, will be used to analyze how effective such an incentive might be in reducing manpower to meet current and upcoming budget constraints. Deadline for responding to the survey will be determined by each AFMC Center.

As defense dollars become more constrained, the Air Force is seeking ways to better balance resources and answer the Department of Defense's call for greater efficiencies.

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## Improved process gives bladders seal of approval

BY FAYE BANKS-ANDERSON  
Robins Public Affairs

Just by his name, Lyndon Baines Johnson, you knew he was destined to do some good.

Johnson, a 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group Fuel Cell Repair Shop mechanic, took it upon himself to help solve an OSHA citation. The citation centered around the process of repairing and replacing an aircraft fuel cell bladder.

He explained the old process didn't allow for two-way communication while working inside the bladder, nor was there a way to guarantee the fix. Furthermore, there were Personal Protective Equipment and confined space issues.

According to Johnson, shop mechanics would be called out to the flightline to repair a bladder and assess the damage or leak location – not with the same PPE mechanics on the flightline used routinely.

However, many of these issues were alleviated with the new process Johnson and team members devised. It was as simple as having the flightline mechanics remove the bladder and send it to the repair shop.

A side benefit of the new process was getting the bladder back much quicker because shop members would just pull a repaired bladder out of supply the same day.

And just as important to Johnson, he could now guarantee the work being done since it could be tested more fully back at the repair shop and before it goes back into supply.

"This way I'm glad to put my name on it, to guarantee it 100 percent," Johnson said. "When you're the pilot sitting in the cockpit, you want to know the work is guaranteed."

According to Johnson, he couldn't have done it without the support of his first-line supervisor, Tony Hightower.

"I've got to give him high praise," Johnson said. "He's a by-the-book kind of guy who respects his folks and their efforts."

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Lyndon Baines Johnson, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group Fuel Cell Repair Shop mechanic, inspects a fuel cell bladder.

## Former NFL coach speaks at NPL

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Dan Reeves, longtime NFL coach and well known for his Christian faith, had a "drug problem" as a child, he told those gathered Tuesday for the National Prayer Luncheon.

"My mom and dad drug me to Sunday school; they drug me to church; they drug me to Wednesday night prayer meeting," he said. "Every time I turned around, I was being drug to church for something."

As he got older, however, he came to appreciate the Christian values his parents instilled in him and leaned on his faith during what seemed like hard times. He choked back tears several times as he told stories about how his faith had impacted his life and the lives of others.

It was through his faith also, he said, that he learned sometimes things aren't as bad as they seem.

Before he became a coach he was a run-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Former NFL Coach Dan Reeves speaks to Airmen during a meet and greet following the National Prayer Luncheon Tuesday.

ning back for the Dallas Cowboys, and he recalled suffering a severe knee injury in 1968. He was feeling sorry for himself, he said, when Coach Tom Landry invited him to go on a trip to Vietnam to visit soldiers.

"I remember going to hospitals and visiting... there were eyes missing, legs missing,

► see NPL, 7

## Meeting energy mandates

BY TECH. SGT. VANN MILLER  
Robins Public Affairs

In the coming weeks, engineers here will set the groundwork for a new strategy for energy conservation.

Teams of specialists came together during the last week to discuss consolidated energy reduction plans for everything from facilities to fuels, according to the base energy manager.

"It was decided that the (Warner Robins Air Logistics) Center didn't have a formalized strategic energy plan that was coordinated with the other units," said Dave Bury, base energy manager.

According to Bury, A new Strategic Energy Management Plan will most likely be updated using a series of LEAN events to make it an executable plan, com-



plete with tactical elements. Tactics on reaching various energy mandates will be the main topic of discussion.

Other topics like awareness and conservation, energy reduction projects and renewable energy will

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### THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 6  
Last DUI: 16 ACCS  
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

### AADD

To request a ride, call 222-0013.

### See me Save Me

There will be a mandatory safety briefing for all motorcycle, scooter and moped riders April 29 from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the motorcycle course training area in the Pave Paws (Bldg. 1400) parking lot.

The briefing will be followed by the annual See Me, Save Me ride, a two-hour ride through the base and surrounding communities. For more information, call Timothy Cahill at 472-7667.

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## UNIT PROFILE: WR-ALC/GRV

### What it does

The mission of the Support Equipment and Vehicles Division is to provide support equipment and vehicles to the warfighter. The division is responsible for cradle-to-grave management of a broad range of vehicles, such as MRAP, and equipment, such as Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources, ejection seats, life support, materiel handling equipment and fuel bladders.

### Why it matters

Equipping and supporting the warfighter is all part of a day's work for the individuals who make up the SE&V team. Programs supported include everything from nuclear certified munitions handlers to flightline support equipment essential to aircraft sortie generation; MRAP vehicles to fire trucks; 60,000 pound aircraft loaders to tents; generators to engine test stands; and pallets to night vision equipment. The division's mission is truly global in scope.



U.S. Air Force photo

The division manages the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle, designed to be both safe and effective for Soldiers conducting patrols, convoy security and other missions throughout Afghanistan.

### By the numbers

**268** Workers in the unit -- 220 civilians, 17 military and 31 contractors

**87K** Vehicles in the fleet managed by division

**70** Number of Integrated Product Teams

**\$1.2 billion** Amount executed in fiscal 2010 in support of 244 programs

**10K** Technical orders unit is responsible for

### What they say



**Capt. Stephen Cash**  
Financial manager

"Everyday our division manages a myriad of support equipment and vehicles. Warfighters around the world depend on us. It's humbling and motivates us to maximize capability and impact."



**Dan Fritz**  
AAS logistics manager

"Our job saves lives. The Aircraft Arresting System is the last chance to safely stop an aircraft during an emergency landing. There is an average of 300 engagements yearly, so what we do is important."

## People Spotlight



**Robert Mack**

**TITLE:** C-130 work lead, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**BACKGROUND:** Mack has worked at Robins for 25 years, with 15 years working on C-130s. He previously worked as a contractor for Transient Alert services. Before that he served 20 years in the Air Force. He will retire April 29.

**HOMETOWN:** Durham, N.C.

"It has been quite an experience working here. There's something different every day."

"When I worked for Transit Alert, we used trucks to go out and get the airplanes not assigned to the base, such as visiting generals. We would park the planes and refuel them and get them ready to fly again the next day."

"I mostly train the younger guys to do just about everything on the airplane. We start from stripping and go all the way to functional test. Basically everything that needs to be done on the airplane, I train the guys to do it."

"You've got to be open with them. You've got to realize they are young and look at things a little bit differently. You've got to be open minded when you deal with younger people."

"Me and my wife are going to travel a little bit. I'm in good health, so it's not like I'm going to stop."

## Team Robins members earn AFMC awards

Col. Carl Buhler, 78th Air Base Wing commander, and his wife, Sharon, are Air Force Materiel Command's nominee for the 2011 Gen. and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award.

"This award recognizes the wing commander and spouse team whose contributions to the nation, Air Force and local community best exemplify the highest ideals and positive leadership of a military couple in a key Air Force position," said Maj. Gen. Robert H. McMahon, Center commander,

in an e-mail announcing the award.

Each major command makes one nomination for the award.

The award is named after O'Malley and his wife, Diane, who were killed in a 1985 aircraft crash while enroute to a Boy Scout fund-raising banquet in Scranton, Pa. The couple was known for their leadership and contributions to Air Force families and communities.

Also, McMahon announced Deborah Guzzardo, wife of

Master Sgt. Anthony Guzzardo, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group superintendent, is the AFMC nominee for the Joan Orr Spouse of the Year Award.

The award honors significant contributions made by non-military spouses of Air Force military members from any Air Force component. The nominee's husband or wife must currently be serving.

— Wayne Crenshaw contributed to this report.

## Congratulations major promotees

Roberto Andino  
Nathan Andrews  
Timothy Casey  
Jason Davis  
Todd Dye  
James Emery  
Christina Erickson  
Carrie Gardner  
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Victor Lewis  
Daniel Light  
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Richard Malerba  
Wanda McDonald  
Dale Melton  
David Mills

John Riester  
Christopher Robinson  
James Rodriguez  
John Schmidtke  
Chad Sessler  
Christopher Smith  
Evette Stinson-Lawson  
Sammy Stover  
Jerome Thomas  
Kelie Thomas  
Kurt Wellhausen  
Barry Willard  
William Williams  
Ward Willis  
Karena Zaloudek

## Workplace safety and health logo contest

The Occupational Safety and Health Office in cooperation with AFGE Local 987 is running a logo contest today through May 2. The logo should depict a workplace safety and health theme.

The contest is open to all Robins employees; one entry per person. Logos should be original, memorable and uncluttered.

If enough entries are received and a winner is selected, the winning recipient will receive a polo shirt with the logo printed on it. The winning logo will also be used on the new Center occupational safety and health coin – which will become the trademark for the safety and health program.

Send entries to WR-ALC/SH Workflow, wralc.sh.workflow@robins.af.mil.



For more information, visit [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil)

# Snap Shots



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Lynn Roberts, 402nd Maintenance Wing, uses a leaf blower to clean debris from the sidewalk at Bldg. 301 as part of the Base Clean-up.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Col. Carl Buhler, Installation and 78th Air Base Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Bowen, Installation Command Chief, collect trash April 15 as part of the Base Clean-up which collected more than 300 bags of trash or about 5,000 pounds.



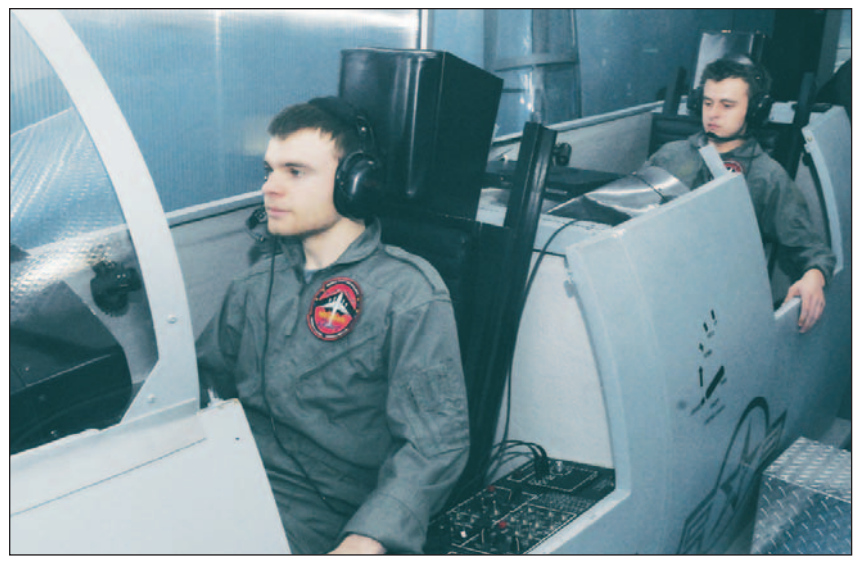
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Staff Sgt. Amanda Murray, 689th Combat Communications Wing, cleans and polishes the wing's front office door during the Base Clean-up.



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Ken Emery, Museum of Aviation director, checks out the newest addition to the museum's static display inventory. The F-86D fighter, which has been displayed on support poles in front of the Air National Guard 202nd Communications Engineering Squadron training facility at the Macon Airport for many years, was moved to the museum April 15. The unit is moving to Robins.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Dan Bremmin and James Stevenson from the United Kingdom fly a "mission" in an F-15 simulator at the Museum of Aviation Saturday. The two were part of a group of engineering students from six foreign countries to attend a team building class in the Museum's Mission Quest Flight Simulation Center. Seven of the students are from the United Kingdom and the remaining five are from Greece, Japan, Slovakia, Italy and Portugal.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Phlebotomist Willie Milton attends to Christina Beck, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, who gave blood at the Armed Services Blood Program April 15. ASBP plays a key role in providing quality blood products for servicemembers and their families in both peace and war. The American Red Cross also collected blood in support of civilian agencies and natural disasters.

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## My journey from the brink of suicide

BY MAJ. KARRY GLADDEN

Air Force Network Integration Center

I recently celebrated two important anniversaries. On Jan. 30, 2010, I decided when and how I was going to end my life.

The night before, I went to bed and slept for two hours, as I had for the previous nine or so months. Once I was sure my wife was asleep, I got out my laptop and researched how long it would take to bleed out from a femoral artery injury. This bit of information helped me narrow down the when and how. It also took away the last stumbling block. It had to look like an accident, primarily to ensure my sweetheart didn't spend the rest of her life wondering why I committed suicide or blame herself.

It is important to know I got to the brink of suicide the same way most people do -- a series of stressors in my life built up until they simply got the better of me. To make matters worse I had chronic back pain, which had been increasing since an injury a year before, which resulted in less and less exercise -- an important way to relieve stress. And although I made sure members of my family received counseling for the major life events we were all facing, I just “manned up.” Through it all, I continued my duties as a flight commander at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and later, as an executive officer at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Here are signs I ignored: On the way home from work one day, a truck veered into my lane. I made no effort to move and was disappointed when it didn't hit me. I was sleeping less and less, lying awake with racing thoughts, only falling asleep when exhausted. I wasn't eating. Ironically though, I gained a lot of weight. I went through the motions of life; I went to work because I had a responsibility to my family and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Jan. 31, 2010, is the other anniversary, the day I decided to live. It was a Sunday morning. During church I realized normal people do not stay awake at night researching how to die. At home, I took my wife aside and told her everything. I also asked her to remove our firearms from the house, not to leave me alone and take me to the emergency room or mental health first thing in the morning. Just telling one person -- the most important person in my life -- paid big dividends. She didn't look at me like I'd sprouted another head; she was upset she hadn't noticed and I couldn't tell her. It wasn't that I couldn't tell her, I didn't want to add to her stress.

I felt better. I got up Monday morning and decided just telling my wife was enough. I put my blues on and told her everything was going to be okay. I didn't need to go see anyone. She gave me the option of going willingly or in the back of an ambulance.

We went to mental health and I chose to admit myself. I would have been admitted



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either way, but believe me, self-admission is the way to go. The mental health staff was very professional and sympathetic. A very knowledgeable senior airman spoke with my wife and me and started the admission process. A civilian provider made arrangements with a local hospital for care.

Once at the hospital I realized I had never been so embarrassed or ashamed in my life. “How did I get here?” “What will everyone think?” I tried to figure out what I would tell everyone when I got out.

I quickly learned a few life lessons. There are others there just like me, not just with the same experiences, but other Airmen. I also learned sleep is a wonderful and restorative thing. Last, no one, my commander included, saw me as weak or “crazy.”

He was very supportive. He even called me -- in the hospital -- to congratulate me on my selection to major. I learned I had been selected for promotion from a call on a stainless steel phone with a cord too short to be used as a noose.

Military personnel stay an average of four days longer than our civilian counterparts. Why the disparity? Probably because we have a tendency to “suck it up and move on,” going back to the same environment at an increased risk of relapse.

After five or six days I realized in horror I had successfully hidden this from everyone, including my sweetheart of 19 years. I wondered how many others were going through the motions as well. We know there are others, we see the reports. How many times have we been surprised by their actions?

As I felt better, I felt obligated to be as vocal as I had been silent. I told my story to my unit, the Air Force Network Integration Center, and

I'm telling you now.

For supervisors, friends, spouses and wingmen, we have to embrace the Wingman culture. A wingman is not a name and phone number on the back of a card. It is someone you know well enough to see when something is wrong, or know enough about their life and struggles to take them aside and offer to talk. If our relationship only exists Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., I'm not going to share my deepest darkest secrets with you.

Look at your Airmen. There are signs and they are not always “giving away their stuff, experiencing financial problems, or other personality changes.” I enjoy humor and laughing, an easy wall to hide behind, but I also gained 40 pounds in nine months. No one said anything.

Beware of the curse of competency. A fine line to be sure, we can't have people backing down from stressful jobs or the tough jobs wouldn't get done. At the same time, maybe an executive officer isn't the right job for an Airman who was given a humanitarian assignment to your unit. After explaining my situation when I arrived, I was told, “We really need you to do this and it's the right time in your career. Work with your supervisor to take the time you need.”

For those who are stressed, not sleeping, having racing thoughts, thinking of harming yourself either actively or passively: talk to someone now. If you are worried about confidentiality, consider this: no one besides my commander and first sergeant knew.

If you are worried about your career, consider this, I came out on the promotion list in the hospital, I pinned on major two months ago and I still have my security clearance. And my leaders let me keep my branch chief position.

Tell your leaders if you are in over your head. I still feel my leaders should never have put me in an exec position, but I didn't push the issue, either. I didn't want the stigma of having said no or sounding like a whiner.

Stay active. Part of my on-going therapy is physical activity in addition to regular exercise.

Asking for help does not show weakness, it shows courage. Be humble enough to talk to a friend, your chaplain or a mental health representative.

I have been reflecting on the things I would have missed. I am grateful every day, for God, my loving companion, my understanding commander, a compassionate first sergeant and for the medical professionals who got me moving in the right direction.

**Editor's note:** For a complete list of local helping agencies see the box on page 5.

## Commander's Action Line

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.

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the responsible organization. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes.

Please include your name and a way of reaching

you, so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will also not be processed.

Commander's Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

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► Housing Office	468-3776
► Chaplain	468-2821
► IDEA	497-7281

# On the Fly

## Parking lot closure

The parking lots at buildings 905 and 906 will close for repaving in May.

Starting at 6 p.m. on May 1, the center portion of the parking lot in front of the new command post building under construction, Bldg. 906, will close for repaving until May 10.

May 17, starting at 6 p.m., through May 27, the entire parking area directly in front of Bldg. 905, the 78th Air Base Wing headquarters and base library, will close for repaving.

In both cases the old parking surface will be torn up and removed and then replaced with the new surface.

Users can park in the lot in front of Bldg. 914 next door while the work is being done.

The dates are tentative and could change due to weather conditions or other issues. The project is being funded with federal stimulus funds.

For more info, call Becky McCoy at 497-9287.

## Road closure

The closure of the north end of Milledgeville Street has been extended to May 13.

The extension is due to construction delays resulting from bad weather and extra time needed to remove soil.

The closure is due to a project to replace four-inch chilled water pipes between buildings 169 and 180 with eight-inch chilled water pipes.

The additional chilled water supply will provide environmentally-controlled and conditioned space for aircraft work in Bldg. 180.

The impact on traffic is minimal as the affected portion is already closed to personal vehicles and through traffic.

## Upcoming

Robins' **annual Historic Forest Ceremony** will take place Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at Parade Field. Four new trees will be planted. All members of the Robins community are invited to attend.

Those wishing to **recycle unwanted electronic equipment** may take items to Bldg. 987 on April 29 from noon to 2 p.m. Government items will not be accepted, nor will televisions, appliances or gas-powered equipment.

For more information, contact Susan Green at 497-4172.

There will be a **Caring For People forum** May 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Horizons.

Contact a first sergeant or key spouse by May 5 to register. For more information, call 497-7695

There will be a 78th Air Base Wing **enlisted call on May 20** in the Heritage Club.

Immediately following the enlisted call, about 4 p.m., Boss-N-Buddy night will begin in the ballroom. All other commands and wings on the base are invited.

Registration is now open for the 2nd Annual **Tour de Moose Bike Ride** on May 21. The event offers 7-, 15-, 30- or 45-mile rides around the base.

The event is sponsored by the Georgia Air National Guard and the Museum of Aviation Foundation and is open to all ages and types of bike riders.

For more details, visit [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or [www.museumofaviation.org](http://www.museumofaviation.org), or contact Mary Lynn Harrison at 478-923-6600.

The **Camellia Gardens Memorial Service**, which pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins, will take place May 26 at 10 a.m. in the tranquil garden across from Horizons.

Robins network users can visit <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/78abw/HC/default.aspx> to submit names for this year's ceremony.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Karimah Giles at 497-5816 or Master Sgt Beaux Wilson at 472-5295.

The Robins Chiefs Group will hold its **annual 5K run and one-mile fun walk** May 27 near the Robins Fitness Center.

Same-day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. There is no entry fee to participate, but runners are encouraged to secure sponsors.

For more information, visit the Robins Chiefs Group website at [www.robinschiefsgroup.org](http://www.robinschiefsgroup.org), or send an email to [info@robinschiefsgroup.org](mailto:info@robinschiefsgroup.org).

## Thanks for volunteering



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

From left to right, Valerie Wilcox, Katherine Elliott, Neeka Watkins and Annie Dame proudly display their Robins Volunteer of the Year awards. The quartet was recognized at the 21st Annual Volunteer Appreciation ceremony April 15 at Horizons.

The event honored all volunteers (active duty military, federal civilians, military retirees, federal civilian retirees, and family members) who have provided volunteer services to Robins and the local community.

## Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	468-1256
Health and Wellness Education	Health and Wellness Center	497-8480
Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	497-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	497-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	468-2946
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	497-4584

**AFMC Wellness Support Center — [www.afmcwellness.com](http://www.afmcwellness.com)**

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## Etcetera

The Robins Chiefs Group is now **accepting applications for its academic scholarship** program.

Applicants must be an

enlisted military member or the dependent of an enlisted military member assigned to or retired from Robins.

To qualify, applicants must have applied to or been accepted at, or cur-

rently attend, an accredited institution of higher learning on a full-time basis.

For more information, visit the Robins Chiefs Group's website at [www.robinschiefsgroup.org](http://www.robinschiefsgroup.org).



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Above, Raegan Batten enjoys the bounce castle while Ann Nguyen shows off her egg collection at this year's Family Fest.

# Fun Times

The 78th Force Support Squadron and Hunt Communities co-sponsored Family Fest Saturday at the Youth Center. In addition to an Easter egg hunt, there were mini-Olympics, kids' ID and fingerprinting, a relay race, a dance contest, face painting and many more activities.



The Easter egg hunt, put on by the Base Chapel, was a huge hit with the children.



Two-year-old Jayden Emerson poses for a picture with the Easter bunny.



Eight-year-old Alexis Whitley allows a nice breeze to make bubbles for her.



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**Attendees at the Robins National Prayer Luncheon bow their heads in prayer. The guest speaker for the event was Dan Reeves, former Atlanta Falcons and Denver Broncos head coach.**

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arms missing, and every one of them was thanking the good Lord they were still alive and would be able to go back home and see their families,” he said. “I remember coming back and telling my wife Pam, ‘If you ever see me feeling sorry for myself, please kick me in the rear end.’”

Although it never occurred to him at the time, it turned out that “God really knew what he was doing,” when Reeves suffered the knee

injury. It hastened the end of his playing career and led to an invitation from Landry to be an assistant coach.

Reeves would go on as a head coach to lead the Denver Broncos to three Super Bowls and he later led the Atlanta Falcons to its only Super Bowl appearance.

Several hundred people attended the luncheon, at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Before Reeves spoke, Robins Airmen representing Hebrew, Christian and Islamic faiths spoke and offered prayers.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Anyone having a claim against, or indebtedness to, the estate of Staff Sgt. Felicia R. Rivers should contact 2nd Lt. Tiffany Jones at 468-4048.

**Be Energy Aware**

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## BASE HAPPENINGS

**ON TAP**  
**Earth Day BIG Bingo**  
Today  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 468-4515.

**School's Out Bowling**  
Today  
1 to 5 p.m.  
Robins Bowling Center  
For details, call 468-2112.

**Texas Hold 'Em**  
Saturday  
Games begin 2 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 472-7864.

**Easter Brunch**  
Sunday  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Horizons  
For details, call 468-2670.

**Family Night BINGO**  
Monday  
Doors open 5 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 468-4515.

**Resume/  
Cover Letter Prep**  
Tuesday  
9 to 11 a.m.  
A&FRC, Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

**Financial Beginnings**  
Wednesday  
9 to 11 a.m.  
A&FRC, Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

**UPCOMING**  
**Heart Link/  
Spouse Immersion Tour**  
May 6  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
A&FRC, Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

**Free Birdwatching**  
May 7 (register by April 29)  
8 a.m. to noon  
For details, call 497-3974.

**DHL Nitro Funny Car**  
May 11  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Base Chapel Easter Week Schedule

Good Friday Service  
Today at noon.

Easter Sunrise Service  
Sunday at 6:30 a.m.  
*(No Sunday School, breakfast follows in Chapel Annex)*

Easter Celebration Service  
Sunday at 11 a.m.

**All services will be in the  
Chapel Sanctuary.**

Bowling Center parking lot  
Chance to win race tickets  
For details, call 468-2112.

**Monster Motor Mayhem**  
May 14  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Arts & Crafts Center  
For details, call 468-5282.

**Tops In Blue**  
May 15  
7 p.m.  
For details, call 468-2105.



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## That time of year

Employee Milt Harrington checks out a leaf blower, just one of many pieces of yard maintenance equipment available for rent at Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 914. For more information, call 468-4001.

## BASE THEATER — NOW PLAYING



**TODAY**  
7 P.M.  
MARS NEEDS MOMS  
PG



**SATURDAY**  
3 P.M.  
RANGO  
PG



**SATURDAY**  
6:30 P.M.  
RED RIDING HOOD  
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**APRIL 29**  
7 P.M.  
BATTLE: LOS ANGELES  
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**APRIL 30**  
6:30 P.M.  
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**TICKETS**  
\$4.50  
adult;  
\$2.25  
children  
(up to 11 yrs)

*For details,  
call 468-2919.*

Due to a decrease in patronage, the Base Theater will no longer be showing movies as of May 14.

### 78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Administration . . . 468-3193
- ▶ Community Center . . . 468-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec . . . . . 468-4001
- ▶ Base Chapel . . . . . 468-2821
- ▶ Arts & Crafts . . . . . 468-5282
- ▶ Horizons . . . . . 468-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club . . . . . 468-2670
- ▶ Library . . . . . 497-8761
- ▶ HAWC . . . . . 497-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center . . . . . 468-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex . . 472-5350
- ▶ Youth Center . . . . . 468-2110
- ▶ ITT . . . . . 468-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center . . . . . 468-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. . . . . 468-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot . . . . . 468-0188



## C-130J

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strategy called the Progressive Maintenance Program. Joe Pirkle, J-Model flight chief, said PMP will use a more tailored approach to each aircraft rather than a “one size fits all” approach.

A benefit of the J-model in that approach is its technology, which will allow maintainers to plug in a computer and immediately see flight data helpful to determining where work is needed.

“This is the next step in C-130 depot-level maintenance,” Pirkle said.

Once the first C-130J arrives, more will steadily come at a pace of almost one per month the first year, and it will steadily increase in the years to come. However, it won’t necessarily mean a need for many more C-130 mechanics as older C-



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**The C-130J is the only model currently in production. The C-130 has the longest continuous production run of any military aircraft.**

130s will be retiring.

The C-130 is one of the most versatile planes of all time. Although it is mainly used for cargo, other uses include intelligence and surveillance, weather reconnaissance, airborne assault, scientific research support, aerial refueling, medical evacuation, and search and

rescue. It is also commonly used in humanitarian missions, such as delivering relief supplies to Japan.

Johnson said it’s no wonder the plane has remained in production.

“It’s a tremendously versatile, maintainable aircraft,” he said. “It’s a workhorse.”

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“Given fiscal challenges facing AFMC and the Air Force, it is prudent we take these actions,” said John Steenbock, AFMC’s Manpower, Personnel and Services director.

If results of the survey are positive, he said, AFMC will seek authority for the incentive program, to be offered in September and December. Incentives may include up to \$25,000 depending on various employment factors.

“We will be looking for a way to reduce the workforce while keeping it balanced so we maintain sufficient strength in all our mission

areas,” Steenbock stated. “This is only one of the approaches we’re taking to achieve a balanced, reduced end-strength,” he added. “We’ve also implemented hiring controls, as of early this month, across the entire command. We’re now hiring to fill only one position for every two that become vacant as well as focusing on hiring in critical mission areas only.”

He said this policy does not affect current hiring actions with a selection and/or established entrance-on-duty date.

The overall intent he said, is to reduce the impact of a potential Reduction in Force which may become necessary if AFMC has no other alternatives to meet its manpower budget requirements.

## ENERGY

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be discussed also.

The Base Energy office is presently reviewing the details of the new energy plan to determine which energy conservation strategies and concepts will be a part of the way Team Robins operates in the future.

Current federal mandates call for Robins to reduce its energy intensity by 30 percent over the next four years from the

baseline set in 2003.

Bury admitted it is going to take a tremendous amount of resources and participation by everyone to reach these goals.

“Energy reduction requires a multi-pronged approach,” said Bury. “I believe Team Robins has the best and brightest individuals in the Air Force to help us make the goals. The Strategic Energy Management Plan will help focus the center so that, when it comes to conservation, we’re all going in the same direction in making ‘Energy a Consideration in All We Do.’”

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