



Robins is home to more than just Airmen. The 4th Marine Aircraft Wing relocated to Robins from Atlanta as a result of the 2005 BRAC decision. There are 150 full-time and 250 Reserve Marines on Team Robins.

## ABW commander gets new assignment

Col. Carl Buhler, 78th Air Base Wing and installation commander, will be moving to the Pentagon to be the Associate Director of Program Integration (Engine Room), Air Force Logistics and Installations.

Col. Mitchel Butikofer, currently Director of Communications for Air Mobility Command, will be his replacement.

The change of command will be June 30.



Col. Carl Buhler

## See Me, Save Me ride today

There will be a mandatory safety briefing for all motorcycle, scooter and moped riders today 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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Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, WR-ALC commander, speaks Wednesday with supervisors in the C-5 workforce.

## Senior leaders set goals for Center

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Senior leaders of the Warner Robins Air Logistics and the Air Force Global Logistics Support centers participated in a Lean event last week to develop plans for realizing the WR-ALC vision of being: "A World-Class Center of Acquisition and Sustainment Excellence."

The first order of business was to assess the current state of the WR-ALC.

"We had much debate of what letter grade we would give ourselves, and it ranged from a 'B' to a 'C,'" said Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, WR-ALC commander.

"But there was also consensus where we want to be is an 'A' organization. So, we realized the debate wasn't really relevant because, regardless of whether we grade ourselves as a 'B' or 'C,' we aren't where we need to be," he said. "Because our warriors around the globe depend on

us to support the work they do, anything less than being world-class is unacceptable."

The leaders discussed how to get the WR-ALC to be an 'A' organization, and the result was a commitment to several focus areas: exceed warfighter and customer expectations, lead the Department of Defense in cost management, and re-energize and sustain continuous process improvement.

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## Chromate extraction makes paint process safer, easier

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Preventing corrosion on aircraft is a top priority of the Air Force, and for many years hexavalent chromium has helped the service win that battle.

The substance is used in the conversion coat, which is applied before the primer to help the primer and paint stick to the aircraft. It's also used in the primer to aid in corrosion control.

The trouble is, it is hazardous, and requires painters to use air-supplied protective equipment.

However, after years of persistence, the F-15 division at Robins became the first here to use a non-chromated exterior coat painting system.

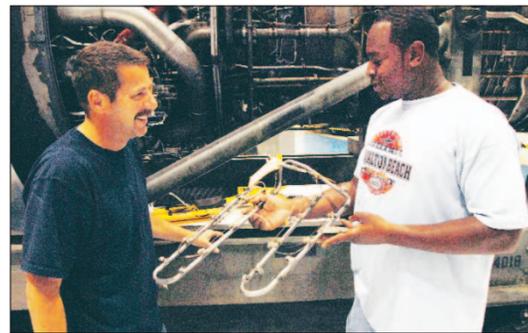
At one point it seemed as if eliminating hex chromate might not even be possible, said John Stephens of the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's F-15 Engineering section.

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Chris Spivey, aircraft painter, prepares a spray nozzle before applying primer to an F-15.



U.S. Air Force photo by WAYNE CRENSHAW

David Murray and Terrance Diggins, C-5 electricians, examine a fire-loop sensor similar to the one replaced.

## Robins team answers C-5 mayday call

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A team of mechanics at Robins recently completed an impromptu emergency repair to help a C-5 Galaxy complete its mission.

The C-5B from Dover Air Force Base, Del., stopped at Robins to load equipment for a mission overseas, which included transporting a classified load. It could not take off, however, because it had a faulty fire-loop sensor on the No. 2 engine.

The sensor is a flat and square yard of looped tubing between the engine and pylon, which is the large section holding the engine to the wing. The part is the engine's fire detector, so for safety reasons flying was out of the question.

"If the crew had a fire, they wouldn't know it," said

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## Reserved parking for carpoolers

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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In the near future, employees at Robins could find themselves in reserved parking spots fit for a VIP. All they have to do is find a couple of people to ride to work with them.

To encourage carpooling, and thereby free up other parking spaces, the 78th Air Base Wing is planning to dedicate a number of spaces on base for cars with at least three passengers.

Details of the plan are still being worked out but the program could start as early as mid-summer, said Terry Landreth, the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron's traffic engineering office supervisor.

The reserved spots will be in parking lots around the flightline and buildings 300 and 301, where empty parking spaces are scarce. Carpoolers will be issued permits which must be displayed at all times, he said.

Getting a premium parking spot is only



one benefit. In addition to the cost savings in gas, carpoolers may be eligible for incentives and prizes through the Clean Air Campaign, including getting a \$40 gas card each month for a year for cars with three people, or a \$60 gas card for cars with four or more passengers. The Clean Air Campaign also allows carpoolers to sign up to win monthly drawings for \$25 gas gift cards.

For more information on the Clean Air Campaign, contact Heidi Schwingle at 497-8287.

## AFRC leading energy charge

A small group at Robins is looking to trim energy use not only here but at bases across the country.

The Air Force Reserve Command's Energy Management Steering Group provides strategic direction for AFRC's energy program, which includes an Infrastructure Energy Plan with four pillars -- improve current infrastructure, improve future infrastructure, expand renewable, and manage costs. The group's goal is to help the command attain 30 percent more efficient performance in energy, water, emissions and stewardship of resources.

To increase energy efficiency in existing facilities, renovation projects across the command have included new windows, high-efficiency heating and cooling systems, and cool roofs.



The command is also working to replace many of its older vehicles with new fuel-efficient gasoline, diesel, E-85, hybrid electric, full electric and non-fuel vehicles. According to fiscal year 2010 records, vehicles and ground equipment accounted for 95.7 percent of AFRC's total energy costs.

Renewable energy efforts are centered on the use of alternative energy such as solar, wind, biomass and geothermal power where practical.

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### THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 13  
Last DUI: 16 ACCS

— courtesy 78th Security Forces

AADD

To request a ride, call 222-0013.

### TWO-MINUTEREV

#### Enlisted Call and Boss-N-Buddy

There will be a Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and 78th Air Base Wing enlisted call May 20 at 3 p.m. 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.

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## UNIT PROFILE: 128th ACCS

### What it does

The mission of the 128th Airborne Command and Control Squadron is to train, mobilize and deploy combat mission aircraft, aircrews and support personnel to designated theaters of operation. The unit provides uninterrupted command, control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance in support of the Joint Force Air Component commanders. The unit claims more than 3,504 continuous days deployed.

### Why it matters

The 128th ACCS is one of six flying squadrons in the 116th Air Control Wing. Highly-skilled Airmen in the unit provide round-the-clock radar coverage on the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System Aircraft. As the 116th ACW is the only unit in the Air Force which flies the E-8C, the success of its mission is vital to the military's success in overseas operations.



AF photo by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

**Tech. Sgt. Tanisha Swift, airborne operations technician, monitors ground radar data on the E-8C Joint STARS aircraft.**

### By the numbers

**100** Personnel in the squadron, about 57 percent full-time Active Guard Reserve

**170** Sorties flown by squadron in 2010

**22** Average crew size for a typical sortie

**4.5** Duration in hours for an average E-8C training sortie

**54** Deployed combat sorties flown by squadron in 2010

### What they say



**Capt. Abby Hudson**  
Air weapons officer

"The people we work with are really experienced with the E-8C JSTARS aircraft. When your co-workers are experts, there is a lot of teaching and learning going on."



**SMSgt. Dewayne Smith**  
First sergeant

"I love being in a position to solve problems, to lead and to help people. I feel like I'm not only contributing to the mission, but also to the development of people."

## People Spotlight



**Whitney Hill**

**TITLE:** Work lead for F-15 Paint and Corrosion Control in the 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

**BACKGROUND:** Hill has worked at Robins for 12 years. He previously owned and operated a body shop, a muffler and radiator shop, and an auto parts store.

**HOMETOWN:** Hawkinsville

"Getting a job here was a golden opportunity...a blessing by the Lord to tell you the truth. I love it. It's steady employment, and it gives you the opportunity to grow and excel."

"The aircraft come in to functional test, where they do all their work and pull the flight controls off. We then depaint it, and it goes to (programmed depot maintenance). After PDM, it comes back here, and we paint it."

"If you treat people the way you want to be treated, you will get just about anything you want out of them. You have to remember they are humans and have feelings. We have about 45 people who work in our building on three shifts."

"I like to play golf and work in the yard. I go backpacking and do a little bit of fishing. I've only been playing golf for about four years, but it's a challenge. It looks so easy but it's not."

## AFPC to stand up Robins operating location

**BY WAYNE CRENSHAW**  
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A portion of the Directorate of Personnel here will realign under the Air Force Personnel Center on May 1, but no one outside the directorate should notice any difference.

The realignment is part of an initiative to create AFPC "operating locations" at the Air Force's five large civilian centers, one of which is Robins. It will affect employees in staffing support services, who handle recruitment, hiring and reassignments.

The only people who will be affected are the 72

people in the directorate, who will now answer to AFPC.

"The average person out there applying for a job is really not going to notice any difference," said Emma Harrison, chief of the Directorate of Personnel staffing branch.

She also said managers will still contact the same people here when they are seeking to fill positions.

The change is directed by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure commission. Originally the staff here was supposed to transfer to AFPC but that was changed.

"AFPC will continue to work jointly with Air

Force Materiel Command and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center on the transition of civilian personnel staffing workload to the operating location," said Michelle LoweSolis, the AFPC civilian force integration director. "The operating location will report to AFPC leadership while meeting the mission requirements of Robins."

In addition to the Robins OL, AFPC officials have activated operating locations at Hill AFB, Utah, Tinker AFB, Okla., and the Air Force District of Washington. They will activate the one additional OL at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, July 1.

For information about civilian employment or other personnel topics, go to [www.afciviliancareers.com](http://www.afciviliancareers.com) or the Air Force personnel services website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>, or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

### Staffing tool roll out delayed

The Air Force Materiel Command-wide rollout of the Single Staffing Tool, which was scheduled to take place Monday, has been delayed. A new deployment date has not been announced.

Robins employees may continue self nominating for positions in the Civilian Automated Notification System until further notice.

Civilian employees are encouraged to continue developing a resume to be posted to apply for future career opportunities upon implementation of the SST. The resume should highlight knowledge, skills, and abilities based on previous and current employment. Training slides on the SST are available at <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/FOWRALC/dp/default.aspx>.

For more information, 402nd MXW workers should call 472-0718. All other employees should call 472-0633.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

**Randy Stillwell, Hazardous Waste Operations section chief, discusses his unit's safety plan with Dave Decker, 78th Air Base Wing ground safety manager. The section has not sustained a lost workday injury for 1,147 days and counting.**

## Section sets record for injury-free workdays

**BY FAYE BANKS-ANDERSON**  
Robins Public Affairs

Safety manager. "Just think about it; for more than three years being that safe."

Records are made to be broken, but one Robins shop has done such a good job they may be the only ones who can break their own record.

For 1,147 consecutive days, the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Hazardous Waste Operations Section has not sustained a lost workday injury.

"It's very commendable, especially considering they are responsible for pick up of all hazardous waste on base," said Dave Decker, 78th Air Base Wing Ground

The nine-person shop also weighs, processes and tests the waste., which may includes flammable, corrosive and other hazardous materials like chromium, cadmium and lead. Shop personnel also crush and recycle the collection drums for scrap metal, and process used oil to sell back to the government.

But several years ago, no one could foresee such a record.

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THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR ENERGY MISUSE



U.S. Air Force file photo by DAVID DONATO

Joanna Garcia, left, and Kelly Armitage check out the cockpit of an F-15 during a recent spouse immersion tour. The quarterly, day-long event introduces military spouses to the Air Force and the base's many helping agencies.

## Heart Link class, tour introduce spouses to Air Force life

Spouses new to military life are encouraged to sign up for the upcoming Heart Link class and Spouse Immersion Tour set for May 6.

Organized by the Airman & Family Readiness Center, the quarterly, day-long event introduces military spouses to the Air Force and the base's many helping agencies.

The class will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the A&FRC in Bldg. 794. After an introduction to various support agencies from around the installation, spouses will experience some flight kitchen cuisine and then go on a community tour.

The tour will include a visit to the F-15 area on the flight line and showcase Team Robins' contribution to airpower. It will also include stops at various off-base points of interest, including Warner Robins City Hall. The tour will end at the A&FRC at about 4:20 p.m.

Royce Williams, A&FRC community readiness consultant, said military spouses should sign up by Monday by calling the center at 926-1256.

Mindful that an all-day event may create day care challenges, officials encourage supervisors to give military members time off so their spouses may participate. Spouses may also call the Family Child Care Office at 926-6741 to find out whether they qualify for Air Force Aid Society-sponsored programs.

Officials add the success of the class and tour can, in part, be contributed to the collaborative efforts of members of Robins' Integrated Delivery System, the 402nd Maintenance Wing and the 78th ABW, and community partners such as the Museum of Aviation, the Warner Robins Convention & Visitors Bureau, and 21st Century Partnership.

— Staff report

## GOALS

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The team developed plans to achieve breakthrough results in the key ALC focus areas to include applying the principles of high-velocity maintenance, which is successfully being used in C-130 work areas, throughout the WR-ALC; developing leaders at all levels; and integrating cost awareness in all decision making.

McMahon also re-enforced the leaders' "commitment to ensuring a safe and secure work environment for every member of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center."

He said there was consensus from those in the event that responsibility for improving performance lies not with a particular organization or group of individuals, but with the entire ALC and workforce.

McMahon said every member of the WR-ALC has a role to play in helping it become an 'A' organization, and he called on everyone to do three things.

"Respect your co-workers, including your peers and supervisors; do your job to the best of your ability; and last, stay engaged. If there are



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon lays out his expectations to WR-ALC supervisors.

better ways of doing things, you need to speak up and be heard," McMahon said.

"We should also remember it is a privilege to serve the warfighter, and we must earn that privilege each and every day," he said.

## SAFETY

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The organization was anything but the poster child for safety, said Randy Stillwell, section chief.

"We nursed it and maintained our safety way of life," he said.

What made the difference and set the shop on its record-breaking course, he said, was employee buy in, standardized process development, and guidance from the safety office.

"I'm fortunate and blessed to have good employees; everyone takes an active part," Stillwell said.

One way employees follow their safety journey is through an Employee Involvement Board in the main hallway. The board is used to post safety and employee information, as well as keep track of open safety problems until they are corrected and the results posted on the board.

The shop also conducts weekly safety meetings and monthly inspections, and has 'engaged' safety representa-

tives.

Written processes incorporate health and safety plans such as job safety analysis, Personal Protective Equipment lists, and associated hazards and maintenance instructions.

Stillwell believes it's important to lead by example.

"We all want to leave every day and go home the way we came to work – whole and safe," he said. "It's important your employees know who you are ... that you trust and respect them. They have to know that you're not afraid to do what's right."

## Workplace safety, health logo contest

The Occupational Safety and Health Office, in cooperation with AFGE Local 987, is running a logo contest 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:  
[wralc.sh.workflow@robins.af.mil](mailto:wralc.sh.workflow@robins.af.mil)

# ViewPoints

“Slow down and enjoy life. It's not only the scenery you miss by going too fast - you also miss the sense of where you are going and why.”

— **Eddie Cantor**

## A special thank you

*Editor's note: The following was sent by James and Melva Sullivent, the parents of Leslie, 17, and Bridget, 11, who recently died as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident. James is a systems analyst in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.*

Words cannot express the thankfulness we feel for all the love and support that has been given to

us during this difficult time.

Leslie and Bridget loved God, loved people and loved softball. That's who they were. That's how they lived. They never met a stranger, loved kids, and never passed anyone by who needed help.

They laughed out loud, smiled wide and loved completely. They hugged tight, played tough and cried hard. Everything

they did, they did with everything they had. And while they will be deeply missed, there is comfort in knowing they have made it home “safe.”

They were raised in faith, and it is that faith which will help us through this. The outpouring of love from friends, family, churches, softball teams, other grieving parents and the community has been truly incredible. It has

been amazing to feel the love and support from so many caring people.

We want to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, meals, prayers, songs, poems, books, donations, and all the acts of kindness you have given us.

We are so blessed to be surrounded by such a community which has embraced us, and given us comfort at a time when

we thought we could not go on.

We know it is through your prayers and God's strength we will get through this difficult time.

Thank you for touching and sharing in our girls' lives. Thank you for helping make them who they were. Keep their memories and share their stories. They will be gone, but not forgotten, until we see them again.

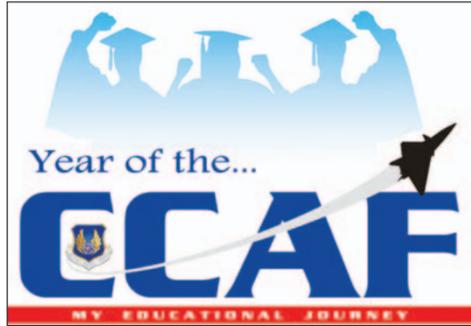
## CCAF poster child

BY RETIRED MASTER SGT.  
**JOHN RADY**

*2011 is Air Force Materiel Command's "Year of the Community College of the Air Force." This is the third of a 12-part series of educational journeys which include CCAF.*

Imagine a photo of a smiling couple on a desk. They are smiling because they just returned from the man's Air Force retirement ceremony. I am the man in the photo. I retired from active duty in August 2001 after spending 23 years in the Air Force in the security forces career field. I performed many duties throughout my career, many of which involved shift work, TDYs and deployments.

Like many others, I joined the Air Force fresh out of high school because I really had no interest in attending college. I was briefed on the educational opportunities available to me, but I declined to sign up as I wanted to spend my money on other things. For an 18-year-old from a small Wisconsin town, education was the last thing on my list of priorities. Eventually, I did begin to take advantage of the educational benefits and started to work on my Community College of the Air Force degree. However, it seemed like my efforts were always interrupted by the Air Force mission or other life events. While I was on active duty, tuition assistance was set at 75 percent, and distance learning options were scarce. Back then, deployment was a major obstacle to completing



courses. As the Air Force changed in 2000, so did my desire to continue to remain in the service. I had over 20 years of active service and was eligible for retirement. My fiancé and I discussed it, and I retired in August 2001. Completing my CCAF degree was never a consideration during this decision process. My focus was on the next step in our lives and making the transition to civilian life.

Transitioning to civilian life presented several challenges. I naively thought my 23 years of military service, all in the law enforcement arena, would help me land a job with the law enforcement agencies I applied to. Was I ever mistaken! Much to my dismay, all of the police agencies I applied to had the same minimum education requirement: an associate degree in criminal justice, or 60 semester hours of college credit. I had retired without completing my CCAF degree. I lacked only one course to graduate from CCAF, a general education requirement for English composition. If I had completed the course, I would

have had my degree and been competitive for the positions I desired. Unfortunately, I could not go back and finish because all CCAF degree requirements must be completed before separating or retiring.

Now, let's go back to the picture on the desk. The woman in it with me is my fiancée, Pamela Fiorito. She is a General Education and Training Specialist at the Wright-Patterson Education and Training Office. One of her primary responsibilities is to advise military members on their education benefits, especially the CCAF degree program.

As such, she discusses educational opportunities with hundreds of Airmen. She often points to our picture, relays my story, and encourages Airmen to complete their CCAF degrees. In effect, I have become her “poster child” of what not to do, educationally speaking. Our photo has become a conduit for discussion on the real, tangible value of a CCAF degree.

I am not proud of the fact I did not complete my CCAF degree, but I am proud to be an example so others can learn from my mistake. Airmen need to take advantage of the educational opportunities afforded to them and complete their CCAF degrees. As I discovered too late, you never know what the future may hold, and having your CCAF degree can and will open doors which would otherwise remain closed.

## 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.

For more information, visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>.

To contact the Commander's Action Line, call **468-2886** or e-mail [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

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### RUNNERS NOT EXERCISING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

My concern is the runners who choose to run on the road where there is a running track within five feet of the pavement. The ones who are at great danger are those running with the traffic, which is very dangerous.

I operate several different types of heavy machinery, and sometimes it is virtually impossible to move over to avoid hitting a run-

ner. I also can't stop the machinery on a dime. The fix would be to have security forces stop and ticket those runners or have them move to the track.

### COLONEL BUHLER RESPONDS:

Thank you for writing. I also would like to thank you for your attentiveness of runners and other pedestrians while on our roads. Base officials promote runner safety, and we will continue to do

so. While there is no policy banning running on roads other than during periods of high traffic density, runners and walkers are expected to follow all guidelines regarding running and walking on installation roadways, including Department of Defense Instruction 6055.04, which instructs runners and walkers “to go against traffic while on a roadway.”

We encourage personnel to use

options other than roads. We have a very good 5K trail on Robins which is clearly marked and includes scenic routes by Luna and Scout lakes. Additionally, we have a 400-meter track, adjacent to the main Fitness Center, which was recently resurfaced with a rubberized surface.

If you have additional questions, contact Eddie Goad, assistant fitness center director, at 468-2128.

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Numerous non-chromate primers were tested but none was found to be sufficiently effective. Stephens and other aerospace engineers feared the best they might ever do is a 50/50 mix of chromate and non-chromate primer.

But, in 2005, in conjunction with Deft Inc., an F-15 was painted with a 100-percent non-chromate primer which proved to be fully effective. The primer has been used on F-15s ever since, said Robert Harris, deputy chief of the paint flight.

"It's easy to apply too," Harris said. "It doesn't go on with a lot of the same issues."

Then, at Stephens' urging, Deft developed a product to eliminate hex chromate from the conversion coat. The product was shown to be effective in tests and, in

November, it was used for the first time on a production F-15 here.

Since that time, the exterior surfaces of all F-15s painted at Robins have been chromate free.

It is a dream-come-true for the 73-year-old Stephens.

"I'm elated about it because I've been working toward it for many years," Stephens said. "I postponed retirement because of it."

Painters still have to use a considerable amount of protective gear, including full suits and filtered masks, but they do not have to use air-supplied hoods.

More important, their exposure to hex chromate when painting exterior surfaces is 100-percent eliminated. It also means workers will eventually not be exposed to hex chromate during the stripping process, when the aircraft comes in for programmed depot maintenance.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Greg Mitchem, an F-15 painter, sprays primer on the speed brake of an F-15.**

**THINK OPSEC:  
YOUR TRASH COULD BE  
AN ADVERSARY'S  
TREASURE**

## ENERGY

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Efforts to manage costs include examining utility bills for correctness and eliminating late fees, as well as reviewing contracts and energy policies.

While AFRC has been

involved in curbing energy usage for almost 40 years, these additional efforts will help the command stay in step with goals of the Air Force Energy Program, which include reducing demand, increasing supply and changing the culture.

"Energy conservation is

an ongoing project," said Scott Hastings, AFRC special projects engineer. "We will continue to look for ways to save energy and operate in the most efficient way possible."

*—Adapted from an Air Force Reserve Command news release.*

## MAYDAY

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Terrance Diggins, an electrician who worked on the plane.

C-5 mechanics were pulled off programmed depot maintenance to look at the aircraft. Night shift mechanics troubleshot the issue, and determined the fire loop

sensor was the problem.

At first it was thought they would have to detach the huge engine from the pylon and lower it in order to remove the sensor.

However, propulsion mechanic David Murray took a look and determined it could be removed without detaching the engine.

That saved about eight

hours, said C-5 production supervisor Terry Hardison, and mechanics completed the job in about six hours. The plane took off one day after the problem was discovered.

"They did an outstanding job," Hardison said of the mechanics' work. "They worked as a team, got it done in minimum time, and the aircraft made its mission."

**CLICK IT  
OR  
TICKET**

**ON  
ROBINS  
IT'S THE  
LAW**

**LIGHTS OUT  
IF YOU'RE  
LAST OUT!**



# On the Fly

## Parking lot closure

The parking lots of buildings 905 and 906 will soon close for repaving.

The center portion of the parking lot in front of the new command post building, Bldg. 906, will close Sunday at 6 p.m. It will be closed until May 10.

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

In both lots the old parking surface will be torn up and removed, and then replaced.

Visitors to the buildings can park in the lot in front of Bldg. 914 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 information, call Becky McCoy at 497-9287.

## Moving Wall memorial on display

Veterans High School is hosting "The Moving Wall," a traveling, half-size replica of the Washington D.C. Vietnam Memorial, through Sunday.

Volunteers from Robins and surrounding communities will read every name on the wall to honor those who died during the war. It

will take about 72 hours around the clock to read the 58,253 names of all the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

Service for Service, a local agency which supports the military, is sponsoring the event. The tribute will be open to the public 24 hours each day.

Closing ceremonies will begin Sunday at 7:30 p.m., followed immediately by a candlelight vigil.

## Upcoming

Those wishing to **recycle unwanted electronic equipment** may take items to Bldg. 987 today 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.

The **WR-ALC/CC Golf Tournament** will be May 20 at 8 a.m.

Players will have a chance to win a truck and other prizes with a hole in one. All participants will receive \$50 gift cards.

For more information or to sign up, call 472-3470.

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.

Deadline to submit a nomination is May 12.

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).

## Etcetera

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



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## Historic trees

A Tidal Basin cherry tree is planted Tuesday in memory of former Robins worker Rick Powers at the annual historic tree planting ceremony. Four trees were dedicated and planted during the event, which honors loved ones who have passed away or who have served or are serving in the military.

## 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)

**Note:** Unless otherwise noted, numbers listed in the Rev-Up are DSN numbers. If calling from a commercial or off-base phone, dial prefix 222 if listed as 472; 327 if listed as 497; or 926 if listed as 468.

Applicants must be an enlisted military member (active duty, reserve, National Guard or retired) or the dependent of an enlisted military member assigned to or retired from Robins.

Any enlisted rank or branch of service is eligible.

To qualify, applicants must have applied to or been accepted at, or currently attend, an accredited institution of higher

learning on a full-time basis.

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## BASE HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

#### Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday  
2 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### WWW Extreme Rules PPV

Sunday  
8 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 472-7864.

### 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.

#### First Friday

May 6  
5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m.  
Horizons  
For details, call 468-2670.

#### Free Birdwatching

May 7

8 a.m. to noon  
For details, call 497-3974.

#### Mother's Day Bowling

May 8  
Bowling Center  
Moms bowl for \$1 a game  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### Mother's Day Brunch

May 8  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Horizons  
For details, call 468-2670.

#### DHL Nitro Funny Car

May 11  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Bowling Center parking lot  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### Karaoke

May 12  
8 to 11 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### 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.

#### Gallery Contest

May 16 to 20  
Arts & Crafts Center  
For details, call 468-5282.

### ONGOING

#### May Special

Mondays and Tuesdays  
Base Restaurant  
BBQ sandwich, 99 cents  
For details, call 468-6972.

#### May Golf Special

Pine Oaks Golf Course  
18 holes with cart  
\$25 after 1 p.m.  
For details, call 468-4103.

#### Ground School

Through June 29  
Aero Club  
For details, call 468-4867.



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## Need a trim?

J.A.L. Thompson gets his hair cut by William Dumas at the Heritage Club Barber Shop. The shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 923-9593.

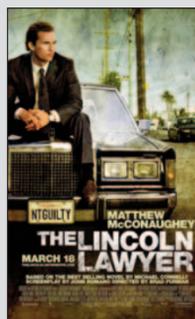
## BASE THEATER — NOW PLAYING



TODAY  
7 P.M.  
BATTLE: LOS ANGELES  
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SATURDAY  
6:30 P.M.  
PAUL  
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MAY 6  
7 P.M.  
LINCOLN LAWYER  
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MAY 7  
6:30 P.M.  
SUCKER PUNCH  
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MAY 14  
6:30 P.M.  
HOP  
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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 show movies after 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