



The Air Force Reserve performs two missions no one else in the Department of Defense does. It flies fixed-wing aerial spray missions to kill mosquitoes and other pests in the aftermath of natural disasters, and Hurricane Hunter missions to monitor tropical storms and hurricanes for the National Weather Service.

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## Maintenance Wing commander bids farewell

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When Brig. Gen. Lee Levy took command of the 402nd Maintenance Wing two years ago, he knew he was in for a big job, but he couldn't have known just how big.

Among other challenges, he has had to cope with building up a significantly undermanned unit while simultaneously attempting to meet critical warfighter demands with a massive



Brig. Gen. Lee Levy

production surge.

"I don't think anything prepares you for this," he said. "This is a huge organization."

On June 1, he will hand over command to Col. Evan Miller, who is currently vice commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker Air Force Base. Levy has known Miller for many years, and he had high praise for his successor.

"He's a tremendous officer and a great human being," Levy said. "I

couldn't think of a better person to take this wing to the next level."

The 402nd MXW employs 9,200 people, about 1,800 more than when Levy arrived. Even as the wing has coped with massive growth and demands of a production surge last summer, it has improved efficiency in an array of areas. Levy noted there are nine C-5s currently at Robins, compared to 17 just three years ago. That

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## AF officials announce civilian workforce controls

Air Force leaders have announced hiring controls to reduce projected growth of the civilian workforce.

The Air Force-wide efforts to stem civilian personnel growth are a result of Secretary of Defense Robert Gates' efficiency initiatives to maintain civilian manning at fiscal 2010 levels.

Hiring controls will allow Air Force officials to take a targeted approach to meet the mandated levels.

Effective immediately, one person will be hired for every two new vacancies in areas affected by hiring controls. This doesn't apply to current hiring actions where a job selection has already been made; however, all other hiring actions may only be filled at a 1:2 ratio as new vacancies occur.

"As our nation and the Air Force face significant budgetary challenges, tools such as hiring controls help us manage hiring and posture ourselves for the future," said Paige Hinkle-Bowles, the deputy director of force management policy.

Max Wyche, Manpower & Personnel director at Robins,

said the policy will have limited additional impact on the base.

The 402nd Maintenance Wing, which is where most of the current hiring is taking place, is exempt from the policy. Meanwhile, the rest of the base has already been under similar hiring restraints in recent months, he said.

"We don't see drastic variances in what we were doing, but there may be slight adjustments or hiring delays to comply with the Air Force directive," he said. "We've already been doing the basic elements of this."

Hiring controls will enable a more focused approach to hiring, giving higher priority to strategic mission areas such as the nuclear enterprise, the acquisition workforce, and test and evaluation.

"Civilian hiring controls will be used as a bridging mechanism as the Air Force develops strategic plans for the future to ensure civilian authorizations are in the right place to meet mission priorities," said Lt. Gen. Darrell Jones, the deputy chief of

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## New section explores ways to increase PDM efficiency

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The C-5 enterprise at Robins is leaving no wrench unturned when it comes to improving the efficiency of programmed depot maintenance.

The C-5 team has successfully implemented Maintenance Steering Group 3 and achieved its best mission-capable rate in seven years, but it isn't stopping there.

In April, the C-5 Galaxy Division in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate stood up the Strategic Maintenance Requirements Supportability Process Section. It is a unique, multi-agency team with the primary goal of making sure mechanics spend their time doing what they do best, which is actually working on aircraft rather than chasing down parts and tools.

Borrowing a page from the High Velocity Maintenance concept, the team wants to make sure all maintenance tasks required for each aircraft are fully supportable when they arrive.

A C-5 PDM is scheduled



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

The C-5 team here recently achieved its best mission-capable rate in seven years.

for 285 days, but if mechanics find they need a part which isn't available, it can delay the PDM two or three months, said Capt. Cisco Harris, chief of the new section.

"The last thing we want to do is hold an aircraft up for a month or two," he said.

Working out of a single office, the team includes representatives from the program office, the Defense Logistics Agency, the Global Logistics Support Center, the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron,

and Intergraph, the company contracted to implement MSG-3.

Harris said engineering requirements for aircraft change as they age and as field units report problems. One of the team's jobs is to make sure all new engineering requirements are supportable. There are currently 51 new engineering requirements pending the team's full review.

Another objective for the

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## Holiday energy reminder

BY TECH. SGT. VANN MILLER  
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Memorial Day is a time to honor those who have made sacrifices for our nation.

But, it's also one more occasion when all of us can step up and help Robins step down its collective utility bill.

The base energy office reminds members of Team Robins they play an important role in helping reduce energy consumption on the installation, particularly during long weekends.

The energy office adds this can be done by simply completing the end-of-day energy checklist in most work areas, which includes the following uncomplicated tasks:

1. Overhead and task lights are turned off; 2. Computer monitors and speakers are turned off; 3.



Printers, copiers, fax machines, and paper shredder(s) are turned off; 4. Plasma screens are turned off; 5. DVD players, CD players, TVs and radios are turned off by a power strip or unplugged; 6. Coffee pots and fans are turned off by a power strip or unplugged; 7. Microwaves and space heaters are unplugged; 8. Electronic chargers not in use are turned off by a power strip or unplugged; 9. Nearest bathroom (male and female) lights are turned off.

## Transportation initiatives gaining steam

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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Considering the rising price of gas, it's probably not a big surprise more people at Robins are sharing rides to work.

For months, the number of commuters registered in the Clean Air Campaign, which offers prize drawings for carpoolers and vanpoolers, has been steadily increasing.

Nearly 600 Robins commuters were registered in CAC in June. In April, nearly 750 commuters were registered.

The CAC provides an opportunity for carpoolers, vanpoolers, bus riders and bicyclists to sign-up for



potential rewards aimed at reducing the numbers of vehicles on the road. Commuters can sign up for the program by going to [www.cleanaircampaign.org](http://www.cleanaircampaign.org).

CAC registrants can log the miles they save and earn \$25 dollar gift cards through regular drawings. The site also keeps stats for users on how much money they have saved, along with how much pollution they

have prevented.

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

Vanpoolers – those who ride with six or more people – can also sign up for the Transportation Incentive Program.

The program offers significant financial benefits. Also, registrants can now get vouchers so they get money in advance rather than waiting for reimbursement.

Riders of the Macon Transit Authority's shuttle to the base, Buses into Robins Daily, pay \$6 round

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### THINK SAFETY



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— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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### TWO-MINUTEREV

#### No Round Robins Express II service Friday

Due to the Air Force Materiel Command Family Day, RREII will not run either of its routes Friday. RREII service will resume Tuesday.

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## UNIT PROFILE: 407th SCMS

### What it does

The 407th Supply Chain Management Squadron provides combat electronics sustainment for our nation's warfighters and allies. The squadron manages and maintains avionics systems for the entire life of each system, and provides integrated logistics support for a variety of airborne and ground communication and navigation systems for the Air Force and other services, as well as Foreign Military Sales customers throughout the world.

### Why it matters

Mission tasks for assigned avionics systems include supply chain and spares management, as well as depot and contract actions. Without the squadron's logistics support for the various avionics systems, the warfighter could not perform the mission due to aircraft unavailability.



**Bennie Wright, equipment specialist, examines a visor for the Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System, which allows a pilot to cue aircraft weapons and sensors by aiming his or her head.**

### By the numbers

**166** Personnel in the squadron

**21** Weapons systems supported

**450** Avionics systems and subsystems supported, from 74 multi-service platforms, across 10 commands and 14 foreign nations

**\$300** Annual budget, in millions

**14K+** Common avionics items supported

### What they say



**Joyce Kanhai**  
Lead Equipment Specialist

"I find working in the 407th very challenging; there is never a dull moment. I especially enjoy being able to guide and assist in technical processes, research and analysis, decision making, and in providing resources and guidance."



**Russ Edge**  
Inventory Management Specialist

"As an item manager in the unit, I work hard to ensure there are parts available to support the warfighters' needs. I enjoy the work I do and am proud to be a part of this squadron."

## People Spotlight



**Jay Peavy**

**TITLE:** Electrician work leader, 562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (C-17)

**BACKGROUND:** Peavy has worked at Robins for 18 years. He formerly worked on crop dusters and on commercial jets.

**HOMETOWN:** Montezuma

"I like the people here, and I like learning new things. Every day is something different. It's never boring. You learn a lot."

"I think labor relations are probably better than they were when I started here. There is a closer relationship between management and workers."

"I believe in maintaining close working relationships with people. You have to treat everyone as individuals and not numbers because they all come from different backgrounds, and they are all different."

"I like vintage motorcycles and playing with my kids. Playing with my kids takes up most of my leisure time. When I get to work on my motorcycles, it's because they are taking a nap. I have a 1971 Birmingham Small Arms and a 2006 Royal Infield Bullet."

## Robins kicks off 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign

**BY WAYNE CRENSHAW**

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Last year's 101 Critical Days of Summer was the safest ever for the Air Force, with a record low of 16 reportable fatalities.

This year, the aim is to go even lower, or better yet, make it zero.

A "reportable fatality" refers to deaths which must be reported for safety statistics. In general terms, those include on-duty deaths of any command member resulting from a mishap. Accidental deaths of Airmen, even while off duty and off base, are also



counted as reportable fatalities.

The 101 Critical Days of Summer is the period from Memorial Day weekend

to just after Labor Day weekend when the Air Force emphasizes the importance of safety while members are traveling, swimming or engaging in other outdoor activities which can lead to accidents. This year the period is from Friday to Sept. 6.

Personal motor vehicle accidents accounted for 13 of last year's summer fatalities, and speeding was a factor in seven of those. Five were motorcycle accidents. The good news is that none involved failure to wear protective equipment.

Patrick Jones, occupational safety and health manager at Robins, said

more Team Robins members than ever are riding motorcycles – over 600 at last count - due to the price of gas and shortage of parking on base.

He encouraged bikers to make sure they have completed the required safety course and for drivers to always be looking out for motorcyclists.

"They have to be aware motorcycles are out there and check all their mirrors before changing lanes," he said.

The safety office will emphasize different safety issues throughout the summer, including swimming, bicycling, barbecuing, yard work, camping, fire safety, and more.

# C-5 lean event adds improved efficiency, safety to flap shop

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Steven Sama, a sheet metal mechanic, lays out a metal bond repair on a C-5 flap.**

wherever someone could find some room.

With the shop regularly falling short of production goals, team members knew there had to be a better way. They conducted a lean

event involving every mechanic on the shop's three shifts.

What emerged is a new system of laying out the shop, with a flap assigned to a cell for the duration of its time in the shop.

A large magnetic production board on the wall shows the location and number of each cell, with the number of the flap currently in that cell. Another board tracks the progress of each flap and indicates whether anything, such as waiting on a part, is delaying it being ready.

Better organization has also made the shop safer. Mechanics previously had power cords and air hoses crossing over each other's work area, posing trip hazards. With their own cells, that problem has been eliminated.

"You really can't appreciate this unless you saw the shop before we transitioned to this," said George Pierce, director of the Composite Repair flight, which the C-5 flap shop falls under.

It's been just two months since

the changes were made, but the results have been impressive.

The shop has reduced flow days – the time it takes to repair a flap – by 50 percent. In fact, it's producing flaps so fast that aircraft mechanics now have flaps on the shelf ready for their use, and it's been able to loan out personnel to help other areas where the workload is backed up.

As with any attempt to change, a few people resisted. But Pierce said even the naysayers now see the benefits, and some have even volunteered to serve on a team planning future changes.

"I'm extremely proud of these folks," Pierce said. "I'm the flight director but I'm probably the dumbest guy in the organization. My job is to listen to them and implement their ideas."

## Center workers receive FLIP awards

The Foster Leadership in People, or FLIP award, was given to 19 people May 9.

Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Center commander, Tom Scott, president of American Federation of Government Employees Local 987, and Rusty Adams, president of the International Association of Firefighters F-107, presented the awards.

The award is given to people who have made contributions to improving labor and management relations at Robins.

The winners were:

**Max Brown**, 569th Electronics Maintenance Squadron; **Robert Fleming**, 567th EMXS; **Larry Harrell**, 566th Precision Attack Squadron and 568th Fighter Avionics Squadron; **Joshua Icard**, 567th EMXS; **Mark Kerhin**, 567th EMXS; **Dwight Mcalpin**, 567th EMXS; **James McMurrin**, 402nd Software Maintenance Group; **Vern Williams**, 566th EMXS; **Jack Wilson**, 568th EMXS; **Noel Anderson**, 402nd Maintenance Wing; **Larry Frenz**,

402nd MXW; **Robert Blizzard**, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron High Velocity Maintenance Flight; **Mark Maynard**, 559th AMXS; and **Mike Smith**, 560th AMXS.

Winning as a team were **Latosha Evans, Lesley Fortney, Randall Petrie, JaNice Respress and Victoria Stinson**. They make up the 402nd Electronic Maintenance Group's Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century team.

—Wayne Crenshaw

Think twice,  
energy has a price.



# ViewPoints

“A truly great book should be read in youth, again in maturity and once more in old age, as a fine building should be seen by morning light, at noon and by moonlight.”

– **Robertson Davies**

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## On Memorial Day, take a lesson from the Old Guard

**BY GEN. DONALD HOFFMAN**  
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The exact origins of Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, are not known. It was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, that a day should be observed nationwide as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation. The first observation took place May 30 of the same year.

In those days, Memorial Day was intended to honor the fallen soldiers of the American Civil War, but it was expanded after World War I to honor all Americans who had died in military service.

Over the years, more than one million American Soldiers, Sailors, Coast Guardsmen, Marines and Airmen have given their lives in defense of our great nation. The number continues to grow; we are still losing Americans in combat today. Certainly they all deserve to be remembered ... and honored.

For many Americans, Memorial Day has become simply another three-day weekend or the unofficial kick-off to summer. But there are observances which retain the spirit of the ritual Logan had in mind.

For more than 60 years, just prior to Memorial Day weekend, the 3rd U.S. Infantry -- The Old Guard -- has honored



our fallen heroes by placing an American flag in front of the grave marker of every service member buried at both Arlington National Cemetery and the U.S.

Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery.

As part of this yearly activity, Old Guard soldiers remain in the cemeteries throughout the weekend, ensuring a flag remains standing at each gravestone.

While I appreciate a day away from the office and an opportunity for a backyard barbecue, I encourage us all to think more like the Old Guard and Logan.

I plan to stop wherever I am and stop whatever I'm doing on Memorial Day at 3 p.m. for the National Moment of Remembrance. I hope you will do the same. Take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made and the lives lost in the name of freedom.

## Center commander: Privilege to work at Robins

**BY MAJ. GEN.  
ROBERT MCMAHON**  
Commander,  
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

I know everyone is looking forward to the rest and relaxation of a long, holiday weekend. Good for you. Every member of Team Robins deserves a break from the hectic pace we've been keeping.

Before you go, I want to ask each of you to do something for me.

I want each of you to take a part of your work home with you over the weekend.

Now, I still want you to have fun and enjoy the traditional holiday festivities of cookouts and outdoor activities with family and friends. And I certainly want you to take full advantage of a chance to rest and recharge before returning to work Tuesday.

But I also want you to do a couple of things during your off time that are an important part of your workdays here at our air logistics center.

Don't worry. You won't need to pack up any equipment or lug home any paperwork. In both cases, what I am asking you to do over the holiday can be summed up in one word.

Remember. Memorial Day is Monday. And remembering is what this treasured American holiday is all about. It's a day dedicated to honor and pay respect to those who gave their lives serving our

nation -- heroes who paid the ultimate price to ensure our privilege of living free.

On this important holiday, a nation remembers. But for us -- the workforce of this amazing Center -- remembering our warfighters must be an everyday occurrence.

During my first months here, I have taken every opportunity to impress a most important point to every member of Team Robins. That it is a privilege to work at Robins AFB. That what is done here by each of you makes a huge difference. The weapon systems we maintain, manage and support are used on a daily basis by our brave warriors on duty around this globe. Through our jobs, we have the opportunity to support the Airmen, Soldiers, Marines, Reservists and Guard members on the battle lines for our country.

There could be no nobler calling.

It is an esteemed privilege to serve those warfighters. But make no mistake. It is a privilege, not a right, to work at Robins. And we must earn that privilege each and every day. Our nation needs us. Our community needs us. And we have been blessed with the opportunity to do this crucial work. But we must earn it.

And the best motivation for inspiring our greatest efforts on the job is to remember those we

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support. We are best served by giving our hearts and souls to those who serve us. We are duty and morally bound to do so because our warfighters' lives are in the balance -- lives they are willing to give for our sake, for our nation's sake.

Our history as a nation has been written by generations of people like them. Our way of life has been won with the blood of these courageous patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of our liberty. It is a proud tradition continued by today's fighting forces.

Patriotic remembrances like Memorial Day take on added importance in times like these. We have been at war for almost a decade now. It is the longest era of non-stop warfare in our nation's history. Yet the actions of our men and women who respond to the call for service -- military and civilian -- have remained constant. No matter the circumstances or the difficulties they continue to serve us and our nation well. They are our valiant guardians. They are also our loved ones -- our family, friends

and neighbors. In fact, 712 of our Robins teammates are deployed to service in a foreign land as I write this.

Our thoughts, prayers, toils and labors are with these brave ones as we achieve our logistics support mission in the shops, hangars and offices of Robins. It is only fitting that you would carry those same remembrances in your hearts and minds throughout this Memorial Day weekend as you give honor to those who have died in the line of duty for us and our nation.

In the same spirit, I encourage you to attend our Camellia Garden Memorial Service on base today.

This moving service not only recognizes our fallen war heroes, but deceased civilian and military members who served with us here at Robins. It is a unique service that embraces the wonderful sense of unity we share as a base family.

Another thing I want you to remember during your long weekend is also an important part of your workday here -- safety.

The Memorial Day weekend is the traditional start of the summer vaca-

tion season. In the Air Force, we recognize this as the 101 Critical Days of Summer. We emphasize the word "critical" for a reason. The increase in travel and outdoor recreational activities unfortunately equates to more chances for safety mishaps, injuries and deaths. Our annual, seasonal campaign seeks to curtail such incidences, and we are seeing encouraging signs that our readiness efforts are working.

Last year's Critical Days campaign was the safest since 1988, the year we began tracking the statistics. In 2010, our Air Force experienced 16 fatalities during the summer season, compared to 21 the previous year. I want us to continue this trend throughout 2011. I urge everyone to keep safety first and foremost as you enjoy leisure activities. Please, take every precaution to minimize risk, avoid reckless behavior and utilize good risk management.

Now, please, go have a most enjoyable holiday weekend everyone. But do be sure to remember these few work-related ideals and practices. We will be better as a people and a nation if you will.

My sincere thanks to each of you for all that you do for our base, our U.S. Air Force and our nation. Hope and I wish you all a great Memorial Day weekend.

# On the Fly

## Volunteers for AADD to use Facebook

Volunteer registration for Airmen Against Drunk Driving, is now being handled through Facebook to allow retirees who do not have access to the base network to volunteer.

Those wishing to sign up can visit [www.facebook.com/Robinsaadd](http://www.facebook.com/Robinsaadd) and select "Like" at the top of the page. Select "Events" on the left side of the page, and select the event date in which you would like to volunteer. Then select "I'm Attending" at the top of the page for that particular date.

## Upcoming

In honor of Memorial Day, the 78th Air Base Wing Communications Directorate and Airman Leadership School Class 11-E will conduct a **Retreat ceremony** today at the installation flagpole at Bldg. 905.

The ceremony will start at 5 p.m. Proper customs and courtesies should be rendered.

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

Same-day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. There is no entry fee.

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).

Robins will support **World No Tobacco Day** on Tuesday. The Health and Wellness Center has a variety of options to help military and government civilian employees, as well as military dependents and retired members quit tobacco, including classes, a quit line, an online course, and one-on-one visits with a member of the tobacco cessation staff.

Those trying to quit may also be eligible for access to medications free of charge.

For more information, call 497-8480.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is offering **free resume writing classes** at the Base Theater on Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Civilian employees now apply for all job openings at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). The class will cover the process.

For more information, call 468-1256.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Norton will be in Bldg. 941 June 2 at 10 a.m. to give a **briefing on numerous veterans advocate topics**.

The **Diversity Steering Group** here and the local Maj. Gen. Joseph McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen will host a luncheon June 3 at 11:30 a.m. in Hangar One at the Museum of Aviation.

Guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. (Ret) Joseph McNeil, one of the original Greensboro Four, who are

credited with initiating the sit-in movement in the 1960s.

There will also be a related golf tournament June 4 at Pine Oaks Golf Course.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Jeanette McElhany at 468-3857.

The **5th Combat Communications Group will have a reunion** June 23-25. For a schedule of events, call Bob O'Hern at 468-8345 or visit [www.5thmob.org](http://www.5thmob.org).

## Etcetera

Anyone having a **claim against**, or indebtedness to, the estate of Senior Airman Amanda Gamache should contact 2nd Lt. Andrea DeMelo at 468-4048.

Deadline for package submissions for the **Robins Airlift Tanker Association 2011 college scholarships** is Monday.

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Paul Peterson at [paul.peterson.10@us.af.mil](mailto:paul.peterson.10@us.af.mil).

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

For more information on the program, visit the Robins Chiefs Group's website at [www.robinschiefsgroup.org](http://www.robinschiefsgroup.org) or send an e-mail to [info@robinschiefsgroup.org](mailto:info@robinschiefsgroup.org).

The **following leave recipient has been**



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## Take Back the Roads

At a random police checkpoint, members of the 78th Security Forces Squadron check for proof of insurance, driver's license and registration. It's part of the unit's **Take Back Our Roads** initiative, which is conducted annually just before the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign.

## 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

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Robins continues to

partner with **The Clean Air Campaign** in an effort to help reduce traffic and air pollution.

To participate, sign up at [www.logyourcommute.com/TeamRobins](http://www.logyourcommute.com/TeamRobins).

## Wynonna Judd, Robin Meade to headline Independence Day concert

Five-time Grammy award winner Wynonna Judd and Robin Meade, anchor of Headline News' "Morning Express with Robin Meade" will perform with the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve on July 1 at this year's Independence Day Concert in Warner Robins.

Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr., commander of Air Force Reserve Command, and Warner Robins Mayor Chuck Shaheen announced the guest artists during a joint press conference Friday at the Warner Robins Welcome Center.

"This concert will be a huge boost for the Air Force Reserve, Robins Air Force Base and the Warner Robins community," said

Stenner. "We must thank the local community for their superb partnership and continued support."

Stenner and Shaheen agreed the concert is a great way to celebrate the freedom our country enjoys, thanks to the men and women in uniform deployed to maintain and protect that freedom.

Judd has a long history supporting the Air Force Reserve. In 2008 she teamed up with the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve in the Holiday Notes from Home special in Nashville, and in the same year performed a special Salute to the Military concert celebrating Alaska's 50th year of statehood.

"It's always a pleasure working with Wynonna," said Maj. Don Schofield, Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve commander.

Meade, a new talent on the country music scene, will step away from her anchor duties at HLN to perform with the Reserve Band and emcee a portion of the concert.

The free concert, which be at Warner Robins' McConnell-Talbert Stadium, starts at 8 p.m. and will feature music, fireworks and family entertainment. Festivities begin with the national anthem and an F-15 fighter jet flyover.

Attendees are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating on the infield. Food and



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

**Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr., commander of Air Force Reserve Command, speaks with media after announcing this year's guest artists with Warner Robins Mayor Chuck Shaheen.**

beverages will be available at concession stands. Bags and containers are subject to search. No pets, alcoholic beverages, or glass containers are allowed.

—AFRC Public Affairs

# Natural resource manager gives local snake facts, tips to avoid them

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People shouldn't be surprised if they start seeing snakes around the base in the coming weeks.

It doesn't mean there's a snake invasion under way, said Bob Sargent, natural resources manager at Robins. Snake sightings increase this time of year because May and June are breeding season, he said.

Unless people are extremely confident in their identification skills, all snakes should be treated as venomous snakes, Sargent said. Basically, that means stay away from all snakes. Many bites are the result of people bothering snakes.

"I encourage people to let snakes go their own way whenever possible," Sargent said.

Non-venomous and venomous snakes perform important ecological roles such as eating rodents.

Most snakes seen at Robins, especially in populated areas, are non-venomous. The three venomous snakes which can be found here are timber rattlers, copperheads, and the cotton mouth, which is often called a water moccasin.

People can see pictures of all snakes native to Georgia by visiting [www.uga.edu/srelherp/snakes](http://www.uga.edu/srelherp/snakes).

The best way to avoid snakes, Sargent said, is to stay away from weedy areas, vegetated areas around water, old brush



courtesy photo

**The timber rattler is one of the venomous snakes which reside on Robins.**

and rock piles, and the underside of logs.

If people must walk in such areas they should wear tall boots, watch where they step, and avoid reaching under rocks and logs.

Residents can deter snake encroachment by keeping any stacks of wood or rocks away from their homes and keeping the grass cut short, especially around hedgerows. Use putty or mesh wire to block any spaces such as gaps around pipes or cinderblocks, which may allow a snake to get under the crawlspace of the home.

If people have any problems with snakes on base they can call Sargent at 497-3974, or the entomology shop at 468-5657, which is a 24-hour number.

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team is reviewing all 17,000-plus maintenance tasks in the existing PDM package to ensure supportability.

The program office is also conducting pre-induction inspections, which involve engineers and maintenance personnel conducting field

inspections 16 months prior to an aircraft's arrival for PDM. The goal is to ensure any special repairs needed on the aircraft are known ahead of time and all tools and parts are available to mechanics when it arrives.

That initiative started a year and half ago, Harris said, so in July the first plane to get a pre-inspection is coming in. The program office has been in continual contact with the

owning base to make sure the right parts are on-hand for discrepancies identified during the pre-induction inspection.

The Strategic MRSP Section is structured under the C-5 Integration & Analysis Branch.

"The C-5 team has done a great job bringing the MSG-3 inspection package into existence and now it's time for the next level," said John Ricks, branch chief.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Craig Pearce, aircraft sheet metal mechanic, drills holes in a C-5 wing box.**

## AAFES helps with military family careers

Understanding that serving the military today means caring about the community's of tomorrow, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is focusing on active-duty, veteran, retired, National Guard and Reserve families' career aspirations.

With more than 31 percent of approximately 43,000 associates identifying themselves as military family members, and veterans accounting for another 12 percent of the workforce, the Exchange understands the unique perspectives its customers bring to "the other side of the cash register."

"Their values of loyalty, professionalism and commitment are exactly what we look for when hiring," said the Exchange's Senior Vice President of Human Resources, Jim Moore. "We know it's difficult to start over with



each transfer, which is why we developed special programs with spouses in mind."

The Exchange's spouse continuity and employment preference programs allow wives and husbands to build a career alongside their sponsors with each re-location. In 2010, almost 900 military spouses received promotions through this effort.

Military spouses are just one of the many groups the Exchange helps to find employment or keep employed. In fact, the Exchange has partnerships with several organizations dedicated to offering career assistance and creating opportunities for

those who have served, including the Army Spouse Employment Partnership, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and the Army Wounded Warrior Program.

"Hiring our military, their families and veterans is one small way we can support those who have sacrificed for us," said Moore.

Complete details on how to apply for a career with the Exchange, along with a listing of current available opportunities, is available at [applymyexchange.com](http://applymyexchange.com). Questions concerning the military spouse or hiring partnership programs can be directed to the Exchange's Human Resources Support Center at [HRSC@aafes.com](mailto:HRSC@aafes.com).

— *Courtesy Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs*

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trip, but with the vouchers they get the full cost in advance so they never have to pay out of pocket.

People can sign up for the Transportation Incentive Program by calling the TIP manager at 468-0945.

The TIP process is simple. Applications are reviewed by the TIP manager and sent to the Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. Once approved, the TIP manager receives vouchers for applicants, which are issued to the riders on designated days of the month. The riders then simply give the vouchers to the vanpool or BiRD shuttle bus driver.

## HIRING

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staff of Air Force manpower, personnel and services.

Air Force officials will continue to monitor and assess hiring controls throughout the summer and will provide additional hiring guidance and prioritization details as the overall

plan develops.

"The Air Force recognizes the invaluable contributions of our civilian workforce, but also recognizes the fiscal constraints under which all the services are operating. We will do our best to balance mission needs while taking care to minimize the effect on the civilian workforce," Jones said.

For more information

about hiring controls, individuals may contact the base civilian personnel office or visit the restricted-access Air Force personnel services website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/home>.

For information about other personnel issues, call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

## LEVY

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means eight more planes, on average, are back in action.

He also noted production improvements in F-15s, C-17s and C-130s, as well as other support areas. Levy said it takes many organizations working together to produce aircraft, and getting those units to work in synch has been a focus during his tenure.

"My sense was that while everybody was trying to do the right thing, they weren't trying to do the right thing at the same time," he said. "You can have a great quarterback on a football team, but if everyone isn't on the line of scrimmage in the right

place at the right time, and know what the play is when the snap is called, you aren't going to be very successful."

He said he has seen vast improvement in that area and credited it to many people in the diverse organizations working together.

Levy also said he has been pleased with the progress in labor and management relations, particularly as the wing has worked to resolve issues with Occupational Safety and Health Administration findings.

"I've never seen better cooperation and partnership in trying to help make us a healthier and safer workplace," he said.

Levy is going on to another big job: director

of logistics at Air Mobility Command.

"I go from being a provider to a customer, so there's a lot of natural synergy," he said. "Hopefully, between my position there and General McMahon here, we can continue to move not only AMC forward but the Air Logistics Center as well."

In a final thought, he called the wing's workforce "blue bloods." Most people use that term to refer to the elite or wealthy, but to Levy it means something quite different.

"I think if you cut them open they would bleed Air Force blue," he said. "I am routinely astounded at how patriotic and loyal our workforce is."



## HOLIDAY HOURS

### Friday & Monday

#### OPEN

Afterburner (open Friday only to 12:30 p.m.)  
Base Library (open Friday only)  
Base Restaurant  
Fast Food (open Friday only to 12:30 p.m.)  
Mobile Routes - 2, 3, 4 and 6 (open Friday only)  
Snack Bars - 91, 645, 640, 125, 300 hallway & foyer, 301, 140, and 210 (open Friday only to 1 p.m.)  
Snack Bars - 125 Night (open Friday only to 8 p.m.)  
Vending (open Friday only)  
Bowling Center (open Friday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 8 p.m.)  
CDCs East and West (open Friday, closed Monday)  
Equipment Rental/Outdoor Rec (open Friday, closed Saturday)  
FAMCamp (open Friday only)  
Fitness Center (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)  
Flightline Dining Facility (open Friday only)  
Flightline Kitchen (24 hours)  
Golf Course (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)  
Heritage Club (open Friday only)  
Heritage Pool (noon to 7 p.m.)  
Horizons  
Information, Tickets & Travel (open Friday only)  
Lodging (24 hours)  
Military Education & Training Office (open Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Monday)  
Pizza Depot (open Friday only)  
Rasile Indoor Pool (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)  
Resource Management Office (open Friday only)  
School Age Program (open Friday only)  
Wynn Dining Facility (normal hours of operation)  
Youth Center (open Friday only)

#### CLOSED

Aero Club  
Airman & Family Readiness Center  
Airman Leadership School  
Arts & Crafts Center  
Auto Skills Center  
Base Restaurant  
Cafeteria  
Mobile Routes - 1 & 5  
Snack Bar - 91 Nights & 376  
All snack bars closed Monday  
Community Center  
Fairways Grille (closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday)  
Family Child Care  
Fitness Center Annex  
Food Service Office  
Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness  
Human Resource Office  
Manpower & Personnel Flight  
Marketing  
Professional Development Center  
Skeet Range  
Veterinarian Services  
Wood Hobby Shop

## HAPPENINGS

#### ON TAP

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

#### UPCOMING

**Junior Golf Clinics**  
June 1-2, 6-7, 15-16 and 20-21  
Beginner: 4 to 5 p.m.  
Intermediate: 5:50 to 6:30  
Pine Oaks Golf Course  
For details, call 468-4103.

**Gaudet All-Star Baseball Camp**  
June 3  
Registration ends Wednesday and is limited to first 26 to sign up.  
For details, call 468-2110.

**Spring Into Summer First Friday**  
June 3  
5 to 6 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.  
Horizons

For details, call 468-2670.

**Jazz Night First Friday**  
June 3  
5 to 6 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 472-7864.

**Pizza Depot Birthday Celebration**  
June 7  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
For details, call 468-0188.

**Strongman Challenge**  
June 11  
8 a.m.  
Fitness Center  
For details, call 468-2128.

**Money and Credit Management**  
June 13  
1 to 3 p.m.  
A&FRC, Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

**Shoot for the Stars Basketball Camp**  
June 13-17

Register through June 10  
Youth Center  
\$75, 7-14 years old  
For details, call 497-6836.

**Beat the Heat 5K**  
June 17  
7 a.m.  
Fitness Center  
For details, call 468-2128.

**Beach Blast 3-Man Volleyball Tournament**  
June 17  
4 p.m.  
Fitness Center  
For details, call 468-2128.

**Falcons Ticket Pre-Sale**  
June 18  
9 a.m. to noon  
IT&T, Bldg. 956  
For details, call 468-2945.

**Missoula Children's Theatre**  
The Wiz of the West  
Youth Center  
Sign up through June 16  
Audition - June 20

Cast camp - June 20-24  
For details, call 468-2110.

**British Soccer Camp**  
June 20-24  
Register through June 15  
Youth Center  
\$68, 3-4 years old  
\$91, 5-16 years old  
For details, call 497-6836.

**ONGOING June Special**  
Mondays and Tuesdays  
Base Restaurant  
Hard shell taco, \$1  
For details, call 468-6972.

**Lap Swim**  
June 2 to Aug. 5  
8 to 9 a.m.  
Heritage Pool  
For details, call 468-4001.

**Swim Lessons**  
Tuesday to Thursday  
Heritage Club Pool  
Prices vary  
For details, call 468-4001.

## Base prepares for hurricane season

Although not on the coastline, Robins is not immune from tropical weather. That's why the staff of the Robins Weather Flight is once again preparing for hurricane season.

"Preparedness and situational awareness are crucial," said Roddy Nixon, senior meteorologist with the 78th Operations Support Squadron. "Our location here in Middle Georgia does not shield us from the potential for serious consequences associated with tropical weather."

An above average season is anticipated with 16 named storms, five of which are forecasted to become major hurricanes.

Meteorologists warn it only takes one storm to create major problems for thousands.

As the 13-member, award-winning weather flight readies its state-of-the-art technologies and refines their forecasting skills, members of the flight remain deeply con-



### KNOW THE LINGO

#### HURRICANE WATCH

Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or greater associated with a hurricane are possible within 48 hours.

#### HURRICANE WARNING

Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or greater associated with a hurricane are expected within 36 hours.

cerned about the level of complacency which exists across Middle Georgia when it comes to tropical weather.

"The risk of high winds, tornadoes, heavy rains and flooding are of primary concern to the weather flight team," said 1st Lt. Devan Lynch, wing weather officer.

"The weather flight stands ready to provide senior leadership and other key decision makers with the information needed to ensure safety, resource protection, and response readiness."

Given the many bouts of severe weather Middle Georgia has already seen this year, the weather flight encourages all Robins-affiliated personnel and their families to have emergency preparedness plans in place and take time to review severe weather preparedness tips.

— Submitted by  
the 78th Operations  
Support Squadron.

### ROBINS HURRICANE CONDITIONS (HURRCONs)

#### CONDITION FOUR:

Sustained winds greater than 58 mph are forecast to occur within 72 hours.

#### CONDITION THREE:

Sustained winds greater than 58 mph are forecast to occur within 48 hours.

#### CONDITION TWO:

Sustained winds greater than 58 mph are forecast to occur within 24 hours.

#### CONDITION ONE:

Sustained winds greater than 58 mph are forecast to occur within 12 hours.



### ROBINS FORECAST AND WEATHER LINKS

[www.robins.af.mil/library/weather.asp](http://www.robins.af.mil/library/weather.asp)  
(Severe Weather Awareness information is located on the right hand side of page)