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You can use

Flu shots for AFMC civilian employees available today

The flu vaccine is available for Air Force Materiel Command civilian employees on a first-come, first-served basis beginning today in Bldg. 207. This is an AFMC-funded initiative. For more information, contact the Occupational Medicine Flight at 497-7590.

Robins to hold Sept. 11 commemoration ceremony

Team
Robins will
remember
the victims
of the Sept.
11, 2001
attacks in a
commemoration ceremony starting at 1



p.m. Sept. 9 in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner Jr., Air Force Reserve Command commander, will host the event.

Featured guest speaker is Army Brig. Gen. Larry Dudney, who will give a first-person account of the attack on the Pentagon. Dudney received the Soldier's Medal and the Valley Forge Cross of Heroism from the National Guard Bureau for his actions following the Pentagon attack.

For more information, contact Jim Miller, at 478-327-1752 or e-mail hq.pan.list@us.af.mil.

Museum of Aviation to host blood drive Sept. 13

The Museum of Aviation will host an American Red Cross blood drive Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Hangar One. Free T-shirts will be provided to donors. Those participating can enter a drawing to win two airline tickets and a \$500 gift card. For more information, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.



Robins Pride cleanup plans underway

Team Robins is getting back-to-basics by making preparations for Robins Pride Beautification Week Oct. 17-21

All units are encouraged to participate in the base-wide cleanup, so Robins can continue to be a great place to live, learn, work and play.

The beautification week is a semiannual event, occurring in October and April each year. More information will be published in future Rev-Ups.

Chambliss: Don't become complacent

BY JENNY GORDON

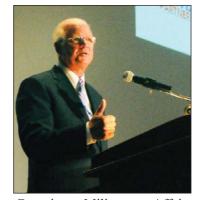
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In today's economic environment, it's now more crucial than ever that supporters of Robins Air Force Base not lose momentum for future challenges. That was U.S. Sen. Saxby

Chambliss' message Monday during the second annual Robins Regional Progress Report.

Hundreds of base and com-

Hundreds of base and community leaders from across Middle Georgia attended the event hosted by the Middle



Georgia Military Affairs Committee and 21st Century Partnership.

Left, U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss speaks to military and community members during the second annual Robins Regional Progress Report. The community forum, conducted Monday, was attended by hundreds of base and community leaders.
U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Discussion also centered on encroachment, air quality issues and future work on G-RAMP, or the Georgia-Robins Aerospace Maintenance Partnership.

When it comes to issues facing the Air Force, Chambliss

highlighted mounting debt currently facing the nation.

Chambliss explained that money is being taken away from valuable programs – such as those in the Department of Defense – and would continue to be taken away in order to pay interest on the national debt.

Chambliss said that every federal agency, including DoD, would be asked to reduce spending. He said he hoped that Congress would allow the

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U.S. Air Force photo by **RAYMOND CRAYTON**

AFMC commander visits Robins

Gen. Donald Hoffman, Air Force Materiel Command commander, receives a briefing Monday in Bldg. 91 from Jerry Mobley, the Center's High Velocity Maintenance chief engineer. During his visit, Hoffman also toured the Center's new mission control room and received a number of other briefings, including one about the base's continuing efforts to improve workplace safety and health.

Suicide prevention and awareness run, walk set for Sept. 9

BY GEOFF JANES vance.janes@robins.af.mil

An opportunity for people to get moving and get involved in suicide prevention and awareness at the same time is scheduled Sept. 9.

A 5-K walk and run will start outside the base Health and Wellness Center beginning at 6:30 a.m., and will go along the base 5K route.

"The intention of the run is to bring awareness to the base regarding where people can get help," said Capt.
Anthony Wilson, 78th Medical Operations
Squadron clinical social

"Our plan is to have helping agencies from on- and off-base providing information at the beginning and end of the run."

There will also be areas along the route that will provide information about the statistics and warning signs of suicide.

The base is a member

PREVENTION

LIFELINE*
I-800-273-TALK
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

For a complete list of Robins helping agencies see the box on page 5.

of the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Central Georgia, which is supporting the event by providing T-shirts and wrist bands for all participants.

The base chapel, employee assistance program, mental health, HAWC, Airman and Family Readiness Center, fitness center and six off-base agencies will provide support and helpful information.

"We are requesting a show of support by having the squadrons on base who have been touched by suicide participate in the run as well, as part of their group PT," Wilson said.

Chief master sergeant makes 116th ACW history

BY MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

2011 marked an historic moment for Chief Master Sgt. Kipp Stewart and the 116th Air Control Wing. The 116th Force Support Squadron superintendent became the first female African-American chief master sergeant in the wing's history, which dates back to 1942.

In 1987, as a broke college student, Stewart enlisted in the Air Force.

"Initially, I needed something to do and wanted to go to school," she said. Her recruiter convinced her there were very few African-American females in the electronics field. She took him up on his advice and



U.S. Air Force photo by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS Stewart, 116th Force Support Squadron super-

Chief Master Sgt. Kipp Stewart, 116th Force Support Squadron superintendent, works at her desk in the 116th Air Control Wing.

became a ground radio equipment maintenance technician. Little did she know, the start of her ground-breaking career would come full circle as she was promoted as the first and only current African-American female chief assigned to the 116th ACW.

After three years working in electronics, Stewart, seeking a challenge, retrained to manpower. With renewed excitement, she began to think the Air Force could be a career. As life would have it, circumstances changed her plans.

Shortly after the birth of their first child, Stewart and her husband were both slated for remote assignments. The idea of leaving her newborn child with someone else was a decision Stewart couldn't live with. Nearing the end of her enlistment, she decided a return to civilian life would be best for her family.

During her time as a civilian,

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THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 33
Last DUI: 330th CTS

— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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Safety slogan for the week of Sept. 3 - 10: "Safety starts with you!"

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UNIT PROFILE: AFRC Recruiting Service

What it does

The Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service provides fully-trained, combat-ready units and individuals for active-duty Air Force service. AFRC provides the Air Force about 20 percent of its capability with only about 4 percent of the total Air Force budget. The command is also administratively responsible for all the Air Force's individual mobilization augmentees

Why it matters

Reservists provide a strategic surge capacity during times of national crisis or whenever there aren't enough trained units and people in the active component of the Air Force.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Tech. Sgt. Jon Galvin, line recruiter at the Centerville Office in the Galleria Mall, interviews an Air Force Reserve applicant.

By the numbers

Personnel employed in unit.

Consecutive years the unit has reached its recruiting goal.

Percent of the Air Force's fighting force made up of Reservists.

\$23B

Projected AF savings this year from Reserve manning

Percent of the AF budget allocated to Reserve recruiting.

What they say



Master Sgt. Jesus Garcia Recruting training NCO

system.

Winners

"My job is to instruct become future recruiters. I love interacting with lots of people from different backgrounds, and helping them become a member of the Air Force Reserve.



Chris Thompson professions traine

"We teach recruiters how to do their job. Without them, the mission doesn't get done. Every member of AFRC talks to a recruiter before join-

ing. We are the gate-

way to the Air Force

In the Spotlight



Mick Randel

TITLE: Mechanical engineer, propulsion; Aerospace Sustainment Directorate.

BACKGROUND: Randel has worked in propulsion (support equipment) for two years. He works in the Hush House program, where he works on noise suppressors.

HOMETOWN: Rabun County, Ga.

"I like being able to make decisions that have a direct impact on the ability of the maintainers to do their job."

"I graduated from Rabun County High School and college at Georgia Tech, where I majored in aerospace engineering."

"It was a calculated decision and the best option available for me to go to Tech, which had one of the better aerospace programs in the country. One of my favorite classes there was building unmanned aircraft."

"I work on noise suppressors in the Hush House program. Engines and fighters are tested (in hush house facilities) after maintenance to ensure everything checks out before being put back in the

"My mom, Bronwyn, is a teacher; my dad, Mike, is a carpenter."

"I like yodeling and curling."

VPP essay winners announced

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The Center's Aerospace Sustainment Directorate recently conducted an essay contest Centered on Robins' Voluntary Protection Program; what it means and its importance.

The contest was to encourage ongoing efforts to support active employee involvement in VPP.

VPP, an Occupational Safety and Health Administration cooperative program, promotes effective workplace-based safety and health, with labor, management and OSHA establishing cooperative relationships in worksites that have implemented a comprehensive safety and health management

were Mary Ellen Taylor, logistics supervisor in the ASD's integration and analysis division; and Shirley Randall, a production management specialist who recently transferred to the 404th Supply Chain Management Squadron, who continues to support

mission. Both were presented certificates and coins by Marian Fraley, ASD

the Center's Support

Equipment and Vehicle

deputy director, and Eddie White, BOUT OUR union representative with the American Federation Government

> Employees Local 987.

Taylor's essay emphasized the need for employee participation and highlighted the start of a 30-minute, Friday VPP meeting. In what would eventually become a much-anticipated weekly event, Taylor explained how the team persevered in getting others on board when it came to safety.

Randall's submission took a different approach

with a VPP preamble, stressing the need for the work force to practice identifying and reporting possible hazards, and ensuring a safe and riskfree environment, while at the same time challenging everyone to work togeth-

Taylor and Randall attended the 27th Annual National Voluntary **Protection Programs** Participants Association's conference in August in New Orleans.

There, attendees had the opportunity to network, learn about current safety, health and environmental issues, and attend the conference's vendor showcase highlighting products and services.

Robins to host POW/MIA ceremony

The Robins POW/MIA Committee will host a recognition ceremony Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Bill Freeman, a Macon native and former Korean War POW, will be the guest speaker.

Freeman served as an Army private first class and was held captive from Feb. 12, 1951 to Aug. 19, 1953. In his efforts to survive his two-and-one-half year captivity, Freeman pretended to go crazy.

He returned to his wife, Barbara, and their children Rickey and Ann. Freeman has served as an American Ambassador sharing with others his story regarding POWs and MIAs. Yearly, he lays the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and participates as a board member of the Rolling Thunder Georgia Chapter.

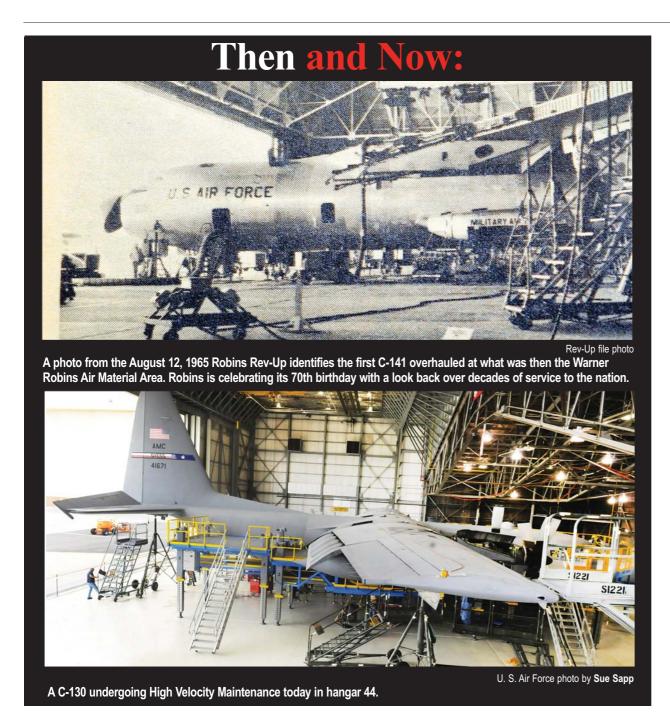
He also dedicated a monument for all POW-MIA service members at the Macon Memorial Cemetery.

- From staff reports



National POW/MIA Recognition Day is Sept. 16. For more information, visit www.dtic.mil/dpmo.

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Stewart worked as a teacher and assistant director of a preschool.

Destiny steered Stewart back to the military in an unexpected way. After moving to Georgia, a friend told her about the Air National Guard.

Looking for a change, she joined the Georgia Air National Guard in 1999 as a senior airman in the 116th Bomb Wing. Within months, she obtained a full-time position working in personnel.

After joining the Guard, her thoughts about being a career Airman were solidified.

"I loved the fact that I could serve actively and still be in a family environment and raise my children," she said.

Applying the principles her mother taught her about doing the absolute best job in whatever task she is given, Stewart blazed a trail to join the top 1 percent of all Air Force NCOs.

When Stewart learned she was going to be the first African-American female chief in 116th



Stewart in tech school in 1987

history, she was shocked.

"My thought was, 'Oh my, how overwhelming." Stewart said. "In a way you think, 'I'm not worthy,' but then I thought, 'All eyes are on me, and I have to really represent.' It's a huge honor, and I'm humbled."

According to Stewart, she didn't start out as a model Airman, but had good mentors to guide her.

An early lesson she learned was the Air Force is based on the whole-person concept; your personal and professional military lives have to marry up for success.

Stewart said now she is paying it forward.

"I want to make sure my footprint is to give people the formula for success that has helped

Sep 7 deadline to apply for VERA, VSIP approaching

FROM THE CENTER VERA, VSIP **PROGRAM OFFICE**

Civilian employees at Robins Air Force Base now have the opportunity to apply for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) and the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program (VSIP).

The Center's Civilian Personnel Directorate began accepting applications Aug. 24. Applications will be accepted until Wednesday at 5 p.m. Applications will not be accepted beyond the deadline.

Employees received an application link via e-mail last week, which provided 14 days for employees to decide.

The e-mail notice contains specific instructions to interested employees for submitting applications for considera-

All employees should note that no specific series, grade or group of employees is being targeted. Anyone interested may apply, but submission of an application doesn't obligate the Air Force to offer a separation incentive.

Employees should contact a Benefits

WHAT TO KNOW

The application deadline for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program is Wednesday at 5 p.m. Applications will not be accepted beyond the deadline.

and Entitlements Service Team counselor for complete, thorough retirement counseling and instructions on how to obtain a retirement estimate.

Benefits counselors may be reached at 1-800-525-0102; press 2 for civilian employees, then 2 again. BEST counselors are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Additional information may also be obtained from the Air Force Personnel Services website at

https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil - keyword search "5828" for details on accessing the automated phone system, keyword search "4872" for instructions on using the Employee Benefits Information System, and keyword search "5092" for detailed information regarding obtaining retirement estimates.

Give energy a break this Labor Day

BY JENNY GORDON

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With current high temperatures, the Robins Energy Office would like to remind everyone to conserve energy in his or her surroundings, particularly before leaving work.

Peak demand periods, which include scorching summer days, between the hours of 1 and 8 p.m., are times when electricity use is at its highest.

Something to think about: In fiscal 2010, \$26.4 million was spent on natural gas and electricity consumption on base. Every kilowatt used is precious.

What we can control are our own habits: Labor Day is coming up and can provide a great opportunity to reduce energy.



WHAT TO KNOW

October is National Energy Awareness Month. If you would like to request an energy workplace poster, call Jeane Paris at 497-8663.

Turn off chargers, coffee pots, computers speakers and monitors before leaving for the weekend.

Other energy conservation efforts include shutting off overhead and task light switches, restroom and conference lights, desktop and network printers, and copiers and fax machines.

Make sure equipment is working properly. In administrative areas, set the thermostat to a minimum of 76 degrees if occupied, and 84 degrees if unoccupied.



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Great Americans making a difference

BY COL. DAVID MORGAN

C-17 Globemaster Division chief

s the new C-17 System Support manager, I recently had a good deal come my way.

I had the privilege of representing Robins Air Force Base at the C-17 Roll-out Ceremony at Stewart Air National Guard Base in upstate New York.

C-17 site activation responsibilities transferred from Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to Robins in September 2010, putting the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's Globemaster Division in charge of standing up new C-17 bases.

Two of Robins' heroes, Terry Greenfeder and Stephanie Kelly, helped make the Stewart C-17 site activation a success.

Terry, Stephanie and the entire site activation team – consisting of members from the Center, Air Mobility Command, Air National Guard Headquarters, Boeing and others accomplished the Stewart activation in record time.

Historically, Stewart ANG has been home for the C-5, but as their C-5s are scheduled for retirement, it was decided it would be the next C-17 base.

The C-17 site activation team was asked to provide a C-17 capability at Stewart as quickly as possible.

Standing up a C-17 base normally takes two to three years; in this instance, the team was



Courtesy photo The first C-17 arrives at Stewart Air National Guard Base, N.Y., July 19.

given a little more than five months from the official basing decision until rubber was to

Terry organized a site activation task force, which led to a whirlwind of choreographed activity.

arrive on the ramp.

Hundreds of hours were spent coordinating requirements and support with numerous working groups, ranging from supply, support equipment, facilities, manpower and training to maintenance and operations.

Through hard work, ingenuity and dedication the team prevailed and Stewart was ready in record time for its first C-17; it arrived July 19.

The base welcomed its second aircraft July 29, with five more to be delivered later.

Stewart's 105th Airlift Wing held their C-17 Rollout

Ceremony "New Wings for New York" Aug. 6.

That's when I got to roll in and take pride in our team's accomplishments.

Sitting there watching the ceremony and listening to each of the six dignitaries speak, I found myself realizing how grateful I am to be in the Air Force.

I sat there appreciating how one person's actions interplay with another's, and how one Air Force community – Warner Robins Air Logistics Center – can so dramatically affect another – Stewart Air National Guard Base.

The C-17 sitting next to the crowd, P-28, tail number 95-0103 went through Robins for a block upgrade a couple years back and is scheduled to return here in March for the Global Reach Improvement Program.

What condition would that jet be in – or any of the other Stewart C-17s for that matter – if not for Warner Robins Air Logistics Center?

As I listened to the speeches of the four general officers, I thought without a doubt those officers dramatically affect the Air Force every day.

But with equal conviction, I concluded men and women like Terry and Stephanie also make a crucial impact.

And with that, almost as if to confirm my thoughts, the crowd rose to its feet and cheered as the crew chiefs for the first two Stewart C-17s took the stage – two local boys, brothers, who both joined the Air National Guard the day after they graduated high school; obviously two more great Americans who positively impact the Air Force family.

One does not have to wear eagles or stars to make a big impact on his or her Air Force community.

If one is engaged and does his or her best, they will make a difference.

Nothing one does is in isolation.

Everyone here is an intricate part of Team Robins and the larger Air Force machine. It's great Americans like Terry, Stephanie, the Stewart crew chiefs and the men and women at bases everywhere who do their best every day who carry this Air Force forward.

COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

To give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to live, learn, work and play, call 468-2886 or e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil.

On the Fly

Upcoming

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Central Georgia Marine Corps League Detachment #1373 will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Flint Energies off Highway 96, between Sun Trust Bank and Houston County High School.

Bring your DD-214 or retired ID card and \$35. A short application will be provided. For more information, call John Harmon at 472-0853.

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will meet Sept. 9 in the Horizons Club's Georgia Room. Social begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker, Nancy Granger, will discuss the Houston County Library System. RSVP by Sunday at 6 p.m. to one of the following: Les and Charlene Arent, at 953-5847 or javelin73@cox.net; Doug and Sandy Whipple, at 953-4212 or dwhipple8@cox.net; or Dick and Shirley Lenhart, at 923-7111 or shirleylenhart@cox.net.

The Museum of Aviation will host **Academy Day 2011** on Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Organized by Sen. Saxby Chambliss and 8th District congressman Rep. Austin Scott, the event is open to students in grades 8-12.

Representatives from all five military academies will be available to answer questions. To register, call Nicole Alberson at 971-1776 or send an e-mail to nicole.alberson@mail.hou se.gov.

Reservations are preferred. Please respond by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The munitions operations office will be closed Sept 12 - 16 for semi-annual inventory. Only emergency issue requests, submitted in writing and approved by a group commander, will be accepted during this time.

Et cetera

Transportation to Robins' youth programs has been expanded to and from additional schools within Houston County, thanks to Houston County's transportation service.

Robins' School Age
Program now provides
before and after school
transportation to and from
Linwood Elementary, Lake
Joy Primary School, Lake
Joy Elementary School,
Perdue Primary School,
Perdue Elementary, Hilltop
and Bonaire Elementary.
Transportation service is
included in Before and After
School Program fees.

Currently there are openings for students in all of the above schools.

For more information, call 468-2110 or commercial 926-2110.

The Base Chapel and Family Advocacy Program will host a comprehensive divorce prevention and marriage enhancing program called PREP (Prevention Relationship Enhancement Program) Sept. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m., and Sept. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Robins Airman and Family Readiness Center in Bldg. 704

Meals will be provided. To register, call 327-8398 or 497-8398.

Child Development Center East and West currently have openings for 1and 2-year olds (pre-toddlers); 2- and 3-year olds (toddlers) and for 3- to 5year olds (preschoolers).

When space is available, hourly child-care is offered in CDC West for infants and older for \$4 per hour, per child.

Child-care fees are based on total family income in nine categories, and is limited to 50 hours of care per week. Costs range from \$62 - \$138 per week.

To fill out a child-care request form parents can visit www.robinsservices.com from on-base, or visit www.robinsfss.us from off base.

Child-care is open to all active duty, reserve, Guard and retired military members, their spouses and family members.

It is also available to all Department of Defense civilians at Robins.

For more information, contact Shirley Mitchum or Betty Gaines at 468-6741 or commercial 926-6741, or Vera Keasley at 468-3080 or commercial 926-3080.

The following leave recipients have been approved through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:



U.S. Air Force photo by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

One star visit

Brig. Gen. Mark Atkinson, center, Director of Logistics, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va., greets crew members and maintenance staff Aug. 25 aboard an E-8 Joint STARS during a visit to the 116th Air Control Wing. Atkinson, the former 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, made a five-day visit to the base.

Air Force workers can find help here

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Howard Henderson of WR-ALC/GR. Point of contact is Pamela Johnson at 468-1904.

Crime Victim Advocacy

Dewitt Edenfield of OO-ALC/GHGA. Point of contact is Wanelle Collins

at 497-4363.

Arikibraa Andico of the 402nd AMXSS. Point of contact is Marcee Mickler at 472-2890.

Ireland Heron of WR-ALC/GR. Point of contact

is Amanda Thrasher at 472-7300.

To have the name of an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, e-mail Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

TRAINING DAYS



U.S. Air Force photos by **SUE SAPP**

Team members participating in the 402nd Expeditionary Depot Maintenance exercise perform post-attack reconnaissance after a simulated attack on their base.

402nd EDMX Airmen train to maintain in austere conditions

BY JENNY GORDON jenny.gordon.ctr@robins.af.mil

eam members from the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group's Expeditionary Depot Maintenance team can deploy worldwide in less than 24 hours.

To ensure they're continuously ready to do that, the 68 members of EDMX undergo week-long training exercises five times a year, the last of which took place Aug. 22-26 at Warrior Air Base on the north end of base.

Smoke bombs quietly diffused into a bright pink haze Aug. 23, combing over a C-130 in the early morning as several maintainers marched from a nearby bunker in full chemical suits and gas masks.

For 12 hours each day, from midnight to noon, a group of 12 to 15 trained as instructors looked on.

"This prepares us to survive in wartime situations," explained Tech Sgt. Donald McMullin, EDMX lead assessor. "We go above and beyond. We want to make sure we are more prepared rather than not prepared enough. That's what we train our people to do – be proficient at other people's jobs so when we go somewhere, we work collectively to get the job done."

The mission of the unit is simple and unique to the men and women who are handpicked from throughout the Air Force to serve on this special duty assignment.

Each is highly specialized and trained to perform F-15, C-5 and C-130 aircraft battle and crash damage repairs, and can be called upon to deploy anywhere at any time.

Maintenance teams include a mix of engineers, electricians, sheet metal and fuels systems specialists, and crew chiefs.

Meanwhile, simulations such as those

conducted during the exercise help ensure continuous preparation. The training base is used to simulate a deployed location, with three F-15s and a C-130 standing ready.

"The whole system that happens when you are deployed is happening here as we're training," said Staff Sgt. Leslie Kearney, EDMX aircraft battle damage instructor.

That training includes undergoing a ground attack against incoming opposing forces and reacting to a chemical attack as sheet metal maintainers patch a hole on the side of an aircraft.

The most recent exercise included maintainers, still in chemical suits and masks, entering a perimeter searching for bombs and clearing an aircraft. Even while holed up in a nearby bunker, teams are trained to properly fill out forms while seated at desks wearing chemical suits and masks.

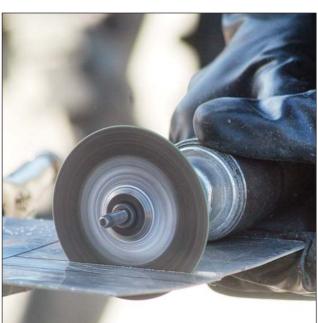
Instructors also evaluate how teams react to self-aid and buddy care scenarios – for example, reacting when someone gets a metal shaving in an eye, breaks or burns an arm, has a heart attack or chokes on food. All have CPR training.

The EDMX unit is the best of the best, known to fix aircraft that others can't, whether in the states or in Southwest Asia.

They have done F-15 wing changes and vertical repairs in the field, and are working on C-130 throttle quadrant changes – they are one of the few organizations qualified to do the work. They're also proficient at removing and installing damaged C-130 wings

Depot field teams will soon travel to Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., to help repair C-130s damaged during a tornado in the region last April.





Above, Exercise team members use a litter to carry a simulated casualty during the exercise.

Left, An Airman cuts sheet metal to repair aircraft battle damage following a simulated attack on their base. The exercise was designed to help the Airmen hone their skills in an austere environment.



A team member participating in the exercise goes back to work repairing battle damage to an aircraft after a simulated attack.



Exercise participants simulate the decontamination process.

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Defense Department to come up with its own resolutions in program reduction, which he said would likely be the case. This is good news since DoD can decide where to make its own cuts.

"The bad news about that is all of the easy cuts have been made," he said, referring to F-22 weapons systems. Reorganizations and redefinitions of work are likely across the three air logistics centers in the future, and Robins needs to be ready, he added.

"The last thing Robins Air Force Base needs to do is get complacent," he stressed. "Because now since that low-hanging fruit has been taken, the cuts that are going to be coming are going to be painful."

Chambliss said he and U.S. Rep. Austin Scott would work to ensure the availability of work on the F-35 fighter aircraft at Robins when the time comes. He also reminded the audience that the decision to have three ALCs is an Air Force decision; however, it is the Pentagon which makes decisions regarding depot consolidations, and whether or not to eliminate programs and missions.

"That's why it's important that we not only do what we need to do on the Air Force side, but that we continue to be the strongest (supporter of a base) in the country," he said.

Retired Maj. Gen. Rick Goddard, a former Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, also spoke of past Base Realignment and Closure rounds, and the issue of military value and the base's \$4.2 billion regional economic impact.

Of the five past BRACs, 95 major installations were closed, Goddard said. Each base had strong community support just like Robins. In Houston County, the impact on wages alone exceeds \$1.1 billion; in Bibb County, \$300 million in wages.

"Just imagine what would happen to a community if that impact were to go away," Goddard said.

Also discussed was encroachment – the issue of land use surrounding Robins.

There are 270 acres in south Bibb and north Houston counties which allow for residential land use. Encroachment must be addressed and resolved because it influences Robins' ability to take on future missions.

By April 2012, the Middle Georgia Regional Commission will have purchased 70 properties in that area, according to Chan Layson with the MGRC.

Air quality was another important topic, because air pollution also affects the ability of a base to take on new missions. Air quality standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency must continue to be met, and will only get tougher in the future, according to Ray Clark, with The Clark Group in Washington, D.C.

Another issue discussed was ensuring the growth of the local aerospace industry with G-RAMP. In order for there to be future development, an environmental assessment was conducted in the past year on Warner Robins-owned property along the north

end of the base's runway.

The process is near
completion so discussions
can move forward regarding how the land will be
used in support of the base.

Maj. Gen. Robert
McMahon, Center commander, spoke about the
Robins mission, accomplishments and

challenges ahead.

Topics included progress on OSHA citations issued to the base last year, labor and management relations, alternate routes for base access, continued process improvement, and work the community must continue to do to help sustain the base.

"We can't expect not to see changes," said McMahon. "But our challenge will be how to best deal with those, and how do we at the end of the day ensure this is a stronger organization to support the needs of our national defense.

"Those challenges will not be easy to decide in what direction we head," he continued. "But we as an Air Force have to do what is very best to support that guidance we have been given, and to support our portion of what this nation and our Department of Defense

have been asked to do."
He concluded that
the Center will continue
to work with the Middle
Georgia community, a
relationship that can
only grow stronger.

"It is equally as important for us to perform at a level you can



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP Maj. Gen Robert McMahon, Center commander, and U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga, listen to speakers talk about issues that could affect the future of Robins.

be proud of," he said. "I can tell you the 15,000 men and women of this Center are doing everything they can every day to make you proud."

Think twice, energy has a price.





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Above, Airman from the 78th Mission Support Group salute during a retreat ceremony Aug. 26 in front of Bldg. 905. The monthly retreat ceremony is conducted by different units on Robins.

Left, L-R, Senior Airmen Michael Joyner, Breena Wilkerson and Gary Harris lower the flag during the retreat ceremony.

BECOME A STAR

Only three chances left to sing at Robins

BY JENNY GORDON

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Think you can sing? Then the judges of the first-ever Robins Idol singing contest would like to hear about it.

The free, amateur-only, open-mic karaoke competition, is open to members of Team Robins willing to belt out a few tunes at the Heritage Club lounge. The remaining evenings left to perform are Thursday, Sept. 15 and 22 from 7 to 9 p.m.

More than 30 competitors have accepted the challenge since the contest began in early August. Top three winners have been chosen from each week, and will come together Sept. 22 to be judged for three final spots to sing at

Summer Bash on Sept. 24.

The first place winner will win a \$300 Force Support Squadron gift card; 2nd place, \$200 FSS card; and third place, \$100 FSS card. All winners will be chosen by the Summer Bash audience.

A few things to know before competing: You must be 18 years or older, performances are solo only, and you will be judged on voice control and accuracy, eye contact, hand and body movement, and crowd response. Every competitor will receive a T-shirt.

For additional questions, or if you'd like an Idol entry form or song list emailed to you, contact Tina Bowen at 472-5384 or email tina.bowen.1@robins.af.mil.



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Above, Staff Sgt. Alexis Sellers, contestant in the Aug. 25 Robins Idol competition, sings 'I Believe I Can Fly' by R. Kelly.

Reserve band kicks off Concert in the Park Series

BY AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve and the Museum of Aviation will present their annual free Concert in the Park series at the Museum's amphitheatre Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 13 and continuing through Sept. 27.

Full Spectrum Jazz Ensemble will kick off the series followed by Reserve Generation. Wrapping up the series is the world-renowned Concert Band.

▶ Sept. 13 - The Full-Spectrum Jazz Ensemble displays high-level talent with its big band sound. It plays a wide variety of styles, from specially-tailored standards to modern jazz originals and big band swing classics.

▶ Sept. 20 - Reserve Generation, the band's popular music group, performs a mix of contemporary adult songs, rhythm and blues, jazz, and country songs. They also perform hits from Billboard Magazine's Hot 100.

▶Sept. 27 - To wrap up the series, the Concert Band, the largest and most versatile unit of the Reserve Band, will perform a varied repertoire ranging from classical overtures and Sousa marches to Broadway show tunes and patriotic favorites.

"This Concert in the Park series is a way to say 'thank you' to Middle Georgians from the band and the Air Force Reserve," said Maj. Donald Schofield, Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve commander. "Their support is invaluable to us and our Citizen Airmen, and this concert is just a small token



U.S. Air Force file photo by GARY CUTRELL

Staff Sgt. Frances Kness, a vocalist with the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve Concert Band and popular music group, Reserve Generation, performs at one of last year's concerts in the park.

of our appreciation."

Middle Georgians are invited to come and listen to the sounds of the Band of the Air Force Reserve at this year's events.

Bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets while having a picnic in the park.

No alcoholic beverages or glass containers are allowed at this family event.

WHAT TO KNOW

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve consists of 45 full-time professional musicians. The band travels in excess of 100,000 miles per year performing more than 400 concerts throughout the United States and many overseas locations.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY HOURS



OPEN MONDAY

- ▶Bowling Center, from 1 to 8 p.m.
- ▶Fitness Center, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶Flight Line Kitchen, 24 hours
- ▶Heritage Club, from noon to 6 p.m.
- of Charge)
- ▶Indoor Pool, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶Lodging, 24 hours
- ▶Pine Oaks Golf Course, normal hours
- ▶Pizza Depot, from noon to 6 p.m.
- ▶Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

CLOSED MONDAY

- ▶Aero Club
- ▶Airman & Family Readiness Center
- ►Airman Leadership School ▶Arts & Crafts Center
- ▶Base Library
- ▶Base Restaurant
- **▶**Cafeteria
- ▶All Mobile Routes
- ▶All Snack Bars
- ▶Vending
- ▶CDC East and West
- ▶Equipment Rental Center/Outdoor
- ▶Recreation, FAMCamp
- ▶ Fairways Grille
- ▶ Family Child Care
- ▶Fitness Center Annex

- ▶Flight Line Dining Facility
- ▶Food Service Office
- ▶ Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness (answering machine checked every 2 hours)
- ▶Horizons
- ▶Human Resource Office
- ▶Information, Tickets and Travel
- ▶Manpower & Personnel Flight
- ►Marketing
- ▶Military Education & Training Office
- ▶ Professional Development Center
- ▶Resource Management Office
- ▶School Age Program
- ▶Skeet Range
- ▶The Afterburner
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- ▶Wood Hobby Shop
- ▶Youth Center

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HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING New Lunch Line Redesign at Horizons Tuesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For details, call 468-2670. **Ground School** Tuesday through Oct. 31 Sign up now; classroom

seating is limited Aero Club Cost \$605 For details, call 468-4867.

Right Start Wednesday and Sept. 21 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.

Pre-Separation Briefings Thursday and Sept.15, 22 and 29 1 to 2 p.m. Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.

Robins Idol Amateur Solo Karaoke Thursday and Sept.15 and 22 7 to 9 p.m. Heritage Club lounge Must be 18 years or older For details, call 468-2105.

First Friday Sept. 9 5 to 6 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. at Horizons For details, call 468-2670.

Youth Bowlers Registration Sept. 10 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bowling Center Cost \$18

EFMP Bowling and Information Fair Sept. 10 1 to 5 p.m. **Bowling Center**

For details, call 468-1259.

For details, call 468-2112.

Texas Hold 'Em Sept. 10, 17 and 24 Sign-up at 1:30 p.m. Games start at 2 p.m. Heritage Club lounge \$10 for club members \$15 for guests For details, call 472-7864.

Football Frenzy Kicks off Sept. 11 Heritage Club Lounge For details, call 472-7864.

Department of Labor Workshop Sept. 12 through 15 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For details, call 468-1256.

Fairways Grille Sept. 12 through 16 Mongolian Barbecue 75 cents per ounce For details, call 923-1717.

Six Flags Over Georgia **Military Appreciation Days** Air Force Sept. 17 Navy Sept. 18 Army Sept. 24 Coast Guard and Marines Sept. 25 For details, call 468-2945.

Summer Bash Sept. 24 4 to 8 p.m. Robins Park Fun, food, rides, entertainment and prizes Armbands \$3 each, two for \$5 or four for \$10 For details, call 468-5282.

Arts and Crafts Fair Sell your craft items at **Summer Bash** Sept. 24 4 to 8 p.m. Robins Park Tables \$10 Spaces \$5 Register early

For details, call 468-5282.

ONGOING Men's Locker Room **Closed for Renovation** Now through Jan. 2 Fitness Center Temporary shower trailer is available. For details, call 468-2128.



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Sing us a song

Felix Jackson, "The singing bartender," performs for patrons at the Heritage Club Lounge. The lounge is open Mondays through Fridays from 3 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 1 to 9:30 p.m and Sundays from noon to 9 p.m. It's located in Bldg. 956, on Ninth Street. For more information, call 472-7864.



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