

The C-5 Integrated Aircraft Test Environment houses a cockpit salvaged from a C-5 that crashed in 2006. The cockpit is used to test software for the aircraft developed by the 402nd Software Maintenance Group.



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Robins Sports Day

Robins will host a base-wide Sports Day Oct. 7.

The unit with the greatest overall point total will be awarded the Sports Day Travelling Trophy.

This event is open to all active duty, Reserve, Air National Guard, civilian employees and adult family members assigned to Robins.

Participants must compete with their units to be eligible to earn points for team awards. Retired military members and base-eligible youth competitors can also participate.

Participants must register through their unit sports representative by Wednesday.

Civilian employees wishing to participate during duty hours must obtain supervisory approval in advance and use annual leave, compensatory time or any other appropriate leave available.

For more information about Sports Day, contact Scott Peavy at 472-7681 or email wendell.s.peavy@robins.af.mil.

SCHEDULE

- ▶7 a.m. Hispanic Heritage 5K, 5K Trail
- ▶7:30 a.m. Golf two-man best ball, Pine Oaks Golf Course; fee is \$10 with a cart ▶8 a.m. - 3-On-3 Basketball,
- Fitness Center's new court ▶8:30 a.m. - Dodge Ball ten-
- nis courts at Main Fitness Center
- ▶9 a.m. Kick Ball, softball fields
- ▶9:30 a.m. Bowling, Robins Lanes; lane fees will be \$5 per
- ▶10 a.m. Combat Fitness Course, football field and track.
- ▶11 a.m. Lunch break ▶Noon - Gator Ball, youth
- center fields
- ▶1 p.m. Adventure Run, outdoor track canopy
- ▶2 p.m. Tug-of-war, Robins
- Park volleyball court ▶2:45 p.m. – Awards, Robins

Military Retiree Day Military Retiree Appreciation Day will be celebrated Oct. 22 in the Heritage Club Ballroom

from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This is an annual Robins event.

For more information, contact Earnest Munson at DSN 497-4707, or commercial (478) 327-4707.

In the field



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Airmen perform Post-Attack Reconnaissance during exercises Sept. 21 at Warrior Air Base. For more coverage of the training, see page 8.

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Courtesy photo by JASON VORHEES OF THE TELEGRAPH Master Sgt. Justin James, 339th Flight Test Squadron, inspects the propellers Wednesday on the first C-130J serviced under the new Progressive Maintenance Program.

HOMEWARD BOUND

First C-130J to pass new PDM process departs Robins for Little Rock Air Force Base

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

The first C-130J to complete a new programmed depot maintenance process departed Robins Wednesday, for the 314th Airlift Wing at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

The J model, which arrived June 13, was one of three being maintained here by the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The next C-130J is due to arrive this week.

Unlike traditional programmed depot maintenance, the C-130J was maintained during the last several months in the Progressive Maintenance Program, which involves a customized maintenance package.

Work done on the tactical airlift plane which has many capabilities, including landing on rough airstrips throughout the world included structural repairs, non-destructive inspections and a new paint job.

There were between 40 and 50 maintainers who worked on the plane at any given point throughout the 7,000 to 8,000 hours of production during the last 100 days.

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Korean Air Lines awarded Kadena contract at Robins ceremony

BY JENNY GORDON

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Korean Air Lines was recently awarded a \$473 million contract to continue a five-year partnership of program depot maintenance on the F-15 aircraft fleet from Kadena Air Base in Japan.

A signing ceremony was conducted Sept. 21 in Bldg. 300 with Col. Gerald Swift, F-15 Eagle Division director, and June Chul Choi, managing vice president of the airline's Aerospace Division.

"Since 1982 we have been in a very solid partnership with

Korean Air Lines that has kept the F-15 healthy and viable," said Swift, noting the partnership is truly another milestone with the F-15 weapons system. "When you talk world-class depot performance, there is absolutely no doubt they are world class.

"What they've done the last three years with integrating our massive 5,000-hour rewire package into the depot line, and reducing overall flow time by nearly 35 percent, has been exceptional," he added.

Swift was referring to not

▶ see KADENA, 8



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Col. Gerald Swift, F-15 Eagle Division director, and June Chul Choi, Korean Air Lines Aerospace Division vice president sign a \$473 million contract to continue the airline's programmed depot maintenance of F-15 aircraft at Kadena Air Base.



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. MIKE MEARS Master Sgt. Michelle Bell, 52nd Expeditionary Flying Training Squadron aircrew flight equipment NCOIC, does a final inspection on the inventory for transition and turnover to Iraqi Air Force Squadron 203 at Camp Speicher, Iraq.

Deployed Robins Airman helps train Iraqis

BY SENIOR AIRMAN PATRICK MCKENNA

U.S. Air Forces Central Public Affairs

CAMP SPEICHER, Iraq – A Team Robins master sergeant deployed to Iraq is part of a team of Airmen training Iraqi service members to take care of their pilots and the equipment they rely on for mission success.

"We have four Iraqi soldiers training here," said Master Sgt. Michelle A. Bell, deployed from Robins and assigned to the 52nd Expeditionary Flying Training Squadron's Aircrew Flight Equipment

Shop at Combat Operating Base Speicher in Tikrit. "They're responsible to make sure their pilots have perfect flight equipment. We came to this shop with brand new Iraqi technicians, with no prior knowledge of AFE. They were introduced to helmets, oxygen masks, anti-gravity suits, harnesses, and survival kits – critical equipment ensuring pilots can both breathe during flight and also be rescued in case of an ejection."

With 30 years of combined service, Bell – serving as the 52nd EFTS NCOIC of AFE – and two NCOs who work with her, Tech. Sgt. Chris Hoover and Staff

Sgt. Joe Cardiel, know the importance of training Iraqi technicians.

Their goal has been not only to teach the technical side of the job, but also to instill a sense of significance. And it's paying off.

In August, Bell and her staff presented two of the Iraqi service members with training qualification certificates. Two others are close to achieving those quali-

"We've received a lot of experience and knowledge from Sergeant Bell and

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THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 20 Last DUI: 78th LRS - courtesy 78th Security Forces

To request a ride, call 222-0013.



TWO-MINUTEREV

Safety slogan for the week of Oct. 1 - 8: "Friends make friends wear PPE."

It is required that employers use engineering controls and work practices, where feasible, to reduce worker exposure.

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On the Fly **Get Out**

UNIT PROFILE: 402nd EMXG Group Control Center

What it does

The 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group Control Center plays a crucial role in tracking production metrics and analyzing trends, work loading activities and test equipment for the group. The office has a "customer first" focus, whether answering questions about avionics repair, conducting briefings or developing lean benchmarking initiatives. Responsibilities include group command and control, work approval documents, and requests for quotes and emergency management.

Why it matters

The work performed by the GCC is instrumental in making sure managers have the tools, analysis and charts to make pinpoint decisions daily to positively affect the fulfillment of the warfighters needs across DoD. The unit's example has proven to have a positive impact on the Air Force mission; other organizations routinely benchmark its progress in lean principles and the Voluntary **Protection Program**



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPF Lauren Cramer, management and program analyst, briefs work on the first, comprehensive marketing brochure for the 402nd EMXG. The brochure highlights the group's capabilities at sympo-

By the numbers

16 lysts employed by the flight.

\$10M

amount of unbilled balance

Production shops

Requests for

supported with 71 in-depth analysis and metrics.

quotes totaling \$12M annually 1,500

> Newly activated workloads.

What they say



Bobby Long

"My 26 years in EMXG have afforded me the opportunity to work in numerous aspects of the avionics maintenance process. However, my xperience in the F-22 Depot Activation section allows me to play an inte gral part in the sustainment efforts of keeping the

depot a viable place to

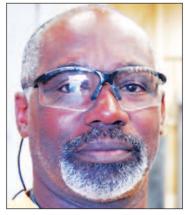
work for many years to

siums, trade shows and conferences.



"As a Student Career Experience Program trainee. I have found working in the GCC to be one of the most impactful places I've been. I've been encouraged and integrated into projects where my skills can be fully utilized and expanded."

In the Spotlight



Wilborn McCrary

TITLE: Machine operator, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group

BACKGROUND: McCrary served as an active duty Airman for 26 years before coming to Robins in January of 2010.

HOMETOWN: Fort Valley, Ga.

"I refurbish parts for C-130 aircraft propellers. Work is pretty structured. We work on the same parts each day in production. You know exactly what your job is going to be. There are no surprises."

"Before I came to Robins, I was active duty Air Force for 26 years. I retired in 2009. For a few months, I worked in retail at Lowe's before coming to the base."

"I joined the Reserves out of high school in 1978, went to college for two years, then went on active duty."

"What I enjoy most about my job is knowing what I do ensures the men and women in the field get a quality product with which to do their jobs better."

"While in the Air Force, the most interesting place I was stationed was in Turkey."

Hobbies include motorcycle riding and fishing.

NETWORKING VPPPA Conference held in New Orleans

BY JENNY GORDON

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A lot was learned at the 27th Annual National Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association Conference, conducted Aug. 28 JAE ABOUT OUR SE through Sept. 1 in New Orleans.

The annual conference allowed countless opportunities to attend occupational safety and health workshops and vendor showcases, learn about current issues, listen to speakers, and network with others from across the country.

This year's program was attended by more than 40 members of Team Robins, including Kenny Dees, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center VPP program manager, and Walter Zellner, local AFGE representative.

Robins is part of OSHA Region 4, which also met at a June conference, an event which drew about 3,000 from various companies, private industries and other Defense Department organizations.

"The biggest takeaway for me was

the ability to network with other companies out there," said Dees, who took on the VPP role in February.

Dees said he was also able to learn and connect with companies which had achieved OSHA Star recognition.

> OSHA Star sites are those sites which have demonstrated exemplary achievement in preventing and controlling occupational safety and health hazards, and which continue to improve safety and health management systems. Through con-

> > tacts, Dees is excited to be

able to learn more about those who have succeeded and to bring ideas to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Workshops that were of particular interest to Dees and Zellner were hand- and power-tool safety, industrial hygiene, healthy paths to VPP, and workshops on best practices and tools for employee involvement.

The 2012 VPPPA conference is scheduled for Aug. 20 through 23 in Anaheim, Calif.

PASS program invitation extended to Robins families

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

For Robins families who would like to become even more involved in their children's educational needs, there are many support agencies ready to help.

One group parents may find interesting to connect with is the new Parent Advocates for Students and Schools, or PASS, program.

The first meeting was Sept. 20 at Horizons. It was attended by parents and about 20 representatives from base support agencies and Houston County schools.

Lesley Darley, Robins school liaison officer, has partnered with Leslie Butikofer, wife of Col. Mitchel Butikofer, installation commander, to implement the program here.

Mrs. Butikofer brought many ideas for the PASS program from her family's previous assignment at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

"I'm very excited about implementing PASS at Robins," said Darley. "I believe the group will create the perfect balance of forging positive relationships with local schools systems, as well as advocat-

WHAT TO KNOW

Anyone with questions or suggestions on the Parent Advocates for Students and Schools, or PASS program, can contact Lesley Darley at 327-7692 or lesley.darley@robins.af.mil; or contact Renea McFeeters, Exceptional Family Member coordinator at 926-1259 or virginia.mcfeeters@robins.af.mil.

ing for the educational needs of military children."

PASS seeks to assist families in making the best education choices for their children by providing information on local schools - whether public, private, virtual or home-school options.

The group will be partnering with local schools, and connecting parents on base with one another for support and resource information

That can include sharing special needs resources, sharing experiences about transferring between school systems across the country, or even mentoring opportunities with one another.

Regarding volunteer needs, the group hopes to connect even more military families with local schools, even tapping into retired military members who would like to give back.

Everyone is welcome to attend meetings and learn more about PASS.

Scheduled meetings will be conducted throughout the year, with the next to be conducted Oct. 19 at 11 a.m., at Horizons.

Free monthly parent education workshops will also be scheduled, and topic suggestions are welcome.

Ideas have included preparing your child for kindergarten, Title 1 funding, understanding Georgia's graduation standards, and special education issues.

The first of these workshops will be Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Heritage

The day's topic will be "How to build an effective relationship with your child's teacher."

A representative from Houston County schools will also give an overview on the current Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax extension and its plan if it is passed in November.

STRAIGHT TALK **HOT LINE**

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Robins raises awareness

CFC celebrates 50th anniversary

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

his year marks the 50th anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign – the world's largest annual workplace charity.

At Robins, the CFC kickoff ceremony will be at 9 a.m. Monday in the Museum of Aviation's Scott Theater. Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, will be the keynote speaker.

The theme of this year's campaign, which runs Thursday through Nov. 16, is "50 years of caring."

The Middle Georgia CFC covers 17 central Georgia counties, with Robins Air Force Base among agencies with full-time federal employees participating.

This year's Middle Georgia goal is \$1.5 million, including Robins' goal of \$1.4 million. In 2010, Robins employees gave more than \$1.6 million.

"The federal workers of Middle Georgia and especially those at Robins have a great opportunity to support charitable organizations – both locally and around the world – with their gifts and pledges," said Jimmy Katsekis, Middle Georgia CFC chair. "Last year alone, of the \$1.6 million pledged, more than \$650,000 in CFC designations went to local organizations to help our friends, neighbors, coworkers



and family members.

"Our goal is to make contact with 100 percent of the federal workers so they may have an opportunity to impact the lives of others," he added.

More than \$281.5 million was raised in 2010 from federal civilians and military members around the globe.

According to the Office of Personnel Management, this amount was the second highest raised in the CFC's 50-year history. The OPM is responsible for ensuring charity designations are honored and distributed, and all organizations listed in the CFC meet strict eligibility guidelines.

Last year's campaign included 209 campaign regions in the U.S. and overseas, and 25,000 charities. Since CFC began in 1961, almost \$7 billion has been contributed to charities by federal employees.

For more information about CFC, visit http://www.opm.gov/cfc.

Base set to educate, embrace National Energy Awareness Month

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

ctober is National Energy Awareness Month. And, Team Robins is being reminded it's

important everyone does their part in

making smarter energy choices.

"For the Air Force's part, we must embrace the notion that energy efficiency is not a stand-alone priority, because it binds together and enables every dimension of our mission," said Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force. "We must embrace the idea that energy efficiency affords us greater resiliency, which translates to

greater capability and versatility."
In fiscal 2010, Robins spent more than \$26 million to operate its facilities and industrial processes. That translates to about \$76,328 per day, \$3,013 per hour, or \$50 per minute.

In August, Robins had its highestever electric bill - \$2,811,466.

With the Air Force mandating a 30-percent energy-reduction goal by the end of fiscal year 2015, the base energy office encourages each office to use best-management practices to reduce energy consumption, and for each person to be mindful during his or her daily routine of how to conserve.

There are several things we can do to



help secure a clean energy future at work and at home, including using Energy Star appliances and Energy Starrated office equipment, and making the switch to compact fluorescent bulbs. Setting back thermostats alone can save up to 25 percent of heating and cooling costs.

Also, turn off lights, computer monitors, printers, fax machines and other office equipment when not in use. Turn off power strips and unplug unused wall chargers.

To help promote awareness, the energy office will host several activities this month across Robins.

Along with a 5K run/walk today at the Health and Wellness Center, Robins will host the 4-H Club National Youth Science Day Wednesday at the youth center. This year's topic will be renewable energy; combining key electrical engineering principles related to motors and generators.

Commander Kill-A-Watt will also be at base gates during morning hours each Friday throughout the month.

October is Triple Ribbon Awareness Month

BY JENNY GORDON

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To help promote a healthier community, October has been designated Triple Ribbon Awareness Month.

To kick off events, a proclamation was signed Thursday at the Homer J. Walker Civic Center in Warner Robins by base and local community officials, declaring the second annual observance.

October's message brings awareness of drugs — designated by a red ribbon; domestic violence designated by a purple ribbon, and breast cancer designated by a pink ribbon.

"October is a national month of awareness to educate our community to live more healthful, which can be seen through education on these triple ribbons," said Dani Lebovitz, health and fitness specialist with the Health and Wellness Center.

Several events, programs and special activities are scheduled to promote education and honor those touched by

TRIPLE RIBBON
SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS
October is known nation-

wide as the awareness month for three key health issues – drug abuse, domestic violence and breast cancer. The HAWC is planning events to raise awareness of all three issues. All health and wellness events are free and open to anyone with base access.

For more information about this month's activities, call 497-8480.

the triple ribbons.

The annual breast cancer awareness luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. To purchase a \$10 ticket, call 472-6904.

Domestic Violence

Awareness

Breast Cancer

Awareness

This year's guest speaker is Barbara Dooley, breast cancer survivor, author, radio and television personality, and wife of Vince Dooley, former UGA athletic director and coach.

Spirit Day will be the first three Wednesdays of the month. Everyone is

encouraged to support the campaign by wearing pink on Wednesday, purple on Oct. 12, and red on Oct. 19.

The HAWC will also be handing out triple ribbons. Base personnel are encouraged to wear the triple ribbon appliqué, which can also be picked up any of the month's events.

Other activities include: A self defense class is slated Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the old gym. A second class is slated for Oct. 29 from 10 to 11 a.m.

"Road show" education fairs will take place from

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 7, 21 and 28 at the Exchange, Commissary and dining facilities.

A 5K/walk and health and wellness fair will be Oct. 14 at the HAWC starting with a balloon release at 7:20 a.m. You may fill out a tribute tab to be placed inside a balloon.

The 5K run/walk will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. along the nature trail.

Everyone is welcome. Racers must be signed in by 7:15 a.m. Units wishing to participate can preregister by calling 497-8480 by Oct. 12.

A Health and Wellness Fair will be conducted Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the old fitness center, Bldg. 827. More than 20 vendors will be represented, including Houston Healthcare. which will provide information on classes and programs; Rainbow House Children's Resource Center, which has served abused and neglected children in Houston County for more than 20 years; Community Health Works; and base support agencies.

A Kids Corner will include activities for children.





Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

U.S. Air Force photo by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS Madison Prosperie, daughter of Ryan and Capt. Terri Prosperie, prepares to hit a piñata with the help of Lorenzo Davila during the Hispanic Heritage picnic Saturday at Gator Park. The picnic was part of the Robins' Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.



ViewPoints

"Honest criticism is hard to take, particularly from a relative, a friend, an acquaintance, or a stranger."

Franklin P. Jones

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"Many Backgrounds, Many Stories ... One American Spirit" Airman details history of Hispanic Heritage Month

BY REX JONES

21st Space Wing Equal Opportunity Office

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - Some may know the history of Hispanic Heritage Month and how it came about. However, in case you can't remember, here is a refresher:

On Sept. 17, 1968, Public Law 90-498 authorized the president to annually establish a week in September – which included Sept. 15 and 16 – as National Hispanic Heritage Week.

The resolution called upon the people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe such a week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Twenty years later, on Aug.17, 1988, Public Law 100-402 amended Public Law 90-498 and lengthened National Hispanic Heritage Week to National Hispanic Heritage Month.

You may ask yourself, why Sept. 16? The date is significant because Mexico's War of Independence began Sept.16, 1810, and after a long and costly war, Mexico finally won its independence from Spain in 1821. The Hispanic culture has been making history in America for years.

If you think about it, you could probably name quite a few famous Hispanic Americans, including actor Antonio Banderas, singer and actress Jennifer Lopez, baseball star Sammy Sosa, comedian George Lopez, and actresses Penelope Cruz and Selma Hayek, to name a few.

However, we really should go back to the 1900s to talk about famous Hispanic Americans.

Have you ever heard of Joseph Marion Hernandez, Luis Walter Alvarez, Roberto C. Goizueta, Roberto Clemente or Ellen Ochoa?

They paved the way for

of their accomplishments.

Joseph Marion Hernandez Hernandez was a politician, plantation owner and soldier. He was born Aug. 4, 1793, and was the first Hispanic to serve in the U.S. Congress and as a delegate from the Spanish territory of Florida. Hernandez served in Congress more than five months, from September 1822 to March 1823, as a member of the Whig Party.

Luis Walter Alvarez

Alvarez was born in 1911. In 1968, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for his discovery of a large number of residence states – subatomic particles that have very short lifetimes and that occur only in high-energy nuclear collisions which was made possible by his development of the liquidhydrogen bubble chamber.

He also held the patents for more than 30 inventions.

Speaking of science, one of the best kept secrets in the world is the Coca-Cola formula.

Roberto C. Goizueta

Do you know who masterminded the slogan, "Coke Is

Goizueta was the chairman of Coca-Cola for 16 years; he made the decision to change the slogan.

He was born Nov. 18, 1931, in Havanna, Cuba. He got his start at Coca-Cola by answering an advertisement in a newspaper for a chemist, and he moved up the ranks. He was still chairman and

president of The Coca-Cola Company when he died in 1997. That is what I would call following your dream and pas-

Many Americans also have a passion for sports, and one of their favorites is baseball.

Roberto Clemente

Clemente was born Aug. 18, 1934, and was the first Hispanic baseball player to be voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Thirteen times with Pittsburgh, his batting average many of us; following are some was more than .300; he led the **Hispanic Heritage Month**

ROBINS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS

▶ A Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon is today at 11 a.m. at the Heritage Club. The guest speaker is Leticia Maspons Willis, president of Willis Mechanical, Inc. To buy tickets, contact Master Sgt. Josie Ojeda at

▶A Hispanic Heritage 5-K Fun Run will be at the Health and Wellness Center Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Point of contact is Capt. Cynthia Newberry at 497-8380.

▶The final event is a banquet Oct. 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Horizons. The banquet will include Latin music and dancing. POC is Terri Prosperie at 955-3506.

National League in batting four times, was World Series most valuable player in 1971, a regular season MVP in 1966, and had 3,000 career hits.

Clemente was killed in a plane crash on Dec. 31, 1972; he was accompanying a relief flight to deliver aid to earthquake victims.

The Major League Baseball Man of the Year award is named for him.

Ellen Ochoa

One small step for mankind! Ochoa was the first Hispanic woman to become an astronaut. She was born May 10, 1958, in Los Angeles, Calif.

She first applied to become an astronaut in 1985, and in 1987 she learned she had been chosen as one of the top 100 candidates under consideration for the training program.

In January 1990, it was announced she and 22 other candidates had made the final cut (out of a group that originally numbered about 2,000).

Ochoa officially became an astronaut in July 1991.

Now that is something to be talked about for years to come.

I challenge you to seek out more information about your heritage and learn about the people who have possibly paved the way for you. You never know what you will find, and you may even be surprised.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

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

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 process-

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 dis-

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Last out. Lights out. Do your part to save energy.

On the Fly

Military pay processing returns to local FSOs

Military pay transaction processing is returning to base-level Air Force Materiel Command financial services offices in late October.

This move allows local FSOs to provide quick and efficient financial support to customers. Local FSO technicians will be able to provide individual attention for any pay issues customers might experience and follow them to resolution.

Consequently, customers will have the assurance and peace of mind which comes from the knowledge their issue is being worked at the lowest possible level for quick resolution. The end result of this change will enhance the ability to pay Airmen accurately and on time.

Further, individuals can perform many routine transactions through myPay. DFAS has made this process easier by implementing a myPay mobile site.

Only two things are needed to get started: a mobile phone with a web browser and a myPay user account with the same Login ID and password used to manage your myPay account via computer.

To enroll in myPay, visit http://mypay.dfas.mil and click on the "create an Account link in the LOG IN section on the left side of the screen.

A related DFAS initiative for myPay simplifies accessing myPay via com-

Effective July 28, military members and DoD civilian employees can access their personal myPay account using a Common Access Card. Simply click on the "DoD CAC Login to myPay" link to get started. Regardless whether you have a CAC or access to a CAC-enabled computer, all myPay customers will still be able to access myPay using a login and password.

For more information about the change or myPay, contact your local FSO

Mass Flu line scheduled

The 78th Medical Group will sponsor a Mass Flu Line on Oct. 11, 12 and 14 in the Atrium of Bldg. 700.

The line will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All military personnel and beneficiaries are welcome.

For more information, contact Immunizations at 497-7921.

Legal notice

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Col. Glenn R. Schumacher should contact Lt. Col. Brad Hedbloom at 497-1161.

Upcoming

Central Georgia Marine Corps League Detachment #1373 will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at Flint Energies off Highway 96, between Sun Trust Bank and Houston County High School.

To join, bring your DD-214 or retired I.D. card and \$35. A short application will be provided

For more information, call John Harmon at 472-0853.

The **October Hail and Farewell** will be conducted Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. in the Horizons Ballroom.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Neil Holder at 497-8164.

The U.S. Postal Service Contract Unit in Bldg. 910 is open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Roy Williams at 229-332-0098.

Transportation for children 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
schools. Transportation
service is included in
before- and after-school
program fees. Currently
there are openings for stu-



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A fitting tribute

Jim Balletto, a local artist, speaks with Col. Mitchel Butikofer, installation commander, following the unveiling of an Air Force mural Balletto recently painted. The 25-foot by 12.5-foot mural was commissioned by the Galleria Mall to show its "great appreciation for Robins Air Force Base, and to honor those who have served and are currently serving our country," said LaForest Glover, Galleria marketing assistant. The mural hangs from the ceiling near the military recruiting offices in the mall.

Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance
Health and Wellness Education
Health Screenings
Work, Personal or Family Issues
Work Stress, Psychological Issues
Mental Health & Substance Abuse
Unplanned Pregnancy

Suicide Prevention
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy
Crime Victim Advocacy

Airman & Family Readiness Center
Health and Wellness Center
Civilian Health Promotion Services
Employee Assistance Program
Organizational Consulting Office
Houston Healthcare
Houston Healthcare
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Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

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468-1256 497-8480 497-8030 (800) 222-0364 497-9803 (478) 922-4281 (478) 922-4281 (800) 273-8255 or 468-2946 497-4584

AFMC Wellness Support Center — www.afmcwellness.com

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dents in all listed schools. For more information on the program, call 468-2110

or commercial 926-2110.

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

To participate, sign up at www.logyourcommute. com/TeamRobins.







U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON



Summer Bash is a Smash



Above, 11-year-old Sonny Smasal conquers the Rock Wall. More than 40 people volunteered to set up, serve as mascots and tear down after the event.

Below, 9-year-old Taryn Trigler competes in the Bungee Cord Race.



Highflight lead singer, Airman 1st Class Jill Diem, delivers festive tunes for attendees. The group is an ensemble from the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve.



Top, Team Robins families take a spin in the Tea Cups, which were very popular at the "Let's Celebrate the end of Summer Bash."

Above, after a refreshing splash from a ride down the water slide, 4-year-old Elena Rodriguez is eager to get back in line and do it all over again.

The summer bash is Robins' annual end of summer celebration. The event, which took place Saturday at Robins Park, included rides, food, musical entertainment and prizes, and was attended by thousands of people.







Above, snow cones proved to be a favorite during the day's festivities. The event featured 18 different rides and activities to entertain all ages; about 1,200 wristbands were sold for these rides.

Left, Tech. Sgt. Kevin Benedict,116th Computer Support Squadron, grills bratwursts to perfection.

Survive and operate



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above, Airmen wearing chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear protective gear make their way across Warrior Air Base following an attack during the exercise. Warrior Air Base is set up to reflect a real-world deployed location, providing Airmen with a training environment which mirrors what they may experience during actual deployments.

Below, simulated unexploded ordnance (in the foreground) was set up for Airmen to discover while performing reconnaissance after an attack. The Airman in the background is moulaged with a compound fracture and waiting for medical treatment.



Left. Airmen splint a simulated compound fracture. During Phase 2 of the ORE, Airmen exercised their ability to survive and operate in a wartime environ-



Airmen perform Post-Attack Reconnaissance, or PAR, during Phase 2 of a Sept. 21 Operational Readiness Exercise at Warrior Air Base. Among other things, Airmen were evaluated on self-aid and buddy care, small-arms and weapons training, during the exercise.

Robins concludes two weeks of ORE

BY JENNY GORDON

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A two-week operational readiness exercise concluded Sept. 23, leaving many Team Robins members more prepared for future inspections, home station sustainment and deployments.

"An ORE is meant to be an exact footprint of an operational readiness inspection; the intent is to prepare ourselves for our Inspector General inspection next year," said Christopher LaFrance, Robins exercise evaluation team chief.

Phase 1 of the exercise, Sept. 12-16, included personnel and cargo processing, and quick reaction exercises by first responders. Proficiency training focused on emergency response to a C-130 for aircrew extraction, a structural fire, and an evacuation at Bldg. 301.

Phase 2 consisted of a mid-week field training scenario at Warrior Air Base. This portion of the exercise allowed Airmen to

exercise their ability to survive and operate in a wartime environment.

Following a two-day training period, participating Airmen were evaluated and graded while performing their duties as if in a deployed location.

"All deployers out here are challenged to demonstrate their capability to do all of the tasks that occur during an IG inspection," LaFrance said.

Self-aid and buddy care, small-arms and weapons training, communication, and survival skills were included in the emergency management exercises and attack training.

Rob Clay, 78th Civil Engineer Group emergency management logistics chief, maintains Warrior Air Base – the upkeep of its facilities, as well as providing trainers and expertise.

"The participants are learning quite a bit of helpful information," said Clay. "It will not only help them with exercises here at Robins, but also with deployed locations where they may go."

C-130J

The plane, with 4,143 total equivalent flying hours, passed its functional flight test for quality on the first try Sept. 23.

"This is the beginning of a process that will go on for quite some time into the future," said Col. Randall Burke, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group commander. "We're in the validation phase, a test phase where we're developing and

refining the procedures."

C-130Js – because they're newer aircraft – have more advanced technology, including a more modern avionics system, and greater lift and range.

Maj. Dan Windham with the 339th Flight Test Squadron was standing by, checking the plane prior to takeoff.

"My job was created for this airplane; I'm excited for it to be here," said Windham, who qualified on a C-130J model.

He described the model as having a

30-percent improvement on other models as far as range, fuel efficiency, and

"In the desert, when I flew it over there, we could fly missions in one day what a normal plane would have to fly in two days," he added. "It's really nice to fly."

Introduced to the Air Force's inventory in 1999, the planes are sent through PMP after 12 years of service.

"It is significant because this inspection program is different than other C-

130 aircraft, and basically begins with the 12-year cycle," added Burke, saying the planes are near the end of that cycle now. "This is new work for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, and it will continue and grow as the number of J models increase in the Air Force inven-

Delivery of the aircraft was the result of nearly two years of planning and preparation within the 560th AMXS. During fiscal year 2012, eight C-130Js

IRAQIS

and Sergeant Cardiel," said Pvt. Naser, Iraqi AFE trainee. "After this training, we can now perform all the tasks in this shop."

Cardiel, deployed from the 2nd Operations Support Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., recently saw first hand his training put to use by one of the Iraqis and expressed pride in seeing the long hours paying off.

"This morning before their flight, one of the Iraqi pilots had an issue with a piece of equipment," he said. "Naser

stepped right in without hesitation to take care of it. He fixed the problem without any assistance."

The main message is: The lives of the pilots are in their hands, and there is no room for error on any task; it's pass or fail.

"The responsibility we feel in maintaining this equipment is a great one that we take very seriously," Bell said. "We try to help the Iraqis and show them that the last time they touch this gear and send it out the door may be the last time they get to perform an inspection on it before it's actually used in an ejection situation. It could be the inspection they just did is the determining factor if that

pilot lives or dies."

The Airmen in the AFE shop haven't been able to follow a traditional Air Force training schedule with their Iraqi counterparts and have had to adapt to some other challenges as well.

"Training is unique because they train 10 days on, 10 days off so they can go home and take care of their families," Bell said. "That poses a unique challenge for us trying to train someone 10 days at a time. Additionally, getting them to understand technical terms (where there are no Arabic translations) can be tough."

Bell joked the Iraqis are better at English than she is at Arabic, and said they are learning new technical terms every day.

are scheduled to be delivered.

With their training mission winding down, the Airmen in the 52nd AFE shop have seen marked improvement from the Iraqis they've trained and are optimistic about leaving the shop in good hands.

"We feel they are ready to take this on. They feel they are ready to take this on. Watching them learn and grow, you can see they take a great deal of pride in knowing a person's life is dependent on their work. That dedication to their country and fellow brothers in arms, as they build up their air force, inspires us," said Bell.

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only the standard depot work done on the planes in Korea, but also the extensive replacing of all the wiring in the F-15C and D models. Rewiring work on F-15s is also completed at Robins.

Typically, nine F-15s are maintained by KAL each year; however, there is flexibility to do up to 12 planes per

year in the contract, said Swift. Based in Okinawa, Kadena's fleet includes 54 F-15s, under the 18th Wing, which are maintained by Korean Air Lines in Pusan.

The Center Aerospace Directorate's Eagle Division is the contract awarding office for F-15 aircraft depot maintenance efforts.

"I know that the Eagle is going to be in very good hands as long as it's going through your depot," said Swift to Choi.

Choi, accompanied by DaeSoo Song, contract chief manager, noted the company has been putting forward its best effort in keeping the F-15 healthy.

"We are very proud of the F-15 Eagle package and very proud to work for the U.S. Air Force," said Choi. "The F-15 is the best fighter these days. This will help our country and

our government in the future."

Choi added that since 1982, 530 aircraft have been maintained by the company and successfully delivered to the Air Force.

It was noted that a change in the contract from a government-furnished material contract, to a contractor-furnished material contract, transfers more parts management responsibility to Korean Air Lines, which will also allow for more flexibility.

"They will now manage all of the parts that are required for the depot package," explained Swift. "They are primarily responsible for working with the international supplier base to order

those parts, purchase those parts and put them on the jet."

Swift was particularly appreciative of the hard work during the last year from contractors, program managers and depot teams who worked together to make the contract a success.

"On behalf of the Eagle community, I want to thank this Robins and Korean Air Lines team for their incredible hard work and partnership to get this contract to award, and make this depot operation a continued success," Swift said during his remarks.

The Robins team is led by Thomas Crooms, program manager, and Brian Layfield, contracting officer.

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HAPPENINGS

ON TAP Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday, Oct. 15, 22 and 29 Signup 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.

Pee Wee Bowling Registration Saturday

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ages 3- to 5-year old Cost \$30 League starts Oct. 8 For details, call 468-2112.

WWE "Hell in the Cell" Pay-per-view

Sunday 8 p.m. Heritage Club Lounge Members free Guests \$5 For details, call 472-7864.

Football Frenzy Sundays Heritage Club Lounge

The Afterburner New hours of operation beginning Monday

For details, call 472-7864.

5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bldg. 166 For details, call 472-7827.

Mongolian BBQ

Monday through Friday Fairways Grille at the Golf Course Cost \$.75 per oz. For details, call 923-1717.

Pre-separation Briefings Thursdays in October 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.

UPCOMING First Friday "Oktoberfest" Bash

Oct. 7 Social hour at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Heritage Club 52" HD TV will be given away to kick off the club drive For details, call 468-2670.

Give Parents A Break

Oct. 7 6 to 10 p.m. Youth Center \$15 per child Register by Wednesday For details, call 468-2110.

Base Golf Championship Tournament at Pine Oaks

Oct. 8 and 9 Tee time 9 a.m. Members \$50 Guests \$65 Includes cart, range balls, 36 holes, food, drink and prizes For details, call 468-4103.

Boss N' Buddy

Oct. 21 4 to 5 p.m. Heritage Club Lounge For details, call 472-7864.

ONGOING GA National Fair

Tickets at ITT \$7 admission \$10 ride sheets (18 tickets) While supplies last For details, call 468-2945.

It Pays To Club **Club Drive**

Saturday through Dec. 31 For details, call 468-2670.

Fall Bowling Leagues

Sign up now **Bowling Center** For details, call 468-2112.

Talladega Super Speedway tickets at ITT

Oct. 22 and 23 Cost \$34 to \$93 Last day to purchase Oct. 19 Subject to availability For details, call 468-2945.

Men's Locker Room

Closed for Renovation Through Jan. 2 Fitness Center Temporary shower trailer is available.

For details, call 468-2128.



Courtesy photo

DBIDS registration holiday closure

Registration for the Defense Biometric Identification System at the Visitor Control Center and Smith Center (Bldg. 767) will be closed Oct. 8 and 9 for the Columbus Day holiday. Weekend service hours at those locations will resume Oct. 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those not registered in DBIDS must do so in order to remain eligible for base access. If you have previously registered, it is unnecessary to register again unless you have received a new ID card or if a gate guard informs you that you need to register. For more information, contact Staff Sqt. Crystal Kesey at DSN 472-1992 or 478-222-1992 or the Visitor Control Center at DSN 472-1969 or 478-222-1969.



Fitness Center lighting project begins Monday

A lighting renovation project will take place at Bldgs. 826 and 827 from Monday - Nov. 24. Following is a description of the areas which will be affected during the renovation period.

- Bldg. 827 Basketball Court (Oct. 3 for 10 days)
- Bldg. 827 Racquetball Court (Oct. 17 for 5 days)
- Bldg. 826 Basketball Court (Oct. 24 for 5 days) • Bldg. 826 - Racquetball Court (Oct. 31 for 5 days)
- Bldg. 826 Track (Nov. 7 for 5 days)
- Bldg. 826 Cardio/Weight Room (Nov. 14 for 5 days) • Bldg. 826 - Pool (Nov. 21 for 3 days)
- For details, call 468-2128.

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	► Outdoor Rec468-4001	► Fitness Annex472-5350
	► Base Chapel468-2821	➤ Youth Center468-2110
	► Arts & Crafts468-5282	► Tickets, Travel468-2945
	► Horizons468-2670	▶ Bowling Center468-2112
	► Heritage Club468-2670	► Pine Oaks G.C468-4103

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