

## Did you Know?



The C-5 has an automatic troubleshooting system called the Malfunction Detection Analysis and Recording Subsystem that constantly surveys more than 1,000 test points throughout the aircraft. The MADAR diagnoses possible system trouble much like an electronic cardiograph.

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# ROBINS REV-UP

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# 2011 THE YEAR IN REVIEW



## NEWS YOU CAN USE



### MLK Jr. Day celebration

Team Robins is invited to attend a Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Base Chapel's Sanctuary. The theme for this year's event is "Celebrating Diversity in the Legacy of Dr. King," and will feature a viewing of the "I Have a Dream" speech.

The service will be followed with light refreshments for all attendees in the Chapel's Annex. For more information contact the Base Chapel at 468-2821.

## Mass transit initiatives color Robins green

BY CAPT. PAMELA STAUFFER

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This time of year, sports fans in Georgia are envisioning the colors of their favorite teams – blue, yellow, white or red. Team Robins, however, is helping turn dreams to green.

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Fewer cars into Robins not only reduces traffic and parking concerns, but mean fewer emissions and continuously pushes the base toward meeting its air quality goals.

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Attainment of air quality standards is a key milestone for Robins.

About four years ago, middle Georgia met its ozone standard of .075, deeming the area within attainment.

According to a 2011 EPA memorandum, the agency will finalize revisions to the stan-

dard in 2014.

If non-attainment were to occur, it could mean higher gas prices at the pumps around Robins and could jeopardize growth of private industry tied to Robins.

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"Forming the Clean Air Coalition, establishing anti-idling policies and promoting clean commuting initiatives are definitely steps in the right direction to avoid nonattainment," she said.

Carpooling also provides a daily benefit to riders, shortening their walk from the parking lot to the building.

Carpoolers have signed up for 23 parking passes around high-occupancy facilities.

There is the possibility for expansion if the program proves successful.

**Editor's note: Please contact John Pugh at 472-1003 for more information on the mass transit initiative, or the Smith Center at 468-0193 to obtain a carpool parking pass.**

## THINK SAFETY

Days without a DUI: 22  
Last DUI: 330th CTS

— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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# 2011 YEAR IN REVIEW JANUARY

*Team Robins dealt with a number of challenges in 2011. This issue of the Rev-Up provides a snapshot of Robins throughout the year. All articles can be reviewed in their entirety at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).*

## HVM program set for expansion

The High Velocity Maintenance program at Robins is about to take a big step forward.

For two years, a team has been testing the concepts of HVM on a series of C-130s in an isolated hangar on the flightline.

When the next C-130 arrives for HVM on Jan. 21, the program will move from its "lab environment" in Bldg. 44 into the main C-130 hangar in Bldg. 91, and a bit closer to HVM being the method for all C-130 maintenance done here. The team will continue to work on only one aircraft at a time, but the plan is to expand to two HVM lines, then three, and so on.

"It's going to be a sequential process of expansion as we move forward," said Jerry Mobley, HVM team lead.

The HVM team has already made one other significant move. HVM support members recently transitioned to Bldg. 155, marking the first time HVM engineers, planners, equipment specialists, and others were all working in the same building.

The goal of HVM is to improve the availability of aircraft by reducing the downtime required for programmed depot maintenance.

HVM marks a dramatic change in the way PDM is done. It starts with inspecting aircraft in the field so maintainers will know exactly what aircraft need when they



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

James Skipper works on the #4 engine of a C-130 undergoing HVM.

arrive.

That allows "kits" to be prepared so mechanics have everything they need to perform particular tasks.

In turn, mechanics can spend more time working on aircraft and less time tracking down tools and parts, ultimately reducing the time aircraft are not available.

"I think we have conclusively shown the value of understanding the condition of the platform before it gets here and having a detailed package built," said Doug Keene, HVM product lead.

It also involves placing more mechanics on the planes, thereby speeding up the PDM process.

The biggest uncertainty left is the HVM strategy of switching PDM cycles from every six years to every 18 months.

The idea is by bringing in the aircraft more often for shorter periods of time, the overall downtime will be less because the aircraft are kept in better condition. But that's not quite as easy as it sounds.

Converting to shorter cycles involves complex issues of financing, manpower, and logistics which aren't easily sorted out.

"The decision on cycles is still to be finalized," Mobley said. "Regardless, we are going to do HVM."

## Other January headlines:



### Local exercise to reunite Marine units

The Marine attack helicopter squadron which relocated to Robins last summer has elements in two other states, and will be here for a week-long exercise.



### Reservists load humanitarian aid for Nicaragua

A C-17 Globemaster III from the Air Force Reserve's 315th Airlift Wing, Charleston, S.C., landed at Robins Dec. 30 to load humanitarian aid headed for Nicaragua.

### 78th CEG recognized with AF environmental award

An array of programs aimed at making Robins a good steward of the environment has earned the 78th Civil Engineer Group the Gen. Thomas D. White Environmental Quality Award.

## FEBRUARY



**In February, Air Force officials announced additional force management measures, while locally the 78th Medical Group's internal medicine clinic closed.**

## CEG answers service call in New Mexico

Five members of the 78th Civil Engineer Group are helping Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico cope with massive plumbing problems which resulted from a deep freeze.

The specialists arrived Sunday to help repair busted water pipes caused by sustained record lows. Kirtland is in a typically-warm climate, and many of its buildings were not designed for sub-freezing temperatures.

The freak cold snap caused extensive damage across the base, particularly to the fire suppression system. It also impacted 200 homes at the

base, forcing about 160 families to relocate to hotels.

A Kirtland official estimated the damage at \$1.65 million, but said that figure is expected to rise.

Since Albuquerque and the surrounding area experienced the same weather conditions, skilled plumbers are in short supply. So, Robins agreed to send some people to help out.

Ricky Tidwell is leading the 78th CEG team, which includes Joel Kersey, Thomas McDaniel, Terry Owens and John Bennett.

They are expected to be at Kirtland for two weeks.

## Other February headlines:



### Efficiencies, balance main budget focuses

Air Force officials said despite a reduction in the top line request, combat capabilities and balance will remain focal points in the Air Force's portion of the president's fiscal 2012 budget presented here Feb 14.

### 116th receives 15th Air Force OUA

The 116th Air Control Wing has been awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for performance during the period Oct. 1, 2008 through Oct. 20, 2010.

## ENERGY CONSERVATION



WHAT A BRIGHT IDEA

# 2011 – Year in Review

MARCH



**In March, Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, WR-ALC commander and Tom Scott, AFGE Local 987 president, released a joint letter on workplace safety.**

## Defense Logistics Agency expands presence at Robins

Vice Admiral Alan S. Thompson, Defense Logistics Agency director, came here to cut the ribbon on a new \$24.6 million consolidation and containerization point warehouse.

The opening of the building, about the size of three football fields, is the result of a decision by the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission to base one of DLA's four strategic distribution points at Robins.

DLA Robins has been growing rapidly, from 100 employees when it started operations here in 2007, to 900 today. The organization ships supplies to Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine installations throughout the Southeast and around the world.

As a strategic distribution point, it will also be shipping supplies directly to the warfighter. As he

spoke to those gathered for the ribbon cutting, Thompson pointed out pallets with supply-drop parachutes behind him which soon headed for Afghanistan.

"This is a marvelous facility; it will support global operations of the U.S. armed forces," he said. "It's going to add great new capability and capacity for DLA, and we are going to be using it immediately."

The operation will mean approximately 25-30 additional trucks per day coming onto the base, bringing in items from hundreds of manufacturers around the country.

The items will be prepared for shipping here and then trucked to the port of Savannah, and aerial ports in Charleston, S.C., and Dover, Del., among other locations.

### Other March headlines:



## Computer system upgrade set to begin

After months of planning, the installation of a high bandwidth network is set to begin. The Air Force-mandated Combat Information System One Base One Network Project links employees in 260 core buildings here.

## First MSG-3 bird returned to nest

The C-5 Galaxy enterprise here reached an important milestone in its transition to a different way of performing programmed depot maintenance when C-5B Tail No. 86-0015 returned to its home at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. It marked the first production C-5 PDM to be completed here using Maintenance Steering Group 3 inspection concept.

April



**In April, teams of energy specialists discussed consolidated energy reduction plans to set the groundwork for a new strategy for energy conservation.**



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

## After the storm

78th Civil Engineer Group workers clean up fallen branches April 5 near Bldg. 207. Base employees and residents escaped injury from the hurricane-force winds which ripped across the state, but buildings and landscape on the installation weren't as lucky. According to Chris Parish, production controller, the emergency desk in the 78th Civil Engineer Group received more than 40 calls from individuals reporting storm damage.

## Team Robins lends support to Libyan operations

Team Robins lent help in a big way to Operation Odyssey Dawn – the coalition effort to enforce a no-fly zone over Libya.

The 116th Air Control Wing deployed aircraft and personnel in support of the mission, said Judy Smith, 116th spokeswoman.

The 116th, which has deployed extensively in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, flies the E-8 Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar aircraft, or JSTARS. The primary role of the aircraft is to track enemy ground targets.

The F-15 Eagle, C-5s and C-17s have also been involved in the effort, as has

the Global Hawk – an unmanned aircraft which performs an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission.

Personnel and equipment of the 116th were transported to the theater by two C-5s.

Global Hawks have been used primarily for bomb-damage assessment.

Among other things, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Aerospace Sustainment Directorate manages the F-15, C-5, C-17 and Global Hawk programs.

The 402nd Maintenance Wing provides programmed and unscheduled depot-level maintenance on F-15s, C-5s and C-17s, and more.

### Other April headlines:

## Base linked to Japanese humanitarian mission

Team Robins members may not realize it, but they've been involved in helping earthquake- and tsunami-ravaged Japan.

During Operation Tomodachi, which means "friendship" in Japanese, Airmen used C-17s and C-130s to ferry personnel and relief supplies to and around the country.



## Senior leaders set goals for Center

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



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## COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

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# On the Fly

## VERA/VSIP Round 2 slated for this month

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Directorate of Personnel will begin accepting applications Monday for the second round of VERA/VSIP (Voluntary Early Retirement Authority / Voluntary Separation Incentive Program).

The application window will be open through Jan. 29. Applications won't be accepted after Jan. 29. Detailed instructions for submitting an application will be forthcoming.

For employees who receive an offer, the retirement or separation date is set for April 30. The date is subject to change.

The full target zone (pay plan, series, and grade) hasn't been established, just as in round one, anyone who is interested in applying for round two may do so regardless of series or grade. Submission of an application doesn't obligate the Air Force to offer any person a separation incentive.

Employees who submitted an application but didn't receive an official offer in round one don't need to submit a new application; they will automatically be considered in round two.

Employees who received an official offer but declined during round one must submit a new application if they wish to

be considered in round two.

All other employees who wish to be considered are encouraged to submit an application during the application period.

Basic information on the VERA/VSIP program, eligibility criteria, and frequently asked questions can be found at: <https://cs.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/Robins/veravsip/default.aspx>.

Additional information relating to retirement may also be obtained from the Air Force Personnel Services website; 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.

## Upcoming

The Great Christmas Tree Round-up will begin Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Maple Street in Warner Robins (Under the water tower).

As a special bonus, participants will receive a free tree seedling for each tree brought to the event.

Most trees will be chipped into mulch and used to keep city parks green and beautiful. Others will be deposited in area lakes and streams to improve the habitat of fish.

Sunday is the only day free tree seedlings will be available in exchange for

Christmas trees; however, Christmas trees may be dropped near the water tower on Maple Street at any time.

For more information contact Debra Jones at 929-7259.

**The Robins Air Force Base Tax Center** will open for the 2011 filing season Jan. 30.

The center's final date of operation will be April 19.

The center's normal business hours will be Mondays through Thursdays from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

The Tax Center has moved and is now located in Bldg. 995 (formerly Robins Elementary School).

For more information call Staff Sgt. Jenny Adams at 472-0555.

**CivilianJobs.com** will host a **Career Expo Jan. 19** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Club.

Early candidate registration begins at 9 a.m.; floor exhibits open at 10 a.m.

For more information call (678) 819-4153.

## Et cetera

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

*Denise Bell* of the 402nd EMXSS. POC is Mark Brotherton, who can be reached at 497-8654.

*Angie Gandy* of the 78th AMDS. POC is Maj. Karen



U.S. Air Force photo by JENNY GORDON

## A living history

Leroy Eley, an original Tuskegee Airman, shares photos with (from left) Capt. Samuel Hutchins, Maj. Demetrius Brown and Capt. Luther Brown following the Dec. 16 dedication and opening of a new Tuskegee Airman exhibit at the Museum of Aviation. The Robins officers served as models to create a new 30-foot long mural depicting a scene from Moton Field in Tuskegee, Ala. where the Tuskegee Airmen trained. Two other original Tuskegee Airmen, Edward Johnson and Raymond Williams, also attended the dedication.

## Air Force workers can find help here

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

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

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

Kramer, who can be reached at 497-7652.

*Laura Beard* of the 78th MDOS. POC is Tech. Sgt. Suzanne Martin, who can be reached at 497-4710.

*Alfred Belanger* of the 578th SMXS. POC is David Ensley, who can be

reached at 468-9758.

To list a **leave recipient**, email Lanorris Askew at [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil).

**The Base Furniture Store** will no longer be open Mondays.

Its new hours of operation will be:

Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Mondays.

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AUGUST



**In August, Air Force officials announced several adjustments to the civilian workforce. Center commander sends message on effect at Robins.**

## Thousands to be added to random drug testing

About 10,000 additional Robins employees became part of a pool subject to random drug tests under a new Air Force directive.

All employees impacted received a letter of notification, then 30 days later went into a pool subject to random tests for illegal drugs.

Air Force Instruction 44-107, issued more than a year ago, established a new service-wide drug-testing program.

As part of that, the number of civilian positions subject to testing was expanded.

According to the Directorate of Personnel, the change is being done for



security reasons and to achieve a drug-free workplace.

The directive became effective for non-bargaining employees in April 2010, when it was originally issued. However, after negotiations between Air Force Materiel Command and the American Federation of Government Employees, the directive became effective June 30 for bargaining unit employees.

### Other August headlines:



## AFSO21 course offered to base leadership

Senior leaders from across Robins took part in an Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century Senior Leader Course Aug. 1-2.

The two-day class gave participants the opportunity to learn more about continuous process improvement; tour high-performing lean facilities at Boeing in Macon and the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group; and receive briefings on the Center's vision, focus and transformational objectives.

## Civilian hiring freeze in effect

Air Force officials announced the implementation of a 90-day hiring freeze effective immediately. In addition to the freeze, the officials plan to reduce temporary and term employees and implement both the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority program.

SEPTEMBER



**In September, Team Robins commemorated the 64th Air Force birthday and the 70th anniversary of the base with a special celebration at the Museum of Aviation.**

## Chambliss: Don't become complacent, lose momentum

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 community leaders from across Middle Georgia attended the event hosted by the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee and 21st Century Partnership.

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 Defense Department to come up with its own resolutions in program reduction, which he said would likely be the case.

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.

### Other September headlines:



## Global Hawk settles at Robins

An RQ-4 Global Hawk arrived at the Museum of Aviation after traveling on board a C-5 Galaxy cargo plane from Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

The unmanned aircraft, which has flown more than 7,000 combat hours, was recently retired from the Air Force. It is scheduled to be on elevated display in November in the Century of Flight Hangar.

## Base hosts High Velocity Lean event

Robins conducted a Center-wide High Velocity Acquisition Lean event to identify improvement strategies in sustainment and acquisition processes.



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Col. Gerald Swift, director of the F-15 Eagle Division, and JuneChul Choi, Korean Air Lines Aerospace Division vice president, signed 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.



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Matt Wynne and Chris Grimsley, sheet metal mechanics, remove beams on a C-130 to prepare it for a new center wing box. The wing box, which has a service life of 38,000 flying hours, is the structure that sits atop an aircraft, attaching the wings to the fuselage. A total of 40 center wing boxes have been installed at Robins, with 11 currently in progress on aircraft in the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group.

# 2011 – Year in Review

OCTOBER



## 116th ACW reorganizes, 461st ACW stands up

Past and present 116th Air Control Wing members, dignitaries, and family and friends filled the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar for a ceremony making the 116th Air Control Wing an active associate Air National Guard wing and activating the active duty 461st Air Control Wing.

During the ceremonies, officiated by Maj. Gen. Stephen L. Hoog, 9th Air Force commander, Col. Jeffrey Herd relinquished command of the 116th to Col. William Welsh. Col. L. Dean Worley Jr. assumed command of the newly activated 461st ACW, followed by the standup of the 461st Operations Group, commanded by Col. Troy Stone and the 461st Maintenance Group, commanded by Col.

David Foote. Hoog noted the 116th was the first blended wing in the Air Force and praised the unit for its many accomplishments.

Welsh – promoted to brigadier general in a ceremony following the change of command – has seen many changes since coming to the wing in 1996 as a weapons system officer.

“This is an historic occasion,” Welsh said. “Nine years ago to the day we went from two wings to one, and today we go from one wing to two ... we’re still one team, Team JSTARS. And, it’s going to take Team JSTARS to get us to the next level, to continue the successes that we’ve enjoyed and to continue providing JSTARS support around the globe.”

**In October, the Back to Basics campaign included a base-wide cleanup. During the week, the 78th Civil Engineer Group picked up an additional 10 to 15 tons of trash from around the installation.**

### Other October headlines:



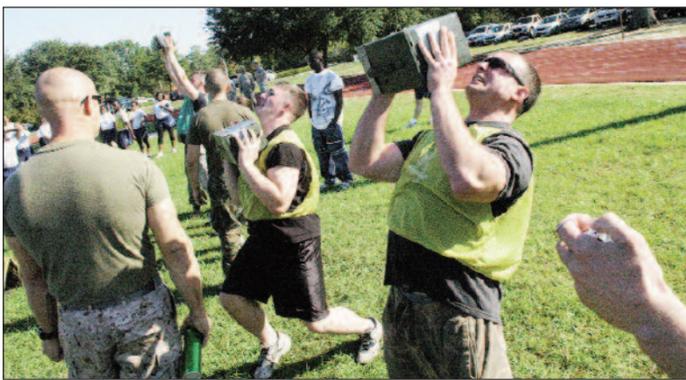
## SECAF: Stay focused on readiness during challenging times

Robins Air Force Base hosted Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley. Donley reiterated the accomplishments of Robins over the past year, pointing out that the center started fiscal 2011 with 25 late aircraft, yet began fiscal 2012 with none. He also applauded the ongoing work to improve working conditions and safety.

## 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron settling in at Robins

The move was an emotional one for the 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron of the Georgia Air National Guard, which officially made Robins its new home Sept. 1. For the past 59 years, unit members had called the six-acre compound at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport home.

## Sports Day a big lift



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Above, Sports Day participants compete in the ammo lift. Left, Senior Airman Steven Donahue carries Staff Sgt. Jason Balcita during the combat fitness course. Robins concluded an extremely successful Sports Day in October, as more than 500 participants competed in 10 events. There were 110 total teams, with 30 units being represented.



Think twice, energy has a price.

# 2011 – Year in Review

## NOVEMBER



**In November, Air Force officials announced several adjustments to the civilian workforce. Center commander sends message on effect at Robins.**

## Programmed Depot Maintenance on time across the board

During the first month of fiscal 2012, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center delivered all aircraft on time.

A total of 20 aircraft were delivered in October, including six C-130s, six C-17s, two C-5s, and six F-15s. The last time the center produced all aircraft on time in a month was November 2007.

“Considering where we were more than a year ago, the enterprise team put a plan together to get aircraft delivery back to being on time,” said Col. Randall Burke, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group commander. “We executed that plan. Everyone was focused on the goal of getting aircraft delivery due-date performance back to where it needs to be.”

The Commodities Maintenance Group was a primary supporter of

the 100-percent on-time delivery, producing 375 routed assets for aircraft programmed depot maintenance during the month.

Other base partners such as the Air Base Wing, Aerospace Sustainment Directorate, Air Force Global Logistics Support Center, and Defense Logistics Agency played key support roles in the accomplishment.

Beginning fiscal 2011, there were 25 unplanned carryover aircraft.

The 402nd Maintenance Wing last year produced 181 aircraft. Moving forward into fiscal 2012, the 402nd MXW began the year with zero late aircraft and zero unplanned carryovers.

While the first month was successful, the challenge over the next 11 months will be on sustaining on-time delivery.

## Other November headlines:



### Exchange program bridges communication

The continuing partnership between the United States and United Kingdom is evident inside one office of the 5th Combat Communications Group. On duty at Robins for the past six months, Flight Lt. Thomas Gallagher is just another member of the team.

### Symposium draws hundreds

The annual event is held to enhance communication between industry and government, and provide companies who wish to do business an understanding of the broad future needs of Robins.

## DECEMBER



**In December, for the first time, 20 full crown skin replacements are being done on a C-5C. In the past, only a portion of each skin would be removed and replaced.**

## Robins off DoD Top 40 Lost Time List

Robins Air Force Base did not appear on the Department of Defense Top 40 Worst Installations list for fiscal 2012 for civilian lost production days.

Robins had been on the list since fiscal 2003, when it was at the top of the list; in fiscal 2011, it was ranked number 21.

There have been a number of efforts put in place which have directly attributed to Robins being off this year's list, including partnership efforts involving the 402nd Maintenance Wing, AFGE Local 987, Directorate of Personnel's Injury Compensation Office, and the 78th Medical Group.

Especially in the last year, a culture of workplace safety has pervaded industrial shops across the installation. Through proactive measures in education, planning meetings and briefings, training,

and safety initiatives and awareness campaigns, it can be agreed that important changes have been made in how we perform and do business.

“There has been a big emphasis on safety in the 402nd MXW,” said Jay Fiebig, 402nd MXW technical director.

Some of that emphasis includes a now active Ergo program, more briefings to units on various bioenvironmental hazards, more investment and attention in personal protective equipment, and open, responsive communication between employees, union representatives and management.

Other initiatives included the 78th MDG adding a rehabilitation specialist in the 402nd MXW who specifically works with employees to help lessen their time away from the work site.

## Other December headlines:



### First two C-130H models get AMP package

The package will not only make the aircraft Global Air Traffic Management-compatible, but upgrades its avionics and defensive system suite. Upgrades will be made to communications and DC power distribution systems, with navigation upgrades to its global positioning and instrument landing systems.

### Teamwork leads to ‘Excellent’ results

The Center received an overall Excellent rating Logistics Compliance Assessment Program and Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program inspections.

# Medic's message

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Master Sgt. Tina Robinson, first sergeant for Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service, runs through a set of bicep curls at the Fitness Center.



## Good health is achievable in 2012 Goal setting tips for fitness resolutions

By now, many of you are setting, or considering setting your fitness goals for 2012 after enjoying the holiday season.

After many years of working in the rehabilitation setting, I would like to offer a few encouraging words to help.

First, set realistic goals.

It has been my professional experience that many people fail to achieve their fitness goals because of unrealistic expectations.

Change takes time, but it also takes commitment,

even when the results don't come quickly. Set small achievable steps to start.

For example, if your goal is to run after a prolonged lay-off, start with walking, alternating between a slow and brisk pace for a prescribed distance that you can reach comfortably.

Once the brisk walking pace becomes easier, alternate a brisk walk pace with an easy jog (can carry on a conversation as I run) pace.

Eventually you'll find that jogging will replace brisk walking, and you

can then continue to set new distance goals.

Second, fitness and your health go hand in hand.

There are many tangible benefits that can be achieved with regular exercise, including increased strength, increased stamina, and an improvement in lean body mass.

Our society today is dealing with an epidemic known as diabetes, and all 50 states – not just the south – are impacted.

Regular physical exercise can positively improve our bodies abili-

ty to regulate blood sugar. For those who are diabetic, that can be huge; for those who are borderline, now's your chance!

Third, you don't have to exercise alone.

Find an exercise wingman. Partner with someone who can motivate and encourage you to exercise, even when you don't feel like doing it. Remember, consistency and a commitment to change is the key to success.

—Lt. Col. Eugene Montano  
78th Medical Group

## HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

#### First Friday

Today  
4 to 5 p.m.  
Dinner at 6 p.m. at Horizons  
For details, call 468-2670.

#### Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday  
Sign-up at 1:30 p.m.  
Games start at 2 p.m.  
Members \$15, Guests \$20  
Heritage Club Lounge  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Football Frenzy

Sundays  
Doors open at noon  
Heritage Club Lounge  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Right Start

Wednesday and Jan. 25  
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### USAJobs Resume Writing

Thursday  
9 to 10 a.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Peace, Love Harmony, and the IFSP/IEP

Thursday  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

### UPCOMING

#### Ditch Your New Year's Resolution Day

Jan. 17  
Buy a meal at Fairways Grille  
Receive a complimentary dessert  
For details, call 468-4103.

#### Bundles for Babies Passport to Parenthood

Jan. 17  
8 a.m. to noon  
Bldg. 794  
Call 327-8380 to sign up  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Starting a Small Business

Jan. 17  
1 to 3 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Eskimo Lope 5K

Jan. 18  
Register 7 a.m.  
Race begins 7:30 a.m.  
Fitness Center  
For details, call 468-2128.

#### Volunteer Services

Jan. 18  
10 to 11 a.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Heart Link

Jan. 20  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bldg. 794  
Sign up by Jan. 18  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Boss N' Buddy

Jan. 20  
4 to 5 p.m.  
Heritage Club Lounge  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Interview Preparation

Jan. 23  
1 to 3 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Writing a Business Plan

Jan. 24  
1 to 3 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

### ONGOING

#### Spring Soccer

Register through Jan. 13  
Monday through Friday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
\$40 for active players;  
\$55 for new players

#### Start Smart Soccer

\$20 for returning players;  
\$35 for new players  
Youth Center  
For details, call 468-2110.

#### Golf Twilight

January Special  
\$20 after 2 p.m.  
18 holes, cart included  
For details, call 468-4103.

#### NASCAR Daytona 500

Tickets now on sale at ITT  
\$27 to \$199  
For details, call 468-2945.

#### Breakfast at Fairways Grille

Seven days a week  
7 to 10 a.m.  
For details, call 923-1717.



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For more details, call Venus Mansourzadeh at 468-5492.

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

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