

# Robins impacts of government shutdown

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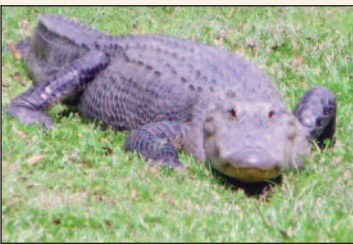
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## A Moment in Time

On Oct. 1, 1970, the Warner Robins Air Materiel Area presented the first of 23 WC-130B Hercules Hurricane Hunter aircraft to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration during ceremonies at Robins Air Force Base.

## NEWS

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#### Wildlife at Robins

Robins' geographic landscape is rich with diverse plant and animal life, and one of the animal species which may be spotted every now and again is the American Alligator.

"Alligators are a natural part of the environment in Middle Georgia; and therefore, folks shouldn't be alarmed if they see one," said Bob Sargent, the installation's natural resources manager and wildlife biologist.

Federal law prohibits harassing, capturing, harming, or feeding alligators, according to Sargent.

Do not approach alligators; and remember to keep pets on leashes. Swimming in base lakes is prohibited, along with letting dogs swim there.

Alligators are known to live in various drainage ponds east and south of the airfield and in lakes on occasion. Signs are posted that warn people not to approach or feed them.

If an alligator is sighted in a place frequented by the public, call 78th Civil Engineer Group customer service at 497-7447 or 497-3974.



Wild hog hunting season opened Aug. 3 at Robins.

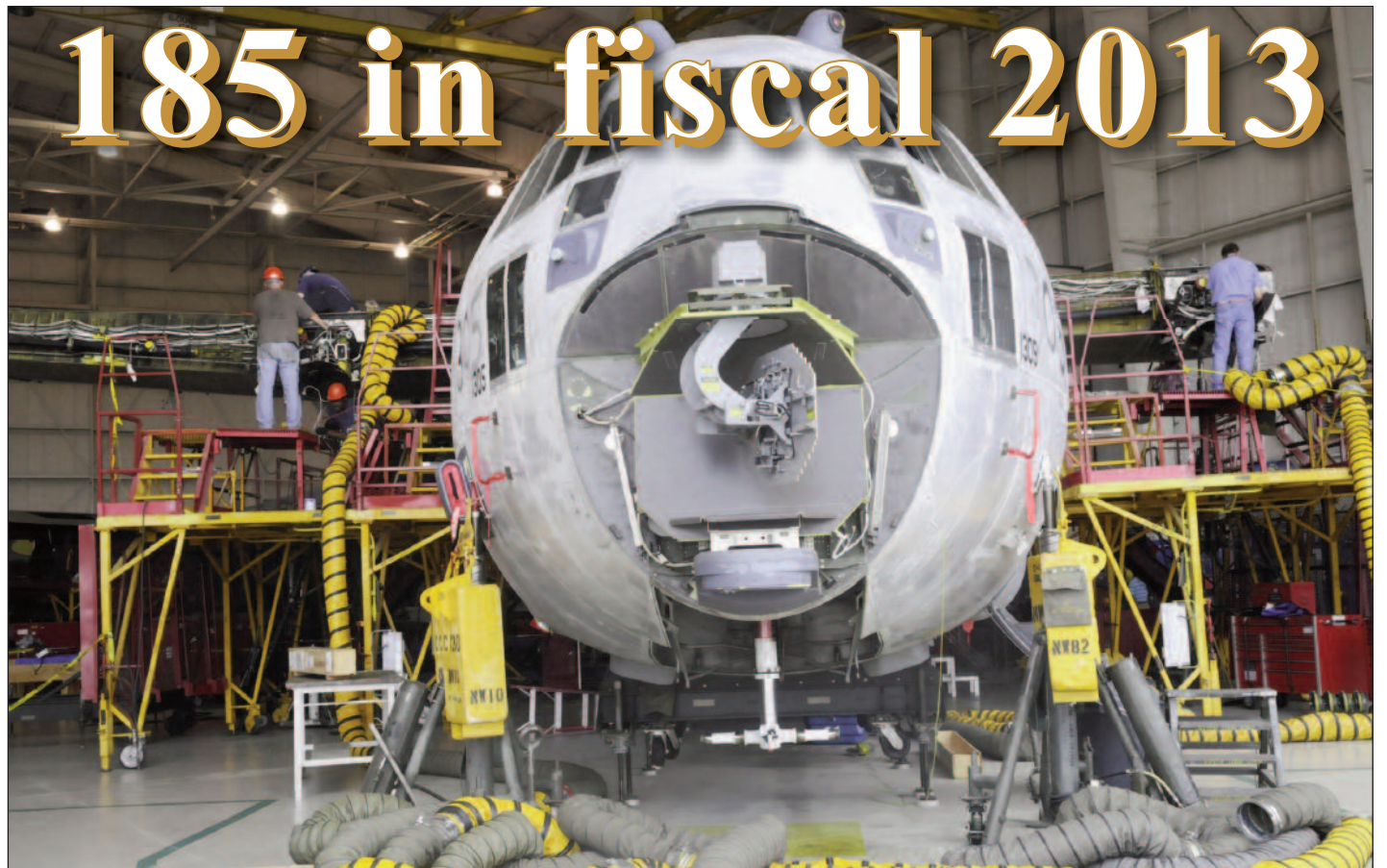
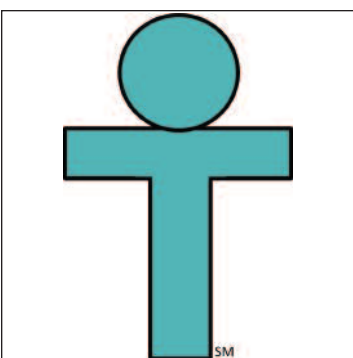
The base's trapping program is an effort to reduce the number of hogs destroying parts of the base's urban landscape.

If you're interested in hunting, you must first secure a state hunting license.

They can be obtained at large retail outlets with sporting goods departments.

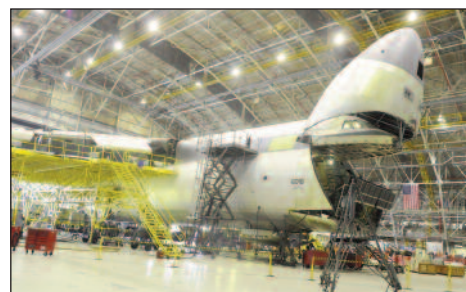
You will also need a base hunting permit.

For more info, call Outdoor Recreation at 478-926-4001.



Above, a C-130 undergoes High Velocity Maintenance at Robins. Below, Team Robins works to return C-17s, C-5s and F-15s to the warfighter.

U.S. Air Force file photos by SUE SAPP



## Robins looks to the future with optimism

BY JENNY GORDON

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Despite a challenging fiscal 2013, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex delivered a total of 185 aircraft back to its customers.

"As we move into fiscal 2014, our goal is to continue to be competitive," said Col. Timothy Molnar, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group commander. "We want to be the depot of choice and the best value for our Air Force."

While the on-time delivery rate this past year stood at only 76.3 percent, several factors contributed to that number. They include the impact of civilian furloughs during the summer – a loss of six working days; and uncertainties with rightsizing the workforce, which resulted in offering civilian employees incentives to retire early or resign through the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Program, or VERA/VSIP.

"In addition, some of the rules changed

for how we delivered airplanes," said Molnar. "In fiscal 12, we had a five-day delivery window – we didn't have that this year."

Once a contract date was firmly set, if an aircraft wasn't delivered by midnight, it was a late aircraft.

"While this was not always the case, the rules became stricter.

That affected our due date performance as well," he said.

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## VPP/Wingman event gets in the weeds

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Several members of the 78th Communications Directorate's records management section have literally gotten their hands dirty.

What used to be an unsightly patch of ground on the east side of Bldg. 301 – familiar to only weeds and swift glances by those to and from work – is now a beautiful recycled garden of sorts.

"We thought it would be something beautiful to look at and enjoy instead of there

being just a patch of weeds," said Jo Ann Rape, section chief.

Admitting there were many in the office who would pass the unsightly 5-foot by 22-foot wide area on their way for a smoke break, they decided to do something about it in conjunction with an upcoming VPP assessment and Wingman event.

It took two days this past spring to work the patch of ground, digging out weeds and preparing the soil. With dirt brought in from the 78th Civil Engineer Group, and

imperial orange canna lilies from Rape's yard, the area was transformed within a short time.

The "Re-Cycle of Life Garden" flourished, multiplying flowers on its own. The low-maintenance flowers also enjoyed recycled shredded paper as mulch, which protected it from weeds over the summer months.

In keeping with the VPP mindset of implementing safety standards both at home and work, the idea of

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Courtesy photo

A VPP project transformed an eyesore into the "Re-Cycle of Life Garden" at Bldg. 301.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON  
Gen Matchette, wife, mother of three, avid triathlon runner and self-described cancer "warrior" delivers an inspirational speech on breast cancer awareness at the fourth annual declaration of "Triple Ribbon Month" Sept. 26 at the Museum of Aviation Art Gallery.

## Recognition, understanding Base, community celebrate Triple Ribbon Awareness Month

BY TOMMIE HORTON

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Robins has teamed with Middle Georgia community leaders to support a campaign aimed at educating people on breast cancer, domestic violence and drug abuse.

Col. Christopher Hill, installation commander; Chuck Shaheen, Warner Robins mayor; John Harley, mayor of Centerville; Jimmy

Faircloth, Perry mayor; and Tommy Stalnaker, chairman of the Houston County Commission, met at the Museum of Aviation's Art Gallery Sept. 26 to display a united front.

The meeting signified the kickoff of the fourth annual declaration of "Triple Ribbon Month" which runs throughout the month of October.

The representatives from

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## A shot in the arm

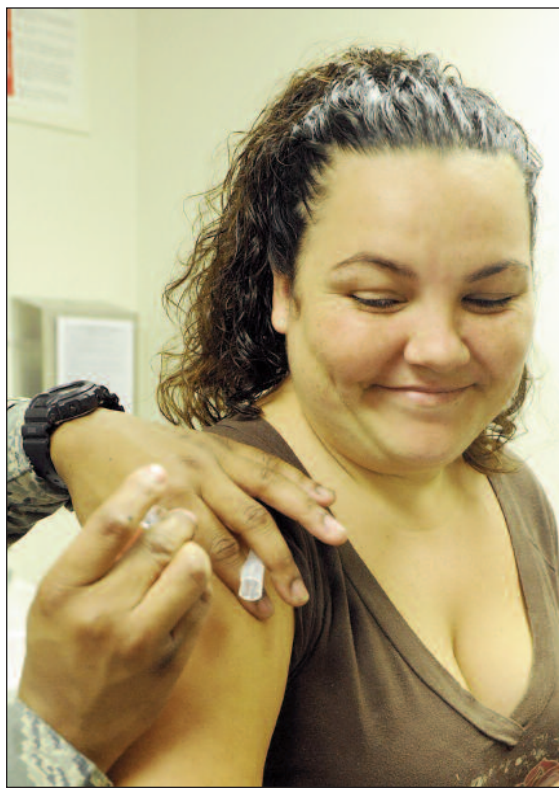
Nicole Jaeck, a military spouse, receives a flu shot Monday at the base hospital. The flu vaccine is now available for active duty members and their eligible family members at the 78th Medical Group, Bldg. 700. Vaccination hours are Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on the second and fourth Thursday of each month when the hours are 7 to 11 a.m.

For more information contact the Immunizations Clinic at 497-7921.

The Houston County Health Department will provide flu vaccinations for \$25 on base during October.

Health Department flu vaccine schedule:

► Oct. 18, HAWC (Triple Ribbon Festival) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

► Oct. 21, Fitness Center Annex (Bldg. 301) from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. and the Base Restaurant from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Below-the Zone

Congratulations to the following Below the Zone recipients:

- Airman 1st Class Rodin Alarcon, 78th Medical Support Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Caleb Conn, 461st Air Control Networks Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Marcus Fernandes, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Asheena Harris, 78th Air Base Wing
- Airman 1st Class Jesse Leo, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Maresa Miessler, 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Chasity Spires, 461st Air Control Networks Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Adam Spittle, 54th Combat Communications Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Dominique Taylor, 54th Combat Communications Squadron



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Col. Christopher Hill, Installation commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Sandra LePine, 78th Air Base Wing command chief, award Airman 1st Class Rodin Alarcon, 78th Medical Support Squadron his Below the Zone stripe Sept. 25.

## Robins impacts of government shutdown

The following installation support activities have altered hours due to the government shutdown:

► **THE EXCHANGE** - Open. However, some transactions may be delayed, such as the purchase of a firearm (which requires a background check or other administrative actions).

► **CIVIL ENGINEERING** - Only emergency service requests involving the safety of life and protection of property

► **CIVILIAN PERSONNEL** - Closed (Includes its Staffing, Labor Relations, and Employee Relations offices, and work on disciplinary matters)  
-Manpower Office - Reduced Staff

► **COMMISSARY** - Closed

► **COMMUNICATIONS**  
-FOIA/Records Management support - Closed  
-Information Technology - Help Desk and back shops (telephone, network and application support) will be available during normal hours but with significantly reduced staffs. AFNet Migration for Servers delayed. Delays for any software applications; Software Testing Lab closed. No new projects initiated for phone or network support; break/fix work only.  
-Robins Conference Center, postal operations and video teleconferencing (Bldg. 300) - Closed

► **COMPTROLLER**  
-Reduced Staff - (including Civilian Pay and Disbursing Office; GTC, GPC & Cash Collection Voucher sections; and Budget Section)

► **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** - Closed

► **FORCE SUPPORT**  
-Child Development Center - Reduced Staff

-Youth Center: School-age Program - Open; Youth Program - Closed  
-Health and Wellness Center - Closed  
-Fitness Assessment Cell - Normal Operations  
-Gyms - Normal Operations  
-Heritage Club/ITT/Pizza Depot - Normal Operations  
-Airman and Family Readiness Center - Closed, although two military personnel will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to provide limited services (deployment and re-integration briefs, Air Force Aid Society/casualty assistance, and Information & Referral Services  
-Base Restaurant, Quick Turn & Mobile Trucks - Normal Operations  
-Auto Hobby and Wood Hobby - Closed

► **LIBRARY** - Closed

► **JUDGE ADVOCATE / LEGAL SERVICES**  
-Environmental Law Division - Closed  
-Civil Law/Ethics - Reduced Staff (longer queue time)  
-Contract Law Division - Reduced Staff (longer queue time)  
-Labor Law - Normal operations  
-Legal Assistance Annex - Closed, except for Active Duty deployers/emergencies involving Active Duty members (by appointment only – Member should make appointment through first sergeants).  
-Military Justice - Normal Operations

► **HISTORY OFFICE** - Closed

► **MEDICAL**  
-Medical Clinic - Normal Operations  
-Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office - Normal Operations

► **MUSEUM OF AVIATION** - Reduced Staff

► **PHOTO LAB** - Closed

## 'Prevent Kitchen Fires' Base to celebrate Fire Prevention Week with host of events

BY ROBINS FIRE DEPARTMENT

It's time for Fire Prevention Week, and Sunday through Oct. 12 Robins' Fire Emergency Services is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association to remind local residents to prevent kitchen fires.

During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters and safety advocates will be spreading the word about the dangers of kitchen fires – most of which result from unattended cooking – and teaching local residents how to prevent kitchen fires from starting in the first place.

According to the latest NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen – more than any other place in the home. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of home fire-related injuries.

"Often when we're called to a fire that started in the kitchen, the residents tell us that they only left the kitchen for a few minutes," said Byron Chamberlain, Robins Fire Emergency Services Fire Prevention Assistant Chief. "Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. We hope that Fire Prevention Week will help us reach folks in the community before they've suffered a damaging lesson."

Safety tips firefighters and safety advocates will be emphasizing include:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food.
- If you must leave the room, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home and use a timer to remind you.
- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least 3 away from the stove.
- When cooking, wear clothing with tight sleeves.



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Firefighters talk to preschool children at the Child Development Center West about the firetruck equipment during last year's Fire Prevention Week.

- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels and anything else that can burn away from the stovetop.
- Clean food and grease from burners and stovetops.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. It is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

### Fire Prevention Week schedule of events:

**Monday** – From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. a fire truck will be on display at the Base Exchange. Firefighters will be handing out fire-prevention materials.

**Tuesday** – Fire-safety cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 31 from 7 to 8 a.m. Sparky the Fire Dog and the "Friendly Fireman" will be at the Child Development Center in Bldg. 946 from 9 to 10 a.m.

A fire truck will be on display at the Base Exchange and firefighters will hand out fire prevention materials with the help of Sparky from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At 2 p.m., Smokey Bear will make an appearance at Bldg. 215.

Station One Open House will include kitchen fire safety, extinguisher training and fire truck will be on display.

**Wednesday**– Fire-safety cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 44 from 7 to 8 a.m. Sparky and the "Friendly Fireman" will be at the CDC in Bldg. 943 from 9 to 10 a.m.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. firefighters will hand out fire-prevention materials and there will be a visit from Sparky at the Base Restaurant in Bldg. 166. Smokey will also make an appearance at Bldg. 2071 at 2 p.m.

Station One Open House will include kitchen fire safety, extinguisher training and a fire truck display.

**Thursday** – from 7 to 8 a.m., fire-safety cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 38.

Smokey will also make an appearance at Bldg. 2071 from 9 to 10 a.m.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. firefighters will hand out fire-prevention materials and there will be visits from Sparky or Smokey at the flight line dining facility in Bldg. 2062. Smokey will make an appearance at Bldg. 905 at 2 p.m.

Station One Open House will include kitchen fire safety, extinguisher training and fire truck will be on display.

**Oct. 11:** – From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. a fire truck will be displayed at the BX and firefighters will hand out fire-prevention materials along with the help of Sparky.

Smokey will also make an appearance at Bldg. 1555 at 2 p.m.

**Editor's Note:** For more information about fire prevention, call 468-2145.

### WINGMEN WANTED

EAP –

327-7683;

926-9516

### AIRMAN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING –

335-5218;

335-5236;

335-5238



# FROM THE COMMAND DOWN

## New AF app helps with workplace problems

BY TECH. SGT. BETH ANSCHUTZ

Air Education and Training Command  
Public Affairs

Airmen can now download an Air Force mobile application designed to help them better get at the root of workplace problems.

Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, or AFSO21, is the Air Force's eight-step problem solving method, and the application puts AFSO21 resources right at their fingertips.

The application, available for free download from the two most popular mobile marketplaces, provides a breakdown of problem solving steps with common tools and directions for each step. A glossary of AFSO21 terms wrapped up with tools and methodologies related to other problem solving models is also available.

The Air Force eight-step problem solving model is taught to Airmen through AFSO21 and Professional Military Education programs to generate efficiencies and improve combat capabilities across the Air Force.

Although the application was developed with a focus on AFSO21 facilitators, any Airman can benefit from the application's user-friendly steps when working through a problem.

"This application will make problem solving information more readily available to any Airman who wants to help improve processes within their organization," said Dan Kjolhede from the Air Education and Training Command Chief Learning Office. "Instead of having to rely on a piece of paper, they can use their smart device. The steps are available to



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. BETH ANSCHUTZ

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them anytime, anywhere."

Process improvements come in different forms – from a quick fix to a more complex problem that requires time and coordination through several organizations.

The AFSO21 application provides a one-stop resource with detailed information on each step in the problem-solving process and interactive tools providing users with an avenue to take photos, record data, populate charts and graphs, and store their inputs on their mobile device.

The AETC Chief Learning Office used this development project as a reconnaissance mission of sorts with hopes of paving the way for more applications.

With service-wide budget cuts, the Air Force is transforming its training model to maintain its edge in education and training.

"Our mission is to transform education, and mobile applica-

tions will play a big part in that," said A.J. Ranft, AETC's chief learning officer. "This was a great way to build a mobile device framework for the future."

Although the CLO team learned a lot through the development process, they hope to gain even more information from users.

"Feedback functions are embedded into the application," Kjolhede said. "We're looking forward to feedback from our users to make this application even better."

According to the CLO, the bottom line is facilitating better problem solving.

"It's very helpful to have a reference and to go through the problem-solving steps instead of just jumping to a solution," Ranft said. "The Air Force has sanctioned this methodology for problem solving and this application gives Airmen a resource to really work through problems effectively."

There are two AFSO21 applications available on the market, so Airmen should search their smart device's application store for "AFSO21" and choose the application developed by Griffin Mobile.

The Griffin, the 367th Training Support Squadron at Hill Air Force Base, improves Air Force combat capability through world-class interactive multimedia instruction for aircraft and munitions maintenance training for Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command.

The application is searchable by the terms Lean Six Sigma, Continuous Process Improvement, CPI, Smart Operations, Air Force, AETC or DMAIC.

## Air advisors share ideas with Angolan Air Force

**JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKE-HURST, N.J.** – U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Air Forces Africa worked together with a 621st Contingency Response Wing traveling contact team recently to conduct a building partnership engagement in Luanda, Angola.

The engagement gave 818th Mobility Support Advisory Squadron air advisors and Angolan airmen a chance to exchange ideas in safety and security.

The 621st CRW safety traveling contact team exchanged best practices in bird avoidance strike hazards, operational and crew resource management, flightline safety and fuels safety.

A second security TCT conducted by AFAFRICA focused on flightline security.

"Angola is one of only a few countries in Africa that can support international peace-keeping operations," said Col. David Poage, USAFAF international relations division chief. "Exchanging knowledge and experience strengthens the relationship between our air forces."

According to Lt. Gen. Domingos Adriano da Silva Neto, Angolan Air Force chief of staff, the tools and experiences on the prevention of accidents, flight safety and the security and defense of air bases is a national priority.

"The enrichment of our procedures in these areas is not only crucial for our operational capacity, but is also a critical aspect for our contribution to the promotion and development of our economy," he said.

"The airpower that the Angolan Armed Forces are developing as part of its reconstruction, will result in our country's regional and international security, as well as the ability to respond to humanitarian crises and natural disasters"

Further, da Silva Neto emphasized the importance of partnership building with the U.S. Air Force.

"The aspirations of our air forces are strengthened through this process leading to the cultivation of good friendships and the hope that our cooperation is increasingly solid and mutually advantageous," he said.

# AIR FORCE

NEWS FROM AROUND THE

**First unmanned QF-16 flight takes place**  
**TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS)** – The QF-16 full-scale aerial target's inaugural unmanned flight occurred Sept. 19.

The 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron and Boeing conducted the flight, which is the first step in a two-year process to phase out the QF-4 full scale aerial target.

"The QF-4 did a good job for many years, but it's time to turn the page in the aerial target program. This program will bring us into the 4th generation aircraft," said Lt. Col. Ryan Inman, the 82nd ATRS commander. "And, it will provide us with a mission capable, very sustainable aerial target to take us into the next 10 to 20 years."

A pilot performed all normal preflight checks before climbing out of the cockpit and locking the canopy from the outside. Control was then turned over to Thomas Mudge, an 82nd ATRS pilot controller, sitting in a control room on the opposite side of base. The QF-16 took off at 3 p.m. for an hour-long mission profile including take off, a series of simulated maneuvers and reaching supersonic speeds before returning to the base and landing.

"The flight itself went very well," Mudge said. "Its performance and abilities are great, and we're looking forward to this airplane."

The first QF-16 was delivered to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., in November 2012 for operational and developmental testing to ensure its viability for aerial targets. The QF-16 is a supersonic reusable full-scale aerial target modified from an F16 Fighting Falcon. The emergence of U.S. 5th generation fighters such as the F-22 Raptor and the F-35 Lightning means American forces need an advanced target, similar to what they would actually find on the battlefield.

To read more, visit [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

**Tiltrotor Test Rig Team, including NFAC, receives NASA award**  
**ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE, TENN. (AFNS)** –

NASA Ames Research Center recognized the Tiltrotor Test Rig Development Team with a Group Achievement Award at its annual NASA Agency Honor Award ceremony Aug. 29.

The multi-agency TTR Development Team is comprised of NASA Ames Research Center, the U.S. Army and Arnold Engineering Development Complex personnel teaming with Bell Helicopter and Triumph Aerospace Systems. The team received the award "for envisioning and developing the Tiltrotor Test Rig to provide a new national test capability for next generation military and civilian tilt rotor systems."

NASA, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force joined to develop the large scale prop-rotor test system for AEDC's National Full-Scale Aerodynamic Complex, located at NASA Ames Research Center. It's designed to test prop-rotors up to 26 feet in diameter at speeds up to 300



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN DANIEL HUGHES

## Dirty Job

Senior Airman Jonathan Jensen, a 555th RED HORSE Squadron structures journeyman, uses a concrete hammer vibrator to disperse the concrete against the wall of a K-Span building at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Training projects help with base construction efforts while honing wartime responsibilities and proficiencies.

knots. The combination of size and speed is unprecedented and is necessary for research into 21st-century tiltrotors and other advanced rotorcraft concepts. TTR will provide critical data for validation of state-of-the-art design and analysis tools.

The TTR is designed to be used in the 40- by 80-foot and the 80- by 120-foot wind tunnels. TTR is a horizontal axis rig and rotates on the test section turntable to face the rotor into the wind at high speed, or fly edgewise at low speed (100 knots), or at any angle in between.

To read more, visit [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

**Cybercom Activates National Mission Force Headquarters**  
**WASHINGTON. (AFPS)** – U.S. Cyber Command

has activated the headquarters for its Cyber National Mission Force – one of its three forces that would react to a cyber attack on the nation – Army Gen. Keith B. Alexander, Cybercom's commander, said at the National Press Club Sept. 25.

The other two forces are the Cyber Combat Mission Force that's assigned to the operational control of individual combatant commanders, and the Cyber Protection Force which helps operate and defend the Defense Department's information environment.

Speaking at the 4th Annual Cybersecurity Summit, the general – who is also director of the National Security Agency – said Cybercom teams are now fully operational and working side by side with NSA to defend the nation.

"We will ensure that we have the best force anywhere in the world," Alexander said.

Federal, military and industry officials listened as the general detailed five aspects of cybersecurity that NSA and Cyber Command are working to improve.

"Look at what's happened in the past year," Alexander said. "More than 300 distributed denial-of-service attacks on Wall Street.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DILLON JOHNSTON

## Things are looking up ...

Airman 1st Class Jacob Slaght, a 100th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department firefighter, rappels from a water tower at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England. Firefighters practice rappelling to train for real-world emergencies involving high-angle rescues.

"We saw destructive attacks in August 2012 against Saudi Aramco and RasGas [Co. Ltd.]," she added.

There've also been destructive cyberattacks against South Korea.

"What that says to me is that this is going to pick up. It's going to get worse, and we have to get a number of things done to protect this country," Alexander said.

The top priority, he said, is a trained and ready force

To read more, visit [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov).

## RAPID GLOBAL MOBILITY ... DELIVERY ON DEMAND

American power can be projected quickly anywhere on the face of the earth as a result of the Air Force's capability for rapid mobility.

The Air Force's 122,000 air mobility Airmen provide swift deployment and the ability to sustain operations by delivering essential equipment and personnel for missions ranging from major combat to humanitarian relief operations around the world.

Mobility forces also provide in-flight refueling, which is a unique Air Force capability and the linchpin to joint power projection at intercontinental distances.

The strategic impact of rapid global mobility is woven throughout Air Force history, from the Berlin Airlift during the late 1940s – when the Allies sustained a city of two million citizens for more than six months as a symbol of our nation's commitment to freedom – to today, as Air Force transport aircraft depart for a mission every 90 seconds, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

On any given day, the Air Force's inventory of mobility aircraft delivers critical personnel and cargo, and provides airdrop of time-sensitive supplies, food, and ammunition on a global scale.

In 2012 alone, Airmen flew 38,000 airlift missions, including 1,300 airdrops which delivered 40 million pounds of live-saving sustenance to coalition forces in Afghanistan.



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

**The C-5 Galaxy is one of the largest aircraft in the world, and the largest airlifter in the Air Force inventory. The aircraft can carry a fully equipped combat-ready military unit anywhere in the world on short notice and then provide supplies required to help sustain the fighting force.**

Beyond moving cargo and equipment, Air Force rapid global mobility is important to Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen.

The Air Force is saving lives with unprecedented survival rates because highly skilled aeromedical transport teams swiftly evacuate combat casualties. The Air Force's ability to evacuate wounded troops from the battlefield to emergency rear-area field hospitals and the

first-response medical aid provided en route by pararescue forces or critical care air transport teams has set a standard for the survival of wounded warriors.

Service men and women who likely would not have survived in past conflicts now return home.

We anticipate a future which requires the Air Force to provide rapid global mobility to remote, austere and distributed locations in contested environments. Because every mission counts, we're driven to seek the most effective and efficient way to move people and equipment.

New concepts and innovations that increase range, fuel efficiency, access to unimproved airfields and load capacity guide our future investments. Building on recent achievements, we'll continue to improve our aeromedical evacuation, precision airdrop and in-flight refueling capabilities for use in all environments.

Whether sustaining the warfighter or delivering hope with humanitarian assistance, Airmen ensure our own government and international partners are strengthened with the capability to get assets to the fight quickly, remain in the fight, and return home safely.

**Editor's note: This is the sixth entry of a nine-part series from Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Mark Welsh's office.**

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# On the Fly

## Use of USB devices can lead to administrative action

For those not already aware, plugging in any removable storage device into a government computer – unless authorized – is strictly prohibited.

Employees who are caught plugging in a USB device may receive a proposed reprimand for a first-time offense, according to the Directorate of Personnel.

If an employee receives an official written notice of proposed reprimand, he or she has a 20-day reply period for the opportunity to speak with management.

Following the reply period, it's up to management whether or not to proceed to reprimand an employee.

A second offense would result in a higher penalty of discipline, according to Peachey. Prohibited devices include any type of memory stick, thumb drive, camera flash memory card, iPod, PDA, cell phone or blackberry.

There are other removable media



which can be used on Department of Defense information systems, but they must be government-issued and properly scanned.

Those media include floppy disks, CD R/Ws, DVD R/Ws, zip drives, tape drives and portable hard drives. Those with questions should contact his or her organization's information assurance officer or the 78th Air Base Wing Information Assurance Office at 468-8143.

– Robins Public Affairs

## USDA funded food program now available at base child care centers

The Robins Child Development Program announces the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program.

The same meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled participants at the centers.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, the institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice).

Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the

Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. For information regarding the program contact Tommie Henson at 468-926-3080.

CDC East-755 Tenth Street, CDC West-745 Tenth Street, Youth Center-1021 Hawkinsville Street, RAFB, Ga. 31098

“Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services, Child nutrition Programs-Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced-Price Meals” are used to determine each child's eligibility for free and reduced price meals. Children who are member of TANF units or food stamp households are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

– Courtesy 78th Force Support Squadron

The Installation IG has moved from Bldg. 215 to Bldg. 905, Room 240. The phone number remains the same, 478-926-5111.

Martinez at 497-1777 or lizeth.martinez@us.af.mil; or Lorenzo Davila at 472-1293 or lorenzo.davila@us.af.mil.

The Robins Hispanic Heritage committee will host a banquet Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Museum of Aviation.

The guest speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. Imelda Johnson, Air Force Reserve Command Enlisted Force Development chief.

For tickets, contact Tech. Sgt. Lizeth

Middle Georgia State College Warner Robins testing center will not conduct testing sessions on Oct. 23, 24, 30 or 31. The testing center will upgrade its testing computers and convert to the new CLEP IBT platform. The upgrade will increase the center's delivery capacity resulting in more testing opportunities. Normal testing will resume on Nov. 6.

# Knowing signs key to fighting depression

**BY AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND**  
Wellness Support Center

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** – During the month of October, Air Force Materiel Command will promote Depression Awareness.

Depression is a common and treatable condition that, if left unrecognized, can lead to behavioral health issues and possibly suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

“The primary goals of this campaign are to educate the workforce about the signs and symptoms of depression, offer anonymous behavior health screenings, and promote the availability of support services,” said Greg Chadwick, AFMC’s Wellness coordinator.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, symptoms of

depression may include:

- ▶Feeling sad or “empty”
- ▶Feeling hopeless, irritable, anxious, or guilty
- ▶Loss of interest in favorite activities
- ▶Feeling very tired
- ▶Difficulty concentrating, remembering or making decisions
- ▶Thoughts of suicide, suicide attempts
- ▶Persistent physical symptoms such as headaches, digestive disorders, or chronic pain

If you are experiencing some of these symptoms consistently, for at least two weeks, you may be interested in a depression screening. An anonymous and voluntary mental health screening tool is offered is offered at, AFMCwellness.com. Screening results are not a diagnosis, but are provided so participants may

quickly and easily find out whether or not a professional consultation would be helpful.

If you or someone you know is experiencing signs of depression, help is available. Military OneSource is an option for military members, spouses, and dependents.

For more information, call 1-800-342-9647 or visit [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com). Active duty may also contact their local mental health clinic for services.

Civilian employees can contact the Employee Assistance Program for free, confidential counseling services at (800) 222-0364 or via the EAP website at [www.foh4you.com](http://www.foh4you.com).

For more information about depression education materials, visit [AFMCwellness.com](http://AFMCwellness.com), or call Robins Civilian Health Promotion Services at 497-8030.

## RIBBON

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Houston County and Robins Air Force Base urge all citizens to participate actively in the events, programs and efforts to eliminate domestic violence, drug abuse and breast cancer to promote a healthier community.

The issues addressed during the month are important due to their daily impact upon thousands within the region.

Hill described the event as an outstanding example of partnership that Robins has with the local community.

### TRIPLE RIBBON EVENTS

▶Thursday and Oct. 25 – Education Road Show featuring informational displays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Base Exchange and Restaurant.

▶Oct. 16 – Houston Healthcare will host a Pink Picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation.

▶Oct. 18 – 5K run/walk and Health and Wellness Fair, beginning with a 7:15 a.m. balloon release in honor of those touched by the triple ribbons.

Participants should sign in at 7 a.m. in the parking lot across from the HAWC, Bldg. 827 to fill out a tribute tab to be placed in the balloons, and an honorary bib to run or walk in honor of someone. The run/walk will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on the nature trail. The health fair will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the old gym.

▶Oct. 19 – Susan G. Komen Race for the cure begins at 7 a.m. North Peach Park Byron Ga.

▶Oct. 29 – A self-defense class will be offered in the fitness center aerobics room from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information about these activities, call 327-8480.

## VPP

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spending quality time together at work simply tied in with the goal they were working toward.

“It’s our little piece of Robins we take care of every day,” said Rape. “The beautification project helped to build morale; we had a good time and it gave us the chance to get in the sun and get our hands dirty.”

The section includes eight people responsible for managing all official government records for the base. The office also operates the

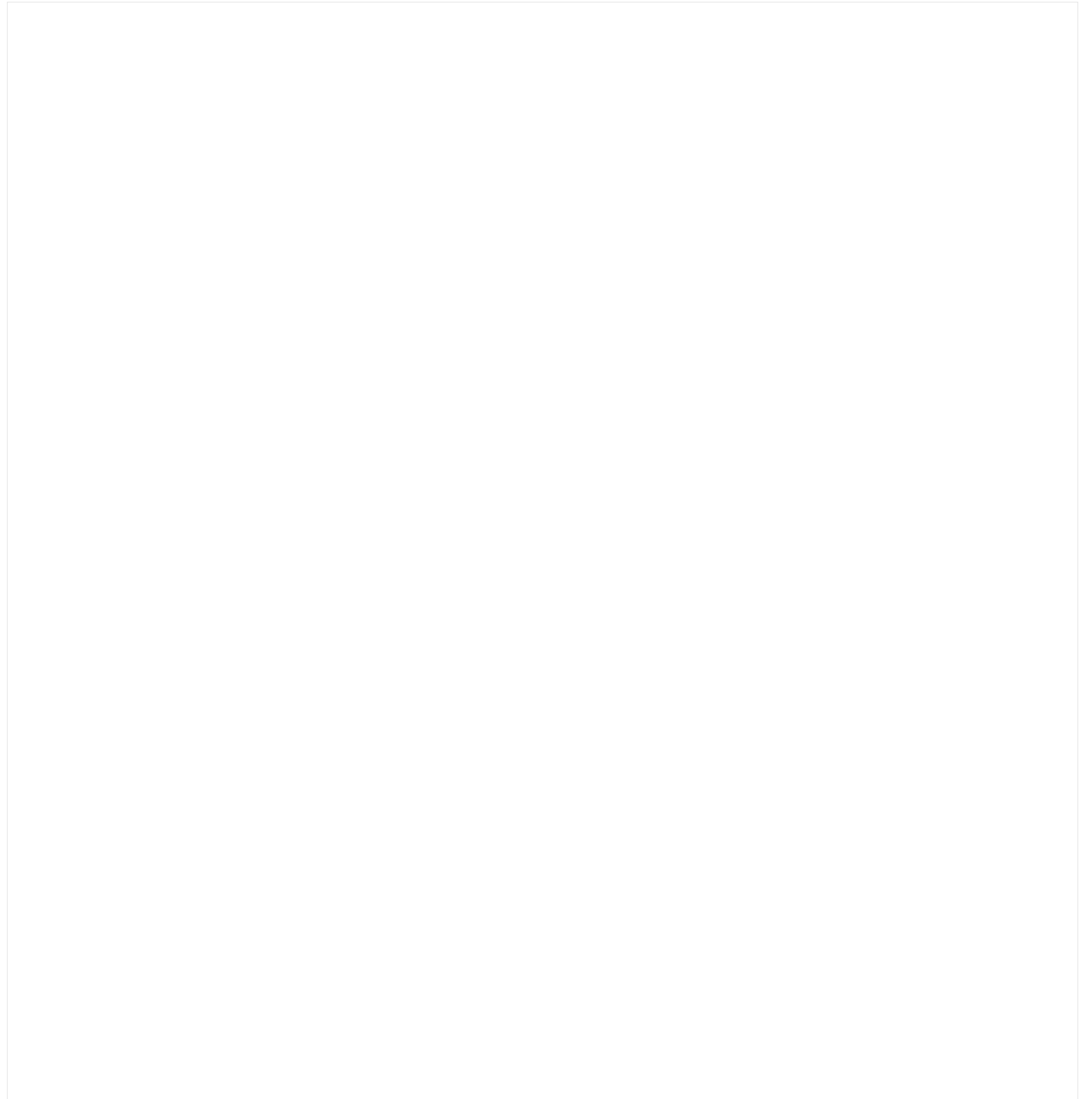
FOIA/Privacy Act and publications and forms offices; provides training; manages document destruction; and stores physical documents that haven’t yet reached disposition dates.

A silver banner presentation was conducted in mid-September; the section welcomed VPP representatives during an assessment in July.

“This (silver award) is a step in the right direction, making sure our people are taken care of, paying attention to what their needs are and making sure our area is safe,” said Rape.

Other project members were: Staff Sgt. NaQuia Brooks, Cindy Daniel, Tech Sgt. Christie Jones, Karen Jackson, Michael Lee, Jeanette McElhaney, Fred Washington, Bernice Winn and Donald Worthington.

*Additional VPP presentations by Col. Christopher Hill, Installation commander, were made Sept. 13. Gold banners were presented to the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron (POL Fuels); 78th Security Forces Squadron Armory; and Air Force Sustainment Center-OL/DP, Training & Professional Development.*



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As a result, 20 aircraft will be carried over in fiscal 2014. A total of 236 are scheduled.

“We’re excited about the work ahead of us,” Molnar said. “We have an opportunity to land on our feet and come through this much more competitive and efficient.”

Ed Montano, 402nd AMXG deputy director, pointed out that with a loss of experience due to earlier rounds of VERA/VSIP, a current goal is to enter some of the workforce into training programs to backfill positions.

Budget crunches also resulted in a contract termination which caused an additional loss of 300 employees.

“With all the turmoil that

happened in fiscal 2013, the men and women out here did a fantastic job,” he said.

While it’s important to be fast while producing quality airplanes, Molnar said that safety would never be sacrificed to make up for time lost as a result of the summer’s furloughs.

He credited the diligent force of 4,000 employees,

reporting for duty across three shifts no matter the weather.

“Safety is paramount in everything we do,” he said. “Our name is literally on every single plane that goes back to its home station.

“As for Robins, there is no community or workforce more dedicated and more patriotic than the men and women on this flight line,” he added.

**“Safety is paramount in everything we do,” he said. “Our name is literally on every single plane that goes back to its home station.”**

Col. Timothy Molnar, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group commander



## KUDOS Kids Understanding Deployment Operations

**Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Children of military members 7 to 15 years old (must be accompanied by an adult)

**Registration extended until Oct. 11**

For more information call Master Sgt. Michelle Main or Tech. Sgt. Ronald Megginson at DSN 468-1256 or commercial 478-926-1256

## Heart Link Spouse Orientation

**Oct. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

This Airman & Family Readiness Center event introduces military spouses to the Air Force and the base’s many helping agencies.

To register, call DSN 468-1256 or commercial 478-926-1256 by Oct. 17.

For childcare call, Shirletta Murray at DSN 468-6741 or commercial 478-926-6741.



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