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Base to shine on international stage

Afghan military to receive four C-130s from U.S. Air Force

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With a successful Oct. 9 delivery of two C-130H aircraft to the Afghan Air Force, maintainers and planners at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, along with program managers and engineers within the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center team at Robins, will once again play a vital role in 2014 with a unique and challenging mission.

Two additional C-130H models are scheduled to be delivered to the AAF by the end of December 2014, for a total of four aircraft.

But first those planes will make a stop at Robins to undergo something not routinely performed when it comes to the world-class heavy maintenance and overhaul capabilities this depot is known for.

One aircraft will undergo a standard programmed depot maintenance package, with the addition of corrosion prevention compound



U.S. Air Force photo by CAPT. ANASTASIA WASEM
Afghan Air Force 1st Lt. Khial Shinwari, C-130 pilot, raises the Afghan flag as one of two of the newly delivered C-130H models taxis onto the ramp during a ceremony Oct. 9 at Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan. and a new paint job. It's the other aircraft that will require a bit more flexibility with its nonstandard workload expected to bring a flurry of activity to meet the 2014 deadline.

Due to a hard landing, this particular C-130H experienced major structural damage to its nose. It will be replaced courtesy of a second donor aircraft currently scheduled to retire.

"We'll be putting dedicated work on this aircraft as we move forward," said Scott Boyd, Tactical Airlift Foreign Military Sales Branch chief at Robins. "While not commonly done here, the location where they will cut the aircraft will be pretty challenging. Every C-130 in the fleet is unique, so marrying the donor nose to the AAF-bound aircraft will be engineering and mechanical art at its best.

"Robins is under a spotlight right now, and we have a chance to shine on this," he added.

Jim Wright, Afghan Support Section chief, agreed. "This will be an opportunity for us to show what we can do in supporting something that is

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NEWS

YOU CAN USE

Exercise kicks off Monday

The installation will participate in Vigilant Shield 14, a U.S. Northern Command exercise, starting Monday.

Vigilant Shield 14 will test the ability of base personnel to respond to various situations and threats, particularly during the first five days of the exercise. It may result in some delays entering and exiting buildings, as well as the base.

The exercise is scheduled to run through Nov. 15.

Gate closures

Don't forget that gate closures allow CE to safely perform maintenance on vehicle barriers. The upcoming schedule is as follows: First Tuesday of the month – Gate 14, Russell Parkway Gate, closed 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Second Tuesday of the month – Gate 3, Watson Boulevard Gate, closed 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Third Tuesday of the month – Gate 1, Green Street Gate, closed 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Note: In case of inclement weather, work will occur on the following Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Moment in Time

On Oct. 18, 1943, during second anniversary ceremonies, the depot sponsored its first general open house. More than 15,000 visitors took the opportunity to inspect the depot and Robins Field.

What lies beneath



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Karl Zimmer, 402nd Maintenance Support Group Electronic Industrial Control mechanic, measures the output of a high voltage assembly to be used in X-Ray equipment which will conduct testing inspections on vital assets.

X-ray, NDI work one-of-a-kind at Robins

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There are things that can't be seen on the surface.

An undetected flaw on an aircraft wing is one example. It's a reality that can have consequences, so that's where nondestructive testing inspections play a role in keeping lives and vital assets safe.

Equipment used for NDI and X-ray work is managed here at the Warner Robins Air

Logistics Complex – the only one within the Air Force Sustainment Center.

A self-contained, lead-lined test chamber for X-ray in Bldg. 321 simulates and validates that equipment – high voltage stacks assembled inside tube heads and the matching X-ray control units – are fully functioning when used by testers in the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group and 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group.

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Resumes at Robins

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The 2013 Robins Combined Federal Campaign is back in full swing following a 16-day government shutdown.

This year's campaign runs Oct. 21 through Nov. 22.

"Although the shutdown delayed our kick-off date, our volunteer CFC key workers have ample time to contact each employee and military member to solicit and collect donations before the campaign ends," said Mark Shores, CFC chair. "More importantly, I fully understand that many of us have suffered smaller paychecks and financial stress caused by two rounds of furloughs. However, we must remain thankful for the good life we enjoy here in Middle Georgia, and continue to do the very best we can to help others less fortunate than us federal employees and military members."

While there's no formal goal this year, the campaign will be tracking this year's figures to last year's progress, according to Shores.

The Middle Georgia CFC, which covers 17 counties, has the campaign theme of "Serving our Country and Supporting our

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TOP PERFORMER

JSTARS officer continues to excel, wins ANG Sijan Award



U.S. Air Force photo by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS
Maj. Amy Holbeck, an aviator with the 116th Air Control Wing, monitors a computer screen from an operator workstation aboard an E-8C Joint STARS Oct. 11. Holbeck recently won the Lance P. Sijan award at the Air National Guard level in the senior officer category.

BY MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS
 116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

A Joint STARS operations officer recently won the Air National Guard Lance P. Sijan Award in the senior officer category.

Maj. Amy Holbeck distinguished herself as the assistant director of operations, 116th Operations Support Squadron, by leading a blended team of Air National Guard and Active Duty personnel during the highest operations tempo in the unit's history.

"Initially I didn't want to be nominated," said Holbeck. "I'm not one

to seek accolades for doing what I consider to be my job, but I was honored to win at such a high level and have the opportunity to represent my wing and the Air National Guard."

The Lance P. Sijan Award was named for the first Air Force Academy Graduate to receive the Medal of Honor.

Sijan, a fighter pilot, was severely injured when he was shot down over Vietnam in 1967.

Evading capture for 45 days, he later died in a prisoner-of-war camp in North Vietnam.

The award is bestowed annually to recognize Airmen who demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities

while assigned to an organization at the wing level and below.

"Winning the Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award for the Air National Guard is a big deal and a great achievement for Maj. Holbeck," said Col. Kevin Clotfelter, 116th Air Control Wing commander. "I'm pleased for her, but not surprised. Amy has consistently excelled during the 10 years I've known her.

"Whether it was combat operations in the early days of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, running a flight of 40 officers and enlisted, or overseeing a

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Second Front

Robins Airman presented Bronze Star

Maj. Archie Godwin was presented a Bronze Star Medal Oct. 18 for his actions during a recent deployment to Afghanistan.

Brig. Gen. Cedric George, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex commander, pinned on the medal during a ceremony in Bldg. 140.



Godwin

Godwin served at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan where he served as the 451st Air Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron commander from June 2012 to June 2013.

As commander, he led an integrated team of 210 active duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen at the most diverse maintenance squadron in Afghanistan. He is credited with orchestrating maintenance in conjunction with flying operations, and

supporting 128 aircraft assigned to three bases flying 42,724 close air support, armed reconnaissance, communication bridging and tactical airlift sorties.

During his deployment he also provided oversight to munitions stored at four separate locations and managed the largest munitions storage site in the country. His introduction of preventative inspections is credited with reducing inspection time by 33 percent across 70 inspections and returning 28,000 combat flight hours for operations in support of ground commanders.

The 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group Operations Officer, has served in the Air Force for 20 years and at Robins since June.

“It is an absolute honor to receive the Bronze Star Medal,” said Godwin. “Although this is an individual decoration, it would not have been possible if not for the great Airmen I had the privilege of working with and leading.”



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Looking ahead

Brig. Gen. Edmund Walker, Air Force Reserve Command Force Generation Center commander, talks to members of the FGC command staff Tuesday. Walker assumed command of the FGC from Brig. Gen. Steven Linsenmeyer during a change of command ceremony on Oct. 16. Walker previously served as special assistant to the vice commander of Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. The FGC serves as the single path to request and receive, as well as oversee and deliver, Air Force Reserve forces and capabilities.

Robins to host Military Appreciation Day

Military retirees from all branches of service and their guests are invited to attend Robins' Retiree Appreciation Day Saturday.

The appreciation day is to inform, assist and honor all retired military members, spouses and surviving spouses, and their family members who have base access.

The event begins with a pay-as-you-go breakfast from 6:30 a.m. at the Wynn Dining Facility.

Door prize giveaways and registration will



begin at 8:15 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m.

Col. Christopher Hill, Installation commander, will provide opening remarks at 9:15 a.m.

Retiree activities and briefings will follow until noon.

The briefings will include information about the pharmacy, security forces, immunizations, TRI-

CARE and Services among others.

A pay-as-you-go lunch will be available in the Heritage Club's Pizza Depot.

Vendors' tables will be set up in the Heritage Club from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

For more information, contact the Retiree Activities office via email at robins.rao@gmail.com or call (478) 284-9879.

TIP continues to grow

Participation in the Transportation Incentive Program jumped by 4 percent during September, according to data just released by the base TIP Office.

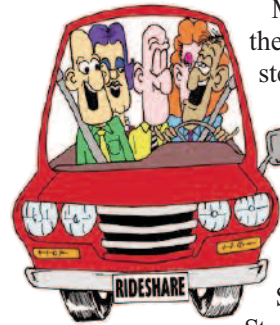
The number of local participants in the program is now 856. That's 36 participants more than were registered in the program in August.

The number of local van-

pools in TIP has also increased, from 64 to 66.

Meanwhile, the locations with the most participants remains steady. The top four continue to be Macon, Eastman, Atlanta and Dublin.

They're followed, in order by: Fort McPherson, McDonough, Hawkinsville, Cordele, Dudley, Locust Grove, Smyrna, Griffin, Jonesboro and Stone Mountain.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Irish Smith, Child Development Center East program assistant, plays peek-a-boo with 11-month-old Dominique Paul in the infant room at the center. The center recently received its renewed accreditation and was presented with the certificate Thursday.

CDC, Pre-K program renew accreditation

The National Association for the Education of Young Children recently announced the renewed accreditation of Robins Child Development Center East and the Georgia Pre-K program.

Col. Chris Decker, 78th Mission Support Group commander made the official presentation to the programs on Thursday.

Pam Martinez, CDC East Director stressed the importance of accreditation.

“Being accredited with the National Association for the Education of Young Children is an acknowledgement that the early childhood program and educators are providing life levels of quali-

ty embodied by NAEYC program standards and accreditation criteria. It proves that we are helping children we serve develop, learn and achieve full potential.”

The Air Force mandates that all child development programs receive accreditation through an outside agency.

Representatives from NAEYC inspected CDC East in June. They observed classrooms and checked to ensure the center met 10 core standards with more than 400 criteria. Preparations for the visits began a year earlier. CDCs undergo accreditation every five years.

News from around the Air Force

AF returns to normal, tuition assistance back

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — As a result of the passed continuing resolution legislation, the Air Force is in the process of returning operations to normal pre-shutdown status, to include the reinstatement of military tuition assistance.

The continuing resolution will fund the Air Force under the fiscal 2013 sequester funding levels, which will enable the reinstatement of MiITA for Airmen.

“Effective immediately all Military Tuition Assistance applications for courses starting on or after Oct. 17 may be submitted,” said Col. Jeff White, Air Force learning division chief. “All previously approved MiITA requests for courses which began on or after Oct. 17 are reinstated.”

Looking to the future, the Air Force policy for courses that started Oct. 1-16 will be distributed as soon as it is available, White said.

Air Force officials urge members to continue monitoring www.af.mil and the Air Force Virtual Education Center, which can be found on the Air Force portal, for the most up to date information.

Also, an email will be sent through the Air Force Automated Education Management System, notifying members of the reinstatement of their approved MiITA request for courses starting on Oct. 17 and later.

According to Air Force officials, the service will resume close to normal pre-shutdown operations, operating under the same constrained budget of fiscal 2013, according to the Air Force budget management and execution office.

For more information on the reopening, visit <http://www.af.mil/AboutUs/GovernmentShutdown.aspx>.

AF implements changes to PT assessment

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force has released further guidance on the implementation of several changes to the physical assessment test, which will take place Oct. 21.

The new guidance includes additions to the body composition component of the fitness assessment, delegation of appeal authority for fitness assessments and changes to the walk test.

According to the new policy, those taking only the abdominal circumference component of the fitness assessment will pass with the component minimum score as opposed to the composite 75 score as was previously required.

Males must now achieve an abdominal circumference of 39 inches, which is also the component minimum. Females must now achieve an abdominal circumference of 35.5 inches, which is also their component minimum.

Airmen who fail the abdominal circumference, or AC, measurement but score 75 points out of the remaining 80 points on the other components will take the body mass index, or BMI, screen, the policy states.

If the Airman does not pass the BMI screen, the Airman will take a body fat assessment, or BFA. If the Airman passes either the BMI screen or BFA, the Airman passes the body composition component of the fitness assessment.

This addition to the body composition component upholds our confidence in the AC measurement while allowing those rare Airmen who fail the AC measurement, but do very well on the other three components, to meet the DOD body fat standards.



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. ROBERT HANET

Engine service

Staff Sgt. Brian Fielhauer and Senior Airman Otto Kelly, 191st Maintenance Squadron, service the engine of a KC-135 Stratotanker as part of the isochronal inspection process of the aircraft at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. During the process, all components of the aircraft undergo an extensive inspection and preventive maintenance.

Additionally, the policy states that to pass the BMI screen, regardless of age or gender, the Airman must achieve a BMI equal to or less than 25 kg/m². This figure is obtained using the height and weight measurements taken at the beginning of the fitness assessment. To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Maxwell civil engineers use construction technology to cut energy costs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AFNS) — During a time when government shutdown, furlough and recapitalization are a part of the military landscape, Airmen are constantly looking for ways to save money for the Air Force.

The 42nd Civil Engineer Squadron here is doing more than just recycling and trading out incandescent light bulbs to save energy. These engineers are planning, sketching and studying how to leverage construction technology to save the Air Force millions over the next decade.

Maxwell Air Force Base is using a program called utility energy savings contracting to facilitate this process. It is a DOD and Air Force approved procurement vehicle that allows federal facilities to directly negotiate energy conservation implementation work with the utilities that serve the base.

“The base is starting direct negotiations with Alabama Power Company and Alabama Gas Corporation in an effort to reduce bills and increase efficiency,” said Larry Rowland, the 42nd CES base energy manager. “The less energy the Air Force uses and the more service members save reduces costs and enhances the ability to accomplish the mission. Energy impacts our readiness and the money we can shave off our utility expenditures can go directly to combat readiness or training depending on the function of the base.”

Every year, Maxwell spends approximately \$15 million on utility costs, including electricity, gas and water.

“The environment here provides challenges to energy conservation,” Rowland said. “We are very reliant on air conditioning and heating, partly because Maxwell is an education base with lots of classrooms with 20 - 30 students in each daily.”



U.S. Air Force photo by MASTER SGT. BEN BLOKER

On watch

Airman 1st Class Christian Mejia guards a disabled C-130 Hercules at Forward Operating Base Shank, Logar province, Afghanistan. Mejia is a 376th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Fly Away Security Team member deployed from Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. C-130 aircraft undergo programmed depot maintenance at Robins.

According to civil engineer officials, Maxwell’s single biggest expense is electricity for air conditioning; however there are other ways the base can save money on energy.

“Energy conservation is a broad concept,” said Kristi Rollins, a 42nd CES community planner. “Landscaping and buildings in general take energy and resources to maintain. We are looking at the buildings that we are designing, and we try to ensure they are oriented properly so they need to use less energy.”

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

— compiled by Holly Logan-Arrington

AIRMEN + CORE MISSIONS = GLOBAL VIGILANCE, GLOBAL REACH, GLOBAL POWER

No single core mission offers only one of the three effects of airpower — Global Vigilance, Global Reach, or Global Power — because all five core missions are necessary to provide the integrated global airpower effects that only the Air Force can supply.

And, Airmen — regardless of their mission-specific specialty — play a critical role in delivering those effects.

For example, a remotely piloted aircraft pilot doesn’t just supply Global Vigilance, a boom operator on a tanker doesn’t just bring Global Reach and a navigator on a bomber doesn’t just dispense Global Power.

Using their innovative natures, those Airmen play a part in providing all three.

Air Force history is full of examples of ways that innovative Airmen have brought our core missions together to deliver Global Vigilance, Global Reach and Global Power. The ingenuity of

Airmen was on full display during the first 24 hours of Operation Desert Storm.

The attack plan called for more than 150 attacks against separate targets — more targets in a single day than were attacked by the entire 8th Air Force in the first two years of the combined bomber offensive over Europe during World War II.

This degree of complexity and precision was made possible when an Airman’s new theory of targeting was combined with advanced airpower technologies.

The introduction of stealth technology and the expansion of types and numbers of precision weapons, combined with a targeting approach based on achieving specific effects rather than widespread destruction, created a new concept of operations known as parallel warfare — the simultaneous application of force across the breadth and depth of the the-

ater. When combined, those elements heralded a turning point in the character of warfare that continues to have a defining influence on how to win future conflicts.

Another powerful real-world example of Air Force Global Vigilance, Global Reach, and Global Power occurred at the start of Operation Allied Force when two B-2 stealth bombers departed Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., for their assigned targets in Serbia.

As the first coalition aircraft to enter heavily defended enemy airspace, each B-2 dropped 16 satellite-aided precision bombs to attack their targets, paving the way for the rest of the initial aerial attack force to follow shortly thereafter. During the first eight weeks of the conflict, the B-2s, all flying nonstop round-trip combat sorties from Missouri, destroyed 33 percent of the total targets in the campaign.

More recently, in 2013, B-2 bombers flew non-stop training sorties from

Whiteman to South Korea to signal America’s resolve and ability to quickly deliver airpower effects.

Global Vigilance, Global Reach, and Global Power were also demonstrated in full force during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Bringing all our core missions to the fight, the Air Force provided armed overwatch, close air support, mobility operations and ISR. Air Force ISR, coupled with the relentless precision bombing of Iraqi forces, assured coalition commanders that their unprotected flanks were secure, allowing a lightly contested advance to Baghdad that hastened the fall of Saddam Hussein’s regime after just three weeks of fighting.

To read the full article visit www.af.mil/airpower4america

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From the Command Down

AFMC 5-center construct reaches full operational capability

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Wolfenbarger, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, announced Tuesday, the full operational capability of the command's 5-center construct, a major milestone in AFMC history.

"The 80,000-plus men and women of AFMC have repeatedly raised their own bar for success. This world-class workforce continues to display the dedication and innovation that are hallmarks of Air Force professionals," Wolfenbarger said. "As a result, we leveraged an historic opportunity to more efficiently and effectively equip the Air Force for world-dominant airpower. I am incredibly proud to stand with them today as I declare full operational capability."

Birthered from former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates' 2010 "efficiency" directive in anticipation of substantially reduced resources, this is the largest reorganization within AFMC since its establishment 21 years ago.

Wolfenbarger pointed out that AFMC's reorganization maximizes mission-effective and cost-effective operations to provide global



vigilance, global reach, and global power for America through:

- Unity of purpose – One center, one mission, one commander across multiple locations;

- Standardized processes across all mission areas;

- A streamlined organizational structure; and,

- A single weapon system face to the warfighter and industry.

Wolfenbarger also said there are several quantifiable successes the reorganized AFMC has realized in the past year since initial operational capability was declared Oct. 1, 2012. They include:

- Reduced costs and improved readiness, marked by a substantial increase in depot aircraft production, and a reduction in critical parts shortages and depot backorders;

- Collaboration across maintenance, repair, overhaul/supply and lifecycle management to reduce depot rates by 5 percent for the first-time ever – driving a fiscal year 2015 savings of \$515 million;

- Implementation of a standard Should Cost process that captured the life cycle of weapon systems for Acquisition Category 1 programs – more than \$2 billion savings projected to date, with potential to save more than \$5 billion when employed across all ACAT programs, sustainment programs, and services; and,

- Creation of the Weapons System Enterprise Review to provide senior leaders comprehensive, integrated, and timely data focused on fielded weapon system support, modernization, and future risk areas.

Prior to the reorganization, AFMC was made up of 12 centers across the command. The reduction to five centers immediately netted an operating efficiency through reduced overhead of more than \$109 million per year.

The command's five centers are the Air Force Research Laboratory and the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, both headquartered at Wright-Patterson AFB; Air Force Test Center, headquartered at Edwards AFB, Calif.; Air Force Sustainment Center, headquartered at Tinker, AFB, Okla.; and the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, headquartered at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

ALL in a Day's WORK

Name: Mark French

Work title: Civilian police officer

Unit: 78th Security Forces Squadron

Hometown: Oswego, N.Y.

Number of years in federal service: 13



U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

What does your work involve at Robins? "My primary mission is to protect property and personnel at Robins."

What do you enjoy most about your work? "My favorite aspect of my duty day is the face-to-face interaction with the base populace. I'm very fortunate to have a career that allows me to interact with the vast majority of base employees, both military and civilian."

How does your work contribute to the Robins/DOD mission? "A large portion of my assigned duties are to protect personnel and property. The personnel and property that are assigned to Robins are vital to both stateside and overseas missions."

What prompted your interest in your career? "Throughout my life I have always had the desire to assist people in need. This career allows me to take that desire and turn it into a duty I can do on a daily basis."

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? "Naturally a good home-

upbringing by my parents was the greatest influence of my life. Outside of the home I was influenced greatly by Jay Elhage, who was a chief warrant officer in the Marine Corps. His integrity, responsibility and commitment to excellence in all he did led me to the military."

What's something people would be surprised to know about you? "One of my favorite hobbies is metal detecting. Whether it's combing old building sites, or digging up my own front yard, there is just something rewarding in unearthing lost or forgotten items."

What's the accomplishment you're most proud of? My military service has been a great accomplishment. I served in both the Marine Corps Infantry and Air Force Security Forces. In doing so I accomplished a lot of great things and have met a lot of great people. I feel one of the most honorable things a person can do is to try to leave this world better and safer for the men and women who will come after them. Being part of both these great organizations, and now as a DOD civilian, I hope I am doing just that.

Positive workplace relationships enable everyone to perform at their very best

Working TOGETHER for a COMMON CAUSE



Members of the 5th Combat Communications Group and 8 Air Communication Control Squadron set up and position equipment to be used during their joint training event.



Above, Royal Canadian Air Force Cpl. Nicholas Cooley briefs Col. Bill Waynick, 5th Combat Communications Group commander, on a communications satellite.



At right, Waynick and Capt. Douglass Godden, 8 ACCS commander, discuss capabilities of the RCAF Full Motion Video.

U.S. Air Force photos by ED ASPERA

5th CCG, Royal Canadian Air Force conduct training event

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Royal Canadian airmen from the 8 Air Communication and Control Squadron out of Trenton, Ontario, recently collaborated with local U.S. Airmen on a series of contingency scenarios here.

The 29 Canadian service members trained Oct. 4 through 20 with the 5th Combat Communications Group, setting up combat airfield and basic commu-

nications at the South Training Area.

The Gypsy Wanderer training event afforded these allies the ability to observe each other while assembling and operating similar operational equipment, and improved communication and camaraderie between the international partners.

With similar equipment, the 5th CCG had TPN 19 Radar, Radar Approach Control, while the 8

ACCS radar is the MPN 25 compact ASR/PAR/Secondary Surveillance Radar.

Also, the Full Motion Video suite on both sides served similar roles.

The Air Force video is used for quick response – for example when you expect low air traffic, while the Canadians use their video for areas expecting up to four aircraft at one time.

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very important politically,” he said. “It’s difficult to know the impact, as it’s such a symbolic thing for the Afghans. This will be something Robins can substantially contribute to.”

Once repairs are made on the last C-130H, it will in many ways be better than new, considering the aging fleet of the aircraft which have been flying since its 1974 introduction.

“It will be an excellent product when it’s done,” said Boyd.

The cargo planes will primarily be used for training purposes and expanding airlift capabilities.

They’ll help boost military capabilities with the Afghan National Security Force as they lead their country’s security, according to news reports from Afghanistan’s International Security Assistance Force.

The first two aircraft, currently in Afghanistan, didn’t have many maintenance requirements at Robins, and only included re-stenciling aircraft markings, minor maintenance and inspections, and functional test flights this past August and September.

The upcoming nose repair – an unscheduled depot level maintenance – will also require a corrosion prevention compound application, remarking of Afghan symbols and a minor inspection to ensure its air worthiness.

Extensive planning and engineering analysis will be performed, with the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group working closely with system program office engineers in the days ahead.

“Maintainers at Robins accomplish structural repair and unscheduled workload every day to keep our older C-130 fleet mission-capable and com-

bat-ready,” said Jim Russell, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron director. “We replace major structural components such as the center wing box, and will begin replacing outer wings on C-130 aircraft this fiscal year.

“However, this nose swap will be a huge structural undertaking that will require tremendous teamwork between C-130 maintainers and system program office engineers,” he added.

Russell estimated about 30 mechanics could be dedicated to the project; however, that could change once initial inspections and assessments are performed.

“From both an Air Force and an international standpoint, this will showcase the experience and capabilities we possess at Robins with our world-class maintainers, engineering team and support agencies,” he said.

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wing flying schedule of more than 900 aviators, Holbeck has been an unmatched leader,” added Clotfelter.

A self-proclaimed shy and backwards person prior to joining the military, Holbeck shared how joining the military and becoming an officer helped build her confidence.

“Out of uniform, I never had confidence,” said Holbeck. “Wearing this uniform has brought out qualities in me I didn’t have before. I kiddingly refer to it as my ‘Wonder Woman’ suit.”

But, Holbeck’s commitment to leadership doesn’t stop when she takes the uniform off at the end of the day.

“One of the qualities I feel is important for a leader is a servant’s heart,” she said. “I love to help people whether it’s at work, home, or when I’m serving others in my community.”

Having just returned from a mission

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Maj. Amy Holbeck
116th Operations Support Squadron
assistant director of operations

to Honduras, Holbeck shared the passion she has for helping children both at home and abroad. She is a leader in her local church and teaches children on a weekly basis.

“My faith in God and the example set forth by my parents have been the driving force in every part of my life, said Holbeck.

“In everything I do I try to live by a philosophy my father shared with me, ‘Always do your best and take advantage of every opportunity.’”

NDI

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Think of these stacks and control units as sophisticated Industrial X-ray machines, which can shoot and take pictures through pretty thick substances to detect cracks, water leaks, etc., of various aircraft parts.

“It’s definitely an advantage performing the repairs on site, where you can save three or four months getting equipment back to the customer,” said Karl Zimmer, 402nd Maintenance Support Group Electronic Industrial Control Mechanic. “Many times we can do repairs with less than a day turn around.”

Since 2011, a total of eight control units have been repaired here, along with 20 tube heads. These tube heads – large green canisters – hold the brains of the X-ray machine and the high voltage stacks.

Sometimes a glass tube inside can get

Did you know

NDI and X-ray equipment is managed at Robins, the only facility in the Air Force Sustainment Center to do so.

shattered, or diodes and transformers can burn out, so they must be repaired as well. Once the unit is re-assembled, it’s tested in the simulation chamber before it’s returned to the customer. The stack can take 20 volts and generate it into 20,000 volts of power.

While the equipment is heavily used on weapons systems maintained at Robins, having them maintained nearby saves on shipping costs, and aircraft downtime is lessened.

Also because most of the internal electronic and electrical components are solid state devices, the units are very reliable and maintenance friendly.

CFC

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Community.”

There are currently more than 30 super monitors representing organizations across the base, with more than 200 additional key workers and volunteers.

A new feature this year is the option to make a payroll deduction pledge online while using the ‘myPay’ system. The module will allow military and civilian personnel in the Department of Defense and other federal customers of the Defense Finance and Accounting Services to establish a CFC allotment during this campaign season.

This ‘myPay’ option is voluntary. Hard copy pledge cards will also be distributed.

Robins has exceeded its goal every year since 2002, according to Paul Nagle, CFC director.

In 2011 – the latest figures available – local organizations were the recipients of more than \$638,000; national organizations, more than \$943,000; and the rest distributed among international organizations and others.

To learn more, visit www.middlegacfc.com or www.cfctoday.org.

2013 CFC Super Monitors:

116th Air Control Wing

- ▶2nd Lt. Desiree Patterson
- ▶Lt. Col. Kimberly Ainsworth

461st Air Control Wing

- ▶Master Sgt. Morris Craven

5th Combat Communications Group

- ▶Master Sgt. James Harker
- ▶Master Sgt. William Parker

78th Air Base Wing

- ▶Capt. Mindy Davis
- ▶Cheryl McBroom

Air Force Audit Agency

- ▶Dawn Dixon

Air Force Lifecycle Management Center

- ▶1st Lt. Mustafa Sakib
- ▶Alice Escobedo (EBG)
- ▶2nd Lt. Carl Suco (EBHA)
- ▶Master Sgt. Michael

Nakoski (HBG)

- ▶Tech Sgt. Olivia Green (IN)
- ▶2nd Lt. Richard Hanberg (WIU)
- ▶2nd Lt. Tony Huang (WIU)
- ▶2nd Lt. Rico Lane (WLM)
- ▶Anthony Swygert (WLM)
- ▶2nd Lt. Andrew Bettenger (WLN)
- ▶2nd Lt. David Fernandez (WLS)
- ▶Robert Rutherford (WNA)
- ▶Capt. Aileen Bailey (WNY)
- ▶Jose Stein (WNY)
- ▶Master Sgt. Wilbert Terrell (WNZ)
- ▶Rebecca Brooks (WWQ)
- ▶Sheree Quattlebaum (WWQ)
- ▶Urania McCormick (EZG)

Air Force Research Laboratory

- ▶2nd Lt. Carlos Homer (RXSSR)

Civilian Transition Programs

- ▶Keia Albright

Defense Logistics Agency

- ▶Patti Williams

Engineering Robins

- ▶Urania McCormick

339th Flight Test Squadron

- ▶Master Sgt. Lawrence Cathcart

Financial Management/ Cost Accounting Branch

- ▶Lori Benton
- ▶Tpring Card

HQ Air Force Reserve Command

- ▶Capt. Lori Bartz
- ▶Capt. David Garrett

Contracting

- ▶2nd Lt. Honghao Wu (AFLCMC & AFSC)

Directorate of Personnel

- ▶Emily Arthmann

Small Business Robins

- ▶Frederick Anderson

Supply Chain Management Group

- ▶Barbara Anderson

Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex

- ▶Amy Huff
- ▶Reginald Saunders



Buckle up ... It's the Law



According to Air Force Instruction 91-207, all motorists and passengers must wear seat belts when operating and/or riding in a moving vehicle.

Individuals found not wearing a seat belt in a moving vehicle may be issued a ticket by the 78th Security Forces Squadron.

Environmental impact**Keeping pollutants out****BY RUSSELL ADAMS**

Water Quality Program manager

Do you wash your car in the driveway? Do you store yard chemicals such as weed killers and fertilizers outside next to your house? Do you let that small oil or radiator leak on the car linger and just top off the fluids every week?

Those behaviors, while possibly second nature at home in a nearby community, are not permissible at Robins due to their potential to contribute pollutants to the storm water system.

All storm water discharges at Robins are regulated by permits under the Clean Water Act, including discharges associated with industrial activity, construction activity, wastewater treatment, and municipal activities.

These permits stipulate the types of water allowed to be discharged into Robins' storm water system. In general, only rainfall and other forms of uncontaminated water – no sediment, debris, oil sheen, or other chemicals or detergents – is allowed to be discharged to the storm water system.

Our permits also require use of best management practices, or BMPs, to minimize pollution from entering waterways such as creeks and rivers.

Typical BMPs used for our municipal activities such as Robins'



housing and Services areas can range from street sweeping, to picking up yard trash and debris, to storing materials and chemicals under cover or in containment devices to prevent rainfall from coming in contact with chemicals.

Many of these BMPs are encouraged for use on or off base.

For car washing, you may use a commercial car wash facility. They have BMPs in place to treat and cleanse wash water discharges before release.

If you wash your car at home, wash it on gravel, grass or other permeable surfaces, and only wash it on paved surfaces if it drains to a grassy area.

Use plain water with a coarse sponge or biodegradable, phosphate-free water based cleaner. Soaps that contain phosphates, whether they are used to clean cars or clothes, can pollute downstream waterways. When washing your car, always use a trigger nozzle on the hose to conserve water.

Store yard and vehicle maintenance chemicals indoors or under cover to prevent contact

with rain water and to prevent corrosion of containers. Additional precautions for storage include the use of locking cabinets or placing chemicals on high shelves for child safety. Keep products in their original containers with their original labels.

For leaking vehicles or equipment, inspect your cars, lawn mowers, etc., regularly, and try to repair them as soon as possible.

If leaks are observed, place a container under the leak to capture the fluids until repairs can be made. Clean up any observed leaks promptly.

By implementing BMPs in both our professional and personal lives, we can minimize environmental impacts from storm water discharges, keep our waterways clean, and protect our neighbors and fish and wildlife.

For more information, call 468-9645.

Editor's note:
Stormwater Straight Talk is a quarterly column intended to educate and inform base personnel about stormwater pollution.

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Robins Employee Assistance Program

BY HOLLY
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The idea of managing life's financial responsibilities on a much tighter budget than one is accustomed to could give anyone a migraine headache.

If you've been anywhere near a group of Defense Department civilian employees lately, you've probably heard talk of carrying sack lunches to work, cutting back on entertainment and mention of many other ways to trim personal household budgets in light of the furlough resulting from the recent government shutdown.

The Employee Assistance Program, also known as EAP, offers DOD civilians and their household members stress management training, improved coping

WHAT TO KNOW

For EAP assistance, call 497-7577 or 497-7683 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Employees are seen on an appointment basis only. EAP counselors are located in Bldg. 207, the Occupational Medicine Clinic, Room D160 and D156. For 24-hour assistance, call 1-800-222-0364.

skills, financial and legal services (through the national service center), supportive counseling, and marriage counseling, help with troubled relationships, depression, stress, emotional concerns, substance abuse and more.

Jamie Tillit, one of two licensed, professional counselors in EAP at Robins, said the program helps DOD civilians handle various life problems on a short term basis and also provides referrals for federal employees and family members.

"The policy is that employees are allowed six sessions per prob-

lem," she said. "Other services are available on base such as Military Family Life Consultants or Airman and Family Readiness Center. Insurance will cover off-base counseling (in most cases)."

Aside from counseling, Tillit said making small lifestyle changes can help ease financial stress.

"Hopefully employees have been saving since furloughs were first mentioned," she said. "Other things you could do is to cut corners where possible. Eat out less. Bring lunch. Combine errands to save gas or carpool."

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Affordable Care Act has little impact on TRICARE beneficiaries

BY DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFNS)

– The Affordable Care Act, also known as the health care law, was created to expand access to affordable health care coverage, lower costs, and improve quality and care coordination for all Americans.

Under the health care law, people will have health coverage that meets a minimum standard (called "minimum essential coverage") by Jan. 1, 2014, qualify for an exemption, or may be required to pay a fee if they have affordable options, but remain uninsured. Because of this, many TRICARE beneficiaries may be wondering how this new law will affect them and their families.

Simply speaking, the Affordable Care Act will have very little impact on TRICARE beneficiaries. The biggest change they will notice may be an extra letter in their mailbox every January, and an extra box to check on their tax forms every April.

Beneficiaries who receive TRI-



CARE benefits, whether at no cost, by electing to pay an enrollment fee, or by paying monthly premiums, have minimum essential coverage under the Affordable Care Act. This includes: TRICARE Prime, Prime Remote and Standard; TRICARE Reserve Select, TRS; TRICARE Young Adult, or TYA; TRICARE Retired Reserve, or TRR; and the Continued Health Care Benefit Program, or CHCBP.

Eligibility alone for premium-based TRICARE benefit plans – TRS, TYA, TRR and CHCBP – does not constitute minimum essential coverage. Eligible beneficiaries must purchase and be in good standing, by paying their premiums to have coverage in force, in order for these TRI-

CARE programs to qualify as minimum essential coverage. There are two groups of TRICARE beneficiaries who do not meet the minimum essential coverage requirement: those getting care for line of duty only related conditions, and those only eligible to receive care in military hospitals or clinics.

Beginning with the 2014 tax season, and every tax year after that, the Department of Defense will send every TRICARE beneficiary the same information it sends the Internal Revenue Service. This notification will detail whether sponsors and their dependents had minimum essential coverage during the previous year. Sponsors can then use this information when they file their tax forms.

Because the information sent to the IRS is generated using beneficiaries' Social Security numbers, it's essential for sponsors to make sure their family's Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or , information is correct and up to date.

Out and About

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

ON TAP Jazz Set at the Heritage
Today
6 to 8 p.m.
Heritage Lounge
Stop by and relax after work.
For details, call 472-7864.

Thunder Alley
Today
9 to 11 p.m.
Bowling Center
For details, call 468-2112.

NFL Game Day
Sunday
Noon to 8 p.m.
Heritage Lounge
For details, call 472-7864.

FTAC/Resiliency
Monday
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Professional Development Center Bldg. 941.
For details, call 472-0168.

Adult Watercolor
Monday

10 to 11:30 a.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Center
To preregister, call 468-5282.

NFL Monday Night Football Specials
Monday
Heritage Lounge
For details, call 472-7864.

FTAC/Financial
Tuesday
7:30 a.m. to noon
Professional Development Center Bldg. 941
FTAC students learn how to manage their money and support savings.
For details, call 472-0168.

Golf tips from the Pro
Tuesday
5 to 6 p.m.
Pine Oaks Golf Course
Pay \$5 for all the range balls you can hit and get free tips from the PGA head golf professional.
For details, call 468-4103.

Home School Association Meeting
Wednesday
1 to 3 p.m.
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021
Weekly meeting of parents and children for families who home school.
For details, call 468-1795.

Pizza Depot Customer Appreciation Days
Wednesday
For details, call 926-0188.

PreSeparation Briefing (Retirees)
Thursday
8:30 a.m. to noon
A&FRC, Bldg. 794
For active duty members, and spouses, separating or retiring (to be completed 90 days before terminal leave)
For details, call 468-1256.

Healthy Heros
Thursday
5 to 6 p.m.
Youth Center
Ages 9 to 18
For details, call 468-2110.



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Base Trick-or-Treat activities, hours

The installation will observe Halloween Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. Drivers on base should slow down and be extra cautious during those hours. Starlifter Way will be blocked at the intersections of Hawkinsville Court and Galaxy Court during Trick-or-Treat hours.

Participating residents should leave an exterior light on during those hours. Those not participating should leave exterior lights off.

The security forces squadron will increase safety and security measures in the housing areas with their annual Halloween Pumpkin Patrol.

In addition, AAFES and the Exchange will host the following activities:

►All Exchange facilities below will be passing out treat-or-trick candies from 6 to 8 p.m.:

- Main Base Exchange
- Food Court
- Mall Concessions
- Burger King
- Service Station
- Express (Shoppette)

►The Robins Commissary will hand out candy to the children of customers during checkout.



Editor's note:

Volunteers are needed for the Pumpkin Patrol. For more information or to volunteer, call Tech. Sgt. Michael Garza at 472-1980 or commercial 478-222-1980.

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Stay safe when using swords, knives, and similar costume accessories. Make sure they are short, soft and flexible.

Avoid trick-or-treating alone; always walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

Fasten reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags to help drivers see you.

Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Have an adult also check them. Limit the amount of treats eaten.

Hold a flashlight or chem-lite while trick-or-treating to help see in the dark and allow others to see you. Always walk and don't run.

Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it after use to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

Look both ways twice before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

Lower the risk of serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses or items such as patches that could hinder a person's vision.

Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible. If sidewalks aren't available, walk on the far edge of the road facing traffic.

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.

Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Never enter a home alone.

Never walk near lit candles, luminaries or Jack-o-Lanterns. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

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