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Base CFC donations extended until Dec. 13

The 2013 Robins Combined Federal Campaign key workers will continue to collect donations until Dec. 13, and the CFC office will remain open until then. Donations through the myPay CFC link will be accepted until Jan. 15. If you pledge thru myPay, make sure your organization symbol mirrors your e-mail organizational symbol. Errors may result in your unit not being credited with your donation.

As of Tuesday, the campaign had raised \$637,538.

For a list of super monitors visit the Robins Homepage at robins.af.mil.

Local collaboration, leadership key in new partnering

Complex first to implement UAS partnership agreement

BY MICAH GARBARINO

Air Force Sustainment Center Public Affairs

The Air Force Sustainment Center and General Atomics have reached an enterprise-level, public-private partnership agreement which allows the two organizations to partner in the maintenance of unmanned aircraft systems, including the Predator/Reaper and the Army's version of the aircraft, the "Gray Eagle."

The agreement, signed Nov. 9 by Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, AFSC commander, is the first center-wide UAS partnership agreement implemented since the stand-up of the Air Force Sustainment Center in June 2012.

General Atomics is a lead manufacturer

of UAS platforms and maintenance work on those platforms may be performed at all three AFSC logistics complexes in Georgia, Oklahoma and Utah.

"Without the collaboration and leadership at Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, this partnership wouldn't have come to fruition," said Gilbert Montoya, director of Logistics at the Air

Force Sustainment Center. "We are looking forward to additional enterprise level partnerships with major private industry partners in the future."

Noel Anderson, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex Business Office, at Robins and a team from across the Air Force Sustainment Center negotiated the partnership agreement, which is expected to bring new workloads to all

BY THE NUMBERS

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three complexes.

The Robins complex is expected to begin work on UAS batteries in 2014 and interim modem assemblies in 2015. The battery workload is estimated to bring in 5,000 repair hours and grow to 9,600 repair hours by 2016. The modem workload is estimated to bring in 2,600 repair hours in 2015, growing to 4,500 in 2016. By the end of fiscal 2016, Robins will have more than 15,000 repair hours from the Predator/Reaper/Gray Eagle workload, said Anderson.

So far, Robins is the only complex to enter into a local implementation agreement with General

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Everyone loves a parade

The following holiday parades will be taking place in the local area with base representatives in their line-ups:

Dec. 6

Cochran, 7 p.m.
Unadilla, 7 p.m.

Dec. 7

Warner Robins, 10 a.m.
Dublin, 2 p.m.
Perry, 4 p.m.
Hawkinsville, 4:30 p.m.
Fort Valley, 5 p.m.
Centerville, 7 p.m.

Dec. 8

Macon, 3 p.m.

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?



"I'm thankful for my family, friends, coworkers and a job that I enjoy coming to each day."

— Andrea Pinnell, Foreign Military Sales, logistics management specialist



"I'm thankful for life, my family and my job."

— Adam Wiley, Supply Chain Management Squadron, item manager specialist



"I'm thankful for my health, my job and the ability to work."

— Jenny Murr, Automatic Test Systems, logistics management specialist



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Tech. Sgt. Jessica Forham, 402nd Expeditionary Depot Maintenance Flight sheet metal technician, defends her comrades back from attack during the recent EDMX operational readiness exercise at Warrior Air Base.

ORE tests unit's readiness

BY JENNY GORDON

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Practicing now, prepares the 402nd Expeditionary Depot Maintenance Flight for the real thing. The team honed their skills recently during an operational readiness exercise at Warrior Air Base.

"Our primary mission is aircraft battle damage repair," said Capt. David Liston, 402nd EDMX flight commander. "This entire exercise revolves around how we would operate in the area of responsibility. The aircraft here are used to simulate battle damage, whether from bullets, mortars or ground mishaps."

More than 25 members participated in the ORE. An EDMX team typically includes

those with sheet metal, electrical and fuels experience, as well as crew chiefs and specialized engineers.

The exercise allows teams to strengthen its worldwide deployment capabilities, and to prepare for its wartime mission of offering a highly-trained and mobile force to rapidly assess and repair damaged aircraft to support flying operations.

"The main thing is making this as realistic as possible," said Liston. "Our mission in the AOR has changed; ABDR is very specific. The expectation overseas is that instead of doing temporary repairs, we do permanent repairs on aircraft. We're trying to now design different damages on aircraft for our technicians to repair that will be closer to a permanent repair situation they will see."

Timely customer responsiveness remains priority

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It's all in the details.

The 78th Civil Engineer Squadron's Customer Service team not only handles daily phone calls, but processes an average 1,100 incoming electronic work order requests from across the installation.

While this makes for a very busy office, the team wants to continue spreading the word on a detail that will not only improve customer wait times, but assist with a more efficient process in how customer service is conducted.

A reference checklist was created, stemming from an Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, or AFSO21, lean event conducted during the summer. The move will provide facility managers — over 600 on base — and customers an opportunity to better assist individual shops who are helping to fix problems.

"We stay pretty busy all year long processing all requests that come through in a timely manner. The checklists here really come into play," said Jim Phillips, Production Control chief with the 78th CES. "If we can get as much detailed information ahead of time, it will save the shop's time, helping us be more efficient in the long run."

While submitting a Form 332

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Clean sweep

Robins trucks keep streets, flight line debris-free

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A lone pebble, inconspicuous to the casual observer, doesn't realize on its own it has no business existing several hundred feet away from a major weapons system on the Robins flight line.

Five days a week, one of 12 "street sweepers" from the 78th Civil Engineer Group take a turn on a Tymco truck, equipped with enough power to suck up anything directly in its path.

Jerome Bryant, who has been sweeping not only on the flight line but across base for more than 10 years, has pretty much seen it all. He has worked

at Robins since 1976.

"I love making sure it's clean out here for the airplanes and being able to contribute," he said.

Leaves that have blown in from trees a mile away end up on the flight line. Slivers of paper. Pine straw. Used tobacco. Anything that doesn't belong.

It all either gets vacuumed into a large collection bin at the back of the truck, swept inside through what looks like two large, circular gutter brooms, or stuck under a horizontal magnet attached to the truck's front. The magnet picks up metal pieces that can sometimes be left behind.

Even a tiny rock can pose a very



U.S. Air Force photo by JENNY GORDON

Jerome Bryant inspects a horizontal magnet attached to the front of a Tymco street sweeper truck. The magnet can pick up any small metal pieces found on pavement.

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Second Front

Upcoming construction

A fence project south of Bldg. 127 is scheduled to begin Monday.

The jersey barriers currently used between the parking lots of Bldgs. 127 and 146 will be moved to occupy the first row of parking spaces east to west. A portion of the parking lot will be closed – approximately 20 spaces – to traffic during construction. When the project is complete, the barriers will be removed. No parking will be allowed beginning Wednesday evening in the area.

Celebration of Lights

The Base Chapel will host a Celebration of Lights Tuesday at 5 p.m. on the chapel lawn.

The event will feature local choirs singing traditional holiday music, the lighting of the Christmas tree, and the Hanukkah reading.

Saint Nicholas will be arriving during the festivities on a fire truck, and families are invited to take pictures with Santa while enjoying hot chocolate and cookies. Airmen & Family Readiness will provide yellow ribbons for participants to place on the chapel rail in honor of deployed members.

For more information call Robins Chapel at DSN 468-2821 or 926-2821.

Supper with Santa

The Airman & Family Readiness Center will host Supper with Santa Dec. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bldg. 794.

The event is free to all deployed or Exceptional Family Member Program families and will include food, fun and pictures with Santa.

Pre-registration is required. EFMP families should call DSN 468-1259 or 926-1259; Deployed family members should call DSN 468-1256 or 926-1256.

Waiver approved for MiCare email communication

The Air Force's secure messaging system, MiCare, now allows registration through email communication validated through its new eRegistration form. The pdf form can now be filled in that is CAC-enabled for digital signatures. The form in an encrypted email is sent back to the designated MiCare team at the patient's military treatment facility.

Clinical emails between MTF personnel and beneficiaries for MiCare registration were not authorized in the past. The new waiver is part of efforts to increase MiCare enrollment. At Robins, the Family Health Clinic's enrollment has increased from 43 to 54 percent, currently making it number one in the Air Force.

MiCare Secure Messaging is the online service that allows patients to communicate electronically with their healthcare team. It allows for a more secure exchange of health information compared to using a personal email account. You can do such things as request appointments, medication renewals, receive lab and test results and request a copy of immunization records.

Toys for Tots

The Fitness Center is hosting its annual Toys for Tots Basketball Tournament Tuesday through Thursday. Each participant must bring in a toy to register and all toys will be given to local Warner Robins area kids for the holidays. Last year more than 189 toys were given. The top two teams will each receive a medal and all attendees and participants will be entered for a chance to win \$300 worth of gift cards throughout the tournament.

If you have any questions or would like to register a team, please contact the Fitness Center at DSN 468-2128.

ALL in a Day's WORK

Name: Heather Hough

Work title: Dietitian

Unit: Health and Wellness Center

Hometown: Belleville, Ill.

Number of years in federal service: 1

What does your work involve? "As the only dietitian on base, I play several roles. I teach classes on Heart Health, Diabetes, Performance Nutrition, and Better Body, Better Life (a 12-week weight loss program). I use the Bod Pod in my one-on-one nutritional counseling with active duty members to educate on calorie needs and body fat. I also write articles for our newsletter and the Robins Rev-Up at times, and provide groups briefings as needed."

What do you enjoy most about your work? "Knowing that I have taught someone something in an understandable way that they can apply to their life."

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? "It keeps members mission-ready, and helps people manage their health."

What prompted your interest in your career? "I have always loved food, and teaching people about food and nutrition."

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? "My four-year-old son is my biggest influence these days. Since I was pregnant with him, nutrition has become even more important to me. I took my job of growing a tiny human to



U.S. Air Force photo by JENNY GORDON

heart and strived to eat the most healthy when I was pregnant. Now, I strive to teach him about the balance of a good diet and my love of food. It is truly my biggest joy."

What's something people would be surprised to know about you? "Pizza is my favorite food. As a dietitian I am probably not supposed to say that, but it is. I have enjoyed developing my own recipes and combinations to make it healthier; but crust, pizza sauce and cheese are wonderful to me."

What is an accomplishment you are most proud of? "I am most proud of my last year as a dietitian. Here at Robins I am teaching more and bigger groups than I have ever taught before. It is the most fun I have ever had. To develop my skills as a professional and to be able to speak most intelligently, I have spent the last year becoming a Certified Personal Trainer and a Certified Diabetes Educator. These certificates and the studies surrounding them have only increased my passion for both nutrition and teaching others."

Benefits enrollment deadline nears

There are two important events underway affecting federal employees regarding health benefits coverage and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The 2013 Federal Benefits Open Season will end Dec. 9. That includes enrollment in the Federal Employees Health Benefits, Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance and Federal Flexible Spending Account programs.

Open season information may be found on the myPers benefits and entitlements website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>. Common access cards are required. The Office of Personnel Management's guides to federal benefits are available at www.opm.gov/insure/health/planinfo/guides/index.asp. "Open season is a good time for employees who



don't have health coverage to consider their options in light of the Affordable Care Act requirement to maintain minimum health care coverage for themselves and all dependents claimed on their federal tax return or to qualify for an exemption," said David McAlpin, 78th Air Base Wing civilian personnel officer. "Those who don't meet the requirement, in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, will be charged a penalty beginning with their 2014 federal tax return."

During open season employees can enroll, change health plans or options, cancel enrollment, change to self-only or self and family and waive or begin participation in Premium Conversion.

Elections made during the 2013 season will be effective Jan. 12, 2014, and will be reflected on leave and earning statements received on Jan. 31.

Enrollments or changes will be made via the Employee Benefits Information System, at <https://www.my.af.mil> and <https://w20.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecurityenet20>, or the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team automated phone system at 1-800-525-0102.

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Around the Air Force

AMC takes PII breaches seriously

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III. (AFNS) – Recently, 42 Air Mobility Command personnel suffered the consequences of incorrectly storing or transmitting personally identifiable information on the Air Force Network.

“All Airmen are responsible for the safe storage and transmittal of PII,” said Gen. Paul Selva, Air Mobility Command commander. “These latest breaches have the potential to significantly impact our Airmen personally and professionally and ultimately our mission.”

A PII breach is a loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, acquisition or access where persons other than authorized users have access or potential access to physical or electronic PII.

Those who inappropriately store and transmit personally identifiable information over the Air Force network are now, at a minimum, locked out of their AFNET accounts until information protection training is re-accomplished.

“Beginning Oct. 24, we began locking out the AFNET account of individuals who were found to be inappropriately transmitting PII data via the AFNET,” explained Maj. Gen. Kevin McLaughlin, 24th Air Force and Air Forces Cyber commander.”

A violator’s account will only be unlocked once the first O-6 or civilian equivalent in their chain of command certifies that the individual has accomplished all necessary actions, to include remedial training.

To read more, visit www.amc.af.mil.

Increased space, cyber threats top concerns for AF Space Command

LOS ANGELES (AFNS) – There are increased threats to the Air Force’s space and cyber capabilities, said an Air Force senior leader Nov. 21 during the Air Force Association’s 2013 Pacific Air & Space Symposium.

Gen. William Shelton, the commander of Air Force Space Command, discussed the heavily contested space and cyberspace arenas during the symposium in Los Angeles, Calif.

The cyber and space arenas have made significant strides during the Air Force’s lifespan. The first desktop computers the Air Force employed were originally used just for word processing. Slowly, the Air Force began to network those computers together, creating the network we now use daily.

Keeping up with the ever-evolving cyber domain, Shelton discussed the command’s No. 1 cyber priority, the Air Force Network Migration.

“What we’ve done is adopted a defense in-depth strategy, which starts with collapsing down the network as part of the Air Force Network Migration,” Shelton said. “This is the initial step into a Joint Information Environment for the Air Force.”

Keeping up with the rapidly evolving space and cyber threats, AFSPC is training their Airmen to higher standards and requiring higher advanced training and education. According to Shelton, this is designed to enhance the Air Force’s capabilities and standards.

Like cyber, there is no shortage of threats in the space domain.



U.S. Air Force photo by CAPT. RAYMOND GEOFFROY

Look out below

An Airman looks out the back of a C-130 Hercules before a parachute drop during exercise Cope South over Bangladesh. About 80 Airmen and three C-130s teamed up with Bangladeshi airmen to exchange airlift expertise through a series of missions. The Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex provides Programmed Depot Maintenance and unscheduled repair activities on C-130 aircraft.

“We know for a fact that adversaries are very actively working on counter space threats, trying to take away our space capabilities that they know we are dependent on,” Shelton said. “We’re also concerned about the debris problem in orbit around Earth.”

There are about 500,000 objects in orbit that are one centimeter in size or larger. To track the abundance of objects, space operators are using radar sensors, which allow them to track about 23,000 of those objects.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Satellites successfully launched from NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AFNS) – Satellites from the Air Force’s Operationally Responsive Space Office and Space Test Program were successfully launched at 8:15 p.m. EST, Nov. 19.

The satellites were carried aboard an Orbital Space Sciences Minotaur I Vehicle, from NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center’s Wallops Flight Facility, Va.

Space Test Program Satellite-3, or STPSat-3, launched along with numerous CubeSats as part of the Operationally Responsive Space 3, or ORS-3, mission. Spacecraft separation occurred shortly after lift-off and all 29 payloads were successfully delivered to the desired orbit.

“The whole team – government and contractor alike – contributed to make this mission a success,” said Maj. Catherine Porcher, the deputy mission manager. “We had a few bumps along the way, but each time the team was able to pull together, solve the tough problems and deliver this satellite. We look forward to many years of successful operations on-orbit.”

The STPSat-3 is the second launch of a Department of Defense Space Test Program Standard Interface Vehicle and is the second vehicle operated on the Multi-Mission Satellite Operations Center ground system from the Research and Development Test and Evaluation Support Complex, both located at Space Development and Test Directorate at Kirtland.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRITTANY CHASE

Looking up

Senior Airman Justin Martin, 366th Communications Squadron airfield systems journeyman, provides assistance during the construction of the new Ground-to-air Transmissions and Receive antenna site at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Col. Todd Krueger, DOD Space Test Program director, characterized the Standard Interface Vehicle program as, “a system that enables affordable access to space for technologies offering significant military utility.”

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Perspectives

Leaders issue message to the force

Two words, Two syllables, Two seconds

The Air Force’s top leaders released the newest edition of Roll Call, emphasizing the importance and power of recognizing and thanking team members for their contributions.

In this Roll Call, Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning, Air Force Chief of Staff Mark A. Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody recognize the challenges of the past year and resiliency the force has shown through it all.

Hinging on the week of Thanksgiving, the leaders close out this edition of Roll Call with two words:

Thank You.

Those two little words pack a powerful punch. When conveyed with sincerity, a small note of thanks can heighten an Airman’s self-worth, increase the motivation they need to move forward, and ultimately strengthen our team.

Two little words, two syllables ... less than two seconds. We should use them more often.

We’ve been through a lot this year; we’ve been challenged on all fronts. Today we’re still at war and actively engaged around the world. The impacts of sequestration have been unprecedented, and we continue to work through this new reality.

Readiness has declined, and unfortunately, we’ve seen our civilian Airman furloughed, twice. Yet through every challenge, our Airmen and their families push forward. You serve our nation proudly and are the reason we remain the most dominant airpower in the world. For that, we owe you our thanks.

As fellow Airmen, we – Secretary Fanning, General Welsh and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Cody – thank you for your loyalty and perseverance. We’re remarkably proud to lead this team. Everything you do, from the sacrifices you make to the endless actions you take to accomplish the mission, contributes to our greatness. We’re forever grateful for you and your families’ service.

We also ask that each of you pass on the grati-

tude to the members of your team ... not just from us, but from you.

When you gather as a group, look around the room. Consider the impact your fellow Airmen have on your team. *Who goes above and beyond? Who does the little things that ease the stress of your day? Who does it all without expecting an ounce in return?* Find those people – our bet is they make up your entire team – and say thank you. Pass on the gratitude they absolutely deserve ... sometimes it’s just that simple.

Every year we set a day aside to give thanks. That day, Thanksgiving, is soon upon us. We’ll gather with family, friends and fellow Airmen and reflect on the many things we often take for granted. We go through a lot to serve our nation. We are focused, we are busy, and we are often stressed, but know you can truly make a difference – you can strengthen our team – with two little words, two syllables ... less than two seconds ... Thank You.

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From the Command Down

Thanksgiving holiday offers time of reflection

This year has been a struggle for most, but we have a lot to be thankful for as we head into the Thanksgiving Holiday.

We are often swamped with demands from work and family; and it's easy to forget how fortunate we are. The upcoming holiday is a time to reflect and recharge.

Like many of you, I'm thankful for my family, my country and my ability to support both. But, this time I'd like to thank the employees of the Air Force Sustainment Center.



Litchfield

AFSC has created something unique in the defense industry and each of you has an extreme impact on our ability to protect our nation. Your hard work and perseverance have helped shape the center into what we are today, and what we will become tomorrow. Each year we achieve the unachievable, adapting to our changing environment and expanding our horizons.

So, thank you for all you do, every day to make AFSC the leader in sustaining weapon systems readiness.

Keep 'em flying ... it's what we do!

— Col. Bruce Litchfield,
Air Force Sustainment Center
commander

AFMC makes progress despite impacts of sequestration, restructure

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
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Air Force News Service

LOS ANGELES (AFNS) – The vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command offered insight into recent developments and answered questions regarding the command's restructure efforts and fiscal challenges at the Air Force Association's 2013 Pacific Air & Space Symposium here Nov. 22.

Citing significant impacts to people, infrastructure and the command's readiness mission, Lt. Gen. Andrew Busch described the significant difficulties of sequestration in a command that is supported by a workforce of about 75 percent civilians.

Charged with research, development, acquisition, test and sustainment services for weapon systems of the present and future, AFMC relies heavily on the continuity civilians provide, he said.

"Our workforce enables us to have a great deal of corporate knowledge and domain expertise you would not find in a command that is primarily military," Busch said of his command's unique composition.

Long term effects of budget cuts, furloughs and hiring freezes are the most serious, albeit hard to quantify, the general said. He cautioned that a lack of hiring will be costly to workforce development in the years to come.

"The Air Force has lost almost eight million hours of productivity with the civilians we lost (during furloughs)," Busch said. "(That) has created the perception in many of our civilian Airmen's minds that somehow they're less valuable ... that is absolutely not the case. The value of our civilian employees is unchanged by the fact that we went

through sequestration."

Likewise, fiscal constraints affected infrastructure and testing missions -- delaying upgrades to facilities, as well as delaying training and test flights, Busch said. By reducing flying hours, even priority modernization programs such as the F-35 Lighting II have lost significant test hours, Busch said.

"As a result of that temporary loss to the F-35, one of the Air Force top-three acquisition programs, we had to reschedule numerous test sorties," he said. "It is estimated that cost a three-week delay overall in the test program -- and the cost to the program ultimately is over \$100 million just as a result of what we went through during sequestration and a temporary loss of tanker support."

Difficult times, however, can also be a chance to innovate and improve, the general said.

Busch's command has undergone significant changes during its recently completed five-center reorganization, which consolidated units and locations to increase effectiveness by aligning the command's four core missions of science and technology, life-cycle management, test and evaluation, and sustainment. The command consolidated 12 direct reporting centers to only five.

"Through this process we reduced overhead by over a thousand personnel positions and saved over \$100 million per year," Busch said. "What we see is a sharing of best practices and lessons learned across boundaries in a way we have not been able to do in previous years."

Besides increased sharing of best-practices, improvements include increases in aircraft production and decreases of part shortages and backorders, he said.

For the full story see, www.af.mil.



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SERVICE

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base civil engineer work request form, be on the lookout for the “Before you Contact CE” checklist. This can be attached to the work order form.

On the checklist are several items, including providing as much detail as possible on the nature of the problem. Provide an exact location of the problem, including room, bay, cube number if applicable, floor, stall number, etc. This will help CE technicians pinpoint the source of the problem faster while on site.

Another helpful item is the inclusion of a photo, map, drawing, PowerPoint slide, document or other visual which will help workers better get a handle of



U.S. Air Force photo by JENNY GORDON

(Left to right) Thomas Carter, James Minger and Cleo Pearson work in 78th Civil Engineer Group’s Customer Service office, which is also home to the group’s Unit Control Center.

what a problem may look like before arriving.

Any safety hazards and issues should also be reported through the Hazard Reporting Tool on your computer’s desktop.

About 90 percent of requests that come through customer service

are for routine requests. With a large volume of requests each year, when more information is available on the front end, completing an additional checklist can result in faster turnaround times, while also keeping customers happy and satisfied.

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Atomics, but the team anticipates that a future agreement at the Ogden Air Logistics Complex at Hill AFB, Utah, could allow work on UAS landing gear, and at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex at Tinker AFB, Okla., an agreement could allow work on UAS small engines.

“Public-private partnerships allow government organizations and private industry to work as a team, bringing unique capabilities to the mission and warfighters, whether that’s technology infusion, new innovation to equipment and processes or advanced skills and knowledge gain to the workforce,” said Earl Williams, an AFSC Logistics Directorate program analyst.

Before the Air Force Materiel Command implemented its five-center construct, each AFMC air logistics complex would enter into individual partnership agreements based upon its

requirements. These agreements took anywhere from 12 to 16 months to complete. With the enterprise partnering agreement in place, each of the three logistics complexes, which are part of the AFSC, can execute implementation agreements with General Atomics and bring workload into the ALCs in a much shorter amount of time.

“We anticipate the new standard partnering process will shave 8 to 10 months off of the time it has historically taken to put partnering agreements in place. Now that this standard process has been implemented across the AFSC enterprise, there will be one team negotiating these agreements as opposed to three separate negotiation activities,” said Shannon Wagner, AFSC Logistics Directorate program analyst.

This is the second enterprise level partnership agreement and the center has entered.



U.S. Air Force photo by JENNY GORDON

A control panel inside a Tymco street sweeper truck can control any function, including the lowering of gutter brooms to sweep up debris, and vacuum to penetrate and lift trash from pavement across Robins.

SWEEP

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serious threat if caught inside the engine of a C-5, C-17, C-130 or F-15. Only one other person can sit inside the sweeper truck. A steering wheel is also located on the passenger side, convenient for use in areas where curbs and gutters are on the right side.

Bryant and his colleagues make a clean sweep of the entire flight line and runway, following a dedicated schedule throughout the work week. Once they check in at base ops in Bldg. 110, they stay in constant communication with one another ensuring the day's work runs smoothly.

The Macon native takes it upon himself to pay close attention to aircraft getting ready to take off. Once they leave their designated parking spot, the truck's engine immediately accelerates. He heads over for a look.

With the flip of a switch from a nearby control panel, a vacuum comes to life under the truck. It's not too loud. Sometimes Bryant will sweep for a few rocks in the area, other times the pavement is clean.

Slowly, he will turn his truck and drive in a large circle on one patch of ground. He will repeat

this movement; circling in smaller areas until he's satisfied no foreign objects remain.

He gives a loud laugh when asked if he dreams of driving in concentric circles or spotting tiny pebbles or grains of sand at a distance. Does he ever get dizzy?

"Nah, I'm used to it by now," the 64-year-old said. "The only time I think about it is when I'm on my way to work in the morning."

He isn't sure what his vision is, but on observation, he can spot an object that doesn't belong from his high perch on the truck.

It helps too when the sun shines at just the right angle on a stretch of pavement. Anything dark or oddly shaped popping up gets a second glance.

It's a job Bryant takes seriously. Always on watch. Driving around from one side of the base to the other. Quickly turning a wheel to sweep an area that just minutes earlier was occupied by a C-130.

He is familiar with just about every slab of pavement a plane has sat on at Robins.

It's just another day on the job.

"One day I might be doing this, or concrete work or construction," he said. "I like it out here. You can always be in a different place."



What's cooking

Proper techniques for safe holiday food preparation

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The best way to become a great cook is to acquire and maintain a few fundamental cooking techniques.

With the holidays upon us, there's no better time to take advantage, learn and use these methods. The following techniques guarantee a safe holiday.

One important rule to remember when cooking is to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Hot foods, such as chicken, turkey and ham must maintain a temperature of at least 140 degrees to eliminate bacterial growth.

Inhibiting bacterial growth lowers and prevents the incidence of food-associated food poisoning.

To properly cook beef and pork, it's recommended a temperature of 155 degrees be maintained for at least 15 seconds to cook thoroughly.

As for chicken, the correct temperature is 165 degrees for 15 seconds. Cold foods, such as salads, fruits and vegetables, must uphold a temperature of 41 degrees or less.

Baking, boiling and frying are the most common ways of cooking. Be sure to read the recipe carefully and completely. Make sure you have all the ingredients you need before turning on the stove or

oven. When baking, one common mistake is inaccurate measuring.

Consider using a free-standing oven thermometer. It will come in handy when reheating foods and determining the proper temperature inside the oven.

Never increase cooking temperatures because you think it will cook faster.

Follow the steps of properly cooking and reheating foods. Keep an eye on the stove or oven and make sure all temperatures are set properly.

Never carry on multiple activities while in the kitchen. Any small distraction – like talking on the phone – can lead to mistakes.

And remember, when preparing warm dishes, temperatures must be at least 140 degrees and at least 41 degrees or less for cold foods.

Lastly, never leave food uncovered. This too may cause unwanted bacterial growth. Keeping these simple tips in mind will guarantee a tasteful holiday.

Holiday travel with children

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One of the best things about the holiday season is the time we get to spend with family and friends.

Unfortunately that usually involves traveling, and for the majority of military members that means traveling long distances with children.

While commanders and units always stress critical safety points, such as never drinking and driving or making sure you have adequate rest before embarking on long trips, little information is given on safe traveling practices with children.

Although driving or flying with kids will never be stress free, certain steps can be taken to make it as painless as possible.

When flying:

►Remember to give your family a generous amount of time to get through security checkpoints; rushing with young children is never fun.

►Strollers can be brought through security and checked at the gate to accommodate



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those with children.

►Bring your child's car seat or plan to have one at your destination.

►If your child has his or her own seat on the plane, check to see if your car seat is rated for airline use.

►Pack a bag of toys and snacks for the trip. Rotate them one at a time to help keep your child distracted.

When driving:

►Always use appropriate child car seats or boosters. Infants and toddlers should be rear facing for as long as the car seat will allow. Children should be in a booster until they are at least 4 feet, 9 inches tall.

►All children younger than 13 should ride in the back seat. Rear-facing car seats should never be placed in a front seat with an airbag.

►Wear safety belts and

make sure children wear theirs correctly.

►Take short breaks at least every two hours.

At your destination:

►If staying with family, talk to them about child proofing their home. Make sure they secure cleaning supplies, medications and other hazards.

►If they have pets make sure the pets are good with children and your children are good with pets.

Many websites such as Safekids.org and AAP.org have additional information on child safety practices and traveling with children.

Let's all do our best to keep these times free of stress, pain and trips to the ER.

For information about holiday safety or child car seat installation, call DSN 497-8398 or 327-8398.

Base dietician talks turkey for Thanksgiving

BY HEATHER HOUGH

HAWC Dietician

One of the most important rules for keeping the Thanksgiving turkey tasty is to practice good food safety.

You'll never live it down if grandma ends up with food-borne illness from the holiday bird this year. You can minimize the chances for illness with these three tips for keeping your turkey safe this holiday season:

Before the meal: Defrosting a turkey

is one of the trickiest tasks. Should you soak it in water, lay it in the sink or put it in the fridge? There are really only two safe options.

You can either defrost it in the refrigerator or in the microwave. If you're using the refrigerator, cover the turkey and place it on the bottom shelf so the juices won't drip on other foods. When using the microwave, be sure to cook it immediately after defrosting.

Practice safe food handling skills:

Avoid cross-contamination by washing

your hands and keeping the surfaces clean. Hand washing should be done before, during and after food preparation specifically when you change from one preparation task to another such as handling the turkey and then cutting up vegetables. Keep the surfaces of countertops and appliances clean while prepping for meals with hot, soapy water. Avoid cross-contamination by using a separate cutting board for raw meat and fish and other foods like fruits and vegetables, and by using separate utensils for tasting and

serving foods.

Maintain proper food temperature: Use a thermometer to make sure your turkey is cooked to 165 degrees for both the Thanksgiving Day meal and reheating leftovers.

Ensure your refrigerator is set below 40° F, and avoid leaving food out for too long after eating.

Refrigerate leftovers within two hours to avoid growth of harmful bacteria. Properly stored turkey should be good for three to four days.

An extra helping of thankfulness please

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It's that time of year when many people start counting their blessings.

People have been spreading their thankfulness all over social media faster than an Internet chain letter, posting day-by-day accounts of how grateful they are for the little things in life.

That's great.

But, have you ever thought how much better life could be if we served up thankfulness year-round, instead of just at Thanksgiving?

I know as well as anyone how hard it is sometimes to look at one of life's dark clouds and see the silver lining.

Sometimes, it seems there are so many dark clouds you forget that the sun lies just beyond them.

This year has brought many challenges that seemed insurmountable.

It started with the advent of sequestration. Suddenly, job security seemed to be a thing of the past. As sequestration's butcher knife cut deep into the Defense Department's budget and talk of a furlough began, people began drawing the line between wants and needs, and painfully began trimming

the fat from their household budgets.

By midyear, groans over an uncertain future grew louder as workers began pulling their financial belts a few notches tighter. Complaints of canceled cable service, decreased dining out and struggling to make ends meet reverberated throughout the workplace.

Yet, nearly six months and two furloughs later – one because of sequestration, the other because of the government shutdown – we're all still surviving. Some of us are even finding joy in life despite having to live with fewer luxuries.

With the New Year now just a little more than a month away, it begs the question: Are you going to aim to live a life of thankfulness throughout 2014, or are you going to again wait until late November to count your blessings?

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Robins event honors heritage

From left, Donald Johns; his daughter, Kallan Randles; and granddaughter, Kimberly Randles; perform a traditional Cherokee dance Nov. 22 during a Lecture and Tribal Dance event at the Exchange. The event also featured speakers from the Ocumulgee Indian Mounds National Park in Macon and an artifacts display.



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