

5th CCG wins second consecutive Air Force Meritorious Unit Award

BY ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 5th Combat Communications Group has received its second Air Force Meritorious Unit Award. The 5th CCG, also known as the 5th "MOB," has won numerous unit awards, but the Meritorious Unit Award is unique because it specifically honors service in direct support of combat operations.

The award is given to units which display "outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions."

The award recognized the 5th MOB's efforts from Oct. 5, 2011 to Oct. 4, 2013. During that period, the MOB logged more than 32,000 deployed man-days

across 27 sites in 14 nations.

Among the numerous accomplishments cited in the award package were the conduct of base closure operations throughout Iraq, establishment of a new bare-base in the Middle East and numerous deployments in support of ongoing operations in Afghanistan. The group also provided communications support in

response to Super Storm Sandy and the 2013 Presidential Inauguration.

"We are honored to receive this award as recognition for the awesome leadership, superior technical skills, warrior ethos and professionalism our military and civilian Airmen bring to the fight every day," said Col. William Waynick, 5th CCG commander.



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YOU CAN USE



Blood drives today

The Armed Services Blood Program will conduct a blood drive today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex basketball courts in Bldg. 301. The American Red Cross will also conduct a blood drive today from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 210 and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 640.

The ASBP plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families in both peace and war. The American Red Cross collects blood in support of civilian agencies and for national disasters.

Youth Center

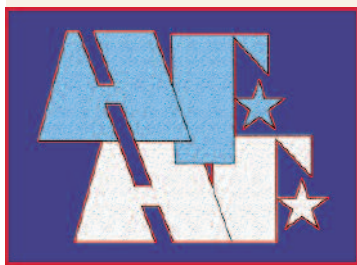
Egg Hunt starts at 1p.m.



Family Fair Saturday

A Fit and Healthy Family Fair event will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Center. An Egg Hunt starts at 1 p.m. Free food and water will be available as well as fun activities for the whole family.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Stacey Fain at DSN 497-3418 or commercial 478-327-3418.



AFAF Campaign continues

The Robins 2014 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign has completed its third week. Team Robins has already donated \$24,457 – 32 percent – towards the installation's goal.

The six-week campaign ends May 2. The theme is "Commitment to Caring," with Robins' goal of \$77,130.

During 2013, Team Robins donated \$79,432. The funds assisted 71 Airmen and their families in the form of emergency assistance loans and grants, education programs, and community programs, including PCS childcare and spouse orientation programs such as Heart Link.

To donate, see your unit project officer or contact 1st Lt. Amanda Thurber at 497-3429 or 1st Lt. Tracy Pete at 468-0992.

Power outage planned for Main Exchange Complex

The Main Exchange Complex to include the Main BX, Military Clothing Store, Concessions/Services and the Food Court facilities will all experience a power outage April 25 from 6 to 8:45 a.m. No food services will be available in the mall until after 8:45 a.m.

Plans are for the main Exchange to open for normal hours from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All power should be restored by 9 a.m. for all affected facilities.

Additionally, Burger King will be open from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the Shoppette will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For questions, call the general manager's office at (478) 922-2927.



Anthony Farrow, 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Production Support, changes intake fasteners on an F-15. U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

BACK TO BASICS

'The AFSC Way is our new playbook'

BY JENNY GORDON

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An F-15 in the 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's production line at Robins is one of the first aircraft to undergo an innovative process discipline in place across the Air Force Sustainment Center.

Known as the "The AFSC Way," the approach incorporates scientific production principles and the AFSC leadership model that places emphasis on process discipline and accountability. It measures output results for production speed, product quality, employee safety and cost effective readiness.

The idea is to have the production process flow the same way, every time, from the moment an aircraft arrives on station until it's returned to the customer.

Brig. Gen. George, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex commander, said, "Fixing an airplane is like playing winning football. Everyone is accountable for their role and needs to have the discipline to accomplish their part of the play ... on every play. The AFSC Way is our new play-

book ... and we are already proving that the plays work on our F-15 line. For us to be successful...it will take the players and the coaches working in sync and holding each other accountable."

Mechanics like Richard Isom said sustainability and supportability have changed during the last year since applying the new scientific method.

The current F-15, Tail No. 80-0035, is the first aircraft through the new production process, and Isom said any problems the aircraft had were identified earlier in the process. A major change was the detail in ordering aircraft parts early to ensure everything is ready before the job begins.

"By the time it gets to us, all of our mechanics – including hydraulics, aircraft and sheet metal workers – have the parts to do exactly what they need to do, when they need to do it," said Isom, a 561st AMXS sheet metal mechanic. "That way we'll get the aircraft out faster. It's all about production."

Wayne Ingram, squadron work leader, agreed.

"When a mechanic is given

a job, he or she shouldn't have to wait on anything," he said.

Aircraft assembly lines, or gates, are areas where the F-15 is repaired in stages in different buildings. For example, one gate focuses on wing, flight control and fuel cell removal, while another gate's priority is initial inspections and evaluation of the aircraft condition.

This particular aircraft deliberately followed the scientific method using disciplines to ensure the workload completed everything it was supposed to without sacrificing any of the four tenets of quality, safety, speed (throughput) and cost effectiveness. It wasn't allowed to transition unless established methodologies and rules were followed in each gate.

"With this F-15, parts were identified and put on order, and the aircraft would not be accepted ahead of time until those parts were on hand," Ingram said.

Travis Hollins, a hydraulics technician, sees the difference during his daily routine.

"We have our daily standard work. We have day one

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COMING FORWARD

SARC Office explains sexual assault reporting differences

BY HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON

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Reporting sexual assault is not as cut and dry as it may seem.

Air Force instruction governs the way a victim can report sexual assault based on whether the victim is an active-duty military member, Defense Department civilian, military dependent or contractor.

Jayne Bishop, Sexual Assault Victim Advocate in the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program office, also known as the SAPR, recently clarified available reporting options.

"We explain in detail all reporting options," she said. "With all options, victims can expect to receive referrals for medical, mental health or spiritual care. They can also elect to use our victim advocate services."

Robins has two full-time credentialed victim advocates and 36 credentialed volunteer victim advocates.

"Victim Advocates are there to be a listening ear and help them with any referrals they may need," Bishop said. "They're not licensed counselors or therapists. A victim advocate may go with the victim to an OSI, Office of Special Investigation, interview or legal interview and even medical or mental health appointments. Each resource is an option, but the victim is not pressured into anything."

While resources, like SAVAs, are equally available to all victims, the options for reporting aren't equally available.

Unrestricted reporting is available to any base ID card holder, including active-duty military members, Guard, Reserve, DOD civilians, dependents, retirees and contractors.

"With an unrestricted report, the incident is reported to OSI or local law enforcement as required by our Air Force Instruction," Bishop said. "An investigation will be started and legal action could take place. We don't investigate or determine what legal action will take place. That is totally in the hands of OSI, local law enforcement and legal."

Restricted reporting however, is available only to active-duty military members, military dependents 18 years of age and older who have a military dependent ID card and military members in Title 10 status.

"In restricted reporting, victims

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Annual tree ceremony in honor of Arbor Day

BY BOB SARGENT

78th Civil Engineer Group

Members of the Robins community will gather at the former parade field near Forest Park Housing at 9 a.m. Monday to plant trees in commemoration of Arbor Day.

The base conducts the observance in late April as the capstone of Robins' month-long celebration of the environment.

Organizing a public Arbor Day event fulfills one of the four requirements a community like Robins must accomplish in order to be recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The ceremony will include

the Arbor Day Proclamation reading and signing, and the accepting of Robins' 21st consecutive Tree City USA Award from representatives of the Georgia Forestry Commission.

A central feature of the event will involve personal dedications and the planting of six trees by members of the Robins community.

Many of the more than 100 young trees that surround the parade field have been planted in memory of loved ones who have left us, or to honor significant historical events, so this ceremony has become especially meaningful to Team Robins.

The event also serves as an opportunity to showcase how

volunteers throughout the community have come together to take care of the environment – to show pride in their green home.

If you work on base, then you've probably heard of "Robins Pride."

Numerous drought years and budget shortfalls have taken their toll on our natural community, as well as our ability to care of it.

During the last two years many base organizations have voluntarily adopted a dozen



U.S. Air Force file photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Kendall Preston, 778th Civil Engineer Squadron mechanical fitter, and Kevin Bartoe, deputy chief of Special Operations, plant a Live Oak at last year's tree-planting ceremony.

green spaces here, including parks, lake shores and the young forest at the parade field.

Please come join us for this special event.

Second Front

Starbase Robins continues mission of the minds

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Staff Writer

Getting schoolchildren excited about their core curriculum can literally be a matter of rocket science.

But, that happens to be a specialty of Starbase Robins, an academic program which has more than accepted the challenge by gaining young students' interest in the vital areas of science, technology, engineering and math – STEM – for nearly two decades.

The Department of Defense educational initiative offers an unconventional, hands-on learning environment for kids all in the name of equipping the next generation with the pragmatic skill sets needed for America's future.

Starbase Robins is sponsored through a partnership with Air Force Reserve Command, the Museum of Aviation Foundation and the Museum of Aviation.

Though the regular school year program is winding down, a new summer curriculum kicks off in June for students entering 6th through 8th grades.

The summer program runs through the month of June and offers a different lesson plan each week, including classes in robotics, investigative science and a Pink STEM academy, which allows middle school girls to experience a variety of hands-on challenges to “establish the engineering habits of the mind,” according to the program website.

Those wishing more information on registering for the summer academies can visit www.starbaserobins.org.

The regular Starbase program, which caters exclusively to fifth graders, arrived

at Robins in 1996, starting with a small group of classes; since then, it has grown to about 30 classes with participating schools from Bibb, Houston, Bleckley and Twiggs counties.

“Fifth grade is that prime age of getting them into the pipeline of becoming interested and staying interested,” said Wesley Fondal Jr., Starbase Robins director. “We know that somewhere around eighth grade, most students lose interest in math and science, so we’re trying to keep them interested along the way.”

The fifth-grade program spans the entire school year, beginning at the end of August and running through May with students spending 25 hours spread out over five weeks.

Students participating in Starbase may be quickly relieved to find that the program is not classwork as usual.

A typical day may include students' education in nanotechnology or even building a lab module for the international space station, which they are then able to produce using a three-dimensional printer

“We tell them they don’t want to build a multi-million dollar lab module without prototyping it first,” said Fondal. “So we’re able to take them through that prototyping with the 3D printer, and they get to literally see the engineering design process at work.”

Each day consists of a new lesson, ranging from Newton’s Law of Motion or molecules to rocket science and marshmallow science.

Fondal said, though students seem engaged with all aspects of the curricu-



U.S. Air Force photo by BRIAN SHREVE

Shelby Wright, 5th grade teacher at Hilltop Elementary, observes as her students take part in Starbase Robins. The program was incorporated at the Museum of Aviation in 1996 as a supplement to students' science, technology, engineering and math education.

lum, some courses are tremendously popular among children.

“Rocketry is always fun with the students,” he said. “Robotics is pretty interesting, and the kids really love that piece as well. During the summer, we do investigative science at camp. That one seems to be pretty popular too.”

Starbase Robins now features an after-school program as well, which includes STEM professionals, college students and teachers.

Fondal said the program began with one school participating and has since grown to seven.

Though today’s students may repre-

sent the most technologically savvy generation in history, they still often lack fundamental skills in STEM curriculum, Fondal said, and that instilling these lessons in them is more challenging than ever.

“They have many things to distract them – the technology itself, ironically,” he said. “We want to teach them what the science is behind those things. And, that ultimately helps the United States.

“You can call it national security interests as well, because we need those scientists and engineers, and in order to get that, you have to start them off early,” he added.

Personal Property Section

New hours of operation for the Personal Property Section located in Bldg. 914 will begin Monday.

The new hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Passenger Travel hours will remain Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Timothy Maher at 472-0139.

Robins Chiefs' Group scholarship

The Robins Chiefs' Group continues to accept applications for its academic scholarship program. An applicant must be an enlisted military member (Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard or retired), or

the dependent of an enlisted military member (Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired or deceased) assigned to or retired from Robins Air Force Base.

Any enlisted rank or branch of service is eligible. In the case of retired or deceased sponsors, the applicant must have remained in the Robins area.

Applicants must have applied to, been accepted at or currently attend an accredited institution of higher learning (university, college, technical college, etc) on a full-time basis.

The scholarship program is divided into two distinct categories: Graduating high school seniors and adults continuing their education. All applications must be postmarked by May 1.

For more information, send an email to

info@robinschiefsgroup.org.

BAH recertification underway

A military-wide recertification of those service members and their families receiving Basic Allowances for Housing is underway.

Every member who receives with-dependent rate BAH will be required to complete a new AF Form 594 (No digital signature, must be wet signature) and provide a copy of their supporting documentation such as; marriage certificate, birth certificate or approved dependency application. Members can either come by the 78th Comptroller Squadron Finance Office (Bldg. 301, East Wing from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or the Library (Bldg. 905 lobby) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays. This process must be completed by Dec. 31.

ALL in a Day's WORK



U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Boyce, right, and Maj. William Green, both with the 138th Military Intelligence Company, discuss the calendar of events Monday.

Name: Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Boyce
Work title: 138th Military Intelligence Company
Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.
Number of years in federal service: 13

What does your work involve? “JSTARS Airborne Target Surveillance supervisor instructor and evaluator.”

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? “My work directly contributes to the Robins mission by molding students into the highest quality ATSS able to deploy in support of any Command on one of the greatest ISR Command and Control platforms in the world.”

What do you enjoy most about your work? “I have the rare opportunity to teach students how to do their job and the importance of the job.”

What prompted your interest in your current career field? “I joined the Army in 2001 as a fire direction specialist. That career field taught me

a lot about what it is to be a soldier, instilled discipline, and gave me the strive to constantly seek self-improvement and basic soldier skills. The one thing it did not give me was the ability to use my job skills after the military. In 2003, I re-enlisted, and the opportunity presented itself to make the change from field artillery to military intelligence. I feel confident that after 20-plus years of service, I can walk away from it all and not have to worry about the next chapter of my life. I know I possess the skills to be successful after the military.”

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? “My children have been the biggest influence in my life. Everything I do today is to set them up for success tomorrow.”

What is the accomplishment you are most proud of? “I’m a ‘Mr. Fix It.’ I like to fix things myself, and if I can’t, I want to learn how.”

What is something people would be surprised to know about you? “I was a National Park Service Ranger for one year in Salt Flat, Texas.”

Hookin' Up

From the time the aircraft engaged with the barrier's breaking system until it came to a controlled stop, it travelled 940 feet.

BY JENNY GORDON

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When a tactical fighter aircraft is in need of emergency assistance to land safely, an aircraft barrier arresting system is in place on the Robins flight line to help.

A scheduled certification engagement was performed April 8 on the runway's south BAK-12 Aircraft Arresting System by two pilots flying an F-15 Eagle.

Testing the system on an annual basis is the responsibility of the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Power Production Shop, whose mission also includes maintaining emergency generators which provide power to all critical facilities across the installation.

"We perform maintenance on the system to make sure it operates properly," said Mark Robinson, one of the shop's powered support systems mechanics. "The entire purpose of it is to save lives and aircraft."

From the time the aircraft engaged with the barrier's breaking system until it came to a controlled stop, it travelled at a distance of 940 feet.

"Everything went as planned," Robinson said.

The base's aircraft arresting system uses a cable system that spans across a runway, acting as a safety net which catches an aircraft's tailhook as it is lowered.

The cable is a steel rope that's raised prior to the aircraft landing.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON



U.S. Air Force photos by ED ASPERA
Base firefighters prepare the cable system prior to the F-15 landing at Robins. The use of the system was for a scheduled annual certification engagement April 8.



Top, pilots Lt. Col. Stephen D'Amico, F-15 flight commander, and Maj. John Grady, C-5 flight commander, inspect the F-15E following the use of Robins' aircraft barrier arresting system April 8. Above, The F-15E uses a tailhook to catch a cable which runs across the flight line. The F-15E is a two-seat, all-weather, long-range strike and ground attack aircraft.



Around the Air Force

F-35 on time to replace prior tactical aircraft

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The F-35 Lightning II will enhance combat capabilities, project U.S. power and deter potential adversaries, Air Force officials told members of the Senate Armed Services Committee's subcommittee on tactical air and land forces in a hearing on tactical aircraft programs April 8.

"The F-35 will form the backbone of U.S. air combat superiority for generations to come," said Lt. Gen. Christopher Bogdan, the F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office executive officer. "It will replace the legacy tactical fighter fleets of the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps with a dominant, multirole, fifth-generation aircraft."

The fighter jet is scheduled to be at Marine bases in the summer of 2015, with the Air Force receiving aircraft the following summer, officials said.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Surgeon general testifies before Senate on budget request

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The medical capabilities honed from 13 years of war must continue to expand for future needs, the three military surgeon generals recently told Senate Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on defense.

Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas Travis, the Air Force surgeon general, testified with Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho, the Army surgeon general; and Vice Adm. (Dr.) Matthew Nathan, the Navy surgeon general, at a hearing on defense health programs.

Despite the war winding down and the fiscal challenges that lie ahead, military medicine has a "clear responsibility" to make sure its medics are well trained and prepared for any future contingencies, the Air Force surgeon general said.

In addition to psychiatric intervention and care for suicide prevention and various mental health issues, the services have made other gains in the medical arena.

Air Force mental health providers also are readily available at duty locations to "provide early intervention and care for those experiencing occupational stress that affects their performance," Travis said.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

SecAF, CSAF testify on Air Force posture

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The fiscal and security challenges triggered by budgetary constraints are posing problems for Air Force strategy, the service's secretary told the Senate Armed Services Committee April 10.

Deborah Lee James said tomorrow's Air Force requires investing in the right technologies and platforms to be prepared to operate in a volatile and unpredictable world, "in which we cannot take for granted that we will continue to command the skies and ... space."

The fiscal 2015 budget request calls for fully funding flying hours and other high-priority readiness issues, she said, adding that Air Force readiness has "taken a hit over time," and today is not where it should be.

"If our proposal is approved, we will see gradual improvements in full-spectrum readiness over time," she said. "This will put us on the right path, particularly to



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN JASON COUILLARD

Hangin' around

Capt. Michael Ellingsen, a 58th Rescue Squadron combat rescue officer, and Master Sgt. Corey Kuttie, a 58th RQS pararescuer, rappelled out of an HH-60G Pave Hawk during the 2014 Air Force Trials opening ceremony April 7, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Wounded, ill and injured athletes compete to be selected to the Warrior and Invictus Games teams.

... operate in a contested environment."

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Future outlook released for remotely-piloted aircraft

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Air Force leaders outlined what the next 25 years for remotely-piloted aircraft will look like in the RPA Vector, published April 4.

"The RPA Vector is the Air Force's vision for the next 25 years for remotely-piloted aircraft," said Col. Kenneth Callahan, the RPA capabilities division director. "It shows the current state of the program, the great advances of where we have been and the vision of where we are going."

The goal for the vector on the operational side is to continue the legacy Airmen created in the RPA field. The vector is also designed to expand upon leaps in technology and changes the Airmen have made through the early years of the program.

"The Airmen have made it all about supporting the men and women on the ground," Callahan said. "I couldn't be more proud of them for their own advances in technology to expand the program, making it a top platform."

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Academy football tackles violence-prevention training

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFNS) – Academy football players recently participated in a new training initiative intended to help them become better leaders on and off the field and to take a stand against sexual assault.

Approximately 60 cadets, football coaches and staff participated in the Mentor in Violence Prevention program April 3 and 4 where MVP facilitators allowed participants to share personal stories and dialogue on key issues concerning rape, battery and sexual harassment.

"We selected the football team to receive the training because football is our largest and most recogniza-



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN DESIREE MOYE

Clean slate

Tech. Sgt. Jacob Phillips, a 387th Air Expeditionary Squadron customs agent, removes agricultural hazards from a generator during a vehicle decontamination in Southwest Asia. The 387th is preparing the Marine Corps' 2nd Law Enforcement Battalion to assume the U.S. Central Command's Customs Operations mission.

ble program," said Dr. Hans Much, the Academy's athletic director. "We hope they will continue to be leaders in the Cadet Wing with this training and be an example for other programs and cadets to follow. We want to take a very aggressive approach to help prevent violent actions and reactions, and using our most recognizable program seemed to be a great place to start. In addition, we're really pushing respect for others in the athletic department and this training is a great complement to that initiative."

Perspective

Concern, action trump perfection in supervisors

BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. MATT PROIETTI

Air Force Reserve Command Yellow Ribbon Program

One of the best senior NCOs I've ever worked with was a troubled man whose personal demons cost him his career.

This senior master sergeant was an alcoholic whose drinking caused him to be sent back early from an overseas assignment in 1987 when he was about the age I am now. He landed in my office in California. A year later, shortly after I left active-duty service for the Air Force Reserve, he barricaded himself in a hotel room and went on a bender during a conference at our major command headquarters. He was forced to retire.

Despite that, he otherwise was a good leader to the handful of enlisted people on the staff and took good care of the office in general.

Living on a steady diet of coffee and cigarettes, he looked a good 10 years older than he was. He was a bundle of energy who didn't so much walk down our halls as dash. Like me, he was a New England native and had a thick Yankee accent despite having lived outside of the region for much of his life. He was loud, too, and had a thousand old military sayings that connected a staff of Airmen from the 1980s to the earliest years of our service.

I liked him immediately and, more importantly, I respected him because he was there to work. I'm sure

the officer in charge of our shop was nervous about inheriting this damaged old sergeant, but he turned out to be a blessing to us. His imprint was all over that place as soon as he arrived.

He was the ultimate practitioner of "management by walking around." If you hadn't seen him in a bit, you would shortly. His room was across the hall from where I worked with two other young Airmen, and he poked his head in the door throughout the day.

"What's with all the levity in hee-ah?" he would say before smiling broadly, turning on his heels and disappearing back to his stack of paperwork or to the main office next door so everyone knew he was available if needed, which he was.

He was a master on the phone. He had a way of making the most inconsequential things sound important to the person on the other end of the line so he would get the help he needed to complete a task. I, too, prefer to use the phone or go in person when I need help with something and attribute that to the example he set more than a quarter-century ago.

He nearly paralyzed a timid staff sergeant in our shop by asking to see a copy of the office budget upon meeting her. Everyone suspected she wasn't paying it proper attention, but we didn't know quite how to tell. He did. He immediately identified some problems and set about fixing them with her. He didn't disparage her publicly, though I'm sure they had a private talk about

her fulfilling her duties.

He exuded confidence in his Airmen, which made us believe in ourselves. I lived in a dormitory on base and got a phone call from him one weekend night. Our unit had kicked off a surprise exercise to test our skills responding to a mock aircraft crash. He was with the crisis action team and needed me to work "on scene," a location near the imitation accident site where representatives from various base agencies met to gather accurate information to guide our response to the situation. I had never done it before, and he sensed my nervousness.

"I need you to do it. I can't reach anybody else. You'll be fine," he said.

Because I recognized that he knew his business, I trusted him in sending me there. He was right: I did a good job.

Even a flawed person can be a great mentor or leader. He didn't simply know the names of my favorite sports teams or rock musicians. He knew about my plans in life. He knew about my family background. He knew about my dreams. He met my friends from other units around base and asked them about their jobs and their goals. You can't fake the sort of interest he held in other people's lives. His concern was genuine.

Editor's note: To read the full story, visit <http://www.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123404134>.

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where certain work will be accomplished, day two, etc. And we're not to go further until those tasks are done," he said.

Something similar was in place before, but not to the extent of support now being communicated to perform each job in a detailed, synchronized fashion.

A 27-year civilian who began his career at Robins on the shop floor, Doug Keene, Complex vice director, believes this new process discipline can work, but it's up to every single person who touches an aircraft to make it their own.

"We began our journey a long time ago, realizing that value-added work was what we wanted," he said. "From the day I came to work on this base, I would ask mechanics what they needed. They would always say, 'You give me my parts and tools, and I can make things happen.' So when you funnel the AFSC way all the way down to the

mechanics, that's what this is all about."

"That's why I'm thrilled we have a standard way to do this now. The AFSC way is the standard way," added Keene. "This process will get us the results if we follow the rules – and do it the right way.

"The new approach is more process-based versus personality-based, meaning the workload is focused and synchronized so mechanics can work at a methodical pace throughout an aircraft's production cycle.

When there's an issue, the entire enterprise can respond to a production line so that any issues can immediately be addressed to ensure the lines keep moving.

It also provides a spotlight on accountability throughout the cycle.

Gaining aircraft speed is not about rushing people at work, said Keene. It's about people working in a 'very methodical way so that the tools are there, the tech data is there, the facilities are ready, ground support equipment is in place, etc.,' he said.

"The whole crux of what we're trying to do here is very focused on a synchronized way to make sure we have everything out there for the mechanic," said Keene. "That's how you gain speed. If we have mechanics who are looking for things, they're not getting that value-added work. They're not getting the speed we need."

Mechanics agreed there is still much to learn as the process moves ahead.

"We can see room for improvement, but as long as we stay with the plan, with standard work for example, and get the supportability we need, we'll be able to push more aircraft through these gates," said Ingram.

George said, "Chances are, if you have been a mechanic on RAFB for 30 years, you have seen 15 different methods of getting the job done. The problem is we keep changing the rules ... and adding people to mask lack of process discipline. This is our opportunity to carry the ball and I assure you the rules of the game will not change."

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can choose referrals to medical, mental health or the chaplain, Bishop said.

Victims can choose any, all or none of those things. In a restricted report there's no report made to OSI or other law enforcement, and the legal office isn't part of the process.

According to AFI 36-6001, supervisors are

required to report sexual assaults to OSI.

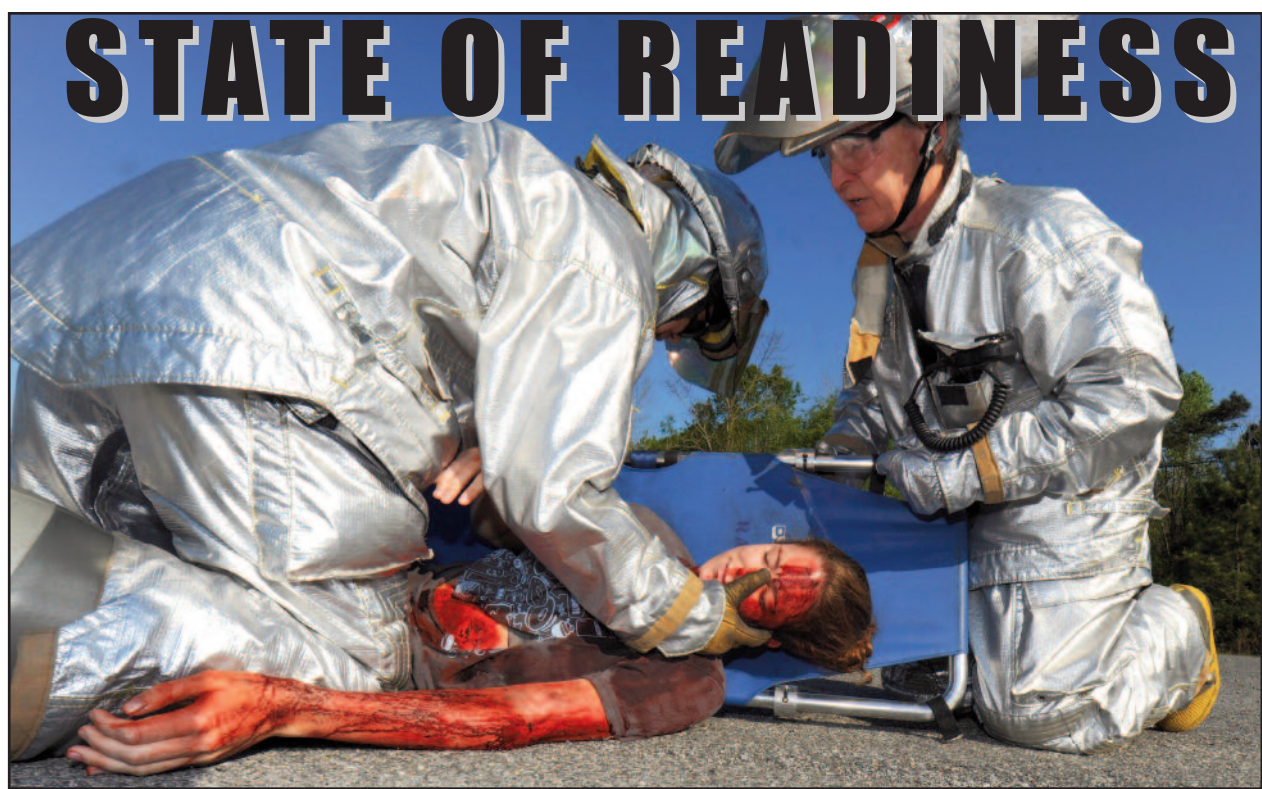
"If you're a supervisor, and your subordinate discloses details of a sexual assault, then you're required to report it to OSI," Bishop said. "If a friend comes to you and the friend isn't in your chain of command, a report to OSI wouldn't be required.

"However, if that person decides to report the incident, it would become

an unrestricted report. This is also an example of independent reporting which is another form of unrestricted reporting," Bishop said.

To protect eligible victims' right to restricted reporting, Bishop said victims should first report assaults to the SARC office, medical provider, mental health professional, or a chaplain.

For more information, call 497-7272.



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Capt. Greg Watson (left) and Capt. Tony Tabler, Robins Fire Department, recover a mock casualty from a simulated crash site on base April 12. The fire department worked alongside the 78th Medical Group during the joint exercise.

Emergency personnel unite for disaster prep

BY BRIAN SHREVE
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To passersby April 12, the fire pit at Robins Air Force Base could easily have been mistaken for the set of a Hollywood disaster movie.

But the men and women who use this area perform their own stunts, all in the name of being totally prepared for calamity.

The 78th Medical Group and the Robins Fire Department participated in a large-scale training exercise which featured a scenario in which a C-17 slid off the runway, crashing into Bldg. 10 and catching fire.

Although disaster exercises involving emergency responders are conducted on base quarterly, the day's training marked the first collaboration between the medical group and fire department at the live-action fire site, according to Dan Adkins, 78th MDG medical readiness manager.

"We don't get to interact with the fire department very much," he said. "This exercise helped us establish a rapport."

The simulated accident included



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Tomb, 78th Medical Group medical technician, attends to a crash survivor. As part of the exercise, casualties were promptly evaluated and sorted according to the seriousness of their injuries.

23 casualties from both the plane and the building. Injuries ranged from minor wounds to fatalities. In all, more than 200 medical personnel – 19 responders, the rest portraying injured crewmen – and 17 firefighters with three fire trucks were active-

ly involved in the training.

The action took place between the crash scene, where firefighters extinguished the burning plane and performed rescue operations, and the medical clinic, where "survivors" were treated for injuries and fuel contamination.

For this type of exercise, the fire department has gas lines running in and out of the mock aircraft which are ignited.

Given the realism of the training, fire department health and safety officers and an ambulance were on hand.

The event also had an audience – many of them children – who got to watch their family members in action.

Eric Danforth, Robins assistant fire chief, served as incident commander and said the exercise was a valuable learning experience.

"We learned some areas the fire department can improve and work on," said Danforth. "And the point of this is to foster that cooperation with a major incident. We're going to look at lessons learned and in the future, we will try this again and just get better every time."



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Family Movie Night
 Today
 6:30 p.m.
 Base Theater
 Cost is \$2

Super Sports Day
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Dancing the night away

Attendees enjoy the music during the Father and Daughter/ Mother and Son Dance and Dinner April 11 at the Heritage Club Ballroom. One hundred fifty people attended the event which offered parents and children a special date night out.

Robins Chapel Protestant and Catholic *Easter Worship Schedules*

Due to chapel renovations, 9:30 a.m. Catholic Mass and 11 a.m. Protestant worship services meet at the Horizons Event Center on Sunday. Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday Mass meets in the Chapel Annex. Renovation work in the main sanctuary includes recovering and refinishing the pews, installing new carpet, replacing the HVAC system and minor work in some restrooms.

Catholic Worship Services

Monday, Thursday and Friday Mass – Noon
 Today - Good Friday Liturgy – 7 p.m.
 Designated Offering for Peter's Pence
 Saturday - Holy Saturday Mass – 8 p.m.
 Reception to follow in the annex
 Sunday - Easter Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m.

Protestant Worship Services

Today - Good Friday Worship Service – 4 p.m.
 in the Chapel Annex
 Sunday - Easter Sunrise Service – 6:45 a.m.
 Chapel lawn. Breakfast will follow in the Annex.
 Sunday - Easter Celebration Service – 11 a.m.
 in the Base Theater