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Facility Managers Town Hall

The 78th Civil Engineer Squadron will be hosting a Facility Manager Town Hall meeting on Thursday, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Base Theater. The purpose of this meeting is to provide new information on a host of facility issues.

As budgets tighten, the role of the facility manager is more important than ever in ensuring facilities are properly maintained and focused on effective energy use and conservation.

Major topics of discussion will be our facility manager FAQs, locksmith services, grounds maintenance and GeoBase capability.



Camellia Gardens

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the tranquil garden across from Horizons Event Center. The service – which pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins – will honor 63 lives.

A portion of Club Drive will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday for the service.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Ronelda Charles at DSN 468-2821, commercial 478-926-2821, or ronelda.charles@us.af.mil.



Gate changes

Barring inclement weather Gate 3, the Watson Boulevard Gate, will be closed from 2 a.m. May 24 to 5 p.m. May 25 so the 78th Civil Engineer Group contractor can repair the controls which raise and lower the barriers. Gate 5, the Martin Luther King Gate, will be open from 2 a.m. May 24 to 5 p.m. May 25 while the Watson Gate is closed.

The hours will be advertised with electronic signs posted on Ga. Highway 247.

Lane changes

coming soon at Watson Gate

Starting May 27, all three inbound lanes of the Watson Boulevard Gate will be open weekdays between 6 and 8 a.m. Currently only the center and right lanes are open. The left lane is closed.

Once the change is made, traffic in the left lane must merge to the center lane after passing through the gate. Exercise caution, as traffic may also merge into the center lane from the right lane.

Base officials will monitor the impact of the change on traffic flow at the gate, as well as the practicality of making it long term.

Base to test readiness during exercise

BY 78TH INSPECTOR GENERAL

An active shooter exercise will be May 20 with the 78th Air Base Wing, 461st and 116th Air Control Wing from 9 to 11 a.m.

The purpose of the exercise is to give first responders an opportunity to evaluate their tactics in a simulated and controlled environment.

"This exercise will give us a good look at how our leadership and support agencies respond to a mass casualty event.

Many agencies would be called upon for support after such a tragedy," said Tony Purtee, with the 78th ABW/IG Exercise and Inspections Plans Office. "Most of us see just the defender response on the news, but working very hard in the background are men and women from the medical group, force support squadron, legal community, Office of Special Investigations, chaplain, Command and Control community, public affairs and others."

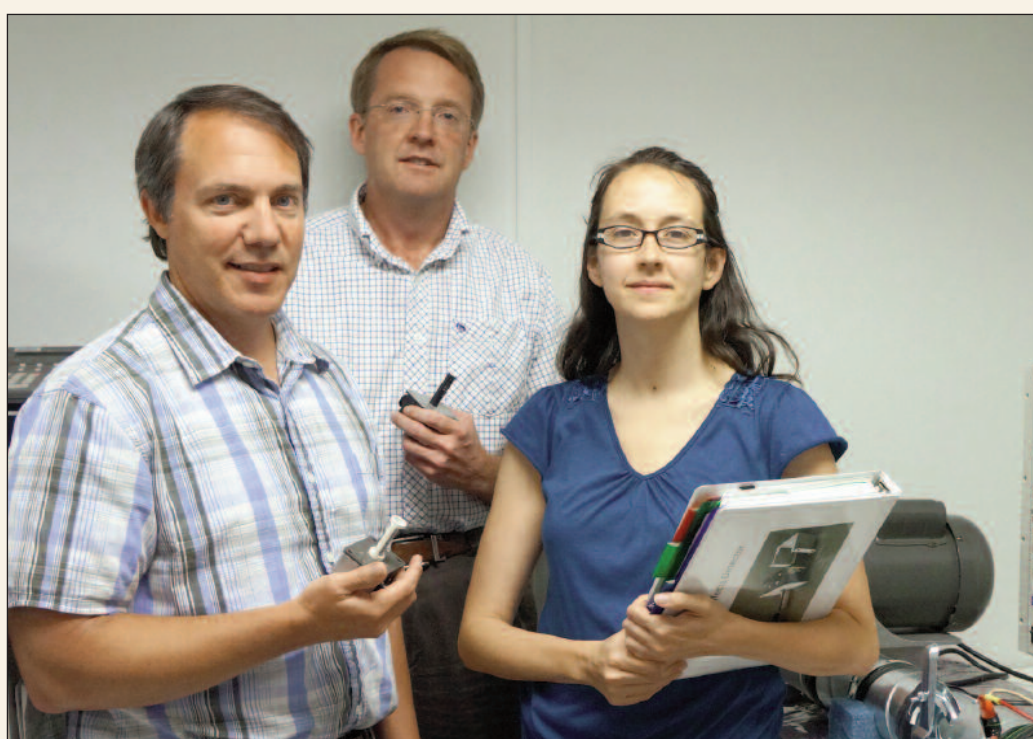
"This exercise will give these and sev-

eral other organizations an opportunity to test and evaluate their processes," he said.

"There will be gate closures during the initial portion of the exercise," said Dave Berry, IG office. "This is a necessary response to an active shooter but will be minimized to the shortest delay possible."

During the gate closure, traffic will still be able to exit through the outbound lanes of the Green Street Gate.

For more information, call 468-4735 or 468-6163.



Above, Rob O'Quinn, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group mechanical engineer; Karl Zack, 402nd EMXG electrical engineer; and Joan Santillan, Reverse Engineering program manager; specialize in creating organic repair capabilities at Robins.

Below is a close-up look at part of a cooling effects detector redesign project currently being performed by the Reverse Engineering team.

Reverse engineering capabilities to extend life of C-5 airflow sensor

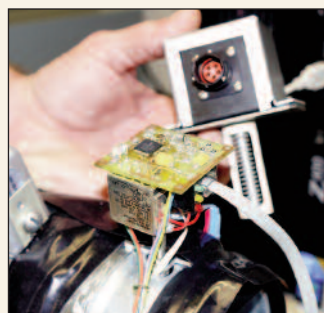
BY JENNY GORDON

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While its weight is only a few ounces, the job of a C-5 Galaxy airflow sensor is critical in keeping the huge aircraft safely flying.

When parts are no longer available to replace items such as this, the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group's Reverse Engineering team has the repair capabilities to help solve parts obsolescence challenges in order to sustain crucial items for years to come.

The team of electronics and mechanical engineers, technical writers, draftsmen, project managers and engi-



neering technicians repair the irreparable, performing consulting work at other Air Force bases as needed.

Karl Zack, a 402nd EMXG electrical engineer, is working on a cooling effects detector redesign project, ensuring that the newer version has the same shape, size and function as the original.

"It's a real treat to be

working on something that's a complete redesign," he said. "In this case, we wanted to make the sensor a little more robust."

The airflow sensor is basically a warning sensor for over-temperature or under-airflow. The greater the airflow, the better. The lower the temperature, the better.

The sensor sits within an assembly in an air duct. If it gets too hot inside an air duct as a result of avionics overheating, an alarm is triggered as indicated on a flight engineer's panel. The sensor detects a temperature from 170 degrees to 220 degrees

▶ see C5, 9



Courtesy photo

The final 6,000 gallons of propane from Fort McPherson was delivered May 9.

Liquid propane may fuel savings

BY JENNY GORDON

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Robins got an opportunity in early April to purchase thousands of gallons of liquid propane from Fort Gillem and Fort McPherson.

The propane was acquired to assist Robins in limiting the amount of natural gas used during periods of curtailment that historically occur during the winter months, according to Eddie Arrington, 78th CES mechanical engineer.

"Where this benefits the base is if we can replenish our supplies before next winter and propane prices go up; we will save the difference," he said.

Following the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission findings, both Army bases – formerly located in Atlanta – closed.

A member of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron recently learned from the Army Corps of Engineers about the prospect of extracting the fuel from the bases.

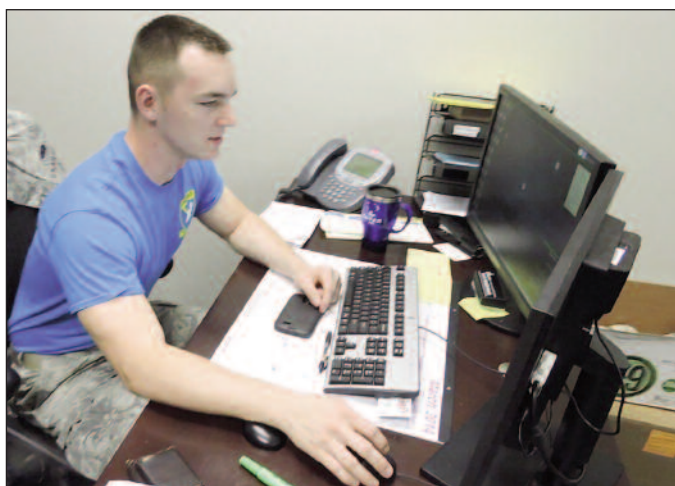
Only transportation costs were required to make the transfer.

A contract was awarded to Crowley Logistics for \$13,986 to transport the propane to Middle Georgia.

The first pickup from Fort Gillem had already taken place, and the final 6,000 gallons arrived from Fort McPherson May 9.

A total of 53,000 gallons was acquired from both sites.

UNIT MORALE T-SHIRTS MAKE DEBUT AT ROBINS



Airman 1st Class Kevin Gasch, 461st Air Control Wing Knowledge Operations manager, sports his morale t shirt May 9. Air Force regulation 35-10 authorizes the wear of unit Morale T-shirts on Fridays across the Air Force.

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In case you weren't already aware, Robins Airmen are permitted to wear morale T-shirts on Fridays.

The Air Force's uniform policy was approved in January by Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh, with updates to Air Force Instruction 36-2903 on Air Force Dress and Appearance.

While any unit is welcome to increase unit pride by wearing individual shirts, the 461st Air Control Wing has embraced the weekly dress.

"It's great to showcase squadron identity," said Senior

Master Sgt. Shawn Page, 461st Operations Support Squadron superintendent, proudly showing his squadron's blue shirt.

"It's nice to have something that represents our heritage here in the squadron," said Capt. Jeffery Guynn, 330th Combat Training Squadron executive officer, showcasing pride with a yellow squadron shirt.

The changes came directly from Airmen having their voices heard through the Every Dollar Counts campaign last spring.

Shirts are to be one color throughout the squadron, and may have a small squadron emblem over the left chest, as stated by the AFI updates.

Second Front

BASE, COMMUNITY CELEBRATE POLICE WEEK



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

Above, Robins and local law enforcement members participate in a flag folding ceremony Monday night during a candlelight vigil at a local church in Warner Robins. The memorial service is an annual part of Police Week activities and recognizes law enforcement officers in the state of Georgia, Air Force Office of Special Investigations and Security Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty during the past year.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Above, Staff Sgt. Cedric Koonce, 78th Security Forces Squadron, prepares to give a last salute after placing the flag during the candlelight vigil Monday at a local church in Warner Robins. The vigil, which honored seven people, featured different speakers recognizing each person by lighting a candle in his or her honor. The guest speaker was George Hartwig, Houston County district attorney.

Team Robins quarterly awards

Congratulations to the following 1st quarter award winners:

- ▶ **Airman 1st Class Logan Buchanan**, 5th Combat Communications Group – Dorm of the Quarter
- ▶ **Senior Airman John Warchol**, 78th Communications Squadron – Airman of the Quarter
- ▶ **Tech. Sgt. Mykeshia Hamic**, 461st Air Control Wing – Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter
- ▶ **Senior Master Sgt. Kayla Stout**, 461st ACW – SNCO of the Quarter
- ▶ **Capt. Ryan White**, 461st ACW – Company Grade Officer of the Quarter
- ▶ **Michelle Tarrant**, 78th Medical Group – Civilian of the Quarter Category 1
- ▶ **Meghan Cherry**, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center – Civilian of the Quarter Category 2
- ▶ **Charles Foley**, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center – Civilian of the Quarter Category 3
- ▶ **Calvin Wright**, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex – Civilian of the Quarter Category 4
- ▶ **James Pettis Jr.**, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron – Civilian of the Quarter Category 5

Base Aero Club now open to the public

BY BRIAN SHREVE
Robins Public Affairs

Ever have a dream where you were flying?

Now, that dream has more of a chance of becoming a reality for Middle Georgia residents than before thanks to a partnership between the Robins Aero Club and the local community.

Anyone wishing to obtain a private pilot's license may do so at the club, an opportunity previously limited to active duty personnel and Department of Defense civilians.

"We were trying to come up with ways to work with off-base entities to offer the community a combined experience of what we offer here," said Kent Jenkins, 78th Force Support Squadron Community Flight chief. "One of our initiatives was to get our Aero Club open to the public since there aren't a tremendous amount of these services available to the Macon-Warner Robins population."

Jenkins first briefed the Warner Robins mayor's council on the idea last December, a notion he said was



U.S. Air Force file photo

The Robins Aero Club has opened its doors to the local community.

met with unanimous approval; additional support followed from the chambers of commerce of both Macon and Warner Robins.

A waiver request was later sent to Air Force headquarters in Washington for permission to allow non-DOD civilians to use the club.

"I would have to think there are people who are interested in learning to fly and having the ability to come on base to learn from military pilots," said Jenkins.

After signing up, the path toward becoming a licensed pilot would begin with classroom training taught by Federal Aviation Agency-approved instructors held every Monday and Wednesday evening for eight weeks.

From there, potential pilots would

fly the required amount of hours with instructors and pass the FAA exam before their first solo flight.

"And then off you go," said Jenkins. "Then you can come in and fly here any time you want."

Club members have to pass necessary background checks through security forces and provide additional levels of insurance required to fly.

Jenkins added that the Robins Aero Club gives residents the opportunity to receive a level of flight training unmatched by commercial organizations.

"There are different levels of flight training," he said. "This is overseen by the FAA and is very rigid and structured."

The club's initiative represents another avenue for providing increased services at a time of Air Force-wide budget cuts.

"This gives us access to an additional 120 thousand people or so," he said. "Now that this opportunity exists, we need to get the word out and, hopefully people will come and take advantage of it."

Those interested may call 478-926-4867.

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month profile

Airman 1st Class Tu Ginter

52nd Combat Communications Squadron

Hometown: Buffalo, N.Y.

What is your heritage?
Vietnamese and Spanish

What does your heritage mean to you? My heritage is a part of how I live my life every day.

Do you have a favorite cultural event you like to celebrate? My favorite holiday is by far, Tet – the Lunar New Year. It is typically celebrated for three or five days depending on what region you're in. My family celebrates it for three days. We light



incense, make food offerings for Buddha, and bring out the red envelopes – Red envelopes are gifts presented at social and family gatherings. The first day, we attend a ceremony at the temple to start the New Year.

Have you had an opportunity to visit the country of your ancestors? I got a chance back before I went to high school. It was a lot to take in, but you start to see the beauty in everything.

Dash for Trash

Dash for Trash, a 60-day initiative, which runs through June 14, is aimed at helping the Robins workforce and the planet by gathering and disposing of unwanted materials and hazardous wastes.

Participating personnel are asked to quantify and categorize any obsolete materials in their workplaces and refer to a list of contacts, which can be found on the Robins home page at www.robins.af.mil, for assistance in discarding the rubble.

When workstations have too much trash or clutter for garbage or recy-

cling containers, these contacts from the 78th Civil Engineer Group will provide directions to a facility to turnover the materials or make other arrangements to have them removed.

Though any trash will be accepted, the cleanup is focused on four targeted categories: General refuse and wood pallets; recyclables; hazardous waste and any unused government equipment such as furniture and computer components.

Job Fairs set for May 30

Team Robins will host two job fairs on May 30.

A civilian career fair will be in the Heritage Club Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is open to base access personnel only.

All Team Robins members and eligible family members may attend. Bring resumes and come dressed to interview.

A military career fair will be at the Horizon Event Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is open to base-access personnel only. To register, visit <http://adobe.ly/NfWeRi>

Hundreds of jobs will be available.

Around the Air Force

Rest and recuperation program affected by loss of imminent danger pay

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Defense officials are urging service members to fully understand the Rest and Recuperation Leave Program, also known as R&R, when deploying to the U.S. Central Command area of operations.

Starting June 1, nine countries in the theater of operations including Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan will not receive imminent danger pay. Due to a normal IDP recertification process completed in December 2013, service members who deploy on 365-day deployments or PCS to these nine countries after June 1, will no longer be eligible for the R&R program, according to a May 6 DOD letter, “Recertification of certain USCENTCOM land areas as chargeable R&R leave areas.” The letter states those service members whose deployment started prior to June 1, remain eligible for the R&R program.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Fiscal 2015 RIF board to convene Oct. 1

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS (AFNS) – The Air Force will convene a fiscal 2015 Force Management Reduction in Force Board Oct. 1 to evaluate some captains and majors for continued retention, Air Force Personnel Center officials said recently. The RIF, combined with Voluntary Separation Pay Program and Temporary Early Retirement Authority options, is designed to reduce overages in Air Force specialty codes, to ensure Air Force compliance with congressionally mandated end strength while addressing current and emerging mission requirements, according to Col. Joe Atkins, AFPC operations division chief.

“The board was originally scheduled for June, but was rescheduled to prevent Airmen from meeting multiple boards in a short time span,” he said. “Since then, there have been some eligibility changes that Airmen need to be aware of. For example, the AF has removed some AFSCs because voluntary separations or retirements eliminated the need to reduce numbers in those AFSCs.”

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Eligible officers can request assignment with foreign allied AF

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZ. (AFNS) – Active duty officers interested in expanding their horizons by building, sustaining, and expanding international relationships while embedded in another country's air force have until May 22 to indicate their interest on their Airman Development Plan in time for the next assignment cycle, Air Force Personnel Center officials recently said.

The Air Force Military Personnel Exchange Program allows Airmen who qualify to serve as embedded officers in foreign nation air forces, said Sundry Muniz, AFPC special duty assignments branch.



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. JASON ROBERTSON

Got fuel?

Staff Sgt. Mike Marquez, a 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender advanced aerial tanker and cargo aircraft boom operator, holds an aerial refueling boom stable while refueling an A-10 Thunderbolt II from the 75th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, over Northeast Afghanistan. The A-10 Thunderbolt II, piloted by Capt. Nick Harris, is the first Air Force aircraft specially designed for close air support of ground forces.

“The program enhances our ability to perform coalition operations with global partners, who are critical enablers for expeditionary air and space forces,” Muniz said. “Participants support Department of Defense, Air Force and regional combatant commanders’ strategic goals.”

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

DOD values civilian employees’ contributions

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Defense Department greatly appreciates the contributions of its civilian employees as it works toward achieving more efficiency across the workforce, a senior personnel official told a Senate homeland security and governmental affairs panel said recently.

Paige Hinkle-Bowles, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy, appeared before a subcommittee hearing on efficiency and effectiveness of federal programs and the federal workforce. “We are wholly committed to the readiness, capability and efficiency of our total force to accomplish the DOD’s mission,” she said. “Our people, to include our valued civilian workforce, are a central element of the department’s ability to serve the nation.”

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Air Force seeks motivated, creative officers for advanced research program

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS (AFNS) – The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency needs eight motivated, creative officers for the fiscal year 2015 Service Chiefs Program, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced.

Officers must be major-selects, majors, lieutenant colonel-selects or lieutenant colonels to apply for the program. Application packages for the three-month program, which begins in September, are due to the AFPC officer developmental education branch by May



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. JAMAL SUTTER

Look out below

A pararescueman from the 58th Rescue Squadron out of Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., performs tree let-down procedures May 5, at Camp Navajo, Ariz., during Exercise Angel Thunder.

31, said Tech. Sgt. Jason Franklin, AFPC officer developmental education. “This program is for highly motivated, active duty officers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities in operational positions and who have clear potential to move into senior operational leadership positions,” Franklin said.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Perspective

AFSC commander discusses reliency and respect

BY LT. GEN. BRUCE LITCHFIELD

Air Force Sustainment Center Commander

It is clear by news accounts, that our society is dealing with some serious issues – sexual assault and suicide are among the most personal and prevalent.

The Department of Defense and our Air Force is no different – more than ever, today’s Airmen (active, guard, reserve and civilian members) are a reflection of our society.

While we reflect the demographics of our nation, we are different in gravity of our mission. Airmen are charged with our nation’s defense, we must hold ourselves to a higher standard, embrace the values of respect and resiliency, and set the example for all to follow.

If you haven’t already, many of you will participate in a Down Day to learn more about sexual assault prevention and resiliency in life. I ask that you listen to what our sexual assault response coordinators and your trained facilitators have to offer. This isn’t just an issue that plagues the military, it’s occurring on our college campuses and communities across the nation.

I think our Commander in Chief said it best, “It’s about all of us – our moms, our wives, our sisters, our daughters, our sons. Sexual assault is an affront to our basic decency and humanity. And for survivors, the awful pain can take years, even decades to heal.

Sometimes it lasts a lifetime. And wherever it occurs – whether it’s in our neighborhoods or on our college campuses, our military bases or our tribal lands – it has

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Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield
Air Force Sustainment Center commander

to matter to all of us.”

If you have children, grandchildren, family or friends, I ask you to take what you’ve learned and talk to them about this very important issue.

We are equally concerned about doing everything possible to prevent suicides. We must actively promote a constructive climate that fosters cohesion, resiliency and a support structure that encourages individuals to reach out for help when needed. Seeking help is a sign of strength – not weakness.

Our resiliency focus is designed to help our workforce better deal with the crises that life presents to all of us. No Airman should ever feel alone.

We are all Wingmen and each of us plays a vital part in promoting respect and resiliency.

Editor’s Note: Many Team Robins organizations are participating in a SAPR Stand Down Wingman Day today.



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. SEAN HARP

Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, Air Force Sustainment Center commander, stresses the need for greater awareness of the problem sexual assault poses for all Airmen and the mission during an interview at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., Monday.

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ALSA working group

Air Force, Army and Navy experts reviewed and discussed airborne target coordination and attack radar systems multi-service tactics, techniques and procedures for the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar Systems Tuesday during an Air, Land and Sea Application Center Joint Staff working group at Robins. The collaboration was hosted by the 461st Operations Support Squadron to produce the most up-to-date tactical, warfighter publications to be used by U.S. and coalition forces.

Transportation Incentive Program grows ‘hotter’

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

The popularity of Robins mass transit appears to literally change with the weather.

A recent surge of participants in the base’s Transportation Incentive Program indicates that the program is getting hotter, said Staff Sgt. Christopher Williams, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron TIP NCOIC.

The numbers began to climb around March, Williams said, with between three and seven new members being added each week.

Last winter, the program had an average increase of no more than two new members weekly with many dropping out, a downturn attributed to riders’ reluctance to brave colder temperatures while waiting for mass transit vans.

“It’s getting warmer, and people don’t want to drive,” said Williams. “They’d rather use the van pool where they can actually relax and let the drivers do the work.”

The mass transit program – comprised of 77 vans total – continues to aid Robins commuters by reducing parking congestion, traffic woes as well as an average weekly savings of \$130 on gas, said Williams.

“You might be getting to work late just trying to find a parking space,” he said. “It really is a good program.”

Holding steady at nearly 900 members, Robins ranks third in TIP participation among all Air Force bases.

In other transportation news, the newly adopted Park and Ride initiative is still tentatively set to begin in July with updates to base routes in the works.

Great ideas can bring monetary rewards through IDEA program

Earning some extra cash could be as easy as coming up with a great idea – just ask Charles Dagley and Kevin Reid.

The two Team Robins members were recently awarded \$5,000 each for their idea to use the removed pylons from C-5Bs undergoing Reliability Enhancement and Re-engining Program modifications at Lockheed-Martin in Marietta. The change saved the Air Force more than \$9.5 million and many hours of repair cycle time.

The award was made possible through the Air Force Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program, which provides an avenue to recognize employees whose creative thinking and innovative approaches to problem solving benefit Team Robins and the Air Force.

According to the IDEA office submission, the previous PDM process for repairing C-5B pylons was quite costly and time consuming.

There are four pylons installed on a C-5B Galaxy Aircraft – two inboard and two outboard. All four are removed during scheduled programmed depot maintenance every eight years at Robins.



Dagley

WHAT TO KNOW:

If you have a great idea and would like to submit it to the IDEA program, visit
afpc.af1@us.af.mil.



Reid

After eight years of flying time, the pylons need extensive repair, requiring a colossal amount of employee man hours and an enormous list of parts to be replaced causing long production lead times – a 198-day repair cycle.

On top of those two issues, yet another constraint exists – many of the replaceable parts are no longer available because they are obsolete. The average cost for one inboard pylon to go through the previous repair process was \$345,454 while the average outboard pylon repair cost was \$328,937.

Chuck Dagley, a 409th Supply Chain

Management Squadron C-5 Flight equipment specialist, and Kevin Reid, an Air Force Life Cycle Management Center C-5 Division structural engineer, collaborated to further develop their idea that maybe there was a better way to get pylons back into service.

The Reliability Enhancement and Re-engining Program modification includes replacing the current engines and pylons with a new design. The conversion of C-5B aircraft to C-5Ms is scheduled for completion in 2017, but until then, the unmodified C-5B fleet still must be supported. Candidates for their idea were the C-5B aircraft which had cycled through PDM within the past two years, so only a low number of flying hours had accumulated since the last overhaul.

During RERP, pylons are removed and shipped to Robins. Because of the low flying hours, only minor inspection and replacement of some low-cost items were needed to return the pylons to service.

Dagley and Reid’s idea resulted in pylons being placed back into the supply system at 25 percent of the previous overhaul cost and in only 14 days.

A Better You

COMMIT TO QUIT

HAWC challenges people to give up tobacco May 31

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The Health and Wellness Center hopes to get a lot of people to quit.

Yearly, 170 countries around the world, including the U.S., join the World Health Organization in observing World No Tobacco Day May 31, to emphasize tobacco's public health threat and fatal consequences.

Robins will join the rest of the Department of Defense in encouraging tobacco users or friends and family of tobacco users to pick up a free QUIT kit at the HAWC in Bldg. 827 now through May 30.

Stuart Bapties, HAWC Flight commander, said people can sign a pledge to

either quit using tobacco or to support someone in his or her effort to QUIT, even if just for that day.

The HAWC has assorted posters and handouts that work centers and agencies can display in their work areas to show support throughout May.

The Civilian Health Promotions staff and the HAWC will be at the Base Restaurant on May 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to register people who were unable to come to Bldg. 827 earlier in the month. Also, CHPS will bring pledge sign ups and QUIT kits to each of its briefings & other various locations throughout this month.

Bapties said people with base access who want to make May 31 their quit for good date can register for the HAWC's free Tobacco Cessation classes.

"TRICARE beneficiaries can obtain access to cessation aids and strategies to include any needed nicotine replacement therapy by attending the classes," he said. "DOD civilians will be assisted with obtaining the nicotine replacement therapy for free utilizing their Federal Employee Health Benefits with no co-pay."

Bapties said the HAWC will help Robins' people successfully kick their habit.

"No matter what obstacle or difficulty you face, the HAWC will work with you to find a solution to make your desire to quit become a reality," Bapties said.

For more information on Tobacco Cessation options, call commercial 478-327-8480, DSN 497-8480 or visit www.ucanquit2.org

Tobacco Facts

►Tobacco kills nearly 6 million people each year. More than five million of those deaths are the result of direct tobacco use while more than 600,000 are the result of non-smokers being exposed to second-hand smoke.

Unless the current tide is reversed, the annual death toll is projected to rise to more than eight million by 2030.

►In adults, second-hand smoke causes serious cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, including coronary heart disease and lung cancer. In infants, it causes sudden death. In pregnant women, it causes low birth weight.

Airman & Family Readiness Center

Classes, workshops & seminar schedule

►**Bundles for Babies** - Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Call 478-327-8398 to register.

►**Career Technical Training Track** - Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

►**Educational Track** - Thursday and May 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Ron Smith 478-327-3401 to register.

►**Senior TAP/DoL/VA Workshop** - May 27 through 30 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

►**Navigating USAJOBS & Resume Writing** - May 28 from 8 to 11 a.m.

►**VA Benefits Briefing** - May 28 from 8 to 11 a.m.

►**DAV Medical Records Review** - Appointments Only

►**Department of Labor** - Tuesdays

and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

►**Military and Family Life Counseling** - Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

►**PreDeployment Briefings** - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m.

►**Survivor's Benefit Plan** - Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

►**Group Pre-Separation Briefings (separatees)** - May 6 and 27 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Editor's Note: All classes require pre-registration. For more information, call DSN 468-1256, commercial 478-926-1256, or visit Bldg. 794 Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**THINK OPSEC!
PRACTICE IT AT WORK,
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Fahrenheit.

Until it detects heat that's too high or too low, it will stay out of alarm, said Zack.

In the case of this particular redesign, a mechanical switch located inside the sensor had been subject to failure, and was one of the main components that had been breaking.

"Our design will have no motion involved, thereby eliminating the mechanical

aspect of it," he said.

In the world of aviation electronics, the cavernous warehouse known as Bldg. 645 is filled with some of the latest and most exciting technologies. When avionics need to be upgraded, the work is performed here.

With reverse engineering, typically its main function is to stand up test sets here, developing more of a test engineering environment, said Zack.

Their role is unique, creating organic repair capabilities that didn't

previously exist. When you change something on a part, for example, there can be various testing involved.

"We have to really go back to way the original asset was qualified, and replicate those tests that were performed on it if we've changed something in it," he said.

"With the cooling effects detector, that requires a full re-certification because everything is new."

The project is scheduled to be completed in March 2015.

Before cycling

- Stay off roads when possible, and use approved bicycle trails**
- Always use a headlight and taillight when riding during periods of reduced visibility**
- Wear a reflective upper body garment**
- Always use a Consumer Product Safety Commission approved helmet**
- Do not wear headphones**

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Could be an Adversary's
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OPSEC**
Operations Security

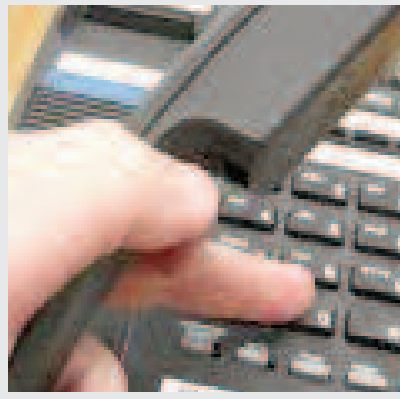


Sexual Assault Response Coordinator



The Robins AFB SARC is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Phone: (478) 327-7272

The definition of sexual assault is intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. It includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim. Consent shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated or unconscious.



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Out and About

FRI 16 SAT 17 SUN 18 MON 19 TUE 20 WED 21 THUR 22

ON TAP
Boss-n-Buddy
 Today
 4 p.m.
 Heritage Club Lounge
 DJ, small buffet and surprises
 Club members free, \$5 for guests
 For details, call 472-7899.

Family
Movie Night
 Today
 6:30 p.m.
 Base Theater
 Cost is \$2
 For details, call 468-2001.

Yard Sale
 Saturday
 8 a.m. to noon
 Outdoor Rec parking lot,
 1 table and 2 chairs for \$7

For details, call 468-4001.

Bar Bingo
 Sundays
 2 p.m.
 Heritage Club Bingo Room
 For details, call 468-4515.

Runaway Bar Bingo
 Wednesday
 6 p.m.
 Heritage Club Bingo Room
 For details, call 468-4515.

UPCOMING
Wild Adventures
 Sign-up deadline is May 28
 Activity is May 31.
 Price is \$45
 Price includes transportation, entry and Daughtry concert.
 For details,

call 468-4001.

Pizza Depot Birthday Party
 June 3
 11 a.m.
 Prize giveaways and free food samples
 For details, call 468-0188.

ONGOING
Military Spouse Appreciation Specials
 Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166
 All through May
 ►Mondays – garden panini \$2
 ►Tuesdays – fried rice 95¢
 ►Wednesdays – egg biscuit 75¢
 ►Thursdays – Bowl of grits 75¢
 ►Fridays – 32 oz. beverage \$1
 A dependent ID card is required.

Comedy Night
At HERITAGE CLUB BALLROOM
June 6
8pm - 10pm
 Seating is limited
 please RSVP by June 2
 at (478) 222-7899
 Club Members \$7.00 Guests \$10.00
 Live from Atlanta...comedians
 Deborah Delk and DT Owens
 also featuring local favorite Lee Wright
 & Emcee Extraordinaire
 Dee Nunn
 Music will follow show until Midnight



Bird watching with Dr. Bob

U.S. Air Force photos by KRISTA MOTT AND LYNN RIVENBARK



A group of bird-watching enthusiasts grabbed their binoculars and field guides to join Dr. Bob Sargent, 78th Civil Engineer Group natural resources manager, Saturday in taking in a little nature. The group of 22, which ranged from novice to experienced bird watchers, counted 72 species of birds during the outing. The group included base employees as well as travelers from as far away as Atlanta.