

101 Critical Days of Summer

More than 10,000 Americans receive treatment each summer for sports-, recreation- and exercise-related injuries. Avoid being one of those during this year's 101 Critical Days of Summer by observing a few simple tips from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at <http://www.foh.dhhs.gov/NYCU/injuryprevention.asp>.

Keep everyone alive; don't drink and drive.
Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 478-222-0013 or DSN 472-0013.

Summertime Safety



Mobile Unit keeps mission moving along

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U.S. Air Force photo by ROLAND LEACH

The Marine Corps' newest utility helicopter prepares to land Wednesday on the Robins flightline. It's the first of four set to be stationed here.

First UH-1Y arrives here

BY JENNY GORDON

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It's finally here. The long-awaited arrival of the Marine Corps' newest Huey utility helicopter occurred at Robins early Wednesday afternoon.

Hovering in the skies just before 12:30 p.m., the four-bladed, UH-1Y's two pilots conducted a flyby of Bldg. 2071, much to the delight of crews on the ground.

"We are all very excited," said Lt. Col. David Steele, Marine Aircraft Group 49 Detachment A commanding officer. "These are

OTHER CHANGES

A change of command ceremony for Marine Aircraft Group 49 Detachment A will be conducted Monday at 3 p.m. in the hangar of Bldg. 2071.

Lt. Col. David Steele, who arrived at Robins in 2012, will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Philip Ellertson, an AH-1W Super Cobra pilot, who comes to Robins following a deployment to Afghanistan.

brand new - straight from the factory. This is its first flight coming across country."

UH-1Y co-pilot Capt. Jared Housand, along with a pilot repre-

sentative from the aircraft's manufacturer, Bell Helicopter, flew about six hours since Tuesday from the assembly plant in Amarillo, Texas, with a stopover in Arkansas. Referred to as the 'Yankee,' it had less than 10 flight hours recorded at pickup time.

"It was bittersweet to see the legacy model go. It's been around since the early-to mid-70s. But we knew the day would come when we would get our new aircraft," said Housand, who recently joined the squadron to assist with the UH-1Y

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NEWS

YOU CAN USE

Duck Lake re-opens

Duck Lake has been re-opened. It was closed last week when a broken pipe in Warner Robins sent sewage into storm drains which pass through the base and, subsequently, the lake.

As required by law, officials must test the water for a minimum of seven days to ensure the amount of coliform is below state-approved levels. Those tests were conducted and the water has been proven to be safe.

Dash for Trash final days

Dash for Trash, an initiative aimed at helping Robins and the planet by gathering and disposing of unwanted materials and hazardous waste, runs through Saturday.

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 rubbish.

When workstations have too much trash or clutter for garbage or recycling 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.

Upcoming blood drives

The Armed Services Blood Program will conduct a blood drive June 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex in Bldg. 301.

The American Red Cross will also conduct a blood drive June 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 645 and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 210.



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

Chris Grimsley, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron sheet metal worker, applies sealant Wednesday during the C-130H nose remarriage. Grimsley lead a team of engineers and mechanics who pieced the aircraft together. The aircraft is one of two C-130H models scheduled to be delivered to the Afghan Air Force this year.

TOGETHER AGAIN

C-130H gets new nose from donor aircraft

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Another successful first at Robins is now in the books. Three months ago a C-130H nose was separated from its fuselage in Bldg. 110. On Tuesday, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group maintainers re-attached a different nose from a donor aircraft, paving the way for an end-of-year delivery of the C-130H to the Afghan Air Force.

"Our talented technicians and mechanics have once again proven they can accomplish anything. The entire maintenance, support and engineering team made this difficult task look simple, and are returning a once severely damaged aircraft back into a mission-capable combat capability for our FMS partners," said Jim Russell, 560th Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron director.

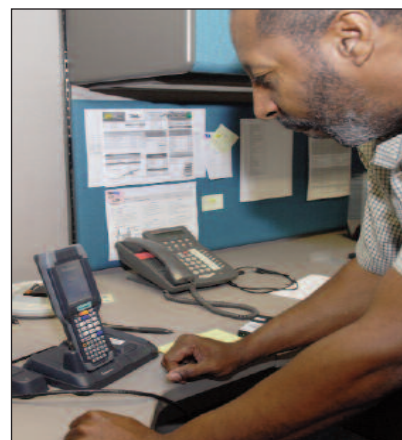
While the task could best be described as tedious at times, the re-attachment was accomplished in about an hour, with sheet metal workers then working on manually re-inserting the 364 bolts needed to hold the new nose and fuselage in place. Each bolt, varying in size and shape, comes with its own set of washers, nuts and other parts to ensure it's securely fitted in place.

The bolts will be secured over the next week.

Once the bolts are attached, next up will be putting back all of the aircraft's eight hydraulic lines, four air conditioning ducts, two oxygen lines, flight control cables and wiring over a three-week period.

When all structural work is completed, the

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U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

David Burton, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron Materiel Management Flight chief, turns on a handheld terminal used to track all base equipment.

'Cradle to grave' Item ID system back up and tracking

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

Keeping tabs on every single piece of equipment used by the world's largest Air Force may sound like a gargantuan task. That's because it is.

But, David Burton and his cohorts are working to make that process much easier at Robins.

A new labeling technique that uses handheld terminals to create a unique identification code for all base items is back up and running after facing some setbacks, according to Burton, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron Materiel Management flight chief.

The process of distinguishing each item at Robins from any other in the Air Force inventory began in 2012 and is roughly 60 percent complete after being delayed for about a year due to software issues.

"With this, we're able to track any piece of equipment from cradle to grave," said Burton. "Once a label is put on an item, it stays on it, whether it goes to distribution

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Airman helps save life, personifies wingmanship

BY BRIAN SHREVE

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When Jarvis Jackson found himself shot and left for dead on a cold, murky Macon street, he probably had no idea he had a wingman.

But fortunately, Senior Airman Taylor Turpin, who happened to be nearby at that grim moment, had been instilled with that concept.

It was some time around 2:30 a.m. May 3 when Turpin, 78th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, was walking a couple of friends back to their car after a Saturday night out.

Upon reaching Poplar Street, he and his friends heard a loud "pop," a noise some in the vicinity mistook as that of a

firecracker.

Turpin, 22, noticed a man lying on the pavement beside a car and his instincts - much of it attributed to being his squadron's Self-Aid Buddy Care monitor - took hold.

"GET DOWN, GET DOWN," he yelled to his friends and others.

"I (then) immediately ran over and saw this crowd forming around the guy while he was on the ground yelling. I looked around, and nobody was helping him out. It was crazy," he explained.

Pulling up Jackson's shirt, Turpin discovered the man had been shot in the



Turpin

abdomen and was spewing blood.

With nothing to cover his hands, he began squeezing Jackson's sides in an effort to control the bleeding, telling him to hold onto his arm.

"I had to make sure he was staying conscious," said Turpin. "I kept asking him questions about himself - trying to keep him calm and the situation as light as possible."

As Turpin pushed on the victim's wound, a bouncer from across the street - also with military experience it turned out - ran over and assisted him.

Call Turpin a hero, a good Samaritan or even a guardian angel.

But as a U.S. Airman, he simply refers to himself by another name and knows the notion behind the term is more than

just words.

"Wingmanship is very important," he said. "And it feels great to be a wingman. To this day, it feels good that I potentially saved someone's life, whether it's military or civilian."

Turpin, originally from Buffalo, NY, has since been informed by his chief controller that he may be considered for the Airman's Medal due to his actions.

"I'm just happy I was there. I guess all that training we're put through pays off," he said. "They ingrain that wingmanship inside of us, but you don't realize you have that inside of you already. The military just brings it out, teaches you to be aware of it, and embrace it. We're all here to look out for each other."

Second Front

‘Dish’ serves healthy tips, quickly becomes a hit

BY BRIAN SHREVE
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Robins’ own Dani Lebovitz may soon be dishing it out at a higher level.

Her popular web series, “Dani’s Delicious Dish,” has caught the attention of Office of the Secretary of Defense health and wellness experts for possible use Department of Defense-wide.

Though still not finalized, the weekly series would be featured on the DOD’s Human Performance Resource Center web site.

“Dani’s Delicious Dish” kicked off on the official Robins Facebook page last month as a guide to everyday nutritional and fitness tips, with the first six installments each reaching more than 5,500 viewers.

Lebovitz, base registered dietician, also teaches a variety of classes devoted to healthy living at the Robins Health and Wellness Center; as a result of the videos – also posted to Youtube – those classes have increased in size considerably, according to Stuart Bapties, 78th Health and Wellness Center flight commander.

The program was created by Geoff Janes, internal information chief, and Paul Wenzel, videographer, of the Installation Public Affairs Office.

“I got into being a dietician to help as many people as possible,” said Lebovitz. “The video series has given me the opportunity to fulfill that dream. And if it gets picked up on a greater scale, that’d be great. The more people we can impact, the better.”



Scott visits Robins

U.S. Air Force photo by

RAY CRAYTON

James Cunningham, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Support Squadron engineer, gives U.S. Congressman Austin Scott a tour June 5 of the Advanced Metal Finishing Facility Plating Shop here. During his visit, Scott also toured the F-15 Depot Maintenance area and Marine Aircraft Group 49 Det. A, and he received a Team JSTARS mission brief.

VPP Gold banners awarded

Five additional work sites have achieved Gold-level status in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s Voluntary Protection Program at Robins.

They were awarded Gold banners June 6 by Brig. Gen. Cedric George, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex commander; Col. Chris Hill, Installation commander; Bryant Aaron, IAFF Local F-107; and Todd Surber, AFGE Local 987.

The five sites are: Base Restaurant (78th Force Support Squadron); 402nd

Aircraft Maintenance Group C-17 section; 78th Security Forces Squadron Standardization/Evaluation Section; Visitor Control Center (78th SFS) and Child Development Center East and West (78th FSS).

The Safe Site Challenge is the installation’s premier platform to strengthen and reinforce employee involvement and participation VPP.

To date, there are 190 work center sites at Robins which have achieved Gold status. There are also 79 Silver sites, 16 Bronze sites and 1 Green site.

Base VAO offers voting tools, information

BY CAPT. MINDY DAVIS
Base Voter Assistance Office

Armed Forces Voters Week – June 30 through July 7 – reminds Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines to register to vote on time so they may be part of the election process.

Have voting questions?

Following are a few frequently-asked questions by uniformed services and family members:

Can I vote absentee?

You can vote absentee in local, state and federal elections if you are a U.S. citizen 18 years or older and are an active duty member of the armed forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, a family member of the above, or a U.S. citizen who resides outside the United States.

Where is my “legal voting residence”?

For voting purposes, “legal voting residence” can be the state or territory where you last resided prior to entering military service or the state or territory you have since claimed as your legal residence.

Even though you may no longer maintain formal ties to that residence, the address determines your proper voting jurisdiction. To claim a new legal residence, you must have simultaneous physical presence and the intent to return to that location as your primary residence.

Military and their family members may change their legal residence every

To stay up to date with the most recent voting-related news and events, “Like” us on Facebook at Voter Assistance Office – Robins AFB. For more information, contact the office at commercial 478-327-VOTE (8683), DSN 497-VOTE or via email at robins.vote@robins.af.mil.

time they change permanent duty stations, or they may retain their legal residence without change. This may mean the family’s uniformed service member has a different legal voting residence than his or her family members. A legal assistance officer or legal counsel should be consulted before legal residence is changed because there are usually other factors to be considered besides voting.

Editor’s Note: See next week’s Rev-Up for more FAQs.

Perimeter Road crosswalk relocation

Pedestrians and drivers will soon find a relocated crosswalk near Bldg. 50 on Perimeter Road.

The relocated crosswalk will be north of the current crosswalk near the building and will improve both pedestrian and vehicle line-of-site. It is scheduled to be constructed June 22, weather permitting.

As a reminder, both pedestrians and vehicles are equally responsible for road safety. Pedestrians must exercise caution when entering crosswalks by looking both ways and determining reasonable times to cross roadways.

Vehicles must exercise caution when approaching known areas of pedestrian traffic and must come to a complete stop when a pedestrian is in a crosswalk.

Live icon on a desktop near you

A Helping Agencies Icon debuted May 30 on most government computers here. Computer users who didn’t receive the icon, or who want to view it from off base, can access the icon at www.robins.af.mil.

The icon provides Team Robins

members one-click access to a list of helping agencies including the services they offer and contact information for each. The list also contains direct links to a number of associated websites and brochures.

The icon is a collaborative effort of the 78th Medical Group, 78th Communications Directorate and Installation Public Affairs Office.

BAH recertification underway

Service members who receive the with-dependent rate Basic Allowance for Housing are required to complete a new AF Form 594 (no digital signature; must be wet signature) and provide a copy of supporting documentation such as marriage certificate, birth certificate or approved dependency application to the 78th comptroller squadron here by Dec. 31

Members may visit the squadron’s finance office in the East Wing of Bldg. 301 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or the Library in the lobby of Bldg. 905 on Mondays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

CCAF Spotlight



**Staff Sgt.
Jessica Duckett**

UNIT:

78th Air Base Wing

TIME IN SERVICE:

8 years

HOMETOWN:

Stockbridge, Georgia

CCAF DEGREE:

Emergency Management

Who or what motivated you to meet with an education office counselor? Education is important to me. I entered the USAF with the mindset of continuing my education.

When I completed all required training for my job, the first stop was to an educational counselor to get the ball rolling. Throughout the years, I feel everyone I have encountered professionally and personally has helped motivate me to keep going.

How did you go about pursuing your Community College of the Air Force degree?

You could say I went the long way around. I worked toward my bachelor’s first and then I went back for my CCAF. For a while, the only credit I needed for my CCAF was Speech. A big fear of mine is public speaking, so of course I put off that class as long as possible; however, with the support of my supervisors and peers, I was able to successfully conquer that fear and obtain my CCAF.

What are your educational plans now that you have completed your CCAF?

I completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Emergency and Disaster Management in 2011. Currently, I am in the process of enrolling in a master’s program for public health at the University of New England.

Editor’s note: The Robins CCAF Graduation Ceremony for the October 2013 and April 2014 classes will be June 27 at 3 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight Hangar.

In the Spotlight

U.S. Air Force photos by ED ASPERA

At right, Tech. Sgt. Terri Adams, 78th Readiness and Emergency Management Flight NCOIC, plots coordinates on the Mobile Emergency Operations Center's grid map.

Far right, Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Quisenberry, REM technician, takes a call as he and Adams go through a series of emergency response checklists.

Below, Robert Clay, REM logistics chief, sets up a laptop/monitor screen which is used by incident commanders to brief large groups of responders or for the base commander to brief elected officials.



Disaster response vehicle makes EOC mobile

BY BRIAN SHREVE

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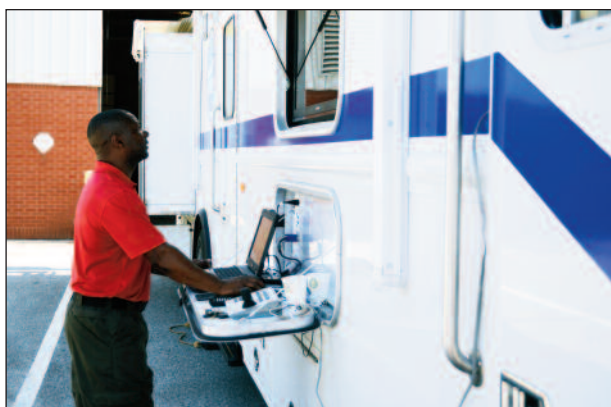
This isn't your grandparents' Winnebago.

The Mobile Emergency Operations Center, or MEOC, is actually more akin to something the A-Team would've driven if they had a much bigger budget.

A mobile command post, the 39-foot MEOC is equipped with its own power supply, six work stations with computers and Internet links, and radio and cellular communications, along with a built-in weather system and telescoping video cameras. It's a self-sustaining mobile communications center ready to support on-scene commanders during incidents.

In the event of an emergency – a plane crash or severe weather for example – the MEOC is able to receive and transmit vital data to the Robins EOC and Crisis Action Team, as well as responders off-base and those of other military installations using satellite communications.

“Essentially, it takes all the capabilities we have at the EOC – the base's command and control center – and trims them down to take to the scene in a mobile version,” said Tech. Sgt. Terri Adams, 78th Readiness and Emergency Management Flight NCOIC. “It provides the incident commander with everything he needs right then



and there in a centralized location.”

The MEOC is a Federal Emergency Management Agency Type II vehicle, the first of its kind in Air Force Materiel Command.

Though every base has some version of a mobile operations center – be it a trailer or truck outfitted to communicate with emergency responders – there are only eight FEMA Type II's Air Force-wide, and Robins' MEOC is perhaps the most-technologically advanced of them all, according to Robert Clay, 78th REM logistics section chief.

The command center is used primarily for emergen-

cies within the Southeastern region, though it can potentially assist anywhere there is a FEMA emergency; for instance, the MEOC remained on standby during Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

It was last used in an active situation during the Robins Air Show a couple of years ago, where it operated roughly 14 hours a day for a week without needing refueling; equipped with a 90-gallon tank, it is completely self-sustaining for four days without a break.

“I'll get off my soapbox and say right now as far as emergency management and response operations, the Air Force is leading the way,” said Clay. “Out of any branch, we're the most on top of this.”

The MEOC arrived at Robins in 2010, though it wasn't processed into the Air Force vehicle fleet until January 2011.

Weighing in at 13 tons and costing more than a new Lamborghini, not just anyone can drive the mobile command center.

Special training consisting of multiple sessions and the licensing process takes about 30 days; at Robins, there are currently three licensed drivers.

“You can't just jump behind the wheel after a day's worth of training and be good to go,” said Clay. “It's definitely a process.”

Around the Air Force

Quality Force Review Board results released

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Air Force commanders notified Airmen who met the service's Quality Force Review Board last month of the board's results June 5.

The QFRB reviewed more than 4,600 Airmen using the "whole person" concept based on each Airman's record of performance and potential for continued positive service, and determined that 77 percent of the Airmen who met the board would not be retained.

"These Airmen were considered through a standard board process, which has proven over time to be fair and equitable," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody. "Force reductions will always be a very difficult and emotional process, but we've worked hard to make it as fair as possible for everyone considered."

The QFRB is one of several force management programs the Air Force has instituted to meet its end-strength requirements for fiscal 2015.

Airmen who were selected for involuntary separation will receive transitional benefits, including 180 days of medical care for themselves and family members, two years of commissary and base exchange privileges, and relocation to their home of selection. They will also retain their post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits for themselves or their dependents if the benefits have been transferred however, Airmen cannot transfer this benefit to their dependents after being notified of the board's results.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

AF releases new feedback forms

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – During the past year, Air Force leaders have been shaping a new and more comprehensive Air Force evaluation system for officers and enlisted Airmen.

The new system is designed to better meet the needs of the Air Force and Airmen, differentiate more effectively between good and great performers, and value job performance first and foremost, Air Force leaders said.

One change Airmen asked for was an improved feedback process, and the Air Force delivered.

The Airman Comprehensive Assessment, or ACA, is now available, for both officer and enlisted Airmen, according to a letter to Airmen released by Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Mark Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody.

"The form facilitates a purposeful dialogue between supervisors and the Airmen they lead," they stated in the letter.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Commission seeks service members' compensation preferences

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The commission tasked by President Obama and Congress to modernize military compensation and benefits programs is seeking input from service members on their preferences.

Alphonso Maldon Jr., chairman of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, said understanding service members' compensation preferences is central to the commission's



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN DAMON KASBERG

Look out below

Romanian paratroopers perform a high-altitude, low-opening jump out of a C-130J Super Hercules during exercise Carpathian Spring above Campia Turzii, Romania. U.S. C-130J pilots, loadmasters and Army jumpmasters worked together with Romanian paratroopers to ensure their safety during static-line and HALO jumps above Romanian drop zones.

effort to craft modernization recommendations.

"Our primary goal is to ensure the uniformed services can maintain the most professional all-volunteer force, provide a high quality of life for the members of the uniformed services and their families, and ensure that compensation and retirement systems are financially sustainable," he said. "Our fundamental objective is to craft an integrated compensation and personnel system that will continue to be valued by service members, provide flexibility for the uniformed services, and be cost effective."

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

Key spouse program key to family readiness

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Air Force spouses are key to maintaining stability on the home front as Airmen maintain focus on the war front, according to the wife of the Air Force's top officer.

The key spouse program is an official unit/family program overseen by commanders designed to enhance readiness and establish a sense of unity within the Air Force community. The program was standardized across the Air Force in March 2006 to address the needs of all military families with special emphasis on support to families across the deployment cycle. "I remember Mark's first deployment ... it was scary and we didn't know what to expect," said Betty Welsh, the wife of Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Mark Welsh III. "It was then that the spouses of the deployed got together and grew our own spouses group."

Senior leadership knows the importance of the program and the tools it provides to the Air Force family. "The key spouse program gives our entire Air Force family another way to get help when it's really needed" the chief of staff said. "Commanders and first sergeants enable and support our unbelievable key spouses in providing peer-to-peer guidance and wingman support to the families who are so vital to the success of our Air Force."

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Mission ready

Senior Airman Arrelius Oliver drags the chocks for an RQ-4 Global Hawk in Southwest Asia. Arrelius, deployed from Beale Air Force Base, Calif., was part of a crew preparing the aircraft for a mission that evening.

Perspective

AFSC Chief: Enlisted ranks are backbone of Air Force

BY JOHN PARKER

AFSC Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. – The Air Force Sustainment Center's highest ranking enlisted member has been on the job since April and is ready to lead and develop AFSC enlisted Airmen wherever they may be.

Part of Command Chief Master Sgt. Gregg Jones' nearly 25-year career has included advising Iraq and Afghanistan how to redevelop and improve their air forces.

He believes the world's best air forces thrive on a key ingredient that any nation must pay attention to for success: the enlisted ranks.

"I say this from having seen it," Jones said. "The reason we're the world's greatest air power that's ever been – and I'm firmly convinced – is that enlisted formation."

"A professional enlisted force is really what gets you there," the chief said. "The backbone of our service is that E-4, E-5, E-6. That's where the rubber meets the road."

In his current position, Jones will advise Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, AFSC commander, on the organization, training, resourcing and employment of 3,700 enlisted Airmen.

The chief served about 20 years with the Air Force Special Operations Command. Working in multiple

loadmaster assignments, he accumulated more than 4,900 flying hours and has been qualified in six different aircraft.

The chief has flown in direct combat missions in Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Provide Comfort, Provide Promise, Joint Endeavor, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He returned from Afghanistan in April after 10 months as command chief master sergeant for Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan.

In his first posting in Air Force Materiel Command, the chief said he strives to leverage his combat experience to remind Airmen that every Air Force job supports the warfighter.

"What I can do for any skill set is draw the picture backward from actions on the objective, because ultimately, that's what it's all about," the chief said. "Whether you're a med tech, security forces, a maintainer – you can connect the dots to where that is having an impact on the objective."

Jones said Airmen should expect to hear a lot about the importance of mission execution from him. Part of that execution, though, involves taking care of the Airmen who sometimes face personal challenges on- and off-base.



Jones

"My job is to lead and develop Airmen," Jones said. "That sounds pretty simple, but like anything, it's not as simple as we'd like to believe."

"It's about trying to strike balance between the mission and the people," he said. "There's a sweet spot between making sure we're organized, trained and equipped to go out there and execute, but it's also about getting your personal needs met and your family getting their needs met so we've got folks that are resilient."

Jones said he's found the core Air Force values are great reminders of why Airmen choose to serve. They're also helpful guides for overcoming personal and professional hurdles.

"They're simple things, but there's a lot of depth there that goes into that," he said. "I always appreciate the messaging we put out there, but if it is too complex folks forget. But nobody ever forgets integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do."

"It's endured because it's simple, and it's the truth," he said.

The command chief is a self-described "huge" auto racing fan. He has raced competitively in mini-sprint race cars and go-karts. He grew up in Clearwater, Fla., enlisting in 1989.

His wife is Master Sgt. Sarah Jones, training manager with the 72nd Security Forces Squadron. He has a 22-year-old son, Justin, a senior at the University of New Mexico.

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aircraft will then undergo an isochronal inspection along with engine work, continued application of a corrosion prevention compound, floorboards will be installed, and primary flight controls will be installed, according to Scott Latimer, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Center Wing Box Fixtures team lead.

Continuity checks will also be performed, taking up a significant amount of time as well.

Once those repairs are wrapped up, the cargo plane – which dates back to 1974 – will be better than new, including having a new center wing box.

Due to a hard landing, the C-130H experienced major structural damage to its nose. An engineering team from the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, along with C-130 maintainers, worked over the last few months to remove that nose, replacing it from a second donor aircraft which was scheduled to be retired.

A team from Robins



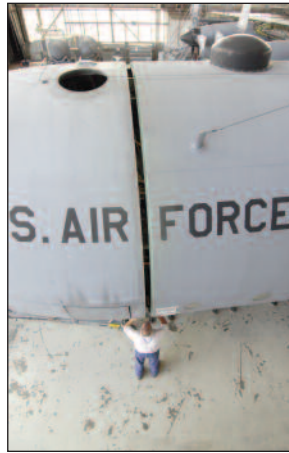
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Jeff Price, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first line supervisor, directs his maintenance crew Wednesday during the mating of the two C-130 H sections.

had previously visited Lockheed Martin in Marietta to learn how maintainers there had performed the assembly operation.

A second C-130H bound for Afghanistan is also on station, scheduled for a standard programmed depot maintenance package.

To view additional photos and a video of this week's event, visit www.robins.af.mil or the official Robins Facebook page.



U.S. Air Force photo by

ROLAND LEACH

The C-130H remarriage project nears completion.

HANDHELD

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services or is transferred to another user. Now that we've gotten connectivity back, we're going to be finishing up the other items on base."

Why is that so important?

The new system greatly improves accountability and data reliability in tracking assets, providing complete "visibility" of an item, such as where something came from, who it belongs to and, perhaps most important, where it is in the event a piece of equipment is

not found during inventory, Burton said.

Resembling a considerably more sophisticated version of a grocery store scanning device, the handheld terminals store serial, stock and part numbers, as well as the manufacturer of an item. Though no bigger than a penny, that information can be read from each label, or unique item identifier, with a swipe of the terminal.

"Even if a UIID is damaged, the label will not change," said Burton. "We would (simply) have to order a duplicate of that particular label. It's forever."

A Better You

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From left, Staff Sgt. Justin Sheldon, Mental Health technician, and his 2-year-old son Jaydon enjoy play time with Master Sgt. Richard Reece, Mental Health Flight Chief, and his 6-year-old daughter, Lexi and 2-year-old son, Caleb. Both Airmen are participating in the *Dads the Basics* class offered by Family Advocacy.



LEARNING THE BASICS

Family Advocacy classes teach fathers parenting skills

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Becoming a father can be overwhelming.

Expectant fathers in the Robins Air Force Base community don't have to face the new experience alone, thanks to the 78th Medical Group's Family Advocacy Office.

Yvonne McKoy-Fisk, New Parent Support Program manager, said two classes, *Dads the Basics* and *Passport to Parenthood*, equip dads-to-be for their new parental role.

"We strongly encourage families to take classes while things are going well to learn new information, which will make them resilient when there is a storm of life," she said. "They can then confront problems, knowing they can depend on themselves, their support system, unit, command and

resources in the community."

Dads the Basics classes, which are conducted in the Family Advocacy conference room, educate fathers on care and support of mom during pregnancy, shaken baby syndrome, deployment, and the importance of fathers being involved in the lives of their children. They also learn their role is totally different from the mother's role for their child.

Dads the Basics is a three-part series, with facilitators who are dads sharing their experiences as fathers in an informal forum where dads talk freely about any concerns they have, McKoy-Fisk said.

Passport to Parenthood, which is conducted the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Health and Wellness Center in Bldg. 827, presents information on a wide range of top-

ics, from breastfeeding with father's involvement, shaken baby syndrome, dental care, swaddling the baby, and signs of depression in mothers, to building parenting skills, financial management as a couple, and taking care of one another when the baby arrives.

McKoy-Fisk said she strongly encourages expectant mothers and fathers to attend the class together so the mother and father approach parenthood as a team and become knowledgeable together about the resources available to them as a couple.

The free classes are open to active duty and retired military members, family members, and Defense Department civilians.

For more information, call Family Advocacy at 327-8425 or e-mail robins.fap@us.af.mil.

UH-1Y

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transition. “We’ve been looking forward to this for a long time.”

Housand is one of the only pilots here qualified to fly the UH-1Y, although training is currently being provided to other Reservists and an active duty member in Camp Pendleton, Calif. Housand has logged some 800 hours on the model and has flown it for two years.

“The instrumentation is amazing,” he said, referring to its upgraded glass cockpit avionics. “The situational awareness has increased tremendously.”

Compared to the older UH-1N it replaced, the newer variant can fly at 150 knots, compared to 100 knots. The helicopter can also fly greater distances without stopping as much for fuel, said Housand, who has flown both aircraft.

“Having flown both in combat, I can tell you with 100 percent confidence that the capability of this aircraft is many times over what it was in the older model,” he said. “Not only are the engines and the rotor systems complete upgrades, but the air speed, capabilities

of lift, troop cargo and providing of close-air support have increased at least ten-fold.”

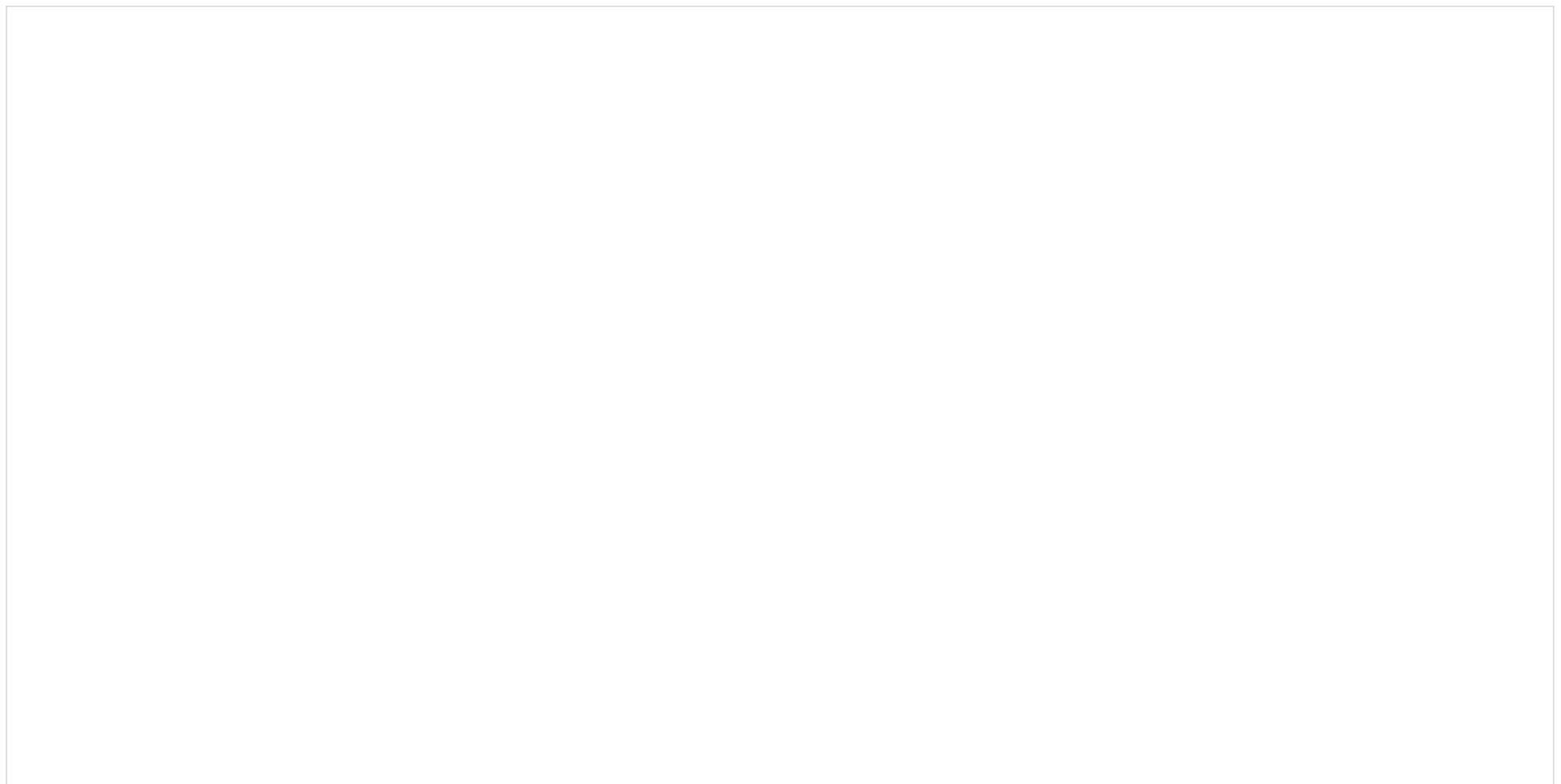
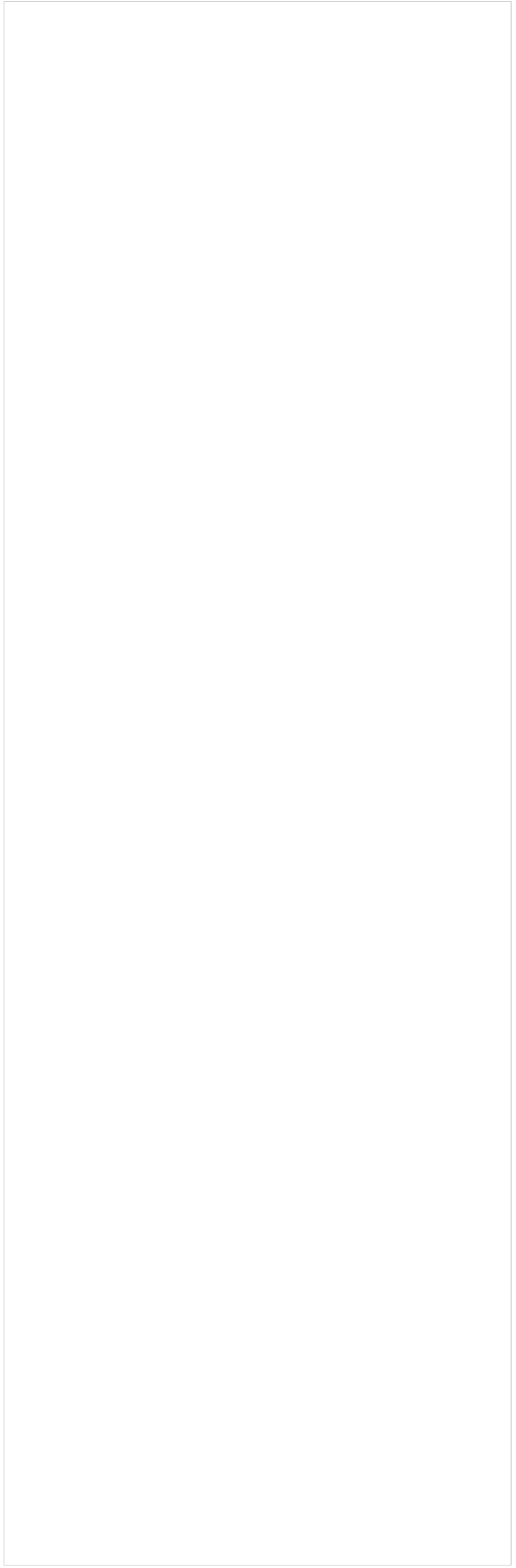
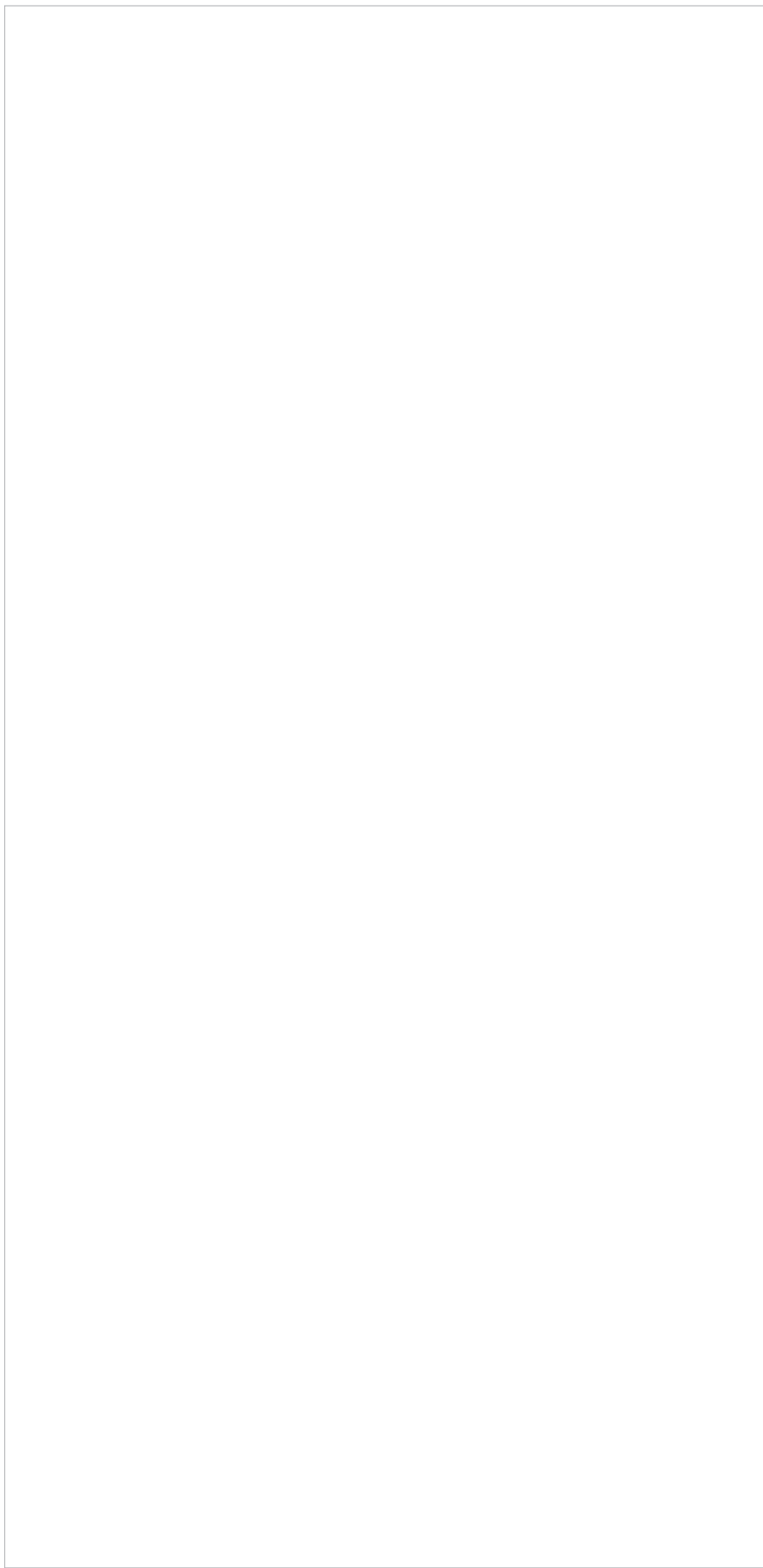
As part of the Marine Corps modernization program, the new aircraft is replacing the Corps’ fleet of UH-1N Hueys. The first of these departed Robins on April 25, destined to be retired to the ‘boneyard’ at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

The UH-1Y’s utility role includes deployment of weapons, and it also provides command and control and aerial reconnaissance. It is currently serving in Afghanistan.

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773, which falls under the command of Marine Aircraft Group 49, is the Marine Corps Reserve’s only attack helicopter squadron. The Red Dogs squadron includes members and aircraft at sites in Louisiana and New Jersey.

The unit is the final squadron in the Marine Corps to receive the UH-1Y. It will receive an additional two this year, and a fourth in fiscal 2015.

For more photos and to view a video of the UH-1Y’s arrival, visit www.robins.af.mil or the official Robins Facebook page.



Out and About

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Missoula Children's Theatre "Treasure Island"
 June 16
 10 a.m.
 Youth Center
 Auditions for grades 1-12
 Approximately 50-60 students will be cast.
 For details, call 497-6831.

Summer Tennis Registration
 Monday
 Youth Center
 Cost is \$40
 For details, call 468-2110

Bundles for Babies
 Tuesday
 8 a.m. to noon
 A&FRC, Bldg. 794
 Get the facts on infant care, nutrition and more.
 For details, call 497-9398.

Hook Up 2 Bowling
 Tuesday through June 20
 3 to 5 p.m.
 Bowling Center
 Youth \$99, adults \$129

For details, call 468-2112.

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

UPCOMING Membership Night
 June 20
 5 p.m.
 Heritage Club
 Enjoy music & food. Club members bring your family and enjoy a meal on us.
 For details, call 472-7899.

Family Movie Night The Lego Movie
 June 20
 6:30 p.m.
 Base Theater
 Cost is \$2 and includes popcorn and drink.
 For details, call 468-2001.

Parent-Child Golf
 June 21
 9 a.m.
 Pine Oaks Golf Course
 For details, call 468-4103.

Bingo Mid-Year Blowout
 June 26
 7:15 p.m.
 Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
 Heritage Club
 For details, call 926-0188.

Jazz Night at the "H"
 June 27
 7 p.m.
 Heritage Club
 Club members \$7
 Guests \$10
 Featuring live music by Class Act
 For details, call 472-7899.

ONGOING Heritage Pool
 Open daily noon to 6 p.m.
 Closed on Wednesdays for maintenance.
 For details, call 468-4001.

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MILITARY INFORMATION FAIR

Master Sgt. William Vereen, Air Force Reserve Command equipment manager, talks with Airman & Family Readiness specialists during a military information fair June 5 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The 78th Force Support Squadron hosted the information fair on military force management programs. A number of base agencies were on hand to explain the types of support they provide.

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