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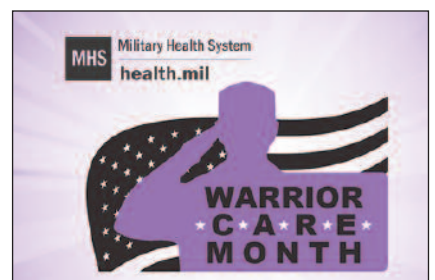
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Team Robins - Performing to Our Potential

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Derrick Chatmon, 562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft mechanic, installs kick panels on the C-17 being modified with an on board fire suppression system. The system operates much like a controlled fire extinguisher, dispersing inert gas which prevents an aircraft from being engulfed in flames when it's hit during enemy engagement.

U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Precision Attack teams win SecDef award

ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Precision Attack System Program Office, with teams located at Robins and Wright-Patterson Air Force bases, has won a 2014 Secretary of Defense Performance Based Logistics award for its work on the sniper advanced targeting pod.

The Sniper Pod Sustainment Program falls under the Precision Attack Element at Robins, which includes 11 personnel, and manages the Performance Based Logistics contract for the Sniper Advanced Targeting Pod.

In addition, the Precision Attack Development Program Office at Wright-Patterson includes 49 personnel, responsible for acquisition and development of the Sniper Advanced Targeting Pod-Sensor Enhanced. Both groups fall under the Common Avionics Branch, as well as the Electronic Warfare and Avionics Division, which is at Robins.

The award recognized the efforts of the Sniper teams at Robins, Wright-Patterson and Lockheed Martin.

"I am extremely proud that the hard work of the men and women in the Precision Attack Program Office has been recognized by the Secretary of Defense. Developing and administering a good Performance Based Logistics contract can be both challenging and time consuming. When done correctly a PBL contract can

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Safety Update

Changing culture one person at a time

BY JENNY GORDON

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Safety is an integral part of our on- and off-duty lifestyle at Robins. Since its crucial message needs to be constantly communicated to every employee, the Installation Safety Office will be visiting work centers across the base to share that message while also making and building relationships.

The Safety Surge Initiative kicked off Nov. 3, with Installation, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, VPP and union safety representatives visiting several work centers located in Bldg. 300, Bays A, C, D; and Bldgs. 91, 700, 125 and 59. They were able to make contact with more

than 30 employees and 17 supervisors during the week.

Safety team members will be visiting work centers twice a week in two-hour blocks, with time for engaging with employees and supervisors. Those sites include the 78th Air Base Wing and Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, as well as mission partners who can benefit from the experience.

"These two-hour blocks are in addition to the safety office's spot inspection pro-

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Hazard reports a click away

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The online Hazard Reporting Tool conveniently located on your computer's desktop is just that - a useful reporting system for the concerned workforce to report any health, safety or fire issues they may encounter in their work environment.

Employees may log into the tool any time to see what issues are being worked, as well as the real-time status of each as they are processed through the system.

You may submit a hazard with your name or choose to submit your concerns anonymously. To submit either way, simply click one of two buttons, and several questions can be answered in a matter of minutes.

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Updating Globemasters

562nd AMXS extends C-17 range, adds fire protection

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Think of it as a sophisticated piece of insurance that protects powerful weapon systems such as the C-17 Globemaster III, maintained at Robins by the 562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Nearing completion on its eighth C-17, maintainers have been working the last eight months to modify the aircraft to an Extended Range and On Board Inert Gas Generation II System.

The system, called OBIGGS, operates much like a controlled fire extinguisher, dispersing inert gas which prevents an aircraft from being engulfed in flames when it's hit during enemy engagement.

"It basically keeps the plane from burning up," said David Clements, 562nd AMXS overhaul supervisor.

At the same time as this ongoing project, a crew of nearly 40 hydraulics, electrical, aircraft and sheet metal mechanics are also working on the aircraft's center dry bay area and converting it for additional fuel capabilities.

"By adding 6,000 gallons of fuel, aircraft will be able to fly extended range as opposed to short-range missions," he said.

Because of the C-17's ability to directly deliver cargo and troops onto the battlefield, it is subject to enemy fire. Should a fire occur in one of the fuel tanks, OBIGGS prevents those fuel tanks from exploding and taking over the plane.

Once a fire warning light is visible in the cockpit, a handle is pulled that deploys the system. An inert nitrogen gas is injected and released into the effected fuel tank and displaces the explosive air and fuel inside.

You can't really see the system itself. It's hidden underneath the belly of the plane and all throughout, and includes an air/water separator, turbo compressors, air conditioning systems, holding tanks and duct work, hauled to the work site over two-and-a-half tractor trailer loads.

Mechanics spend much of their time performing repetitious movements during the week, many of it in fuel tanks and working in

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Sports Pools

It's the middle of football season, and employees are reminded that the Defense Department has regulations regarding gambling.

In accordance with JER 2-302, DOD employees, including both military and civilian personnel, shall neither participate in gambling activities while on base nor while on duty.

Gate Barrier Maintenance

One entry and one exit lane of the Russell Gate will be closed Saturday and Sunday so two barriers can be painted. Crews will prep and paint the barriers starting Saturday at 9 a.m., and the two traffic lanes will remain closed until noon on Sunday.



Project to affect clinic parking

The parking lot on the north side of Bldg. 700, roughly 60 spaces, and a portion of the parking lot on the south side of the building, 64 spaces, will be closed for about two weeks. Parking area on the south side will also be closed for two weeks to allow installation of a temporary facility. Once the facility is in place, the parking lot will reopen. The drive leading to Bldgs. 702, 703, 755, 764 and 766 will be closed three to four days to allow installation of utilities. When the project is complete, the temporary facility and contractor field office and staging area will be removed from the site.

Weekend Weather

Friday 54/30



Saturday 56/36



Sunday 59/36



"A good safety culture is built over time. It is never a given."

SECOND FRONT



Fire Dept. luncheon celebrates past, honors fallen

Above right from left to right: Willie Swain, "Maw" Bates, General Grandville and Tommy Lee Bryant, all retired Robins firefighters, chat Nov. 7 during the annual Fire Department Retiree Luncheon. Nearly 50 retired and current firefighters gathered at Robins Fire Station No. 2 to reminisce about old times and remember their fallen comrades.

Above left, the luncheon included a Fallen Firefighter Ceremony where three recently deceased former members of the department were honored. A specially set table served as a symbolic tribute to all of the departments deceased members.



U.S. Air Force photos by ED ASPERA

Team Robins visits veterans in Dublin

Jessie Daniels (red hat) and Victor Moore share memories from their tours of duty with Staff Sgt. William Rodgers, 78th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, left, and Senior Airman Zachary Morris, 78th Operations Support Squadron air traffic control journeyman. Both men served in the Army and now reside at the Veterans Hospital in Dublin, Ga. Thirty members of Team Robins traveled to the hospital Tuesday to visit with the residents in commemoration of Veterans Day. The hospital also conducted a special Veterans Day ceremony which honored veterans past and present.



U.S. Air Force photos by ED ASPERA

CPTS closure

The 78th Comptroller Squadron Finance office will close today at 11 a.m. The facility will resume normal business hours Monday.

For more details, call Senior Airman Britney Christy at 468-4022.

Congrats grads

The following Team Robins members recently graduated from the Defense Civilian Emerging Leader Program hosted at the Department of Defense Executive Management Training Center in Southbridge, Mass.:

- ▶ Monique Brisson,
- ▶ Charles Goolsby,
- ▶ Jonathan Morton and
- ▶ Richard Pipe.

The four were part of a class of 17 members of the Air Force acquisition community to participate in the highly selective DOD wide program.

DCELP is a nine-month course which consists of five one-week sessions including: Leadership Assessment Program, Conflict Resolution Skills, Team Building/Team Leadership, Effective Writing in the Federal Government and Leadership for Non-Supervisors.

Chief master sergeant release ceremony

The Robins Chiefs Group will host a Chief Master Sergeant Promotion Release ceremony and celebration Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club Ballroom.

Team Robins members are invited to come out and congratulate the newest chief master sergeant selects.



Going for Gold

As organizations continue to participate in Robins' Voluntary Protection Program Safe Site Challenge, several were recently awarded with Gold recognition for their efforts.

Congratulations to the following organizations which were presented Gold banners during recent ceremonies:

- ▶ 78 CEG Pavement & Grounds, Utilities;
- ▶ 78 FSS Arts/Crafts/Outdoor Rec;
- ▶ 78 SC Network Operations Branch; Data Center Operations and Network Infrastructure
- ▶ 78 ABW/SC, IT Zone 1

ALL IN

A DAY'S WORK

Tech Sgt. Mykesha Hamic

UNIT: 78th Operational Support Squadron

JOB TITLE: NCOIC, Host Aviation Resource Management

TIME IN SERVICE: 12 years

HOMETOWN: Saint Louis, Mo.



What does your work involve at Robins?

"We maintain control and accountability of 1,100-plus flight records for aircrew and parachutists across several major commands that are active duty, Army, Guard and Reserves, assigned and attached to Robins."

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission?

"As the host for six different major commands, we validate aviation history, and ensure each member has met all requirements to safely fly and support local and global operations."

Who has been the biggest influence in your life?

"My grandmother. She raised me and my three siblings from the time I was 9 years old until I came into the Air Force. She is my biggest cheerleader and supporter. I wouldn't be the person I am today if not for her."

What prompted your interest in your current career field?

"I had six job options to choose from at the Military Entrance Processing Station. The 1C0X2 career field read like it would be the best fit for me."

What's an accomplishment of which you are most proud?

"Being named Team Robins NCO of the Quarter."



Save the Date

Robins will host its first Green Sustainability Expo Nov. 21 at the Heritage Club. The Expo will feature 20-minute workshops and question and answer sessions on Green Procurement and an opportunity to visit with vendors to learn more about the program.

Green Procurement, or green purchasing, is the purchase of environmentally preferable products and services such as recovered materials, water efficient products, alternative fuels, biobased products and environmentally preferable products.

Admission is free and free refreshments will be available. The event is open to all military, civilian, retirees, contractors or others with access to Robins.

Workshops

Beth Martin, U.S. Army Public Health Command, will lead three 20-minute presentations with questions & answers to help Robins AFB groups and organizations understand their responsibilities under the Department of Defense Green Procurement Program.

Workshop times are 9:45, 10:30 and 11:15 a.m.

For more information, email casey.lucas.2@us.af.mil or sgreenspan@fdaexpo.com.

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save a lot of taxpayer dollars,” said Col. Earl Stolz, Electronic Warfare and Avionics Division chief.

The Sniper pod is solely repaired by the 566th Electronics Maintenance Squadron at Robins.

The mission of the Common Avionics organization is to provide development, acquisition and sustainment activities for all Sniper ATP and ATP-SE systems. Common Avionics at both Robins and Wright-Patterson ensure all aspects of support for the sustainment of the Sniper

system meet operational requirements while using a Performance Based Logistics approach.

Implementation of a PBL solution between the program office and Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control personnel supported 358 sniper pods used by the Air Force and Air National Guard on multiple platforms – including the F-15E, F-16 Block 30-50, B-1 and B-52 – at operational and training locations around the world.

The PBL arrangement improved readiness by 14 percent while simultaneously reducing operating and support costs by \$77.3 million.

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gram. Ultimately we will incorporate the surge into our daily operations,” said Scott Eck, Installation Safety chief.

By putting names with faces, the initiative’s goals include building trust, enhancing communication, assessing the safety climate across the base and creating opportunities for follow-up discussion.

“This provides another avenue for us to change the safety culture at Robins one person at a time,” said Eck. “It also shows that managers and our union partners are working together to address employee safety and health concerns. We work together as a team here.”

Employees should feel comfortable expressing any safety concerns they have in their workplace, said Eck, and building one-on-one relationships is one way

to do that.

“This is a new process for us so we’re looking forward to getting out and hearing about the safety concerns our workforce has,” he said. “Enhancing communication with the goal of addressing safety and health concerns at the lowest level is a key element in the surge process.”

Safety information during visits will be documented and tracked, and any areas of concern will be identified for future visits.

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Questions include if a hazard is a facility issue. If yes, it’ll ask if a facility manager has been contacted and his or her name. Next, submit a brief description of the hazard, additional information and any recommendations.

“Once a report is submitted, we check for the validity and severity of the hazard, and then investigate possible avenues for corrective actions,” said Scott Eck, Installation Safety chief.

The Installation Safety Office reviews each concern and an investigator is assigned. Once sent online, a case is assigned a tracking number, is reviewed by a supervisor as needed, investigated, reviewed by the Safety Office with another final review, and then posted

online where anyone can view investigator recommendations and any actions that were taken.

The response time is one duty day for hazards that are of imminent danger, three duty days for serious situations and 10 duty days for lesser conditions.

Since the tool was installed in 2012, there have been nearly 600 online reports submitted. A cursory review of several pages of submissions included issues such as lights being out, restroom maintenance, parking, insect infestation, crosswalk concerns, slipping/tripping/fall reports, and more.

“Although the Hazard Reporting Tool is a quick and easy method to identify hazards, it is strongly recommended that employees still tell supervisors about any known hazards to ensure that issues can be worked at the lowest level,” he said.

THINK OPSEC EVERYDAY, EVERYWHERE

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Senior enlisted leaders discuss cross-generational leadership

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AFNS) – Cross-generational leadership was the topic of discussion during a seminar led by senior enlisted leaders at the Global Strike Challenge 2014 symposium Nov. 5.

Following the symposium's theme of empowering Airmen and bridging into the future, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody and Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick Alston, the command senior enlisted leader at U.S. Strategic Command, hosted an engaging discussion to provide an enlisted viewpoint on the generation gap and its effect on modern military leadership.

"We have to bridge this generation gap in order to move forward into the future," Cody said. "These new men and women are the leaders of our military, or will be in the near future, and we have to understand that. I think the first step is that you have to acknowledge who they are as people, as individuals. You're not going to make them who you are, just as you're not the people who came before you."

Generational differences can create strain on the relationship between the leader and the led, Alston said. One way to alleviate this is through developing a deeper understanding of those differences.

"We have to understand that we are not dealing with the Airmen of yesterday, but with the Airmen of today," Alston said. "We have to transform our leadership abilities to reflect that and to be able to reach them. You have to reach into their circle, to understand their needs. Without you understanding them, your leadership methods may fall on deaf ears."



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN JANELLE DICKEY

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody (right) and Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick Alston, senior enlisted leader at U.S. Strategic Command, speak to a crowd of nearly 800 attendees at the Global Strike Challenge 2014 Technology and Innovation Symposium in the Bossier Civic Center, Bossier City, La., Nov. 5. The leaders talked about core values and profound leadership.

In Other News

Transitional benefits available to separatees

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Records for all Airmen separated or retired under the fiscal 2014 Voluntary Separation Pay program were updated Nov. 5 to reflect eligibility for transitional medical benefits.

Those separating under the fiscal 2014/15 VSP program are authorized transition benefits, including 180 days of premium-free TRICARE coverage for the separatee and any eligible family members. Emails and registered letters are currently being sent to all Airmen affected by these changes.

Airmen who applied for separation and are still within 180 days from separation should visit the nearest military ID card issuance facility to obtain the appropriate forms that allow for use of the benefits. Issuance facility locations are available through the RAPIDS site locator.

Information about filing TRICARE claims, including applicable deadlines, is available at www.TRICARE.mil/claims.

Airmen can contact the Air Force Total Force Service Center at 1-800-525-0102 for questions concerning benefit eligibility or ID card issuance.

Air Force Aid Society grants, scholarships available

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Air Force Aid Society is accepting applications for education grants and scholarships. The single online application opens the door to three education programs.

General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant – the centerpiece and gateway to all of the AFAS education programs. It offers need-based grants of at least \$2,000 to dependent children of active, retired and deceased Air Force members.

Active duty includes Title 10 Reserve on extended active duty and Title 32 Guard performing full-time active duty. Spouses of active-duty members and surviving spouses of active or retired members are also eligible.

All applicants must be enrolled as full-time undergraduates at an accredited college or university during the 2015-2016 academic year,

and are required to maintain a minimum 2.0 grade-point average.

Merit Scholarship – incoming freshmen with top GPAs verified through the Arnold education grant application will be contacted directly by AFAS to compete for these \$5,000 scholarships. A minimum of 10 are awarded annually.

Supplemental loan program – Even if a student doesn't have sufficient financial need to receive the Arnold grant, completing the grant application determines eligibility to secure this interest-free loan.

Sponsoring members may request up to \$1,000 per eligible student to help reimburse out-of-pocket education expenses.

A top student could get them all – a \$2,000 grant, plus a \$5,000 Scholarship and a \$1,000 no interest loan equaling \$8,000, in support of a student's education.

The program has an average selection rate of more than 60 percent of those eligible and provides 100 percent of those eligible with validated financial need. The deadline for applications is March 13, 2015; however, students are encouraged to apply early.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN LIGHT

Mid-air pit stop

A KC-135 Stratotanker refuels a Royal Air Force RC-135/W Rivet Joint off the coast of England. This was the first time a tanker belonging to the 100th Air Refueling Wing refueled a RAF RC-135. The KC-135 is based at RAF Mildenhall, England.

For more information on eligibility for all of these programs and to access the application, visit the AFAS website at <http://www.afas.org/education-grants>.

PERSPECTIVES

November is Warrior Care Month



Fellow Airmen:

Last month, I was lucky enough to join some amazing Americans during the Warrior Games at the United States Olympic Complex in Colorado Springs.

As Betty and I watched the competition, we could see the passion and drive on each athlete's face, and it made us even prouder to serve in the world's greatest Air Force.

As is usually the case, our Airmen performed magnificently, winning 48 medals, including 16 gold medals. Those wins were underscored by Air Force captain Mitch Kieffer taking Ultimate Champion honors – for the second year in a row. Their spirit is infectious and their commitment to excellence is inspiring. But the one thing that really stood out to me and everyone else watching was their sincere desire to encourage and support their fellow athletes. We should all follow their lead.

November is Warrior Care Month and this year's theme is Show of Strength. So as you continually



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strive to be the best Airman possible, please don't lose sight of what's equally important – making this incredible team as strong as possible by taking care of each other.

A few years ago we established the Comprehensive Airmen Fitness program to focus on the well-being of our Airmen and families and improve the resiliency of these great Americans.

CAF emphasizes finding strength through four pillars – mental, physical, social and spiritual – to balance and ensure success in our personal and professional lives. Ultimately, we're at our very best when we lean on each other.

Across our Total Force, we've lost 79 Airmen in 2014 to suicide ... 79 teammates, friends and family members who will be missed greatly.

Airmen taking care of Airmen must be our bedrock. No one can succeed in this business, or in life, alone – no one. We need to ensure that Comprehensive Airmen Fitness is a team sport, and we should never accept the idea that suicide can't be prevented. This is a battle worth fighting; one imminently worthy of our time and energy. Please join me on the front lines.

I ask you to continue to look out for those around you. If you're having a tough time yourself, please talk to someone. We have great folks ready to help. Always know that Betty and I appreciate what you and your families do for our Air Force; we care about each and every one of you, and we do not take your passion and drive, your warrior spirit, for granted. It's an honor to stand beside you.

AIRMEN ... BECAUSE WITHOUT YOU, WE LOSE!

– By Gen. Mark Welsh III,
Air Force Chief of Staff

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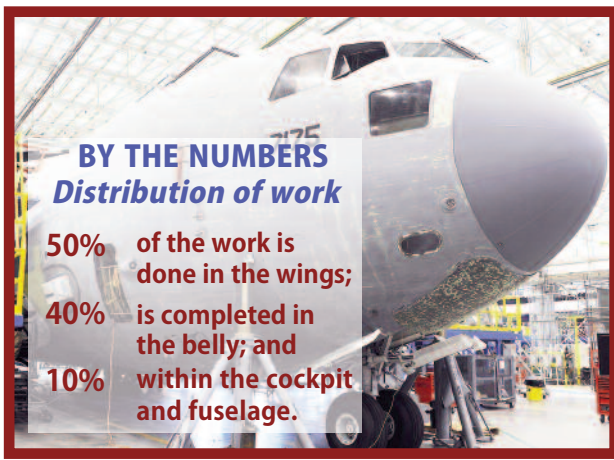
the wings. One of the last components to be installed is a containment structure, which acts as a secondary barrier that catches any leaking fuel from a tank.

“If you have a leak, this composite fiberglass barrier will catch any fuel, dispense it outward and then down the fuselage under the floor, and drain into the belly of the plane,” said Clements.

About 50 percent of the work is performed in the aircraft’s wings, another 40 percent in the belly, and the other 10 percent within the cockpit and fuselage.

The team has come a long way since modifying the system on the first C-17 seven years ago.

An Air Force veteran



and former Houston County Sheriff’s Office criminal investigator, Tony Brown joined Team Robins seven years ago, and has been on the OBIGGS project since the start.

“It was a challenge at the beginning obviously because it was something new for us,” he recalled. “But as we continued to do it, it got to the point where we adapted to any changes. We improved techniques at a much faster rate.”

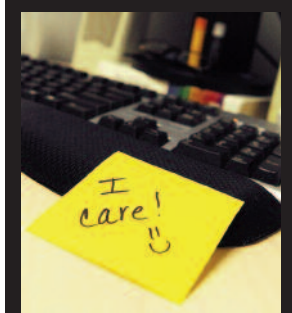
The work package on

this particular project was 46,000 hours. When the first OBIGGS II was installed, it took about 65,000 hours, said Carl Nelson, 562nd AMXS production team lead.

“There have been many improvements, a lot of ideas and processes implemented over the years,” he said.

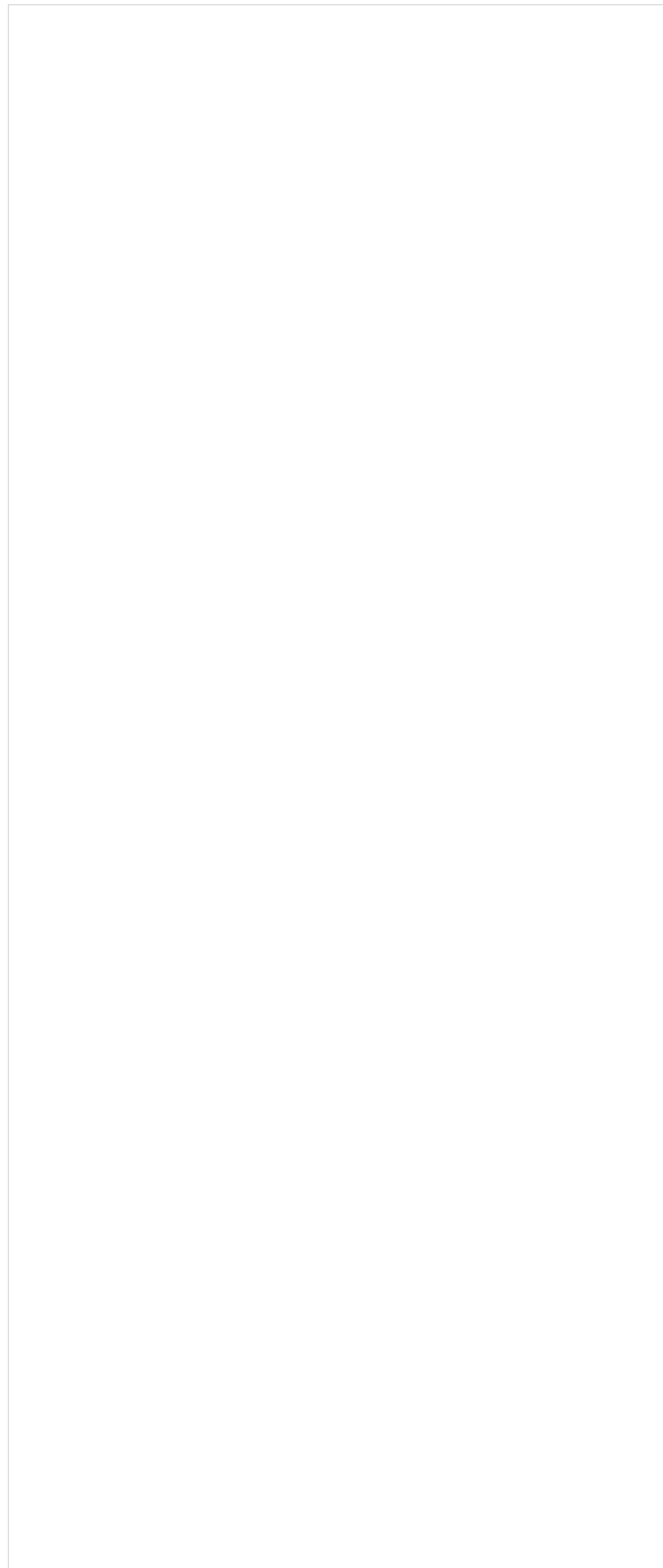
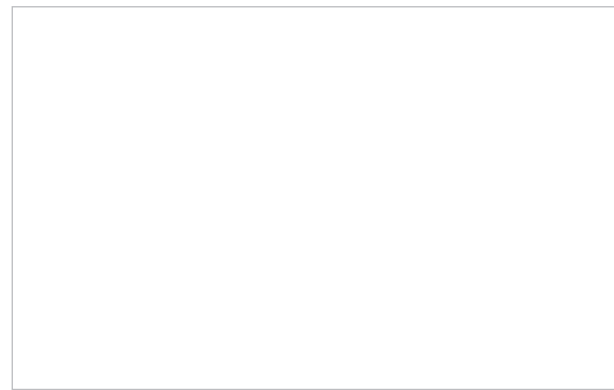
Clements said he can recall only one instance when OBIGGS was deployed downrange since its first installment.

It was a success.



Sometimes a kind word can save a life ...

Take care of your wingmen



Fall Bash at Robins



U.S. Air Force photos by RAY CRAYTON

The Jake Clayton Band performs on the entertainment stage Saturday during Fall Bash.



Above left, Cornhole was one of many games at the Fall Bash Saturday. The 78th Force Support Squadron hosted the 2014 Fall Bash – an annual customer appreciation program – at Robins Park as a way to say thank you to the squadron’s loyal customers. This year more than 2,500 people attended the family event.

Above right, children dance while enjoying some tunes. In addition to the music, the bash featured food, rides and activities for people of all ages. Some of the available activities included a rock-climbing wall, a mini-train ride, arts & crafts and more.

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator



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