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Gate changes, road construction coming soon

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Green Street Gate

Beginning Tuesday, the Green Street Gate will temporarily open 30 minutes earlier on weekdays, or at 4:30 a.m.

Additionally, from about 2:45 to 5 p.m., traffic exiting the Green Street

Gate from First Street will be directed to merge left into the two outside lanes prior to the intersection of First Street and Perimeter Road.

The temporary merge will allow traffic making a right turn from Perimeter Road onto First Street to exit through the gate without having to stop

at the intersection.

Traffic cones will be used to help direct the flow of traffic.

Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Construction is scheduled to begin in about 10 days on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to renew the

asphalt road, curb and gutter, sidewalk with crosswalks, and handicap-accessible curb ramps.

The project will correct existing drainage issues along the road. It widens the two ramps at the intersec-

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GATE 5

Putting it all back together

BY JENNY GORDON

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Home Away from Home

This story is part of an ongoing series in which Robins Public Affairs is documenting the programmed depot maintenance of a C-130H from start to finish. During the series, we are highlighting various stages of the process, telling the stories of the people and organizations who make the mission happen every day.

It's finally time to put the pieces back together again.

The production process to maintain and overhaul a C-130H in our series on programmed depot maintenance in the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron has steadily progressed since we debuted our first article on Sept. 5.

A crew of more than 20 aircraft, sheet metal and hydraulics mechanics skillfully tinker above, below and inside one of the Air Force's most versatile weapon systems.

At this stage – Gate 5's Repair & Build-Up – it's an orchestra of silently moving pieces as images of a whole aircraft begin to take shape. Parts such as ailerons, rudders, leading edges and elevators, that were inspected and routed to various back shops across Robins arrived back in order for build-up to begin.

Mechanics know what their tasks are for the day, and the entire production machine grinds ahead quickly and efficiently.

"When we send this aircraft home, it will be pristine and something very nice for our customers to see," said Don Doggett, 560th AMXS supervisor.

It's been more than a week since work began to assemble the aircraft once again. On a day early in the week, a few hydraulics technicians were off to the side of the aircraft, rebuilding main landing gear struts.



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

Above, Bo Thomas and Todd Haga, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hydraulic mechanics, build up the nose landing gear of the C-130. Below, Senior Airman Vincent Senegar, 908th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, installs its nose radome hinge cover.

Other mechanics moved in and out – not easily mind you – from inside one of six fuel tanks on both wings.

Occasionally a few heads popped up, then quickly ducked below in their confined spaces, so named because there's only one way in and out.

Everything that was taken out months ago – to include wires, pumps and foam – is put back to make the inside new again. Depending on how much work is needed, it can take an average of eight to 10 days. On this aircraft, the tanks were pretty clean.

Sheet metal mechanics are at the rear, working repairs in an area that is routinely checked for corrosion and cracks. A new skin will be put on to make it better. More aircraft mechanics are working inside the fuselage and

► see TOGETHER, 10



Emerging supervisors can self nominate for program until Feb. 20

78TH AIR BASE WING FORCE DEVELOPMENT FLIGHT

The last chance for civilian employees to self-nominate for the Emerging Supervisor Development Program is Feb. 20.

The program is one segment of the Air Force Sustainment Center Civilian Leadership and Supervisor Development Continuum which provides a blueprint for self-improvement and development of leadership and supervisory skills.

The competitive program is used to identify high-potential employees who possess technical expertise and have demonstrated leadership competencies.

If tenant organizations participate, their applicants must follow all program guidelines.

Graduates will be included in a pool of individuals with mandatory preference for positions if they apply for a first-line supervisor job.

The ESDP is a 12-month program that provides formal and experiential training prior to placement into a first-

level supervisory position.

Experiential elements include 24 hours of supervisor immersion, 16 hours of supervisor job shadowing, mission briefing and tours.

How the program works:

Resumes will be reviewed and notifications will be sent to qualified applicants from March 9 through 11.

Once applicants are accepted, organizations will have from March 12 until April 16 to rate applicants and complete endorsements of individuals.

Candidate selection for ESDP will take place June 1 through 8, and the first class is scheduled for August 3 through 21. Each class will include 15 working days of training.

Briefings may be scheduled as needed. Organizational points of contact have been appointed in each organization.

Editor's note: For details, contact 78th Force Support Squadron Education and Training at DSN 497-9163 or 4887.

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2015 Chief Recognition Ceremony



The 2015 Chief Recognition Ceremony and dinner will be conducted Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. A social hour will precede the Ceremony. Chief Master Sergeant Steven Trotter, 78th Air Base Wing's Command Chief, will be the keynote speaker.

The event, which is by invitation only, recognizes the promotion to the Air Force's highest enlisted rank of 16 active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard members who are stationed at Robins.

Celebrating Diversity: Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and the central role they have played in U.S. history.

One of the countless contributions happened in the 1950s, when Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" was the first Broadway play by an African American playwright.

In the '60s, Thurgood Marshall became the first African-American Supreme Court justice. His distinctive tenure of service lasted 24 years.



Hansberry

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"A good safety culture is built over time."

SECOND FRONT

Face time with AFMC vice



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Maj. Gen. Brent Baker, Sr., Air Force Materiel Command vice commander, fields a question from an Airman during a stop at the Airman Leadership School Feb. 5. This was Baker's first visit to Robins Air Force Base in his capacity as AFMC vice.

Base clinic moves into 21st century

A kick-off ceremony outside the clinic Tuesday signaled the start of a \$28.9 million renovation project reconfiguring the building, which currently houses ancillary services.

"We're going to take this 1967 hospital, and convert it to a 21st century outpatient clinic," said Col. Shari Silverman, 78th Medical Group commander. "It will not only be more energy-efficient, but it will have a better flow for our patients."

The four-phase project is projected to take two years.

The first phase begins March 10 with various personnel sections moving into temporary facilities starting March 2.

For Public Health customers, hear-



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Col. Shari Silverman, 78th Medical Group commander, discusses upcoming renovations with Col. Chris Hill, Installation commander.

ing booths will not be operational from March 9 through 10.

Anyone requiring a hearing exam on those days should report to the Audiology Clinic in Bldg. 207. For questions, call 497-8019.

2015 Program Executive Officer Review & Outlook

The 2015 Program Executive Officer Review and Outlook is slated to be conducted March 26, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation.

This is a one day event designed to inform the private sector on portfolio focus areas and acquisition forecasts at Robins necessary to accomplish its mission.

The PEO R&O will bring interested parties together for a series of presentations by Air Force Life Cycle Management Center and Air Force Sustainment Center leaders along with those of other base organizations.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the capabilities of the base and requirements that may have to be satisfied by contracts solicited to large and small businesses. In 2014 Robins had about \$200 million worth of contracts with Cobb, Fulton and DeKalb counties.

Attendance is open to all interested parties. All event materials and discussions will be unclassified. Invited speakers include Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, Air Force Sustainment Center commander and Lt. Gen. John Thompson, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center commanders. Air Force program executive officers will also be speaking on agile combat support, mobility, combat mission support, battle management and other topics.

Cost for private sector attendees is \$75 until Sunday when the registration price increases to \$90. Lunch is included in the price. Current government employees will be admitted free and may purchase lunch for \$15.

Additional information on the event agenda and confirmed speakers is located at the PEO R&O registration site: <http://warnerrobinsgacoc.weblinkconnect.com/events/AIC-Program-Executive-Officer-Review-and-Outlook-800-am-5210/details>.

SE&TM Awards

The 2014 Robins Air Force Base Science, Engineering and Technical Management awards will be presented at a breakfast Wednesday, from 8:15 to

11 a.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Dr. Donald J. Leo, Ph.D., Dean of Engineering, University of Georgia, will be the guest speaker.

SE&TM awards are presented annually to recognize the outstanding contributions of scientists, engineers and technical teams to the installation missions and to aerospace power.

Air Force Materiel Command winners will be announced and recognized in the spring.

Cost for those who wish to enjoy the breakfast reception is \$2 per person.

IT Forum & Expo

Please mark your calendars for the IT Forum & Expo. The event will be conducted March 10 at the Museum of Aviation.

The Scott Auditorium and Hangar One will host the seminar portion beginning from 8 to 10 a.m., and continuing from noon to 2 p.m.

A portion of the Expo will also be housed in the museum's Century of Flight Hangar.

Attendance is free, but only 400 people can register. Please visit <http://www.ncsi.com/csfe/2015/index.php> to do so.

For details, contact Glen Christopher at DSN 497-0248 or (478) 327-0248. He can also be reached by email at kerry.christopher.1.ctr@us.af.mil.

Editor's Note: No federal endorsement is intended nor implied.

Put your hands together

The next "Put your hands together for ..." will run in the Feb. 27 Rev-Up. The Deadline is Feb. 20 at 4:30 p.m. To have an award included in the feature, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it.

Photos may be submitted, but space is limited. Submissions should be sent as a word document; photos should be .jpegs. For more information, contact LanorrisAskew at lanorris.askew.ctr@us.af.mil or Geoff Janes at vance.janes@us.af.mil.

Either can be reached by phone at DSN 468-6386.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

AFMC's enlisted Airmen honor commander with Order of the Sword

BY KIM BOWDEN

Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – In an event steeped in medieval symbolism and military tradition, Air Force Materiel Command Commander Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger was inducted into the AFMC Order of the Sword during a ceremony Feb. 5, at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

The Order of the Sword is the highest honor the enlisted force can bestow upon an individual for their conspicuous and significant contributions to the welfare and prestige of the enlisted force, to mission effectiveness, and to the overall military establishment.

"I'm overwhelmed and humbled, by this spectacular ceremony and by the recognition that comes with it," Wolfenbarger said. "My long-held personal belief is that this is the premier recognition that any leader in our Air Force could ever aspire to attain."

Acting as sergeant major of the mess, Chief Master Sgt. Michael Warner, AFMC command chief, explained why the general was selected for induction.

"The Order of the Sword is not given to an officer because they have had a



U.S. Air Force photo by WESLEY FARNSWORTH
Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, Air Force Materiel Command commander, is joined by AFMC Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Warner as she enters her Order of the Sword induction ceremony through a formation of sabers raised by an Honor Guard Feb. 5.

great career, or because they are a four-star general, or because they are the "first in history," he said to Wolfenbarger. "All of those things apply to you, but we awarded you the Order of the Sword for your leadership – your servant leadership.

"You never turned away the opportunity to talk and listen to your enlisted

Airmen, with true and honest sincerity, and then you engaged on the issues and problems facing them," Warner continued. "It is one thing to listen. It's a whole lot more to do something about what you hear. There is no other honor that allows us to properly thank you for your servant leadership. The Order of the Sword is

truly befitting for what you have done and what you will continue to do as our general. You certainly didn't ask for it; you certainly didn't expect it. You earned it."

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody was also in attendance at the ceremony, and he offered his congratulations and endorsement as well.

"I have the distinct honor of standing here not only representing the 13,000 enlisted members within Air Force Materiel Command, but also the more than 410,000 enlisted men and women that serve in uniform today," he said. "And all of them would agree with this award and recognition of Order of the Sword. Yes, you are a general among generals, and a leader among leaders, but before you were any of that you were an Airman among Airmen – and you've never forgotten that."

The event included the presentation of a proclamation signed by key participants of the ceremony, a citation of the Order of the Sword award, a scroll signed by the ceremony attendees attesting to the general's patriotic service and leadership, and a personal sword.

To read the full story, visit <http://www.afmc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123438586>.

In Other News**DISA rolls out DOD online communication tool**

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Defense Information Systems Agency is rolling out a new online collaboration tool that offers Defense Department employees secure web conferencing and secure instant messaging and chat capabilities anywhere in the world.

The new open-source-based capability, called Defense Collaboration Services is available to anyone with a common access card on the Non-Secure Internet Protocol Router network, or to anyone with a Secure Internet Protocol Router network token on the classified network, Karl Kurz, DISA program manager for DCS, told DOD News during a recent interview.

"Anyone who has either one of those (authorized network accesses) is authorized to create an account on DCS and then can hold meetings using this service," Kurz said. "Defense Collaboration

Services is in the process of rolling out to the department."

Approved API submissions projected to save \$35 million TYNDALL AIR FORCE

BASE, Florida (AFNS) – The Air Force is projected to save \$35 million thanks to approved ideas submitted to the Airmen Powered by Innovation program since it launched in April 2014 are projected to save the Air Force at least \$35 million, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

The API program was created to help gather cost-saving ideas and is a subset initiative to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Vice Chief of Staff's Every Dollar Counts campaign. It also combines and streamlines the processes of four legacy improvement programs: Innovative Development through Employee Awareness, Productivity Enhancing Capital Investment, Best Practices and Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century.

"We are averaging more than 100 submissions per month," said Roger Flynt, AFPC API program manager. "We have already received nearly 3,000 submissions. Suggestions approved to date vary in scope and complexity and highlight the ingenuity of our Airmen."

Energy conservation projects announced, AF awarded most in Department of Defense TYNDALL AIR FORCE

BASE, Florida (AFNS) – The Air Force was awarded nearly half the Energy Conservation Investment Program projects to be funded by the Office of the Secretary of Defense during fiscal 2016.

That's more than any other Defense Department agency.

Of the 33 energy conservation or production projects, the Air Force garnered 15, capturing \$44 million of the \$150 million available ECIP funds for the year. The Army was awarded seven projects, the Navy five and the Marine Corps two.



U.S. Air Force photo by SAMUEL KING JR

'Super' Airman

Senior Airman Terrence Ruffin, an avionics Airman with the 16th Electronic Warfare Squadron, strains for an extra rep on a weight machine Jan. 23, at the fitness center at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. Ruffin, 21, won his International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness pro card at a November competition in Miami.

PERSPECTIVE**I really shouldn't be here**

BY CAPT. DAVID LIAPIS

92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

A couple of feet and a half a second. Those may seem like insignificant measurements; but when combined with fatigue, a couple of feet almost cost me my career, and that half a second almost ended my life.

There was a time when I was an enlisted aircraft electrical and environmental systems specialist and was part of the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

In 2008, my supervisor and I were tasked to move equipment due to renovation.

We had a tight deadline and the NCO I was working for was determined to complete the task during our shift that night, even if it meant working more than 12 hours. That night wore on and turned into morning and I knew it would not be long before the recently set sun would peak up again over the Chugach Mountains.

Things were going well for the first few hours. I remember gawking at Elmendorf's first F-22 Raptor that had arrived only days prior as I hauled load after load of pallets and equipment across the hangar floor. I felt privileged to be able to get up close to this jet that all manner of military and civilian men and women had been flocking to the base to see in the preceding days.

Then, unexpectedly, I got a closer look than I hoped for.



I wasn't sure how I deviated so far off my well-established path down the centerline of the hangar. However, I was sure I saw the half-ton of palletized equipment I was backing into the hangar pass less than a yard from the nose tip of the \$150 million pride of the base.

I didn't say a word to anyone at the time.

All I could do was imagine what my fate would have been if I had destroyed the pointy end of that beautiful fighter jet. The thought made me sick to my stomach. My line number for staff sergeant – gone. My future in the Air Force – shot.

Can you imagine being "that Airman" who smashed up Elmendorf's first F-22?

If I had still managed to apply for officer training school, I could picture the conversation at the officer accessioning board going something like this:

"And next up is a sergeant David Liapis ... wait, I know that name from somewhere. Oh, yeah, he's the guy that cost the Air Force millions of dollars because he

was an idiot – next applicant."

As you might've guessed, fatigue was the main contributing factor in the incident; however, I was not the only one suffering from too much work and too little rest.

My supervisor was stacking pallets with a forklift as I guided him forward. I'm not sure how I ended up between a moving pallet and a wall, but I did. I gave the hand signal for the sergeant to stop, but he didn't. I managed to squeeze out of that tight spot just in time to avoid having the pallet pin me against the wall at my midsection. He was too tired and didn't react quickly enough to my signal – again it was fatigue.

The Air Force Safety Program is nothing new.

All the right rules and guidelines existed that night as they had for years prior and for years since. We just got so wrapped up in what we were doing that we failed to consider and put into practice what we had been taught and what common sense told us.

It's true, getting the job done is what we're all about; however, we need to make appropriate risk assessments and ensure we'll be here to take on the next mission.

The goal, rather the quest, is for zero – zero fatalities, zero mishaps, zero dollars spent to repair or replace needlessly damaged resources. That night, failure to address fatigue almost cost me a whole lot ... times two.

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Honest answers essential to improving workplace

ROBINS OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Defense Equal Opportunity Climate Survey, is a commander's management tool allowing commanders to proactively assess critical organizational climate dimensions that can impact the organization's mission.

The survey is voluntary and designed to assess shared perceptions about formal or informal policies and practices.

It's also a good way for government employees and military members to let leadership know of perceived strengths, challenges and any target improvement areas within the unit.

The survey assesses 23 climate factors by posing questions employees may respond to using a four-point scale.

The questionnaire focuses on four primary areas:

- ▶ *Military Equal Opportunity;*
- ▶ *Civilian Equal Employment Opportunity;*
- ▶ *Organizational Effectiveness;*
- ▶ *Perceptions of Discrimination or Sexual Harassment, and Sexual Assault Prevention & Response.*

The online survey takes about 30 minutes and provides opportunities to enter comments.

Anonymity is an important factor. To ensure the survey is anonymous, it

can be completed without a common access card from any computer with Internet access.

It also ensures anonymity is protected by using a computer-generated, untraceable password that can't be linked to unit members or their computers. Additionally, no personally identifying information is collected.

The survey will not display group data any time fewer than five members of that demographic completes the survey. That ensures comments and answers remain anonymous.

In order to generate a DEOCS report, a minimum of 16 assigned personnel must complete the survey. Although group data will not be displayed, comments will appear in the unit's overall report.

Commanders may tailor the survey to fit their organization and to target specific areas of concern. They may add locally-developed questions and short answer questions to their survey.

The survey helps commanders understand what's important to their Airmen and employees; and their concerns and feelings about the work environment.

Also, commanders are responsible for ensuring assessment results are briefed to the unit within 60 days of the end of the survey. That means the organization will receive feedback based on the overall assessment.

As a reminder honest responses are essential to improving the climate.

**THINK OPSEC!
PRACTICE IT AT WORK,
HOME, EVERYWHERE.**

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

Master Sgt. Jason Butts, left, a 116th Air Control Wing ground explosives safety craftsman, tosses a soccer ball to one of the players he coaches during a practice in Warner Robins. Butts topped thousands of coaches from 12 states to be named Region 3 Boys Recreational Soccer Coach of the Year.

'It's really their award; I just picked it up for them'

BY TECH. SGT. JULIE PARKER

116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

A 116th Air Control Wing master sergeant was recently recognized as the Region 3 Boys Recreational Soccer Coach of the Year at the 2014 U.S. Youth Soccer Awards Gala in Philadelphia.

Jason Butts, a Georgia Air National Guard ground explosives safety craftsman, turned community service into a winning combination garnering the top spot for the 12-state region after his Warner Robins team won three consecutive state championships.

"This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Butts.

"The fact that I won for the state and my region is such an honor."

"Citizen-Airmen" is a term used often to describe Air National Guard members because community involvement is a key component of the guard culture.

For Butts, his Citizen-Airman role started taking shape seven years ago at a local soccer practice.

"I was watching my son's team practice, and I realized with my experience I should be the one coaching him," said Butts.

That experience started at age 6 when Butts first began playing soccer. At 15, Butts was picked up for a premier team based out of

Atlanta, but after sustaining an injury he finished his career at the select level and thought his soccer days were over.

"After my son's practice, I asked if I could help coach the next practice, and by the end of the season I found myself as the head coach," he said.

Butts recounted how the core values he learned in the military have played a vital role in his coaching abilities, which have spilled over into the development of his players.

"I expect professionalism, commitment, respect and integrity from my players," he said.

His high standards have not only resulted in three state championships and one regional championship, but also three members of his team have participated in the Olympic Developmental Program.

To Butts, coaching isn't just about winning tournaments, it's about helping his players develop their skills and reach their individual goals.

The real recipients of his award are the kids he coaches, he said.

"I only coach because I have great, humble and coachable players," he said. "Without them, none of this would be possible. It's really their award. I just picked it up for them."

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Robert Mattingly

UNIT: Defense Logistics Agency Aviation, Warner Robins

JOB TITLE: Customer support specialist

TIME IN SERVICE: 28 years

HOMETOWN: Warner Robins



What does your work involve at Robins? I provide a single DLA face to the industrial customer on a wide range of supply issues involving both DLA and non-DLA managed items.

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? My mission is to provide Electronic Maintenance Group Precision and Attack/Radar the support and parts they need to repair end items needed to support the warfighter.

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? I would have to say my dad. He has influenced me by his actions, guidance and leadership. He completed three tours in Vietnam with nothing but positive things to say about the Army. That's why I joined the Army straight out of high school, and it was the best decision I ever made.

What do you enjoy most about your work? Reducing backorders and helping our customer, knowing that every backorder we reduce is directly related to helping the warfighter complete their mission.

What is something people would be surprised to know about you? I owned a concrete business building foundations, driveways, sidewalks and pool decks.

What is an accomplishment you are most proud of? My lovely wife and I have been married for almost 26 years.

What prompted your interest in your current career field? I would say the Army. I worked in logistics for many years in the Army which carried over to my current position with DLA Aviation.

What's your favorite movie? "We Were Soldiers."

'Without the spouse, it doesn't work for the family ...'

Sign up for Heart Link by Thursday

BY ANGELA WOOLEN

Robins Public Affairs

The Airman & Family Readiness Center offers a variety of services, classes and benefits for people at Robins.

Under the umbrella of the center is the Personal and Work Life Education Program run by Dell Steplight, program manager and community readiness specialist.

Military members can use this assistance for family issues, financial issues and other life skills.

“The goal is to improve and enrich the quality of individuals and families by providing skills for effective living,” said Steplight.

Program classes include Heart Link, a once-a-quarter event designed for military spouses married five years or less, but any spouse is welcome to attend. The benefit of attending, said Steplight, is to meet other spouses in the same situation.

“(The spouses) form their own little

WHAT TO KNOW:

The deadline to register for this quarter's Heart Link is Thursday. The event will be at the A&FRC, Bldg. 794, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Feb. 20. To register, call (478) 926-1256 or DSN 468-1256. Child care may be available by calling Shirletta Murray at (478) 926-6741 or DSN 468-6741.

network,” said Royce Williams, community readiness consultant. “It lets them know it's really OK.”

Heart Link formed at Robins in 1999. The six-hour event helps spouses who are not familiar with acronyms, military protocol and the military way of life to gain a better understanding of what will be required of them as well as their Airmen.

During the day, briefings are given by various organizations at Robins including finance, legal, marketing and family advocacy. Other agencies set up tables at the expo to provide more information.

Some of the agencies represented during the course of the day are military family life consultants, the Health and Wellness Center, protocol and chaplain among others.

One of the highlights of the event is the coin presentation from Col. Chris Hill, installation commander, during the luncheon.

The coin features the logo of the Heart Link program. An aircraft represents the mission of the Air Force while the red heart-shaped contrail is the link from the spouse to the sponsor. In the center of the heart is the Air Force symbol.

Steplight stressed the importance of the program for new spouses as it helps them become not only familiar with the Air Force, but also helps them form a support system to help during their spouse's temporary duty assignments and deployments, as well as permanent station changes.

“The spouses are the heart of the team,” Steplight said. “Without the spouse, it doesn't work for the family.”

A BETTER YOU



Ditch the Snuff FOR BETTER STUFF

Robins encourages smokeless tobacco users to quit habit

BY HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON

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Sometimes being a quitter is a good thing.

The Great American Spit Out is Thursday, and it's a great opportunity for smokeless tobacco users to kick their tobacco addiction for 24 hours.

They're also encouraged to quit the habit for good.

Smokeless tobacco is bad for your health. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 75 percent of all mouth, lip, tongue, throat, nose and larynx cancers are due to smokeless tobacco use and, like cigarette smokers, smokeless tobacco users are at an increased risk for death from heart disease and stroke.

"Smokeless tobacco is not harmless," said Stuart Bapties, Health and Wellness Center Flight chief. "In fact, smokeless tobacco contains three to four times more nicotine than cigarettes."

According to the National Institute of Health, holding an average-size dip in your mouth for 30 minutes gives you as much nicotine as smoking three cigarettes.

"A two-can-a-week snuff dipper



For more information on smokeless tobacco and free resources to help smokeless tobacco users quit, please stop by or call the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., or contact the Robins American Lung Association QUITLINE at (877) 695-7848.

www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/publications/factsheets/oral_cancer/oc_facts.htm

www.nidcr.nih.gov/oralhealth/Topics/SmokelessTobacco/SmokelessTobaccoAGuideforQuitting

gets as much nicotine as a pack and a half-a-day smoker," Bapties said.

Smokeless tobacco is also expensive, he said.

"A can of dip costs an average of \$3," he said. "A two-can-a-week habit costs about \$300 per year. A can-a-day habit costs nearly \$1,100 per year."

The best way to reduce the harm to your body and wallet is to quit, Bapties said.

"Ditch the snuff for better stuff on Great American Spit Out and go tobacco-free for 24 hours," he said.



U.S. Air Force photos by RAY CRAYTON

Above, 78th Dental Squadron representatives share healthy habits with students at the Child Development Center Tuesday.

Below, students practice flossing with Timmy the Tooth played by Senior Airman Philip Madison.

National Children's Dental Health Month

BY 78TH DENTAL SQUADRON

The 78th Dental Squadron observed National Children's Dental Health Month Tuesday with a visit to the Robins Child Development Center.

Representatives from the squadron were on hand to educate children on proper oral hygiene and nutritional habits.

"Oral health techniques must be taught at an early age so that good hygiene and healthy nutrition become habits," said Lisa Sims, 78th Dental Squadron Preventive Dentistry chief. "It's important for dental providers to educate children and their parents on ways to keep their teeth healthy."

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentists recommends parents take their children to a preliminary dental visit before the child reaches his or her first birthday.

That first visit can help educate parents on ways to help their children prevent dental decay at an early age and subsequent dental problems throughout their lives.



The 78th Dental Squadron will be conducting events throughout the month of February.

The American Dental Association observed the first national Children's Health Day during a one-day event on Feb. 8, 1949.

In 1981, the single day event became a month-long educational campaign known as National Children's Dental Health Month.

For more information, call Sims at 478-327-8056.

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM



U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

■ This is the first in a recurring series featuring exhibits, aviation and other interesting items at the Museum of Aviation. The displays can be seen during a lunch break or after work and showcase the history of aviation. The Museum of Aviation tries to capture the Air Force legacy by incorporating each airplane's story into the display.

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

BY ANGELA WOOLEN

Robins Public Affairs

To celebrate Black History Month, the first installment of the series is the Tuskegee Airman Exhibit.

The exhibit opened in 1997 in Hangar One. It moved to the Scott Hangar in 2011 “as part of an effort to consolidate all World War II exhibits into a single venue,” according to a museum press release.

“This was a way to pay tribute to the Tuskegee story. It’s not just an African American story, it is an American story,” said museum curator Mike Rowland.

The story takes visitors to a re-creation of the barracks of the Tuskegee Airmen. Before entering the building, a photograph of former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt riding with Charles “Chief” Anderson in a training airplane is displayed on the wall. Roosevelt was instrumental in providing support for the African American program.

“They weren’t just fighting against the Germans [in World War II], they were also fighting against racism,” said Rowland. “They wanted to prove they could do it.”

Memorabilia such as uniforms and model aircraft are housed in glass cases. Some were donated by Tuskegee airmen while others are historically accurate to the time.

A Link Trainer, an early form of a flight simulator, is housed in the barracks. The cockpit was hooked up to a cable which drew coordinates from the pilot’s maneuvers in the fake cockpit.

Also in the barracks is a video from 1944 narrated by former President Ronald Reagan.

Outside the barracks building is a wallpaper mural, produced using computer software. The men in the photograph were Robins employees dressed in historical costumes to create the scene.

A maintenance depot is in the corner of the exhibit, a nod to Robins which is itself, a maintenance depot.

In the center of the exhibit stands a BT-13 airplane with its blue and yellow colors. A volunteer restored the cockpit and installed lights to allow visitors to get a peek inside the basic training plane.

ABOUT THE MOA

The museum opened to the public on Nov. 9, 1984. There were about 20 aircraft on display in an open field and another 20 were in various stages of restoration.

The Heritage Building – the museum’s first building – housed exhibits as well as offices, storage and a gift shop. The opening was the culmination of years of planning that began in the late 1970s.

Since then, the museum has grown to become the second largest in the Air Force and the fourth most visited museum in the Department of Defense. Since opening, nearly 13 million people have visited.

HOURS

The Museum of Aviation is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The museum is closed on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. Admission is free. For more information, call (478) 926-6870.



Above, Randy Borders, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron sheet metal mechanic, repairs paratroop door tracks.



Right, Carlos Melendez, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron sheet metal mechanic, replaces floor boards in the cargo area of a C-130H.

U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

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the flight deck.

Most of what's being accomplished here involves labor in the fuel tanks. It's a tedious yet critical job. There can be no mistakes here since lives and the mission hinge on perfection.

It can get loud inside one of these hangars as different tools make contact with an aircraft's surface.

Earplugs are a must. Get on top of one and wearing safety harnesses is mandatory.

Come back in another week's time and the entire scene will

look altered.

The aircraft's vertical and horizontal tails will be bolted back on. The heavy rear cargo door will be installed. The flight deck will be rebuilt with all new floors.

Managing the schedule of the aircraft at this stage is David Kibler, 560th AMXS aircraft logistics specialist. This C-130H that hails from Japan will be in repair for 41 days, no later than March 3, before it moves forward with a new coat of paint.

"Everything moves pretty quickly at this stage. In putting this aircraft back together, this one has been pretty good," said Kibler of the C-130H, a 1974 model.

CHANGES

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tion of Robins Parkway enabling semi-trucks to make turns on and off MLK Jr. Boulevard.

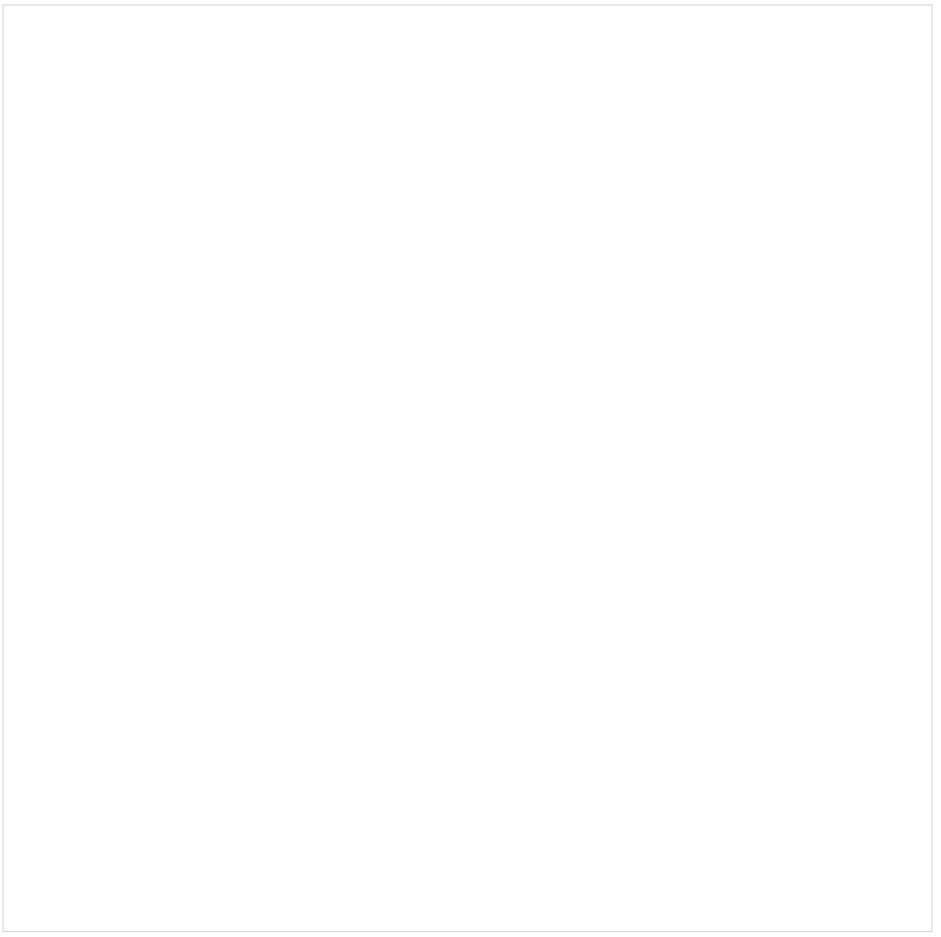
Two lanes in one

direction will be closed at a time. Side streets and driveways will be accessible. Once construction begins, Gate 5 at MLK Jr. Blvd., will be inaccessible to all traffic for the first couple of weeks.

Following that, the

gates will re-open, but motorists are urged to exercise caution as there will be ongoing construction. Estimated project completion is in August.

Editor's note: See the Robins Splash Page for more details.



HAPPENINGS/SERVICES

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ON TAP
Valentine
Sweetheart Fun Run

Today
 11 a.m.
 Fitness Center
 For details,
 call DSN 468-2128.

Valentines Big Bingo

Today
 6:15 p.m.
 Heritage Club
 For details,
 call DSN 468-4515.

Family Movie Night

Boxtrolls
 Today
 6:30 p.m.
 Base Theater
 Cost is \$2 and includes
 popcorn and drink.
 For details,
 call DSN 468-2001.

Airmen Party

Today
 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 Heritage Club
 Featuring DJ Silk
 For details,
 call DSN 472-7899.

Student Holiday
Bowling Movie

Tuesday
 2 to 4 p.m.
 Bowling Center

\$6 per person includes 3
 games of bowling, rental
 shoes, movie and popcorn.
 For details,
 call DSN 468-2112.

UPCOMING
& ONGOING
Couples Movie Night

Theory of Everything
 Feb. 27
 6:30 p.m.
 Base Theater
 Cost is \$2 and includes
 popcorn and drink.
 For details,
 call DSN 468-2001.

Fit 2 Fight

Now through Feb. 28
 Mondays, Wednesdays &
 Fridays
 11 a.m. to noon
 Fitness Center
 For details,
 call DSN 468-2128.

Read-A-Coaster

Now through March 27
 Base Library
 A reading program for
 Youth 5 to 13 years old
 For details,
 call Tiffany Lewis at
 DSN 497-6834.

Twilight Rates

Every day
 2 to 5 p.m.
 Pine Oaks Golf Course
 Play 18 holes with cart

for \$20 per person
 For details,
 call DSN 468-4103.

Frame Class

Tuesday and Thursday
 6 to 9 p.m.
 Arts and Crafts Center
 For details,
 call DSN 468-5282.

Afterburner
February Special

Mondays through Fridays
 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166
 Salted Caramel Brulee
 For details,
 call DSN 472-7827.



Dream Higher
Than Ever

The Aero Club is
 now open to the public.
 For details,
 call (478) 926-4867.

PRESIDENTS' DAY HOURS

78th SFS

► Only Russell and Watson Gates open

Services Activities

- Bowling Center, open Monday from 1 to 8 p.m.
- Fitness Center, open Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Golf Course regular hours
- Wynn Dining Facility, Flight line Kitchen, normal hours

* Unless listed all FSS activities will be closed Monday. For more FSS hours, visit <http://www.robinsfss.com>. For more Robins Exchange holiday hours, visit www.shopmyexchange.com.



78th MDG clinic

► Closed Monday

Exchange Main Store

► Open Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Service Station

► Open Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shoppette/Class Six

► Open Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.