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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## TRUE PATRIOTS

An inside look at women who helped win World War II



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

June Midkiff Tinker plays the song she wrote for her brother Kenneth Midkiff who died during the battle at Iwo Jima during World War II.

BY ANGELA WOOLEN  
Robins Public Affairs

Not many are left to tell the tales of the women pioneers who went to work during World War II. This was a generation who grew up during the Great Depression and multiple wars, who saw sons, brothers, fathers and husbands sent off to foreign lands.

Some of these women are nearing the century mark in age. They have shared their stories numerous times and no two experiences are the same for these women who took the place in schools, factories and military bases.

The American Rosie the Riveter Association's 13th chapter, the "Baker's Dozen" or Columbus/Phenix City chapter held a small gathering for its members March 11 as part of Women's History Month and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the ending of World War II. Memorabilia from 70 years ago adorned the tables of the lobby as the group met at Riverplace Independent Retirement Living in Columbus, the home of June Midkiff Tinker.

### CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

This article is part one of a two-part series celebrating some of the huge contributions women have made to U.S. war efforts. See next week's Rev-Up for an article on women currently working on the flight line at Robins to ensure aircraft are returned to the warfighter.

### JUNE MIDKIFF TINKER

At 17 years old, Tinker quit high school to join the workforce to support the war effort. She and her sister, Hope, who was two years older, were bused from their home in West Virginia to a training facility in Ohio. Before her trip to the facility, Tinker had never been out of her home state.

While in Ohio, she lived in an old converted house with other girl trainees. Two house mothers were assigned to the dwelling which held four girls per room.

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## Saving energy remains priority

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In today's tight fiscal environment, the federal government – the nation's largest energy consumer – continues to find ways to reduce energy use in its operations.

In what is known as the Department of Energy's Energy Savings Performance Contracts, Robins has partnered with one of 16 specialized energy contractors, Schneider Electric, to identify and complete several energy-savings projects across the installation.

The initial selection of Schneider Electric was completed in February. The first phase of the request for proposal will take 12 months.

Representatives were on site this week to begin gathering data to establish energy savings projects across five main areas. These include optimization of the base's centralized steam/chiller plants; re-commissioning 40 high-energy facilities to determine if established energy systems are functioning properly; net-zero complex, focusing on facilities (dormitories) to investigate if these areas can become self-supporting; centralizing a base-wide (direct digital control system) lighting control and heating ventilating and air conditioning system; and exploring other possibilities of opportunity for energy control

## Not the SAME old song and dance

Robins works with Mercer – shares knowledge, exposes students to STEM career fields

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Mentoring the next generation of engineers, establishing and fostering relationships, and improving and protecting the security of the United States is one part of the mission of the Society of American Military Engineers.

In building on the education of science, technology, engineering and math,

members of the SAME Robins Post engaged last fall with Mercer University in Macon to establish a SAME student chapter.

The student organization stood up in early March and joins a network of more than 50 schools that have SAME chapters, also known as posts.

"What a great opportunity for Robins and Mercer. It will not only help us to pass on what we've learned, but it benefits the students with exposure to those in the field," said Col. Craig Johnson, Programs Division chief at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, and a former SAME Robins post past president.

Johnson, whose background is civil engineering, said the future is limitless for students who will have access to professionals, and allows both sides to learn what the other is doing. It's about pulling together resources and energy, and creating and making things happen.

"This is our way of helping and giving back to the next generation," he said.

The SAME Robins Post has been around for decades and currently includes 165 members. Members are not only military, but include many civilians as well as representatives from private organizations.

Mercer's School of Engineering

includes biomedical, computer, electrical, environmental, industrial and mechanical engineering, as well as industrial management and technical communication programs.

The relationship between Robins and the university is seen as a win-win for both parties, especially for students who will benefit from future networking.

"The Mercer University School of Engineering is delighted to establish a student chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers. We share the goal of advancing professional and personal growth of students affiliated

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### AFAF campaign kicks off Monday

The Robins 2015 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign kick-off event will be today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Base Fitness Center. The local campaign, which runs Monday through May 1, is themed "Commitment to Caring," and there is an installation goal of \$67,314.

AFAF is an annual effort to raise funds that support active duty personnel, retirees, reservists, guard and dependents.

These charities include: Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation; Air Force Enlisted Village; Blue Skies of Texas – formerly Air Force Village; and Air Force Aid Society, with an office located in the Airman & Family Readiness Center in Bldg. 794.

### Celebrating Diversity: Women's History Month

Female pilots such as Elizabeth Gardner were members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots – a paramilitary aviation organization.

The WASP's predecessors, the Women's Flying Training Detachment and the Women's Auxiliary Ferry Squadron organized separately in September 1942. They were the pioneering organizations of civilian female pilots, employed to fly military aircraft under the direction of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II.



Elizabeth Gardner

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## SECOND FRONT

## Recent CPI successes make a home in CMXG

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It works.

That's the consensus on the process detailing how customer needs are being supported in shops across the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group.

It's known as Art of the Possible, which stems from a leadership model developed by Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, Air Force Sustainment Commander. The AFSC Way describes Art of the Possible as being about "reaching beyond today's limitations to grasp previously unimagined heights of performance," and challenging each other to "recognize opportunities, eliminate constraints, improve processes and optimize resources to achieve world-record results."

By expanding the vision of what is "truly possible and refusing to settle for marginal improvements," shops in the 402nd CMXG are now seeing improved productivity and efficiencies.

One such success story is the F-15 Wing shop in the 572nd Commodities Maintenance Squadron.

From changing shop floor layout to giving nearby computer access, it's been proven that when given the right focus and tools, people can demonstrate remarkable achievements.

### F-15 Wing Shop

The goal was to move an F-15 wing every 24 days, reducing the standard flow by about 10 workdays. About 54 wings are left to produce until the end of fiscal 2015.

Before the new process was implemented, an average of seven wings were produced a month. This past January, 13 wings were produced, and in February, 15 wings.

"This is the most we've seen, especially in February with only 18 real work



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

**Caleb Lane, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group sheet metal mechanic helper, uses a chain to help maneuver a wing into a wing fixture.**

days with a holiday," said Stuart. "We turned a wing out almost every day."

A cellular flow process had already been in place in the wing shop. Now called gates, it's been identified, through a process known as simulation modeling, how much time a particular wing needed to spend in a certain area.

If the work wasn't completed in a gate or microgate, which identified daily standard work, then that wing did not move forward until it was met. This helps teams stay focused throughout a workweek so that by a day's end, they know if they've had 'a good day.'

When a wing first arrives, it is de-paneled, which is a three-day process.

Teardown involves taking the wing apart, removing plumbing and foam, followed

by a process where sealant and debris is removed by a hydroblaster.

At this point, non-destructive inspections are conducted to check for cracks. After another inspection, the wing is sent to a nearby fixture for three days for further work. Repairs are made down the line, ending with a build-up phase.

A simulation and modeling program captured data taking into account process flow, required hours of work to complete a job, shifts required, and other valuable information, giving management a workable solution that could be used on the production line. The 24-day flow was the result of this.

Simulation for example highlighted a problem area in one microgate which involved making sure parts were support-

able. Aircraft wing models vary due to wear and tear.

Compared to a year ago, business is different when walking the shop floor, manned by about 120 mechanics.

"We made major changes in daily standard work. We reflowed everything to make sure we had the right fit," said Ben Stuart, 572nd Wing Repair Flight director.

Electronic work control documents were also added. Computers were added to the floor for convenience for workers.

Visual management has played a central role in documenting work responsibilities. In the wing shop, the entire layout of the floor can be seen on a nearby wall which pinpoints where a specific wing is located and what work is being done.

Overall, each CMXG shop is given a visual reminder of where aircraft undergoing programmed depot maintenance are located throughout the complex. When an F-15 is about to enter the repair and build-up gate, this signals to CMXG that wings must be ready in time to support this customer's needs.

The area, which houses the massive fixtures where wings are repaired, was reconfigured to allow for better space availability and movement of parts once completed. A center aisle was opened to allow for improved flow, and only wings that are supportable were brought in.

"We're now better controlling the work-in-progress that comes into our process," he said.

Go to any shop floor in CMXG and it's done the same way.

Consistency is paramount within the AFSC leadership model. No matter which shop or base you're working at, the creation of a repeatable process ensures a production process will flow the same way, every time.

"We see a huge improvement in morale with employee involvement," he said.

### 2015 Program Executive Officer Review & Outlook Thursday

The 2015 Program Executive Officer Review and Outlook is slated for Thursday, 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 about 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 commander.

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>.

### Scholarship Programs accepting applications

The Robins Chiefs Group is accepting applications for its academic scholarship program.

An applicant must be an enlisted military member, Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard or retired, or the dependent of an enlisted military member – Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard,

retired, or deceased – assigned to or retired from Robins Air Force Base.

Any enlisted rank or branch of service is eligible.

For more info or to download an application, visit [www.robinschiefsgroup.org](http://www.robinschiefsgroup.org). All applications must be postmarked no later than May 1.

The Robins Company Grade Officer's Council is also accepting applications for its academic scholarship program.

This \$250 scholarship will be awarded based on demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in continuing his/her education at a four-year college or university.

Only students whose parents or legal guardians work at Robins – Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and Civil Service – may apply. Students must have earned at least a 3.0 grade point average. The application deadline is April 10.

The scholarship will be disbursed in June. In addition to the application form, students must submit a transcript, letter of recommendation, and an essay.

Completed applications must be sent to [robins.cgoc.scholar@us.af.mil](mailto:robins.cgoc.scholar@us.af.mil).

For more information, email [robins.cgoc.scholar@us.af.mil](mailto:robins.cgoc.scholar@us.af.mil) or contact Capt. Nicholas Edvarchuk at (478) 327-7982 or DSN 497-7982.

### Munitions Operations Office Closure

The munitions operations office will be closed for business Monday through March 27 for a semi-annual wall-to-wall inventory of the munitions stockpile.

Only emergency issue requests, submitted in writing and approved by a group commander, will be accepted during this time.

### Robins Earth Day photo contest

In honor of the 45th Anniversary of Earth Day, Environmental Management invites you to participate in the inaugural Robins Air Force Base Earth Day Photo Contest.

We're looking for photographs displaying our natural inhabitants while highlighting our interactions with the local flora and fauna on base. With so much diversity at your fingertips, get outside and explore Robins' fascinating and natural canvas. Consider visiting the parks, hiking trails and lakes to capture the winning photos for this year's contest.

For full rules and an entry form visit [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).

## Crows to host 40th symposium

BY ANGELA WOOLEN

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The Dixie Crows chapter of the Association of Old Crows will host its 40th annual Technical Symposium Sunday through Thursday.

Topics for discussion will begin electronic warfare systems and the role of command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance in war today. More than 50 vendors will be on hand with the latest hardware and new applications in technology.

The event's program will start Tuesday at the Scott Theatre in the Museum of Aviation's Eagle Building, with the first session starting at 8 a.m.

This year's key note speaker will be Brig. Gen. John J. Mooney III, inspector general, Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters.

Exhibits will open in the Century of Flight Hangar following the first session. Col. John "Hap" Arnold, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency starts the afternoon programming at

12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Eagle Building.

The program will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday while the exhibits will be open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics robotics displays and technology demonstrations, with interactive experiences, will also be on display Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Interaction with the robotics displays and technology demonstrations will demonstrate to students that STEM can be both fun and engaging," according to the press release.

A banquet will take place Wednesday in Hangar One from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. with Lt. Col. Gene "Joker" McFalls acting as the emcee. Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. David Deptula will be the guest speaker.

On-site registration will be available, but participants can preregister at <http://dixiecrow2015.infinity-international.com>.

For additional details, visit [www.crows.org/chapters/dixie-crow-symposium.html](http://www.crows.org/chapters/dixie-crow-symposium.html).



U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

This temporary phasing facility is home to several 78th Medical Group functions during the ongoing renovation project.

### 78th MDG orgs move to temporary facility

During Phase 1 renovations in Bldg. 700A, Public Health will move to the temporary phasing facilities and remain there for 18 months before moving back into the renovated area.

The Tricare Operations and Patient Administration Flight will also move to the TPFs and remain there for the duration of the renovation. The estimated completion date is spring 2017.

Please note that normal duty hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the TPFs include the following services:

- Referral Management Center (497-8020)

- Medical Evaluation Board Office (497-8374)

- VA Military Service Coordinator (497-8339)

- VA Vocational Rehab Counselor (497-3346)

- Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinators & Debt Collection Assistance Officers (497-8341, 497-8342 or 497-8338)

- Patient Administration Functions (i.e. Patient Travel, Line of Duty, Patient Registration etc. 497-7641, 472-7416)

- Recovery Care Coordinator (472-6639).





U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON  
**Liz Minton shows off photographs of herself and her husband Raymond Minton, Jr. Mrs. Minton worked on the Douglas A-26 during World War II.**

## PATRIOTS

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Tinker, who turns 90 this year, remembers the mess hall best of all. In those days food was scarce, and she felt fortunate to be able to eat the bounty at the training facility.

Her sister Hope joined the Women's Army Corps, and Tinker was left to work on B-25s and B-29s. She learned riveting at Patterson Field, now Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

"I can still remember how to do it," said Tinker, who was dressed in the traditional Rosie outfit with a red kerchief and blue overalls.

She helped repair the war airplanes damaged overseas so the military could send the aircraft back.

Two of her brothers, Kenneth and Jake Midkiff, were Marines who served in the battle of Iwo Jima. Kenneth was killed in action; she wrote a song about him in 2003. Jake survived but suffered with shrapnel in his lungs and legs until he died in the 1980s.

### ELIZABETH MINTON

As a new bride, Minton watched her husband leave for war. Raymond Minton Jr., originally from Atlanta, went to Iwo Jima on the fifth day of the battle.

She still carries a jar of beach sand from Iwo Jima. The black sand feels rough, like large chunks of coffee grounds. She says she can't imagine what it was like in the caves and trenches for the soldiers stationed there.

On her Rosie the Riveter uniform is her "E" pin for excellence – the plane pin which is from the Douglas A-26 she worked on – and a label the Rosies attached to the planes with serial numbers. Her pin is a blank.

Minton didn't wear the poster uniform during her work as a buckler, she wore her own clothes. The Rosies were not allowed to wear jewelry or loose clothing at the factory.

"The war was so much different than it is now. There was more patriotism," Minton said. "Everyone was trying to help win the war."

Originally from Idaho, she went to California with her family to work for Doak Aircraft Company. Her grandmother, mother, an aunt and a sister were also Rosies.

"It was a very patriotic job. It meant a little more because I was a new bride," Minton said.

Minton's husband passed away in 2012.

### FAYE JOHNSON EDWARDS

Faye Johnson Edwards was staying with friends in Baltimore, Md., while working at a defense plant which made pistons for engines. She remembers some of the pistons being big enough to drive a car through.

She and a friend decided to join the Army. As part of the Women's Army Corps, Edwards was stationed in many port towns in Europe during the war. She was an office worker and had access to top secret information.

Her son, Walt Edwards from Harris County, said there are some things she still won't tell her children.

"You watch what you say," said the soft-spoken 90 year old.

Her youngest son, Mike Edwards works at Robins.

During the war and even after, Edwards couldn't travel around town in Europe without an armed escort



MINTON



EDWARDS



Above and below courtesy photos

Above is a photo from Faye Johnson Edwards' scrapbook chronicling her time with the 22nd Training Regiment at Oglethorpe, Ga. Below right is a photo of Edwards, far right, with two other Women's Army Corps soldiers. Below left is a U.S. Library of Congress photo of women at work on a bomber at the Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach, Calif., in 1942.



due to sniper attacks.

Her scrapbook contains photos of her time with the 22nd Training Regiment at Fort Oglethorpe in 1944. She has embroidered napkins from Brussels tucked into the sleeves of the album.

### JUANICE STILL

Juanice Still was ready to go back for another semester of college in 1942. Instead, she was asked to replace a teacher at a rural Tift County school who had gone to war.

Gas was rationed, and she had barely enough to get to work and back in the old Model T her father bought her. She had to coast down hills to make it home.

"Everything we had was rationed. Everybody canned. The government wanted us to grow our own food," she said.

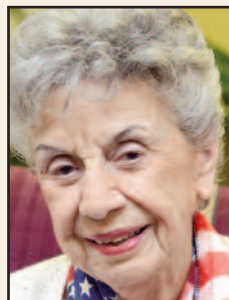
Wendell Jones, her brother, joined the Navy at 16 when a truck came through town. Still said that was a common occurrence when a truck would drive by asking who wanted to join the military. She said many of the boys would jump on just like her brother did. The family found out when Jones didn't come home that evening that he had answered his country's call.

Jones was in the English Channel aboard a landing boat when a German U-boat sunk the ship and, although he was injured, Jones collected 126 dog tags from his fallen comrades, according to his sister. He was awarded three Purple Hearts and, in 2013, was inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

### EVA ULRICH

The oldest Rosie of the group, Eva Ulrich, turns 96 this year.

She graduated with a degree in accounting from



STILL



Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville. She was one of the six people who helped open Lawson Field at Fort Benning, Ga. She was in charge of the office supplies.

Ulrich showed off her identification card which she kept from her time at Fort Benning.

"This is what I had to wear to get on and off post," she said of a large circular pin with her picture in the center.

Her husband, Richard, graduated from the Citadel and was an instructor for the infantry at Fort Benning.

"Everyone was in the Army back then," she said.

The pair married 20 days after they met and were married for 48 years. She called it a "wonderful marriage."

During her time at the Georgia Army post, she worked in the stock records at the Army Air Corp in charge of the supplies. She remained there until her husband went overseas, then stayed with her mother in LaGrange, Ga.

While staying at her mother's, she was offered a man's job of selling insurance.

"Nobody had ever tried having a woman on an insurance debit before, and I did great!" she said.

The couple moved to Atlanta for a few years before her husband was called back to service. They moved back to Fort Benning and remained there until they both retired.

Looking pensive, she glanced up and said, "It's been a wonderful life to tell you the truth."



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## AROUND THE AIR FORCE

# March marks Brain Injury Awareness Month

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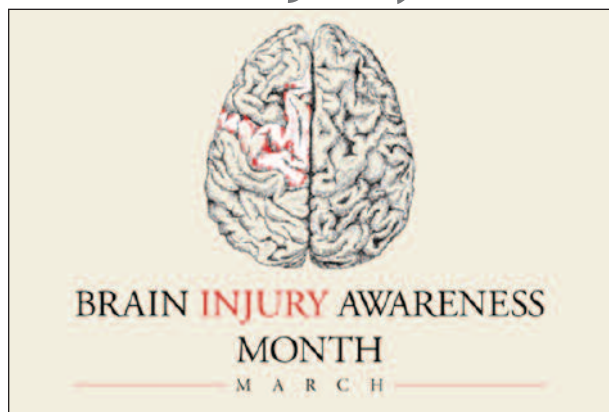
Anyone can suffer a traumatic brain injury – it can happen on the sports field, in your home or on the job.

Often called one of the invisible wounds of war, TBI is the result of a blow or jolt to the head that disrupts the normal function of the brain.

During March, the Military Health System is focusing its talent and efforts on the issue of TBI. We will provide tools and resources to educate service members, their families, retirees and Defense Department civilians about the prevention and treatment of TBI, while highlighting ongoing MHS research and breakthroughs.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year 1.7 million people are diagnosed with a brain injury.

The most common form of TBI, even for the military, is a concussion – also called mild TBI – and the vast majority occur at home. The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center reported that from 2000 to 2014



more than 313,000 service members were diagnosed with TBI, most of which were mild.

MHS research has produced several breakthroughs that improve the lives of patients, beneficiaries and all Americans who sustain TBIs. Our work is even taking us back to college to examine the impact of TBIs on athletes. The NCAA and the DOD are currently sponsoring the “Mind Matters Challenge,” a landmark initia-

tive to enhance the safety of student-athletes and service members. The partnership is the most comprehensive study of concussion and head impact exposure ever conducted.

For TBI, TRICARE covers rehabilitative services provided by physicians, psychologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech-language pathologists.

The DOD offers a variety of products such as clinical recommendations, tool kits, and mobile applications to assist health care providers in the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of patients with mild TBI.

One of the most important steps in TBI treatment is rest, which allows the brain to physically and mentally recover, and removes the risk of suffering another concussion while the brain is healing. Early diagnosis, as well as evaluation and treatment can shorten return-to-duty time and lead to the best possible outcome.

Along with our partnerships and cutting-edge research, MHS is making great progress in improving and prolonging the quality of life for those living with TBI.



U.S. Air Force photo by **TECH. SGT. BRANDON SHAPIRO**

## Hanging out

**Tech. Sgt. Eric Dagin, a Joint Communications Support Element cyber transport craftsman, pulls himself across a rope obstacle March 3, at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office firearms training center in Lithia, Fla. Members of the JCSE completed the obstacle course before the stress fire portion of Warrior Spirit '15.**

### Air Force waives renters insurance obligation in privatized housing

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas (AFNS) –**

Airmen signing a lease to live in privatized homes on base may no longer be covered by a renters insurance provision, due to a recent Department of Defense change in basic allowance for housing.

The DOD opted to eliminate the renters insurance component of the basic allowance for housing – an average of \$20 dollars a month per member, as of Jan. 1.

As a result of the BAH reduction, the Air Force removed requirements to provide renters insurance to military tenants at no cost previously included in privatized housing projects – a decision made to protect Airmen and the housing program, said Mark Correll, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety and Infrastructure.

“Cuts to BAH inevitably affect the program in some manner,” he said. “When that happens, it’s our job to ensure adequate funding for the

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homes, core services and amenities in our housing communities.”

### OTS eliminates component distinctions

**MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALA. (AFNS) –** The Air Force Officer Training School has removed all service component distinctions from its line officer commissioning courses.

Regular Air Force and Reserve cadets no longer receive their commissions through Basic Officer Training or Air National Guard cadets through the Academy of Military Science.

With the start of OTS Class 15-03 in January, all line officer cadets receive the same training at the same time in the same classrooms. Instead of saying they graduated from either BOT or AMS, the newly commissioned officers will simply say that they received their commissions from OTS.

“Neither of those acronyms – BOT and AMS – is necessary any more, as we now have ‘one furnace, one metal,’” said OTS Commandant Col. Scott Lockwood.

The move to one program started in late 2014.

### AF develops high-temperature, abrasion-resistant coating for fighter aircraft

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO (AFNS) –**

The Air Force and a small business partner developed an innovative, high-temperature, abrasion-resistant coating product that could directly improve the reliability and maintainability of weapon systems across the Air Force, including the F-35 Lightning II.

With funding from the Air Force Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Program, Texas Research Institute, in Austin, Texas, the Protecht high-temperature coating has demonstrated significant improvements in abrasion resistance at operational temperatures during laboratory testing.

“This is roughly a 2,000 percent improvement in the average time between coating failures and directly addresses a current F-35 need,” said Maj. George Woodworth, AFRL SBIR project manager. “We anticipate that the new material will provide the program an estimated \$14 million in life-cycle cost savings.”



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



U.S. Air Force photo by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

Chief Master Sgt. Lorenzo Anastasie, command chief of the 116th Air Control Wing, sat down as he approached retirement to discuss his tenure and the lessons learned.

BY ANGELA WOOLEN

Robins Public Affairs



uperman memorabilia decorates the office of a man who has spent three decades of his life in the U.S. Air Force.

As a symbol of hope in the Great Depression in the 1930s, the man of steel is Chief Master Sgt. Lorenzo Anastasie's inspiration.

"It's about helping Airmen," said the 116th Air Control Wing chief who retired March 6. Although Airmen might come from different backgrounds, they're all expected to perform the mission.

"His love of people – his humanity – is both his greatest strength and his greatest weakness," Anastasie said of Superman.

His father, retired Master Sgt. Arsene Anastasie, was an Army drill sergeant who earned the Army Achievement Medal, a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. The chief has carried on his father's legacy.

During his 15 years at Robins and his 15 years prior, Anastasie has mentored Airmen, encouraging them to do their best.

According to his Air Force biography, he has participated in operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraqi

Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Odyssey Dawn and New Dawn. He has earned 28 major awards and decorations.

"He truly embraces service before self," said his ex-wife Fatimah Schareef. Anastasie has five children, Schiavonne Saunders, Kellie Carter, Kai Malik, Saif Malik and Lailah Malik.

Some of his fondest memories have been lending a hand to those who have struggled. He has run around the track to help someone with their physical training test. He has talked to widows who have lost their spouses.

"At the end of the day, both personally and professionally, if we would think of others more than ourselves, the world would be a better place," Anastasie said.

Sometimes, he said, people just need to know that someone cares about them.

"In a tough military world, we forget they're human," Anastasie said.

He signed up for the Air Force in 1985 after suffering an injury while playing football at Troy University. He thought the military was the best place to become a man.

"Not in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would achieve this much," Anastasie said.

Although he has traveled to places such as the Azores, Australia, the Middle East and around the U.S. as a military member, he said part of personal growth is looking back to see how far one has come.

## ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Andrewy Cromartie

**UNIT:** DLA Aviation  
Wamer Robins

**JOB TITLE:** Customer  
support manager

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 30  
years

**HOMETOWN:**  
Elizabethtown, N.C.



**What does your work involve at Robins?** I manage the overall parts support of the F-15 programmed depot maintenance line.

**How does your work contribute to the Robins mission?** Ensuring the F-15 PDM line has all the parts available to repair and return aircraft to the field on time.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** Supporting the warfighter. We all have roles. As a warfighter, others ensured I had the support I needed. My objective is to return the favor and never leave work without doing everything possible to support the warfighter.

**What prompted your interest in your current career field?** I love working in supply, and I want to make a difference in support to the warfighter.

**What is an accomplishment of which you are most proud?**

There's not one. Having a great first career as a Marine, a challenging second enjoying what I'm doing, and a wonderful 27 years being married to my soul mate.

**Who has been the biggest influence in your life?** My parents and wife. My parents instilled strong ethic beliefs and values that have me grounded, and my wife for being the constant supporter in all my endeavors.

# ENERGY

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measures and savings.

Schneider Electric is one company that has demonstrated capabilities to design and construct projects that meet a particular agency’s needs and arranges necessary funding. It guarantees that any improvements will generate energy cost savings to pay for a project during the term of the contract – in this case 25 years.

Once contractors who work under ESPCs establish and define a project’s requirements, they’re compensated based on results from a customer’s energy savings and performance.

“This will be an opportunity for the government to upgrade many of its existing systems,” said Mark Byrd, 78th Civil Engineer Group energy engineer.

## Other news

While large-scale projects can significantly impact a base’s annual energy bill, the Base Energy Office continually stresses the need to remember the smaller details on a daily basis.

This ongoing awareness campaign includes simply reducing energy by turning off your lights when not in use. That effort alone has the potential to reduce the Robins energy bill – which amounts to about \$26 million annually – by 10 percent, according to Byrd.

“It’s one of the things we’ve looked at extensively when it comes to conserving energy,” he said.

“Getting people to understand is part of that energy awareness. With dwindling resources and budget cuts, it’s imperative as conscientious employees at Robins to be prudent stewards of the tax dollars we’re given an opportunity to work with.”

An ongoing energy blitz by the Robins Energy Office’s MISER (Measure Investigate Site Energy Reduction) team routinely looks for ways to save energy by checking base buildings and high-energy facilities. Requests are taken for offices who’d like a visit from the MISER team.

Other updates include updating the energy dashboard, a computer program that manages and monitors an organization’s energy consumption. Enhancing this can give more of an accurate picture of how facilities can continue to be aware of where their energy is used.

Upgrades are also being explored on the local area network system to accommodate future technology. One project under development is a large metering system to accurately measure energy usage in specific buildings.

Saving energy can’t be done in a vacuum. Base working groups involve everyone from senior leaders to employees, to include energy awareness and conservation, facility energy, ground fuels, IT energy and industrial energy working subgroups.

“Our hope and expectations are to utilize these groups to get the word out, and how everything we do on this base affects our overall energy consumption,” he said.

# SAME

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with this new chapter, as well as applying engineering to the success of our community and nation,” said Wade Shaw, Dean and Kaolin Chair of Engineering at Mercer.

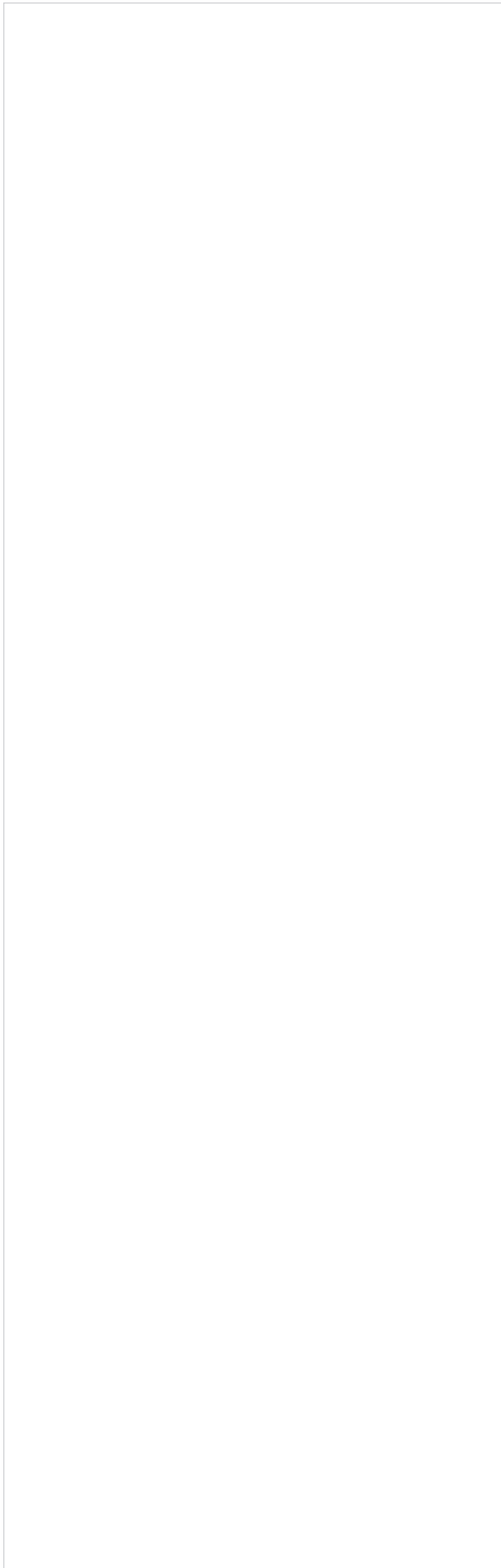
“All engineering disciplines contribute to the industries that help our nation maintain our infrastructure and keep our nation secure,” he said. “SAME has provided valuable scholarships to our students over the years and we look forward to building an even more active relationship with our colleagues in central Georgia.”

Students who join SAME Mercer have free membership. Meetings will be conducted each month.

To learn more about the SAME Robins Post, visit [www.samerobins.org](http://www.samerobins.org), and also [www.same.org](http://www.same.org).



**For information on quitting, contact the HAWC 478-327-8480**







## Can you afford the true cost of a DUI ?

**BY CAPT. SEPTEMBER FOY  
AND TECH. SGT. CRYSTAL HARRIS**

As the office of the Area Defense Counsel here at Robins, it's our honor and privilege to defend our Airmen.

During our time at Robins, we've seen a rise in the number of Airmen getting charged with Driving Under the Influence. Airmen don't often understand the true consequences that can flow from a DUI conviction, and the consequences can be career-ending.

The first concern when an Airman is in a DUI situation is safety.

Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol can lead to a serious accident, or even death. A common theme we encounter, however, is an Airman who was out at a restaurant, bar or friend's house and had a few drinks but felt OK to drive.

Each person's body metabolizes alcohol differently, so there's no set formula for when a person is OK to drive after drinking. Even if someone feels OK, their blood alcohol content can still be over the limit. A person can also feel drunk with a low BAC. The best thing to do is to just not drink and drive. Period. Don't even have one drink. It's not worth the risk.

If you find yourself facing off-base DUI charges, the first thing that will happen is that the Air Force will request jurisdiction, or legal authority, over your case.

Usually the Air Force doesn't get jurisdiction, and the Airman faces not only a lengthy and expensive court hearing downtown, but also adverse actions from the Air Force. If you're facing a DUI off-base, it's always a good idea to consult with a civilian attorney, as we're only authorized to deal with Air Force matters.

If you're convicted of a DUI off-base,

your car insurance could go up, you'll have court fees and possibly court-mandated classes to attend.

The DUI would be on your driving record for years. On the Air Force side, the Airman could receive a Letter of Reprimand, an administrative demotion, an Unfavorable Information File, a Control Roster, loss of on-base driving privileges for one year, and most-likely a referral EPR.

If you're receiving tuition assistance, you would not be eligible for that. A deployment could be cancelled. If you have a line number to sew-on the next higher grade, that stripe would most-likely be red-lined.

But, the most severe consequence is losing a stripe. Depending on when in your career you lose the stripe, it could put you in danger of reaching High Year Tenure. For officers, getting a DUI means probably receiving a LOR, which triggers a mandatory UIF and probably a referral OPR. It will be almost impossible to make rank with a referral OPR.

If the Air Force gets jurisdiction, then the Airman could receive an Article 15, UIF, Control Roster and a referral EPR/OPR.

It truly isn't worth the risk. It's better to fork over the money for a cab than to risk the safety of everyone in your vehicle and others on the road, the thousands of dollars getting a DUI costs, and possibly risking your entire career.

If you do find yourself in need of assistance, the Robins Area Defense Counsel office is here to help. Communications are covered by attorney-client privilege, and remember you have the right to remain silent when being questioned by law enforcement. For more information, call DSN 468-5852 or 478-926-5852.

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# A BETTER YOU

## AFMC promotes ‘Spring Into Shape’ physical activity challenge

AIR FORCE MATERIAL COMMAND WELLNESS SUPPORT CENTER

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** – During April and May, Air Force Materiel Command will promote its Spring Into Shape physical activity challenge.

Spring Into Shape is a command-wide initiative designed to promote physical activity for the AFMC workforce. Participants will receive a free copy of the “Quick Start Walking” DVD at the official check-in. Civilian Health Promotion Services will conduct the challenge.

### How to Participate

- 1) Enroll online at [www.AFMCwellness.com](http://www.AFMCwellness.com) until April 16 (appropriated fund DOD civilians need to have an up-to-date Health Risk Assessment to participate).
- 2) Print your SIS confirmation email to turn in at the initial check-in with the Robins CHPS staff between March 30 and April 16 to finalize enrollment. You will receive the free “Quick Start Walking” DVD at this visit.
- 3) Perform physical activity and log your minutes on the [www.AFMCwellness.com](http://www.AFMCwellness.com) Activity Log from April 9 to May 20.
- 4) Attend the CHPS education class, “Exercise Across the Lifespan.”
- 5) To be eligible for the completion award, you will need to:
  - a) Attend enrollment check-in and completion award check-out with CHPS



- b) Complete and log at least 600 total minutes (10 hours) of physical activity
- c) Attend “Exercise Across the Lifespan” class from CHPS staff

Participants that complete the Spring Into Shape challenge requirements will receive a free copy of the “Fitness That Works” book from CHPS.

Contact your physician before beginning any physical activity program to be sure it is safe.

For more information, visit [www.AFMCwellness.com](http://www.AFMCwellness.com) or contact the Robins CHPS team at 497-8030.

## 78th Optometry Clinic personnel changes

The 78th Optometry Clinic will be transitioning personnel this summer.

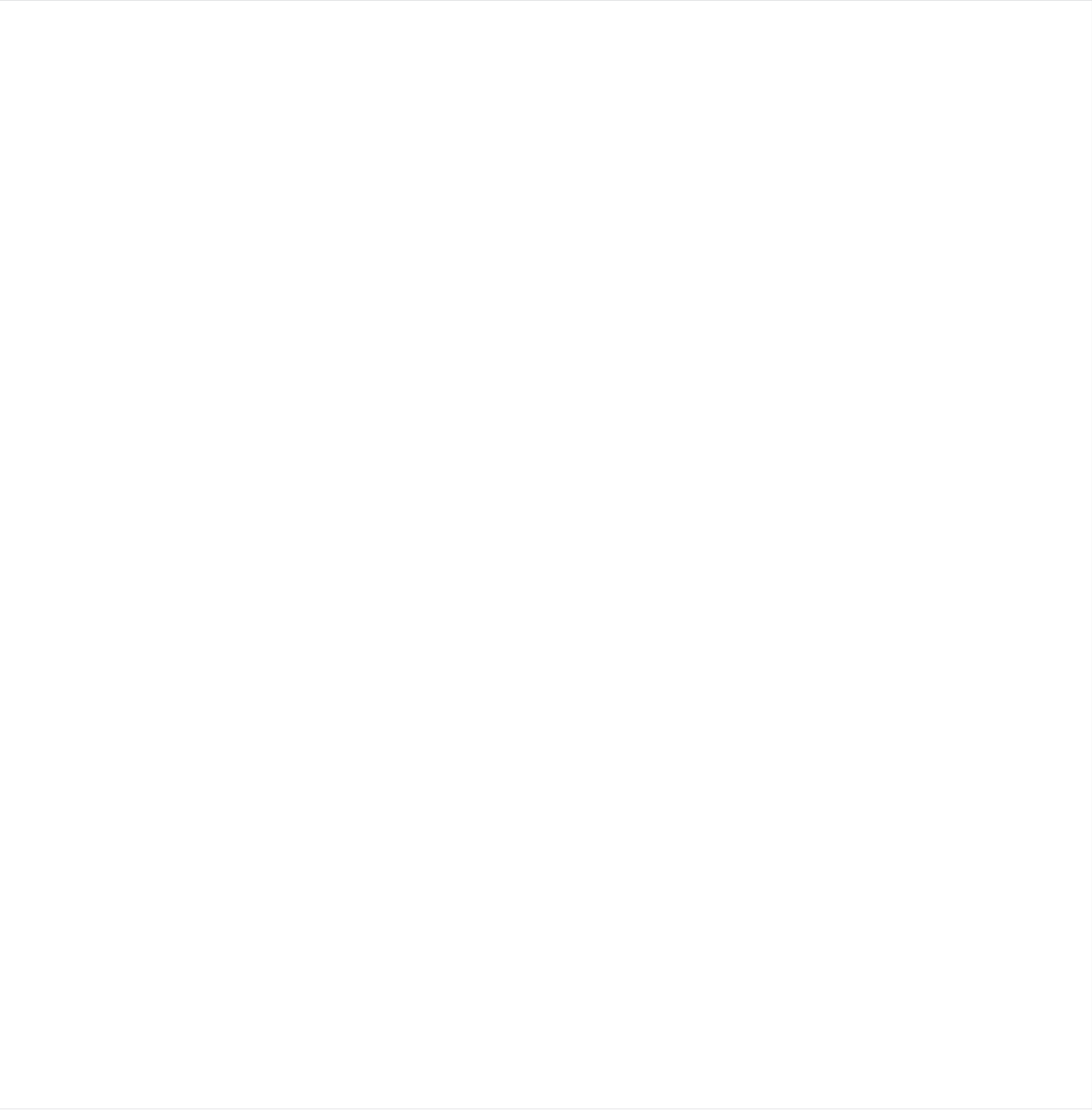
We will be seeing active duty patients only during the months of April through August 2015.

TRICARE Prime active duty dependents may schedule a routine eye exam with a network provider once per year without a referral.

TRICARE Prime retirees are authorized routine eye exams every two years without a referral with a network provider.

If you require more frequent visits or need to be seen for other than routine care, you will need to obtain a referral.

Call the central appointment line at (478) 327-7850 for appointments.







U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON  
Col. Jeff Gates, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center division chief, puts service above self during the Pi Day pie-eating contest March 13.

## Pies aren't square

BY ANGELA WOOLEN

Robins Public Affairs

Bravely going where no men had gone before – at least in the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Mission Generation Branch – four men attempted to defy gravity, and their gag reflexes, by participating in a pie-eating contest for Pi Day.

Lt. Col. Jamey Sillence, Col. Jeff Gates, 2nd Lt. John Nagel and chief engineer Clay Mims sat at a table outside of Bldg. 300 to the delight of their coworkers, to face off against each other to see who could eat a chocolate pudding and whipped topping pie the fastest without the use of utensils or their hands.

Sillence's message to his team for the Pi Day celebration was, "every 100 years, an awesome event happens ... the calendar aligns with the value of Pi, 3.141592653, and geeks around the world rejoice."

Mims, chief engineer for support equipment and vehicles division, was named the winner and given a pennant, along with a handful of napkins.

Although he had never participated in a pie-eating contest before, his strategy was simple.

"To suck up as much as possible, like a vacuum," Mims said.

Gates might not have won an award

but he could have for getting the most pie on his face, as he was covered in chocolate goo from chin to eyebrows.

Inside the building, five judges took a bite of 18 different types of pies to determine the winner of the best fruit, best no-bake, best cream and best traditional pies.

Nagel won several awards on pie making despite losing in pie eating. Nagel won for Best in Show, Best Traditional, Most like Grandmas and Most Original.

"Nagel just joined the Support Equipment and Vehicles Division a couple months ago. We are glad to have him as part of the team," Sillence said.

Other winners for the pie making included Clayton Grace for best cream pie, best no-bake to Mims for his Butterfinger pie and Rod Pratka for his fruit pie. Judge Maria Tyler said she based a lot of her decision on the winners on taste.

"I love to eat," Tyler said.



Pi Day has been observed in many ways, including eating and throwing pies – due to a pun based on the words pi and pie being homophones, as well as pies tending to be round, and thus related to pi.

## World War II veteran gets big surprise at museum

BY ANGELA WOOLEN

Robins Public Affairs

For 15 years Air Force Reserve Command's Lt. Col. Kelli Molter has been thinking of a way to honor her parents.

All that thinking paid off March 9 as she surprised her father and mother, Bernhard and Marilyn Molter, at the Museum of Aviation's art gallery with a display case and a picture book.

As the family walked around the gallery, Bernhard Molter realized what was sitting in the corner.

"Who put that there?" he asked his daughters as he realized his memorabil-

ia was in a glass case.

Kelli Molter said she thought her mother might have known something was going on but her dad – on the other hand – had no idea she was planning anything. Her mother was moved to tears.

"My dad was clueless," she said.

As he realized it was for him, he knew his eldest daughter was responsible.

"You had something to do with this," he said looking at her.

Indeed she did.



Molter

Kelli Molter took her father's Glen Miller record, military history, a few photographs, his uniform, two model aircraft of the Douglas C-47 Skytrain and the C-54 Skymaster and his Berlin airlift ring.

"That's the only one I got," Bernhard Molter said of his military uniform to the gathering of about 30 friends and family members.

First Sgt. Bernhard Molter was stationed at Tempelhof, the American site of the Berlin Airlift. He saw flights taking off or landing every three minutes for the next year, his daughter said.

Molter said her dad was the reason she decided to join the Air Force. She

wanted to be stationed in Germany so she could see the places her father saw.

"We have a very strong German heritage," she said. "My dad didn't let that get in the way of what was right for mankind and the liberations of Germany."

Bernhard and Marilyn Molter have been married for 52 years.

After leaving the service and returning to Milwaukee, Wis., Bernhard served with the police department for 33 years.

Bernhard Molter is quite humble about his part in saving the people in Berlin.

"It was just a job," he kept repeating.



## PLAN AHEAD ... STAY ALIVE: Fire Safety Tips from Robins Fire Emergency Services

*When a fire occurs, seconds count. A working smoke detector with a prearranged and practiced home escape plan can get your family out alive and safely.*

### **Install and Maintain Smoke Detectors.**

Smoke and fire produce a deadly poison called Carbon Monoxide along with other hazardous by-products. If you were asleep and a fire broke out in your home, do you think the smoke would awaken you?

If so, you may be dead wrong. CO can and will make you more sleepy, and if you're already sleeping, it'll put you into a deeper sleep and unfortunately, you won't wake up.

That's why smoke detectors are so important. They provide an early warning of a potential fire, giving you and your family extra time to escape safely.

This early warning device will help ensure a safe escape. Test your smoke detector every month whether it is hard-wired or battery-operated. Replace the batteries at least twice a year if you own battery-operated smoke detectors.

A good rule of thumb is to change your batteries when

you change to daylight savings time in the spring and back to standard time in the fall. Remember, should your smoke detector sound, get out quickly and stay out. Never go back inside once you're out.

### **Have an Escape Plan.**

Whether you live in a house, apartment or mobile home, make sure you have an escape plan. Make sure you include all doors, windows, hallways and stairways. Make sure you have at least two exits from every room. Have alternate exits in case primary exits are blocked. Select a meeting place outside and mark it on the plan.

### **Practice the plan with the entire family.**

First, walk through the plan with everyone to be certain all exits are easily opened and safe to use. Assign someone to help with younger children, the disabled and the elderly. Have practice drills at least twice a year.

### **Get Out and Stay Out.**

If you smell smoke, see fire or hear the smoke detector, follow your escape plan. Get low to avoid breathing toxic

gases and hot air. Feel the doors with the back of your hand, if the door feels hot, don't open it. Use your alternate means of escape. If the door is cool, and there are no signs of fire or smoke, follow your escape plan closing all doors behind you. Never use elevators during a fire.

### **Go to Your Safe Meeting Place.**

Once outside your home, everyone should immediately go to the designated meeting place.

### **Call for Help.**

When the entire family is gathered at the meeting place, phone the fire department or send someone to a neighbor's home to call for help. Everyone must remain together until the fire department's arrival.

When calling for help, stay calm, and speak slowly and clearly. Give your name and complete address. Stay on the line until the emergency communications center operator tells you to hang up. Escape first, and then call the fire department via 9-1-1.

For more information, call the Fire Prevention Office at DSN 468-2145 or commercial (478) 926-2145.



# HAPPENINGS/SERVICES

FRI SAT SUN MON TUE WED THUR  
**20 21 22 23 24 25 26**

**ON TAP**  
**Boss n Buddy**  
 Today  
 5 to 6 p.m.  
 Heritage Club Lounge  
 Grab your boss and coworkers and unwind with fun, food, entertainment and prizes.  
 For details, call DSN 472-7899.

**Spring Fling Day Big Bingo**  
 Sunday  
 6:15 p.m.  
 Heritage Club  
 For details, call DSN 468-4515.

**Tips from the Pro**  
 Tuesday  
 4 to 5 p.m.  
 Pine Oaks Golf Course  
 All the balls you can hit for \$5  
 For details, call DSN 468-4103.

**Couples Movie Night Lucy**  
 March 27

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

**In the Spot Light**  
 March 27  
 7 p.m.  
 Heritage Club  
 Showcase your singing, poetry reading, comedy, music talents  
 For details, call DSN 472-7899.

**Family Painting event**  
 April 3  
 6 to 8 p.m.  
 Arts & Crafts Center  
 For details, call DSN 468-5282.

**Daddy and his Princess, Mommy and her Superhero Dance**  
 April 10  
 6 to 9 p.m.  
 Heritage Club Ballroom  
 \$24 per couple in advance, \$35 at the door

Each additional child \$5 (Discount for club members)  
 Register by April 6.  
 For details, call DSN 472-7899

**Color Run**  
 April 17  
 8:25 to 10 a.m.  
 Fitness Center  
 For details, call DSN 468-2128

**UPCOMING & ONGOING Afterburner March Special**  
 Mondays through Fridays  
 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166  
 Hawaiian Latte  
 For details, call DSN 472-7827.

**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.

## Robins Air Force "BASE CAMP" Family Campout



Saturday & Sunday | April 18 & 19 | Robins Park

**No Charge • Registration Required**  
**Campout Limited to 50 Campsites**

• **Movie • Games • S'mores**  
 • **Hot dogs & Hamburgers**

**Sunday, April 19**  
 • **Break Camp & clean-up 7 - 8:30 a.m.**

### Saturday, April 18

• **Tent Set-up Starts at 9 a.m.**  
 • **Scout Demonstrations, Camping Information, Sports, Crafts, & more!**  
 • **Hot Dogs & Hamburgers 5:30 p.m.**  
 • **Movie in the park & S'mores 7 p.m.**



Register by April 14 by calling DSN 468-4001 or commercial (478) 926-4001

Bring your own tent or rent a camping package from ODR for only  
 Family of 3 \$20  
 Family of 5 \$25  
 Family of 7 \$30 (Includes tent and sleeping bags)

## Robins Chapel Protestant and Catholic Easter Worship Schedules

### Catholic Worship Services

Monday, Thursday and Friday – Mass, noon

Thursdays - Stations of the Cross, 6 p.m.

Tuesday - Penance Service Tuesday, 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church

March 29 - Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

April 2 - Holy Thursday Mass, 7 p.m. Adoration one hour; no noon mass

April 3 - Good Friday Liturgy, 7 p.m. Designated Offering for Peter's Pence; no noon mass

April 4 - Holy Saturday Mass, 8 p.m. Reception to follow in the annex

April 5 - Easter Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.

### Protestant Worship Services

Sunday - Lent Sunday Worship Services at 8 and 11 a.m.

March 29 - Palm Sunday Worship Services at 8 and 11 a.m.

April 3 - Good Friday Service, noon

April 5 - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 a.m. Chapel lawn.  
 Easter Celebration Worship Service, 11 a.m.

April 12 - Easter Cantata Worship Service, 11 a.m.





