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# ROBINS REV-UP

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'Making Tomorrow Better than Today'

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## Air Force extends SAPR services to civilians

BY SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** – The Air Force has released a policy memo allowing Air Force civilian employees who are victims of sexual assault to file restricted and unrestricted reports with their installation's sexual assault response coordinator.

The policy is effective immediately and allows SARC and sexual assault prevention and response victim advocates to assist Air Force civilians who report sexual assaults by providing crisis intervention and advo-

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cacy services 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Our civilian airmen are valuable members of our team, and we're going to support them," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. "While this is a huge win for the Air Force and our civilian force, we will continue to work at all levels to prevent sexual assault."

The Department of Defense recently signed an exception to policy, granting the Air Force the authority to extend SAPR services.

Air Force civilian employees will now receive the same services as those already eligible to use SARC services, with the exception of legal and non-emergency medical services, which are restricted by law.

Prior to this exception, only civilian employees at overseas locations and their dependents 18-years or older were eligible to use SARC services, and they could only

file unrestricted reports.

SARCs and SAPR victim advocates will assist in contacting the appropriate law enforcement agency for Air Force civilians who file unrestricted reports to ensure reports are properly investigated and prosecuted. They will also be able to help civilians identify and contact additional off-base support organizations as needed.

"Our SARCs and victim advocates provide invaluable support and assistance to our uniformed airmen who have suffered from this horrible crime," said Maj. Gen. Gina Grosso, the Air Force SAPR director. "We knew we could do more to help our civilian airmen, so we sought an exception to policy to allow the Air Force to extend the same care and support to civilian victims as we do to our military airmen and their families."

## ON THE RADAR

SMXG lab to support C-5 software, hardware

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The C-5 System Integration Lab at Robins has been prepping to accommodate upcoming changes to the weapon system's color weather radar capabilities for the last several months.

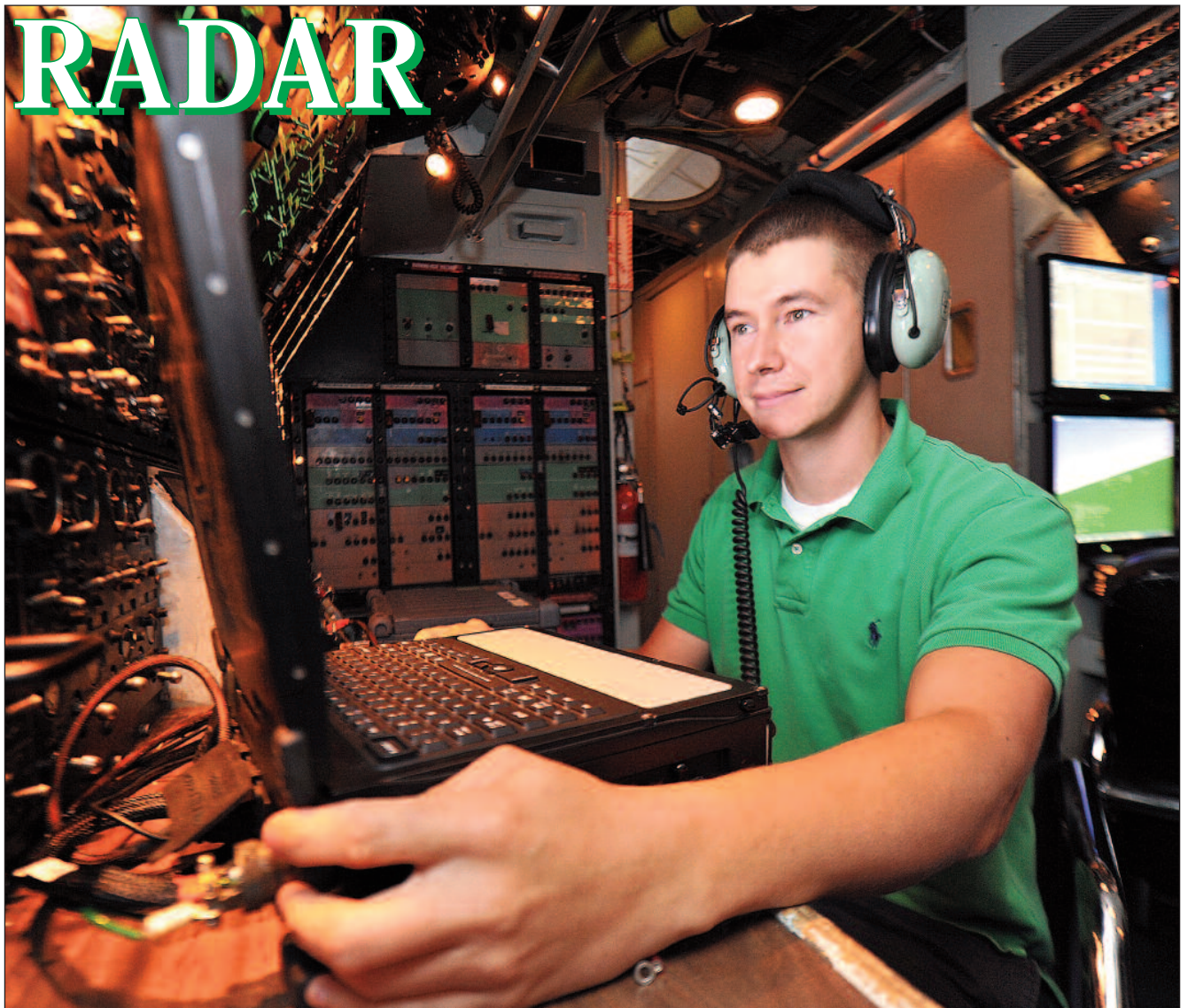
Full-scale development is now underway by Lockheed Martin to update to a new version of the color weather radar, as well as its core mission computer, which is the heart of mission planning while a C-5 is in flight. It allows the crew to see where danger spots are such as thunderstorms, tornadoes and high winds.

The C-5 Galaxy's current robust testing environment at Robins includes a facility that uses a salvaged cockpit section from a C-5 which crashed at Dover Air Force Base, Del., in 2006.

The existing flight deck allows 578th Software Maintenance Squadron electronics engineers, technicians and computer scientists the ability to simulate and test software, perform pre-flight tests and eliminate issues before it's used on live aircraft.

"If we can eliminate issues through testing in the SIL, we don't tie up people and resources down the line," said Robert Hermann, 578th SMXS director.

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Tony Kirksey, 402nd Software Maintenance Squadron electronic engineer, monitors the health of the aircraft during a simulated mission in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex C-5 System Integration Lab. The 402nd Software Maintenance Group has been tasked by the C-5 System Program Office with updating the system integration lab with a new Core Mission Computer and Color Weather Radar.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by TECH. SGT. REGINA YOUNG

Capt. Caitlin Fox, 461st Air Control Wing J-STARS senior director, participated in last week's exercise which provided effective, cost-efficient air, space and cyberspace training.

## NOT JUST FUN AND GAMES

BY FAYE BANKS-ANDERSON

Robins Public Affairs

With lines, dots and squares dominating the screen in the Joint STARS Mission and Maintenance Trainer Simulator, it may not seem like much in the gaming world.

But, this is no video game, and the stakes could mean the difference between life and death.

Joint STARS – a one-of-a-kind weapon system – is used to making history. But the innovative approach of marrying the Air Force's premier live exercise, Red Flag, with a Virtual Flag simulated exercise, into a single, simultaneous event provides

the most robust and effective training for its crews, said Capt. Caitlin Fox, 461st Air Control Wing J-STARS senior director and Command and Control Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance scheduler.

With more than 13 different types of live assets including bombers to fighters, to tankers and C2ISR aircraft to and Coalition Nation aircraft participants at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and over 10 simulated aircraft represented at Robins and Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., the Red Flag/Virtual Flag exercise provides the most effective and cost-efficient air, space and cyberspace training.

According to Fox, the integrated training pro-

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### CFC online campaign begins Tuesday

The Robins 2015 Combined Federal Campaign online giving season kicks off Tuesday.

While the active three-week campaign period this year will be from Nov. 2 through Nov. 20, electronic pledging will begin Tuesday through the MyPay website, and ends Dec. 15. This year's theme is "You can change a life," with a goal of \$1 million. People can choose from more than 4,000 charities that have been approved for the campaign. For more info, visit <https://www.opm.gov/combined-federal-campaign/>.



### Smoke Test begins Monday

A smoke test survey will begin Monday to assist inspection crews involved in an infiltration and inflow study to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. Smoke seen coming from the vent stacks on houses, buildings or holes in the ground will be non-toxic, non-staining, odorless, white to gray in color and creates no fire hazard. Testing is expected to be done by Oct. 9.

In case of inclement weather, work may be delayed. For more information, call Wilson Jones at 478-327-7443.

#### Weekend Weather

Friday 89/70



Saturday 88/71



Sunday 90/70



"Safety is key to longevity."

# SECOND FRONT

## Robins welcomes new mission partner with stand-up ceremony today

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The 605th Test & Evaluation Squadron, Detachment 2, has made a new home at Robins.

A stand-up ceremony is being conducted today followed by a change of command ceremony.

Lt. Col. Mark Buchholz will relinquish command of the detachment to Lt. Col. Kevin

Cuartas at 1 p.m. today in Bldg. 2336.

The 605th TES, which will include 24 personnel, is the Command and Control and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance test manager for the 505th Command and Control Wing at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Its mission is to conduct C2ISR operational tests on the

E-8C's Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, based at Robins, as well as the Airborne Warning and Control System, Air Operations Center, Control and Reporting Center and other ISR weapon systems.

They are tasked to develop and evaluate tactics that optimize an aircraft's combat capabilities and familiarize operational units with test results.

Relocating from Melbourne, Fla., Detachment 2, one of several 605th TES units, specifically provides operational testing and evaluation on the JSTARS mission, flight and maintenance systems.

These operational tests are a vetting process for new Air Force acquisitions in Air Combat Command as well as upgrades to existing programs.

## Talking to a survivor of sexual assault

It's not always easy to know what to say when a family member, friend or loved one tells you they've been sexually assaulted, but a supportive reaction can make all the difference.

Instead of focusing on what happened, turn your attention to your loved one and what they need. Consider these phrases to show support:

► "I'm sorry this happened." Acknowledge that the experience has affected their life. Phrases like "This must be really tough for you," and "I'm so glad you are sharing this with me," help to communicate empathy.

► "You're not alone." Remind your loved one that you're there for them and willing to listen to their story. Remind them there are other people in their life who care, and that there are service providers who will be able to support them as they recover from the experience.

► "Are you open to seeking medical attention?" The survivor might need medical attention, even if the event happened a while ago. It's OK to ask directly, "Are you open to seeking medical care?"

► "This doesn't change how I think of you." Some survivors are concerned that sharing what happened will change the way other people see them, especially a partner. Reassure the survivor that surviving sexual violence doesn't change the way you think or feel about them.

Most importantly, know your resources. You're a strong supporter, but that doesn't mean you need to manage this situation on your own. Become familiar with resources you can recommend to a survivor within the military, like the Department of Defense



Safe Helpline.

Safe Helpline provides a clear channel for sexual assault survivors in the DOD community to receive the care and resources they need in an anonymous, confidential support platform. The six Safe Helpline services (telephone helpline, online helpline, self-care mobile app, a secure peer-to-peer chat room, info by text and the Safe Helpline online responder database) work to meet sexual assault survivors where they are in that moment, as well as provide resources that help them heal.

DOD Safe Helpline provides confidential crisis support and information for members of the DOD community affected by sexual assault. You can get the help you need while remaining anonymous. Safe Helpline services are provided by the DOD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office and are operated through a contract by the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization.

- **Editor's note:** See more at <http://www.dodlive.mil/index.php/2015/06/talking-to-a-survivor-of-sexual-assault/#sthash.kbxMw1du.dpuf>.



## Construction project closures

► Both sides of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard is closed through Monday. As the construction project enters its final stages, this closure is for final paving and striping of the roadway.

The road is scheduled to completely reopen with normal traffic patterns on or before 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Beautification work along the roads will continue as it opens to traffic.

Construction began in February to renew the asphalt road, curb and gutter, sidewalk with crosswalks, and will correct existing drainage issues along the road.

► A construction project has closed a portion of the parking lot between Milledgeville Road and Bldg. 359 until Sept. 9. When the need for temporary storage/staging is complete, any temporary barriers will be removed from the site.

For more information, call Jerry Thovson, at 478-926-8840 or Lori Simmons at 478-327-3977.

## POW/MIA recognition

Robins will remember and honor the sacrifice of America's prisoners of war and those missing in action during the Robins POW/MIA organization's annual recognition ceremony Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Hangar One.

The ceremony's guest speaker will be retired Col. Querin "Quin" Herlick, a U.S. Army aviator, Vietnam Veteran and former POW held captive in 1969 during the Vietnam War.

According to event coordinators, a 24-hour Vigil Run will kick off the recognition beginning at 3 p.m. Sept. 16 at the museum.

Time slots are currently available for the run, which invites participants to sign up in 15 minute or longer increments. The goal is to keep the baton/flag moving for the entire 24-hour period of time leading up to the ceremony.

Participants are welcome to bring their office, flight, section, division, branch, family or pets, and may walk or run at their own pace.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Pierre Carre at pierre.carre@us.af.mil. To sign up for the run contact Senior Airman Chelsea Zamora, chelsea.zamora@us.af.mil.

## Feds Feed Families

The 7th Annual Robins Feds Feeds Families Food Drive which allows Team Robins members to donate non-perishable food items at various places on base, is ongoing through Sept. 31.

Collection points include the Commissary, the Base Library and Bldg. 306.

The campaign offers an opportunity to help out the communities that have shown continuous support for Robins, as local food pantries usually struggle to maintain food supplies.

The commissary has pre-packaged bags customers can purchase and donate.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Daniel Brown at DSN 468-7199/3493.

## Robins to host Military Retiree Appreciation Day

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Robins Air Force Base will host its annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day October 3.

The day-long event will kick off with a pay-as-you-go breakfast for retirees at the Wynn Dining Facility from 6:30 to 8 a.m. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with opening ceremonies beginning in the Heritage Club Ballroom at 9.

Military retirees, as well as active-duty service members, Guardsmen and Reservists nearing retirement are invited to attend.

Rick Delaney, Robins Retiree Activities Office director, said RAO gives Robins the opportunity to share information that's valuable to the retiree community.

"Our military retirees are an important part of Team Robins and we must continue to take this opportunity to provide the information military retirees need and may not be able to get anywhere else," he said.

Delaney said some military



retirees may only come out to the base monthly or quarterly to fill prescriptions and don't get the information available to many others who visit more frequently.

"I may not have the answer they're looking for, but I can sure get it and point them in the right direction," he said.

Various base leaders will speak to the group in the Heritage Club Ballroom early in the day, followed by lunch, and an afternoon of wellness checks and information tables in the Heritage Club's Bingo Room.

Drawings for door prizes will begin at 2 p.m. and last until the day's end at 4 p.m.

Delaney said it's an honor to be part of Robins' Military Retiree Appreciation Day.

"The support for military retirees on Robins Air Force Base is just phenomenal," he said. "The military retirees are an important group of people. The term 'still serving' isn't just words. It has meaning. As a military retiree myself, I want to be a part of doing all we can to take care of those who went before us."

Information about the Military Retiree Appreciation Day can be requested by emailing the Retiree Activities Office at [robins.roa@gmail.com](mailto:robins.roa@gmail.com) or by calling 478-284-9879.



## “PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...”

The “Put your hands together for ...” feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up.

Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren’t able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can.

The installment will run in the last issue published each month.

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 .jpgs. For more information, contact Geoff Janes at [vance.janes@us.af.mil](mailto:vance.janes@us.af.mil) or Lanorris Askew at [lanorris.askew\\_ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew_ctr@us.af.mil). Either can be reached by phone at 468-6386.

## Quick thinking, training leads to life saving

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When Tammy Holland pulled into the parking lot for her grandson’s baseball game April 15, she had no clue that she would be the one thrown a curve ball.

The 78th Medical Group’s Resources Management Flight management analyst was sitting in the stands when she noticed her son gesturing towards her with a panicked expression.



Holland

After rushing over, she found an unresponsive older man lying in the doorway

of the restroom. She determined from his skin color that he had a blocked airway.

With no time to waste, Holland instructed her son to remove the gentleman from the doorway and place him on his back so she could start CPR. She told her son to call 911 and asked her husband to look for a medical professional. Luckily an off-duty paramedic was at the park and came over to assist.

When the man’s daughter approached the scene, Holland gathered as much information on the man as she could and determined that he was a 65-year-old diabetic.

When the ambulance arrived, the gentleman was responsive and because of Holland’s quick thinking and action made a complete recovery.

While the simple knowledge that she was able to help a person in need gave

her comfort, her actions were further awarded last week when she was given the Command Civilian Award for Valor.

Similar to the military Meritorious Service Medal, the honor is awarded for heroism.

“I’m so glad that I had the knowledge and training to assist the gentleman,” she said.

She has even seen him at the ball park since, but has never revealed herself as the person who helped save his life.

The grandmother of two said she had never had cause to use CPR before, but is so glad her job required the training.

“I had never had training until I began working with the med group 10 years ago,” she said. “Honestly, when I first was informed of the training requirement, I didn’t quite understand (why I needed it) since I’m assigned to an administrative position and not in a direct patient care position.

She is thankful for the training.

“I always wondered if I would remember what to do – and it does all come back to you,” she said.

Holland said it means a lot for her to be recognized by her leaders, and she’s proud to be a part of the organization.

When asked if she had any advice for others who might be put in a similar situation she said take CPR training.

“You just never know,” she said. “I never thought I would need to perform CPR. It may be a stranger; it may be a loved one ... those minutes before medical professionals arrive can make all the difference.”

## Going for VPP Gold

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

Congratulations to the following organizations which were recently presented Gold banners:

- ▶561st AMXS F-15 Flight B and Weapon System Support Center
- ▶561st AMXS/ F-15 Funtional Test

## Fostering Leadership in People Awards

*Fostering Leadership in People awards are given to those who make contributions to improving labor and management relations at Robins.*

*The latest recipients are:*

**Stephanie Conner** - 407th SCMS  
**Caleb Henry** - AFLCMC

## Team Robins Quarter Awards

The Team Robins Quarterly Awards ceremony was Aug. 10.

**The winners are:**

**Airman:** Senior Airman Aaron Merlino, 78th ABW

**NCO:** Tech. Sgt. Ronald Megginson, 78th ABW

**SNCO:** Senior Master Sgt. David Gurzynski, WR-ALC

**CGO:** 1st Lt. Loren Bryant, AFSCPK

**Civ. Category I:** Kenya Askew, 78th ABW

**Civ. Category II:** Donald Green, WRALC

**Civ. Category III:** Theodore Hecker, AFLCMC

**Civ. Category IV:** Bryce Wells, 78th ABW

**Civ. Category VI:** William Hill, 78th ABW

## SPECIAL REPORT

## 10 YEARS AFTER

## Team Robins remembers Hurricane Katrina

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The stories tell the same tales. The destruction Hurricane Katrina left when it made landfall Aug. 29, 2005 was immense. Now, 10 years later, Robins team members are sharing their stories of what it was like during and after the storm.

"The devastation was unbelievable," said Marty Cain, Legacy Systems Maintainer, 78th Air Base Wing, who traveled to Biloxi with a group of coworkers and church members.

"All the oak trees were just stripped. The houses were stripped to the foundations," Cain remembered. What his group of a few dozen did was mostly repair homes and cut down trees. Part of their efforts included rescuing an elderly lady who had been trapped in her home due to fallen trees.

During his week-long stay – in which the assembly stayed in tents on someone's farm in Lyman, Miss. – Cain saw another place which was buzzing with hummingbirds looking for food.

"You can't appreciate the scope of the damage through videos or pictures," he said.

In fact, the storm affected areas from Louisiana to Alabama causing 1,304 deaths and \$50 billion in damages, according to a report by Dr. Daniel Haulman, Nov. 17, 2006, titled, "The U.S. Air Force Response to Hurricane Katrina."

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"The U.S. Air Force Response to Hurricane Katrina"  
Dr. Daniel Haulman

Between Aug. 23 and 29, the Air Force flew 109 hours in WC-130 airplanes which were used to measure and track the hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico.

"Air Force fixed wing aircraft, including C-130s, C-17s and C-5s, flew crucial airlift missions to transport both people and equipment and supplies," the report said. The Air Force evacuated 2,602 medical patients and an additional 26,943 displaced people from the area.

In all branches, the Department of Defense "flew 12,786 helicopter sorties, rescued 15,000 citizens and transported 80,000 people," Haulman said.

A 433rd Airlift wing C-5 shuttled more than 1,200 patients from New Orleans to San Antonio, Texas. The aircraft also brought in large water pumps from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, to help pump water from the flooded New Orleans.



U.S. Air Force photo

The Hurricane Hunters from the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron evacuated their home at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., before Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast.

Three U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III aircraft offload tons of equipment at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., on Aug. 31, 2005, for use in support of relief operations. Department of Defense units are mobilizing as part of Joint Task Force Katrina to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster-relief efforts in the Gulf Coast areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina.



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. MIKE BUYTAS



National Guard Heritage painting showing Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Robins deployed 68 personnel and \$4 million in equipment for the relief effort from the 51st Combat Communications Squadron. Volunteers from the 52nd Combat Communication Squadron were also called upon to aid in setting up communications, according to Tech Sgt. Joshua Bendall, historian for the 5th Combat Communications Group.

"We brought everything we had," said Master Sgt. Brad Schafer, 78th Medical Group first sergeant and formerly with the 5th CCG.

The main mission for the group was to set up communications at Keesler Air Force Base near Gulfport, Miss., and to provide assistance to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The deployed airmen stayed in the student triangle at the base during their six- to eight-week stay.

Schafer remembered the base commissary being flooded with water and cars floating. He said technical school students at the base were told to leave their cars and were evacuated to other bases.

Cars were spray painted with insurance company's names, and houses were also marked to let others know it had been checked for survivors.

"It reminded me of a city dump," Schafer said. "All around were trash piles, but those piles were houses. It looked like someone had picked the house up, crumbled it and dropped it back down."

Master Sgt. Avis Smith, now the Robins Airman and Family Readiness Center

noncommissioned officer in charge, was stationed at Keesler during the storm. Her husband and three children evacuated to Atlanta while she sheltered on base.

She and her fellow coworkers stayed in the dorms, which were made of thick concrete, while the storm hit. In the interior rooms, Smith said she couldn't hear much, but in the bathroom or in the stairwell was a different story.

"It sounded like the roof was falling apart," she said.

Her siblings lived in New Orleans and lost their homes. Her father, a firefighter in the city, had to gut his house.

For years, Smith wouldn't drive along the coast. "I couldn't stand looking at it," she said of the loss of the antebellum homes along the gulf coast along with countless trademark restaurants and shops.

Cain was one who did drive along the beach. "There was not a single home standing. It was as ugly as it could get," he said.

Joel Watson, a C-130 aircraft overhaul supervisor with the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was on a different mission. He went to the city as part of an animal rescue.

His wife heard there were three women who wanted to help animals in the area.

"When we got off the exit, going into Mobile, Ala., there were people looting," Watson said.

The closer they got to where the hurricane made landfall, the worse the roads were.

"There were big old shrimp boats turned upside down. It was creepy," Watson said.

Watson said even with all the devastation and the sadness that came with the tragedy, he was able to take away a touch of happiness when he brought home a Catahoula hound dog he named Jazz.

"I got a good dog from it," Watson said.

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Durward Swanson, Army Air Corps veteran, autographs a B-17 model aircraft during a reception Aug. 21 at the Museum of Aviation. Swanson arrived at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, in 1939. Surviving the attack on Pearl Harbor and Hickam, he went on to fly the B-17 into the Battle of Midway. The reception in honor of veterans who served aboard B-17s was held in celebration of the arrival of the B-17 Flying Fortress to the museum.

## B-17 arrival brings memories, vets together

BY ANGELA WOOLEN

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In 1984, the Museum of Aviation wrote justification to the Air Force about why it needed a B-17 in its collection.

More than 30 years later, the wait is finally over.

The last of the pieces of the B-17, also known as the Flying Fortress, arrived this week and with it, ended decades of waiting.

“It is hard to describe; I’ve literally been waiting 30 years for this,” said Bill Paul, museum curator.

Although more than 12,700 B-17s were made in the 1930s and 1940s; today there are less than 50 worldwide. Less than a dozen still fly.

The museum was lucky to be able to acquire the aircraft from Grissom Air Force Base, Ind. The plane, with tail No. 48-3690, has been outside for 54 years. There’s a lot of restoration to be done to bring it back to its former glory.

The MOA will be able to house the B-17 inside a hangar, which was key to its transfer from Grissom.

“We’re thrilled to death,” said Ken Emery, museum director.

Conceptual drawings as to how it will be displayed in the World War II exhibit have been drawn up, but nothing is set in stone.

Most of the restoration will be done in the open so people can view the iconic piece of history.

Robins was the depot for B-17s during World War II. Local veterans, who came

out to the museum for a reception Aug. 21, also have ties to B-17s. Wesley Chester flew more than 50 missions during World War II.

“When I first came in here, it brought back lots of memories,” he said.

After being shot down, Chester parachuted into a forest with two candy bars and two life savers, where he evaded the enemy for five weeks before being rescued in Yugoslavia.

Chester was not the only one who was shot down.

Crawford Hicks, a B-17 pilot, was shot down during his 10th bombing mission. He was taken captive and held in Stalag Luft III until being moved to Stalag VII in Moosburg, Germany. The camp was liberated April 29, 1945.

Clyde Mathe Sr. was a waist gunner on a B-17. At altitudes of 28 to 29,000 feet, the waist gunner would withstand temperatures of 40-degrees below zero.

Others in attendance were Donald Meck, a gunner in World War II who flew the B-17 during D-day. Durward Swanson survived the attack at Pearl Harbor and went on to fly B-17s in the Battle of Midway.

John Knowles saw 600 combat days as a member of the 34th infantry division, 135th regiment, 3rd Battalion, I-Company. Harry Dorman flew B-17s on the Berlin route and was stationed in England.

John Barrett Sr., Wilbur Bush, Dan Callahan, Harold Chandler and Harry Dorman were also in attendance at the ceremony.

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

# Robins to gain new mission, 339th to expand with E-8C air crew

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system, or AWACS – which has its check flights performed by the 10th Flight Test Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Some of the E-3 crew have already performed simulation training at Robins on the E-8C.

Having crews who can support both E-3 and E-8C aircraft would allow more flying opportunities for personnel and more flexibility for schedulers.

“With the drawdown of the Joint Task Force Detachment 1 in Melbourne, Fla., we were challenged to employ a new Functional Check Flight support organization. The 413th FTG stepped up and accepted the mission,” said Lt. Col. Christopher Kadala, Joint STARS Branch materiel leader. “We look forward to partnering with the 413th FTG and the 339th FLTS in supporting the warfighter.”

Earlier this summer, the reconnaissance aircraft surpassed 100,000 combat flying hours in support of operations in U.S. Central Command’s area of responsibility, which includes many countries throughout the Middle East.

As one of the Air Force’s top acquisition priorities, efforts are currently underway to replace the specialized aircraft with a smaller, business class size airframe, with the latest battlefield management systems, communication and radar.

According to Kadala, their program office provides acquisition support and assistance to the Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., team as they progress further towards a materiel solution.

The JSTARS Recap Program Office in early August awarded three pre-engineering, manufacturing and development contracts to Lockheed Martin, Boeing and Northrop Grumman.

The base period for each of the contracts is for completing initial requirements analysis, including a full system requirements review, technical reports and analysis. The option period, contingent upon a successful Milestone A approval, is for completing a system functional review, preliminary design review and subsys-



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Lt. Col. Gustuf Palmquist, 339th Flight Test Squadron test pilot, prepares to take an F-15 Eagle up for testing July 29. Palmquist, who arrived from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., in September 2014, is the squadron’s newest test pilot.

## New F-15 pilot tests the limits

BY ANGELA WOOLEN

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Lt. Col. Gustuf Palmquist has been flying since he was an infant.

His great grandfather flew during the Wright brother days and his grandfather and both of his parents were pilots making him a fourth generation aviator.

Palmquist, the newest F-15 test pilot for the 339th Flight Test Squadron here, has been flying the fighter planes for 15 of his 17-year Air Force career. He arrived at Robins last September from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

With a call sign of “Shrek,” his coworkers call him a beast when it comes to flying and say he always volunteers to fly at every opportunity.

Originally from Brookville, Pa., Palmquist had thought about being an airline pilot, but an ROTC scholarship changed his course to a spot in the Air Force.

Palmquist served 11 years of active duty and has been a reservist for six.

F-15 test pilots have a list of more than 100 items to check during the flights to report back to the maintenance people. The pilots test the limits of the aircraft to make sure when it’s handed off to the end user, the machine is functioning as it should.

During his post-flight inspection, Palmquist double checks to make

sure he’s bringing the plane back in the same condition he got it.

“I have to trust the maintainers,” Palmquist said. “I literally put my life in their hands.”

Normally an F-15 would go through two test flights. The two F-15s which Palmquist tested July 29 were bound for RAF Lakenheath in England. Two fuel cells were added to the jet for the trek across the Atlantic Ocean so a third test flight was in order.

With Palmquist at the helm of one plane, he and Lt. Col. Chris “Torch” Coddington put the jets through their paces simulating a classic dog fight.

Palmquist used a Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System which projects information onto a visor. The system, which uses voice commands, allows the wearer to look over a shoulder and lock onto a target without having to look back at the front instrument panel.

The JHMCS adds an extra pound to the weight of the helmet which Palmquist said isn’t much but at 7-8 G’s, it can make for an aching neck.

“It’s a workout,” he said adding that the day after he is usually bruised and sore.

Palmquist has seen combat when he flew missions in Operation Southern Watch in 2002 just after 9/11 and prior to the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was also stationed at Tindall Air Force Base where he taught pilots how to fly the F-15.

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vides the most realistic simulated and live training to date – giving crews ground and surface support by looking for anything moving around them.

The exercise provides participants a screening of sorts – getting a snapshot of what’s flying overhead and what’s on the ground, including water surfaces.

“It removes the element of surprise,” said Fox, when discussing the unmasking of adversaries while hiding J-STARS’ own counter tactics.

What’s particularly special about this exercise, said Fox, is that with this robust training, it doesn’t matter if it’s a live asset or a simulated one; it allows us to do our job in two very different environments.

“This is definitely the wave of the future,” said Col. John Cooper, 461st ACW commander, who along with the 116th Air Control Wing make up Team J-STARS at Robins.

Cooper explained that it’s beneficial to practice in this type of environment.

“You can practice things that you can’t always practice live ... things that are too dangerous or too hard to replicate in real life.”

He continued, “It’s all about connectivity ... more ways to communicate, more ways to move data.”

These exercises give crews more opportunities to practice or react to multiple scenarios, said Cooper. It allows crews to build muscle memory so that when dangerous or unexpected situations occur in real time, crews are better able to adapt, to know what to do.

Fox agreed. Because of the large-scale exercise, sometimes it creates problems the crew has to work through.

“That’s not a bad thing,” she said. “If something crops up later on, it’s not as scary now.”

The virtual side offers a simulated ability to test almost anything, said Fox; while the live portion can present situations not normally thought about.

It starts with dots on a screen and live air crews, and ends with a robust understanding of how to better protect and safely accomplish the mission.

*And, it’s not for play, it’s for real.*



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Andy Adams and Brandy Herrmann, 402nd Software Maintenance Squadron electronic engineers, fly a mission in the air logistics complex C-5 System Integration Lab.



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## C-5

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But to accommodate the pending workload associated with the new color weather radar, several hardware modifications to the existing lab had to be worked.

That included designing, fabricating and installing an electronics cabinet/enclosure; fabricating and installing cables from the lab's cockpit to the cabinet/enclosure; and designing an antenna fixture and pedestal that allows for proper antenna rotation during testing.

An air conditioning and heating unit that maintains temperature and humidity was also installed. Along with the color weather radar's receiver/transmitter, the enclosure, located on the building's roof, will support the antenna fixture/pedestal assembly and the radome.

That radome, which took about a week and a half to fabricate, simulates the functionality of an actual C-5 nose radome. The radome was designed and built in-house by a team led by Chris Causey, C-5 SIL tech lead, along with electronics engineers Andy Adams, John Crutchfield, Brandy Herrmann, Tony Kirksey, David Ogden and Emile Sumner, and computer scientist Todd Morris. Also assisting was painter Jason Blount with the 402nd Maintenance Support Group.

Engineering and manufacturing development testing of the color weather radar is scheduled to begin here in mid-November.

A team got together in advance of testing to build the radome here which will ensure the C-5 SIL will be ready by fall.

Eliminating a major constraint of building the radome at Robins demonstrated "taking initiative and applying ingenuity to provide a solution" which is one of the key concepts in the Air Force Sustainment Center's "Art of the Possible."

The AoP "creates a culture that is focused daily on identifying and urgently eliminating process constraints affecting the process critical path during execution."

Once complete, the C-5 SIL will have

the capability to receive live data from the antenna, picking up weather patterns that can be transmitted back to engineers working inside the C-5 simulator.

"We had to design and implement this modification to the SIL so the radar would function as it does in a C-5," said Warner Paris, 578th SMXS Flight B director. "For high-fidelity testing capabilities, we want to simulate the aircraft and its environment."

Advantages over the older weather radar include the addition of windshear and turbulence detection, a digital output signal that reduces electronics required to interface with digital displays and equipment, a lower power pulse with comparable range and mitigation of obsolescence, supportability and sustainment issues.

"The new color weather radar is a functional upgrade over the old radar, detecting more weather feature details," said Paris. "It will have additional capabilities but with less drain on the aircraft, less power, but with a comparable range due to the technology in use."

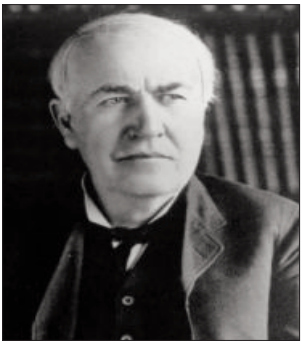
Designed to support sustainment of the C-5, the SIL can perform independent verification and validation testing of operational flight program changes.

Miles of cables and wiring that run from the lab's ground floor to the roof are part of the bench that supports two configurations of the C-5 in the field: the Avionics Modernization Program and the C-5M Reliability Enhancement and Re-engining Program.

Through these capabilities, actual on-board systems in the SIL flight deck work in conjunction with simulations for other systems that exist on the actual aircraft, as well as conditions that exist within and external to the aircraft.

That is, simulating systems that are not present, such as engines, landing gear, control surfaces and fuel; simulating external conditions such as wind, temperature, barometric pressure and air traffic; and simulating aircraft conditions and responses such as cabin pressurization.





## Thought for the Day

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

– Thomas Edison



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## Striking performances

### Special Olympics Georgia Masters Bowling Tournament

This marks the sixth consecutive year the Robins Bowling Center has hosted the Special Olympics Georgia Masters Tournament.

The event took place Aug. 21 through 23, with an estimated 1,200 SOGA athletes and unified partners competing at Robins Lanes and the Gold Cup Bowling Center on Russell Parkway.

About 250 coaches and 600 volunteers were on hand to help make the tournament a success.

The Masters Bowling Tournament is the third of the five State Games hosted by Special Olympics Georgia each year.

Athletes represented 53 local agencies from throughout the state.

The motto of the of the organization is *"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."*



U.S. Air Force photos by ED ASPERA



Clockwise from top, Special Olympics Georgia Masters Tournament participants celebrate after being awarded medals during the awards ceremony Aug. 23. A Masters Bowling Tournament bowler focuses on the ball after release as onlookers watch. A bowler practices perfect form. Each athlete received a medal or ribbon of achievement during awards ceremonies.

# A BETTER YOU



The Robins Family Advocacy Program is located in Bldg. 700. The entrance is in the southwest corner of the building, near the ambulance bay. Office hours are Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To contact the office, call 478-327-8398. The Family Advocacy Program mission and goals are achieved through three primary components: Outreach and Prevention, New Parent Support Program and Family Violence Intervention.

## Headache-Free Parenting Program Opportunity

BY TANDRA HUNTER

Family Advocacy Outreach Manager

Want to be a better parent? Are you tired of having to work so hard to get your children to calm down and behave? Are you concerned that they may not be developing the level of responsibility and self-control they'll need to lead happy and successful lives?

Parenting is an all-encompassing job that can come with all sorts of stressors. The responsibility of raising a child is a process that involves promoting and supporting the development of that child. Parenting is a fulfilling long-term investment. As parents, you must be prepared for the unexpected.

As a parent, you are a huge influence over your child's development. Therefore, it's extremely important for parents to remember that children come into this world with their own personalities and it's the parents' job to provide a crossing point with the world that in the long run prepares a child for complete independence.

How would you like to giggle for a couple of hours and walk away with the positive and practical skills you need to prepare your child for independence?

The Family Advocacy Program offers a class that can show you how

to discipline children without losing their love and respect.

This six-session class meets weekly for five weeks, and focuses on helping children develop personal responsibility, self-control and good decision making skills.

Unlike some approaches, we don't use complicated reward or punishment systems which only focus on short-term compliance. Instead, we focus on nurturing long-term relationships and reinforcing good character.

Please bring your lunch and join us in Becoming a Love and Logic Parent. The class will run on Tuesdays, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center, Bldg. 827.

For details, or to register for the program, call 478-327-8398 or email [Robins.fap@us.af.mil](mailto:Robins.fap@us.af.mil). Remember we can help you to make parenting fun and rewarding instead of chaotic.

### Did you know?

The 78th Medical Group Facebook page is open to the public, and you don't have to be a TRICARE beneficiary or be eligible to benefit from the wide array of content including information and tips on nutrition, tobacco cessation, physical fitness and monthly health awareness topics. Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/78MDG](http://www.facebook.com/78MDG).

## Nutrition, physical fitness vital to overall student success

BY MANDY SIRMONS

78th Medical Group Disease Manager

School has started again in Houston County – and it's a busy time for parents and students alike.

As parents, we spend a lot of time and energy prepping our children to start the new school year off with good study habits and ensuring they have all the supplies they need to succeed. But one of the most important things that can ensure a successful school year is often overlooked ... our children's nutrition and physical fitness.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, childhood obesity has doubled in children and quadrupled in teens in the past 30 years.

As of 2011, Georgia's obesity rate for 10- to 17-year-old children is 16.5 percent per the State of Obesity Better Policies for a Healthier America.

That increase in obesity is directly linked to increased sugar consumption and less physical activity.

Obese children are at a higher risk of developing high cholesterol, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, bone and joint problems, decreased quality of sleep, poor self-esteem and bullying.

The physical and emotional problems caused by obesity can significantly harm a child's educational and emotional success.

The good news is that, as parents, we can have an impact on our kids' success by helping to establish healthier habits in what our family eats and does together.

Kids will repeat behaviors they see their parents and communities doing, including eating and fitness habits. So, the start to a school year is the time to look at habits your family currently has and find ways to improve what we eat and how active we are.

Parents have huge impact on the well-being and success of our children and teenagers.

Our kids will have a school year full of success and health when we help them learn healthy eating and physical fitness habits. So as your child learns to read or



### WHAT TO KNOW

A healthy and well-balanced eating plan is essential to the success of children and teens.

Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend youth eat 2 ½ to 6 ½ cups of fruits and vegetables and 2 to 3 ounces of whole grains every day.

It also recommends decreasing sodium and sugar in children's daily menus. Practical tips to help your child meet these goals include: offer a fruit and/or vegetable with each meal; incorporate fruits and vegetables in baking and sauces (example puree carrots into spaghetti sauce); use whole grain pastas and breads; substitute canned goods with fresh or frozen varieties of fruits and vegetables; offer water or low-fat milk instead of sugary drinks like sodas and sweet tea.

Regular, low-impact activity is also a very important part of ensuring children are healthy and ready to succeed in school.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services suggests youth ages 6 to 17 years old participate in one hour of daily physical fitness activities daily.

Creative and inexpensive ways to incorporate more activity for your child include: take a walk with your child after supper; plan nature walks; have scavenger hunts outside; play sports with your child; dance with your child; and limit TV, computer and gaming time.

do algebra this school year, remember they will look to us as parents and a community to help teach them some other very important lessons as well.



## Counselor Connection Lessons learned from EEO Harassment will not be allowed

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According to the Equal Opportunity Office officials, harassment can take many forms – none of which will be tolerated at Robins.

While sexual harassment grabs the headlines, other types of offensive or degrading behavior exist causing just as much turmoil in the workplace.

Known in the EEO arena as non-sexual harassment, this behavior includes any type of repeated abusive or demeaning conduct based on a person's race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, reprisal, genetic information or disability.

The message the EEO Office would like to send out to people is that there is zero tolerance for any form of discrimination including non-sexual harassment.

Managers and supervisors must encourage a work environment that works for everyone and is free from unlawful discrimination or harassment to include sexual harassment.

To ensure that message is heard loud and clear, the EEO Office provides an avenue for employees who feel they have been discriminated against.

Employees are encouraged to participate in, and benefit from programs

### What to know

According to EEO office officials, harassment can take any of the following forms: verbal comments, physical contact, hate mail, phone calls or graffiti. If you feel you have a complaint, the 78th ABW/EEO Office is located in Bldg. 936.

and activities at Robins to enhance a workplace free of any form of discrimination.

#### If you are being harassed, you should do the following:

- ▶ Tell the harasser to cease and desist.
- ▶ If it continues, notify the chain of command.
- ▶ If it still persists, contact the EEO office.
- ▶ Document the harassment and actions taken or not taken.

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The Wingman Toolkit, an outreach and communication tool designed to ensure airmen have quick and easy access to the latest Comprehensive Airman Fitness programs and resources, now has a mobile app available to download.

## Sexual Assault Response Coordinator



The Robins AFB SARC is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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

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**ON TAP**  
**Thunder Alley**  
**Family Night**  
 Today  
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 Bowling Center  
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**Thursdays**  
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**First Friday**  
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**Boss and Buddy**  
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