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# ROBINS REV-UP

'Team Robins - Performing to Our Potential'

'Making Tomorrow Better than Today'

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## Guess who's coming to town ...

Team Robins announces 2016 Air Show, Thunderbirds to headline

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stration team was created in May 1953. Designated the 3600th Air Demonstration Unit, the demo team was activated at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. According to the team's web site, the name Thunderbirds was "influenced in part by the strong Native American culture and folklore from the southwestern U.S. where Luke AFB is located."

The flying unit is officially known as the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, and flies the F-16 Fighting Falcon. In the 2015 show schedule, they per-

formed over 35 air shows as well as flyovers for special events, including a flyover at the opening of February's Super Bowl in Arizona.

Its aerial demonstrations can include 40 maneuvers with formation flying and solo routines, with a squadron of nearly 130 airmen who serve in more than two dozen Air Force job specialties. A team of 12 officers can include veteran fighter pilots, an operations officer, advance pilot and narrator, as well as support officers who provide medical, administrative, maintenance and public affairs duties.

The last Robins Air Show was in 2012 when the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, headlined the event, which drew a crowd of nearly 200,000 people over a two day-period in April.

**Editor's note:** More information will be released as it becomes available. Information will be posted to the base website at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil) and the Robins official Facebook page.

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### 2015 CFC solicitation extended



The 2015 Combined Federal Campaign has been extended until Dec 31. The extension will allow the installation to possibly meet its \$1 million goal. Members may continue to contribute by turning in traditional pledge forms to their unit CFC monitors or participate via myPay.

For more information, contact your unit CFC monitor or Bobby Munda, Robins' 2015 CFC chair, at 472-7675.

### Air Force Reserve named Celebration Bowl title sponsor

The Air Force Reserve has signed on to be the title sponsor of the inaugural Celebration Bowl.

The game, scheduled for Saturday at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, will begin the college football bowl season. Kickoff is set for noon, and the game will be broadcast nationally on ABC.

### OPM Breach update

The federal government has set up a verification center to assist individuals who believe their data may be impacted by the second OPM cyber security breach but have not yet received notification letters. The center will also assist those who lost their PIN codes.

For more info visit: <https://www.opm.gov/cybersecurity>.

**Weekend Weather**

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**Saturday**  
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**"Watch out for your Wingmen this holiday season."**

## SECOND FRONT

# AFMC to transition to new civilian pay system

BY STACEY GEIGER

Air Force Materiel Command Public Affairs

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** – Some 13,000 non-bargaining unit civilian employees, including 2,669 from Robins, will transition to the Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project, or AcqDemo, pay system in June, according to Air Force Materiel Command officials.

“This is a win-win for both employees and managers. It will support employee personal and professional growth, and for supervisors, it will give them more control and flexibility thereby enhancing management of the Air Force Materiel Command workforce,” said Gen. Ellen Pawlikowski, AFMC Commander. “AcqDemo is designed to improve agility and effectiveness by allowing greater flexibilities with personnel processes and functions.”

AcqDemo will cover mainly non-bargaining, supervisory and professional series employees. The command will continue to explore expanding it to all AFMC civilians.

Under AcqDemo, employees will no longer carry their GS designation and numbered grade. Instead, they will be placed in broadbands, or “pay bands,” comparable to their current grade and salary. Any pay increases or performance awards will be based on each employee’s contribution toward

achieving their organization’s mission.

“AcqDemo is an opportunity to improve the civilian personnel system to better accomplish the AFMC mission,” said Ted Singer, AFMC AcqDemo Team Lead. “AcqDemo will allow greater supervisory control over personnel processes and at the same time expand the opportunities available to employees through a more responsive and flexible personnel system. This project not only provides a system that retains, recognizes and rewards employees for their contribution but also supports their personal and professional growth.”

The National Defense Authorization Act allowed the Department of Defense to conduct a personnel demonstration project with its civilian acquisition workforce and AcqDemo was implemented in 1999. Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., has been a participant since its inception. The command will be implementing AcqDemo within the small workforce of both bargaining and non-bargaining employees at Arnold AFB, Tenn., in an effort to demonstrate its effectiveness. Additionally, there will be some bargaining unit employees at several Air Force Installation Contracting Agency locations.

To implement, all affected employees and their supervisors will first receive AcqDemo training beginning in January 2016; dates and locations will be announced.

For more information, visit <http://acqdemo.hci.mil/>

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TOMMIE HORTON

Rodney Selman, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group facilities electrical engineer, downloads data from a circuit monitor that shows the amount of current drawn over time at the avionics complex. Data analysis has shown that the efforts of the shop level workforce resulted in about 750,000 kilowatt hours in savings last year.



## First Energy Conservation Award goes to ...

BY JENNY GORDON

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The 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group has been awarded the inaugural Team Robins Energy Conservation Award. It was given during a quarterly meeting Tuesday of the Energy Management Steering Group.

Nominations, in what will become an annual award, began last September, and were judged on details, employee engagement, sustainability and transferability. The competition is intended to highlight organizational energy and water conservation achievements.

The group’s energy management program includes tracking energy consumption through the use of 67 data logger devices located throughout Bldg. 640 and 645. This provides

a detailed view of where and how energy is consumed. Other efforts included turning off lighting and production equipment when not required for use; routine messages and reminders displayed through an extensive network of computer monitors; and dedicated personnel for managing and adjusting HVAC systems and turning off equipment loads.

Overall savings included an average weeknight reduction of 13.88 percent from average daytime usage; 25.69 percent reduction on the average weekend; and 31.62 percent reduction on the average holiday. This resulted in 750,000 kilowatt hours in savings during the last year.

Accepting the award was Col. Robert Neal, 402nd EMXG commander; Todd Sappe, Engineering Branch director; and Shelby Jennings, general engineer.

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**“PUT YOUR  
HANDS TOGETHER  
FOR ...”**



## Robins 'Communicators' win annual General Jumper, Information Dominance awards

Team Robins made a great showing in the Air Force Materiel Command competition for the 2015 General John P. Jumper and Air Force Information Dominance awards.

A total of 16 individuals, one team and one organization from AFMC will now compete against other MAJCOM-level winners at the Air Force level.

Congratulations to the following Robins winners:

- ▶ Information Dominance – Air Force Outstanding Administration NCO- Tech. Sgt. John Vincent
- ▶ Information Dominance – Air Force Outstanding Cyber Operations Airman- Senior Airman Thanh Nguyen

- ▶ Information Dominance – Air Force Outstanding Cyber Operations NCO- Staff Sgt. Kevin Beaver

- ▶ Information Dominance – Air Force Outstanding Cyber Systems Airman- Senior Airman Aaron Merlino

- ▶ Information Dominance – Air Force Outstanding Cyberspace Support SNCO- Master Sgt. Felipe Perez

- ▶ Information Dominance – Gen. Rawlings Team Award - Gateway & Data Links High Performance Team AFLCMC

Team members include:

- ▶ Matthew Hawley

- ▶ Sharita Winn
- ▶ Terri Gipson
- ▶ Melanie Thigpen
- ▶ Meghan Scott
- ▶ Capt. Richard Birtsch
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- ▶ Vincent Rush
- ▶ Kenneth Dees
- ▶ Melvin Ecklund

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 .jpegs.

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## Robins Airmen, team win coveted Air Force Medical Service Awards

Members of the 78th Medical Group were recently recognized with AFMC-level Air Force Medical Service awards for 2015.

Congratulations to the following individual and team winners:

- ▶ Capt. Thomas Gangi, Young Health Care Administrator of the Year.
- ▶ Maj. Fernina Juniel, Air Force Biomedical Specialist Category I Field Grade Officer of the Year

- ▶ Chiquetta Stovall, Air Force Medical Service Civilian Leadership Award

- ▶ Lt. Col. Melissa Smith, Privileged Advanced Practice Nurse Award

- ▶ 78th MDG - U.S. Air Force Surgeon General Award for Best Clinic of the Year

- ▶ 78th MDG - Air Force Outstanding Patient-Centered Medical Home Award

## VPP Gold presentations

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

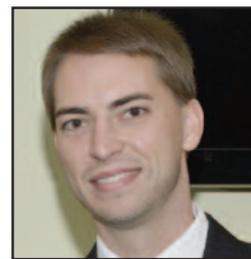
Congratulations to the following organizations which were presented Gold banners during ceremonies Dec. 4:

- ▶ 78th ABW/PA
- ▶ AFSC/PK
- ▶ 78th ABW/SC

## Nugteren Scholarship winners

Two members of Team Robins were presented with scholarship awards Dec. 8 during the annual Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren Scholarship awards breakfast.

This year’s honorees are David Lewis, Air Force Lifecycle Management Center logistics manager, who is currently enrolled at Georgia College & State University and Jeremy Johannes, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group aircraft worker, who is enrolled at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Both received a check for \$750 from Nugteren and the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee for their continuing education.



Lewis



Johannes

The Nugteren Scholarship is awarded to military and civilians assigned at Robins who are enrolled in an on-base education program.

## Airman Leadership School Graduates

### A Flight

- ▶ Senior Airman Gary Henderson III, 12th ACCS
- ▶ Senior Airman Aaron Murrell, 461st ACNS
- ▶ Senior Airman Brian Valenzuela, 461st AMXS
- ▶ Senior Airman Angel Mirandamartinez, 461st MXS
- ▶ Senior Airman Alexander Acevedo, 5th CBCSS
- ▶ Senior Airman Joshua Beall, 51st CBCS
- ▶ Senior Airman Dane Carter, 52nd CBCS
- ▶ Senior Airman Austin Cundiff, 52nd CBCS
- ▶ Senior Airman Samuel Harrison, 78th SFS
- ▶ Senior Airman Taylor Rowen, 78th SFS
- ▶ Senior Airman Jonathan Ham, 461st AMXS
- ▶ Senior Airman Shania Brown, 461st MXG
- ▶ Senior Airman David King, 202nd EIS
- ▶ Senior Airman Andrew Williams, 482nd FSS

### B Flight

- ▶ Senior Airman James Unangst, 51st CBCS
- ▶ Senior Airman Douglas Davis III, 330th CTS
- ▶ Senior Airman Gabriel Garcia, 461st AMXS
- ▶ Senior Airman William McGlothlin, 461st AMXS

- ▶ Senior Airman Chance Chancellor, 461st MXS
- ▶ Senior Airman Ryan Lesseski, 51st CBCS
- ▶ Senior Airman Kimpaolo Santiago, 52nd CBCS
- ▶ Senior Airman William Krimmel IV, 53rd ATCS
- ▶ Senior Airman Franz Stagl, 51st CBCS
- ▶ Senior Airman Michael Davis, 78th CPTS
- ▶ Senior Airman Kiefer Colmer, 78th SFS
- ▶ Senior Airman Khemraj Nandkumar, 78th SFS
- ▶ Senior Airman Charles Chalk Jr., 202nd EIS
- ▶ Senior Airman Shane McCranie, 202nd EIS

### Special Awards

- ▶ **John L. Levitow Award** – Senior Airman Dane Carter, 52nd CBCS
- ▶ **Commandant Award** – Senior Airman Kiefer Colmer, 78th SFS
- ▶ **Academic Award** – Senior Airman Douglas Davis III, 330th CTS
- ▶ **Distinguished Graduates** – Senior Airman Douglas Davis III, 330th CTS; Senior Airman James Unangst, 51st CBCS

## Robins members win annual Contracting awards

Two sets of annual contracting awards were presented Dec. 8. Winners will now advance to Air Force Materiel Command level for competition.

Congratulations to the following annual contracting award winners for Air Force Sustainment Center:

- ▶ Amanda Ruffin – Outstanding Contracting Civilian, GS-12 and above
- ▶ Angelica Broner – Outstanding Contracting Civilian, GS-11 and below
- ▶ Staff Sgt. Andrew Speicher – Outstanding Contracting NCO
- ▶ GPC Team – Outstanding Contracting Team (Operational)

- ▶ Robins Contracting Policy Branch – Professional Development
- ▶ Dennis Jackson – Professional Courage Individual

Congratulations to the following annual contracting award winners for Air Force Life Cycle Management Center:

- ▶ SOF/PR Branch – Outstanding Contracting Unit (Small, Logistics)
- ▶ Capt. Heather Megee – Outstanding Contracting Officer (Field Grade)
- ▶ Barton “Tom” Kirkpatrick – Outstanding Contracting Civilian, GS-12 and above
- ▶ Jamie Forzetting – Outstanding Contracting Support

# AROUND THE AIR FORCE

## AFSC commander offers holiday greetings

HAVE A SAFE AND  
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Fellow Airmen,

As the holiday season reaches its peak and 2015 draws to a close, we reflect on the accomplishments you have achieved in supporting the warfighter.

Though it has been a year of conflict around the globe, you have delivered magnificently.

I fully recognize none of this is possible without the world-class people, Airmen, who keep the Air Force Sustainment Center thriving. The sacrifices you and your families make day-to-day bear true witness to your love of country. No matter what the challenge or the demands from the warfighter, you deliver.

I ask that during this season, let us continue to maintain our culture of being a good wingman and remember those away from their families or struggling during this time of year. As many of you know there are more than 21,000 deployed Airmen supporting combat operations around the world. These Airmen will be spending this special time of year far from those they love most.

Being away from loved ones during the holidays is not new. In fact, during Christmas 1914, along parts of the Western Front of World War I, unofficial



Levy

truces between British and German soldiers took place. In the trenches on Christmas morning carols were sung and rations thrown across the opposing lines. It was not long before the more adventurous soldiers started to take matters into their own hands and venture into no-man's-land. Here they exchanged food, tobacco, cigarettes, drink, badges and buttons. Both sides saw the lull in fighting as a chance to find the bodies of their comrades and give them a decent burial. The story is one where man's humanity overtook the act of war, and the holiday spirit shined. You can read more about the Christmas Truce of 1914 at

[http://www.army.mil/article/32101/\\_quot\\_All\\_was\\_calm\\_quot\\_/](http://www.army.mil/article/32101/_quot_All_was_calm_quot_/).

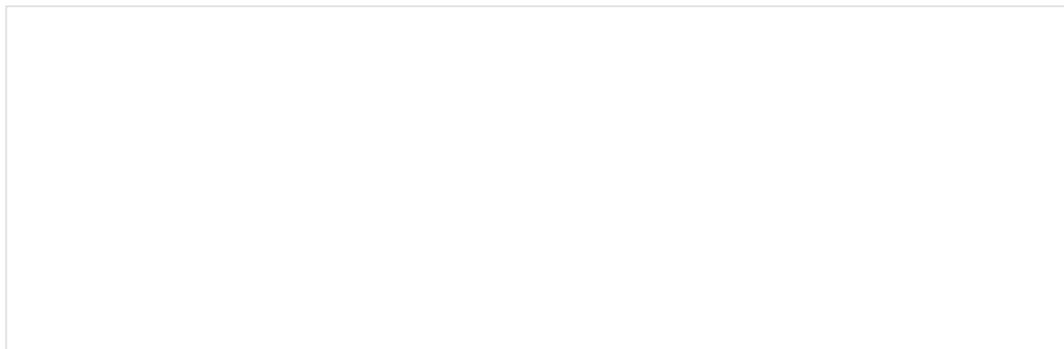
As our nation's servicemen and women engage in conflict during this Holiday season, keep them and their families foremost in your hearts. I wish for them peace and a safe return.

My family and I also wish for you and yours a happy, peaceful holiday season and a 2016 that brings you joy. I'm proud to serve alongside you, and I look forward to the coming year as we continue to deliver unmatched combat power for America.

As always, I am proud to be your fellow Airman.

— Lt. Gen. Lee Levy,  
Air Force Sustainment Center commander

**Air Force Materiel Command senior leaders are offering their holiday greeting to the workforce via a video that's live on the AFMC website at [afmc.af.mil](http://afmc.af.mil) and the AFMC Facebook page.**





# 2015 YEAR IN REVIEW JANUARY

*Team Robins had a busy 2015. This issue of the Rev-Up provides just a snapshot of the base and its workforce throughout the year. All articles can be reviewed in their entirety at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).*

## Inspection leads to critical discovery

In November 2014, an extensive crack was discovered during a routine nondestructive inspection of a right F-15 wing spar, the critical component that attaches to the aircraft.

Following the direction of engineers from the System Program Office, the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group was tasked to inspect other C/D model F-15s at Robins. As of December, eight wings had been inspected, and three repaired at Robins.

There were more than 100 potentially affected F-15s in the fleet, according to Ben Stuart with the 573rd CMXG.

Once defects were found, machinists – including Josh Bryant and Levi Wilcox – worked



diligently to remove cracks.

“With cracks being found on the bottom side of the wing, there’s a lot of stress put on it,” said Bryant.

Tools were used to create precise holes in the spar, which is made out of titanium. The process was slow and performed with

extreme care since titanium is tough to drill through.

Brig. Gen. Eric Fick, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center's program executive officer for fighters and bombers, visited Robins in December for an up-close look at some of the work being done on F-15s.

“I appreciate CMXG’s diligence in helping identify this issue,” he said. “This is a great demonstration of the cooperative efforts between the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center and the Air Force Sustainment Center in developing a way for the field to check for this hard-to-find phenomena. We’re working collaboratively to identify the extent of the issue and posture ourselves to meet it head on.”

## Other January headlines Multiple VPP sites band together for safety

Voluntary Protection Program participants in several staff agencies in the 78th Air Base Wing and four operating locations under the Air Force Sustainment Center agreed to start over at Green. From there, training was conducted on how to perform VPP assessments, teams were created, schedules were made to conduct a baseline assessment of all sites, and everyone forged ahead together.

Those efforts culminated in 17 sites receiving Silver recognition on Jan. 27.

## 3-D printer models save time, money

As the intricacies of 3-D printing became more widespread, its capabilities gained traction in the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group.

## FEBRUARY



**In February, 10 community leaders were inducted as Team Robins Honorary Commanders. The program encourages an exchange of ideas, experiences and friendship between key members of the local community and Team Robins.**

## 402nd CMXG working toward achieving Art of the Possible

Supporting customer needs is the definitive goal that drives every process on shop floors in the 574th Commodities Maintenance Squadron.

The squadron, part of the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, sought to reach the “Art of the Possible” by implementing various tools provided by the AFSC Way.

The AFSC Way, pioneered by Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, former Air Force Sustainment Center commander, is an approach that incorporates scientific production principles and the AFSC leadership model that places emphasis on process discipline and account-

ability. The idea is to have the production process flow the same way, every time.

“In implementing the AFSC Way, we take every single shop and start from scratch,” said Karla Landry, 402nd CMXG industrial engineer. “We created a book that breaks down how CMXG will implement the ‘Art of the Possible’ by creating a repeatable process that you can take to any shop.”

“It’s about ownership. Everyone knows what their roles and responsibilities are,” said Wood. “We will continue to refine our processes until we reach our Art of the Possible.”

## Other February headlines Base clinic moves into 21st century

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

“We’re going to take this 1967 hospital and convert it to a 21st century outpatient clinic,” said Col. Shari Silverman, 78th Medical Group commander.

## Locally-developed tech paving way for future

An Automatic Identification Technology Program Office research pilot project here resulted in the successful development of the Air Force Global Enterprise Tracking software infrastructure. AFGET is a web-based system that manages AIT-enabled information of assets, to include its location, status and movement used at Robins, Hill and Tinker Air Logistics complexes.

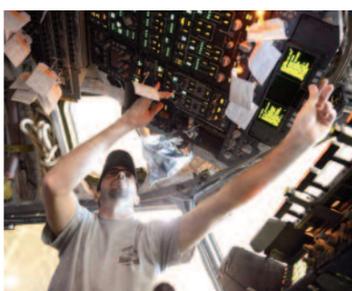
## MARCH



## Maintainers complete C-17 avionics, weather radar mods

When one door closes at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex regarding aviation modernization, that same door swings open for another opportunity.

In the 562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, maintainers completed a complex avionics and weather radar modernization package, referred to as BLOCK 16.



## Also in March Program Executive Officer Review and Outlook

Robins hosted the Program Executive Officer Review and Outlook, a one-day event designed to inform the private sector on portfolio focus areas and acquisition forecasts at Robins necessary to accomplish its mission.

Attendees gathered for presentations by Air Force Life Cycle Management Center and Air Force Sustainment Center leaders as well as other base organizations.

# 2015 – Year in Review

APRIL



**In April, the 78th Civil Engineer Group Environmental Management Branch earned the 2015 Secretary of Defense Environmental Award for Environmental Quality.**

## Union, management sign supplement agreement

An update to a Local Supplement Agreement to the Master Labor Agreement was signed in April between Robins Air Force Base and the American Federation of Government Employees Local 987.

The document was a culmination of nearly three years of negotiations between management and labor teams from across the base.

The LSA became effective in May.

The agreement affects bargaining unit employees at Robins covered by Council 214 and the Air Force Materiel Command Master Labor Agreement, which became effective in April 2012.

AFGE Local 987 has about 3,600 members, representing union interests from not only the Air Force, but the Defense Logistics Agency and Non-Appropriated Fund employees.

### Other April headlines



## C-5M completes ground checks, goes airborne

A C-5M Super Galaxy which had undergone programmed depot maintenance at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex experienced a rare set of events prior to its return to home station.

Test pilots and flight engineers from the 339th Flight Test Squadron performed a landing gear skid check on the flight line March 18, and later that afternoon they flew and conducted the first flight of a four-hour functional check flight profile.

Both of those major tasks hadn't been conducted on the same day in more than eight years, according to Dave Nakayama, then the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron director.

There's something to be said for the tens of thousands of hours required to return a massive airlifter like a C-5M from the hands of skilled maintainers at Robins back to the field.

## Local solutions yield DOD-level award

The Precision Attack System Program Office here, in partnership with Lockheed Martin, was awarded the 2014 Secretary of Defense Performance Based Logistics Award at the subsystem level for its solutions in delivering support of the Sniper Advanced Targeting Pod.

## Commanders give community overall view at State-of-the-Base event

Robins Air Force Base leadership took to the stage as part of a Robins State of the Base event.

The Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Robins Regional Military Affairs Committee decided the best way to get the message out about what Robins is doing is through a public forum where community members could ask questions of the top base leaders.

Most of the talk centered on how the base is improving both in relations with the union and by reducing pollution. There was also discussion about how the base is partnering with Georgia schools for science, technology, engineering and math programs.

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# 2015 – Year in Review

MAY



## Globemaster III hits 3,000,000 hour milestone

The Air Force's C-17 Globemaster fleet celebrated a milestone in May – reaching 3 million flying hours, a significant feat considering the first aircraft was delivered to Joint Base Charleston, S.C., more than 20 years ago.

Officials from Robins, flight crews and distinguished visitors from JBC met at each base earlier this week in a display of partnership and collaboration to celebrate the accomplishments of the men and women who've played a part in making the aircraft a success across the globe.

### Also in May

## New birds in town: Marine unit adds three helicopters to its fleet

The number of helicopters flying in and out of Robins Air Force Base increased in May.

The Marine Aircraft Group at Robins added three birds to its fleet of UH-1Y Huey and AH-1W Super Cobras for a total of seven helicopters.

With the new aircraft, the Marines are able to perform more mandatory flight times for active duty and reserve pilots who come to Robins to be trained, said Lt. Col. Philip Eilertson, Marine Aircraft Group 49 Detachment A commanding officer. Eilertson said Robins will house four Whiskey Cobras and three Yankee Hueys with the possibility of a fourth Huey coming in the spring of 2016.



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# YEAR IN REVIEW

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THE PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK AND PLAY

JUNE



**In June, the 51st Combat Communications Squadron supported one of the Arctic's largest exercises in Alaska.**

## Unique C-5M repairs showcase collective Team Robins efforts

It was a first for the Air Force. A substantial series of repairs were completed on a high-demand C-5M Super Galaxy that will soon go down in the history books. For the first time, 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintainers here installed a prototype of a new lavatory system that will soon be outfitted on the entire C-5 fleet.

At the same time, a second major job occurred to replace a primary structural component, known as a Batman fitting, on the same aircraft.

It was the second C-5M to receive the replacement fitting.

### Other June headlines

#### New leaders take command

Col. Jeff King, formerly the 18th Maintenance Group commander at Kadena Air Base, Japan, became the new 78th Air Base Wing and Installation commander at Robins.

The base also welcomed Col. John Cooper, formerly chief of strategy with the 607th Air Operations Center at Osan Air Base, Korea, as the new 461st Air Control Wing commander; and Col. Rod Bloker, former 848th Supply Chain Management Group commander at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., as commander of Defense Logistics Agency Aviation Warner Robins.



#### NFL debuts Moms Clinic at Robins

More than 200 women participated in the Atlanta Falcons' Moms Football Safety Clinic here led by former NFL player Buddy Curry, who played for the Atlanta Falcons.

JULY



**In July, a Department of Defense team visited the 78th Medical Group after the Air Force nominated it as a "best practice facility."**

## C-5C LAIRCM mod benefits warfighters, NASA

For the first time at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, a C-5C model underwent modifications to outfit a Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures system.

LAIRCM is a defensive system for large transport as well as rotary-wing aircraft that combines a missile warning system and infrared laser jammer countermeasure system to protect the aircraft from an enemy's infrared-guided threat missiles.

Created to carry oversize cargo, this C-5 version, of which there are only two in the fleet, is a high demand aircraft. As the Air Force's largest airlifter, the C-5C can not only carry more cargo further than any other aircraft, but it's so large that it also supports various missions from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Once it left Robins it immediately performed a critical mission for NASA.

### Other July headlines

#### 116th ACW changes command

In July, the 116th Air Control Wing welcomed Col. Mark Weber as its new commander during a change of command ceremony.

Weber has served in the Georgia Air National Guard for almost 20 years, and returned to the 116th ACW where he was both a squadron and group commander. Most recently, Weber served as the chief of Joint Staff with the Georgia Department of Defense.



#### Records storage facility now open for business

The Staging and Document Destruction Warehouse, formerly housed in Bldg. 301, has room to grow at its new location in Bldg. 988.

According to JoAnn Rape, Knowledge & Operations Flight chief, it's also the first National Archives and Records Administration-compliant warehouse in Air Force Materiel Command.

AUGUST



**In August, the 605th Test & Evaluation Squadron, Det. 2, made Robins its new home. The unit is the C2ISR test manager for the 505th Command and Control Wing at Hurlburt Field, Fla.**

## 402nd SMXG lab to support C-5 software, hardware upgrades

The C-5 System Integration Lab at Robins prepped to accommodate changes to the weapon system's color weather radar capabilities.

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

To accommodate the workload associated with the new color weather radar, several hardware modifications to the existing lab had to be made.

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.

### Other August headlines

#### F-15 FMS Branch hosts industry day

With \$2.5 billion in F-15 foreign military sales contracts up for grabs, an Industry Day was held at Robins Tuesday to share acquisition requirements and information on how to support one of the Air Force's premier tactical fighters.

The event was an unprecedented one, because so many contracts being solicited were no longer sole-source contracts within Saudi Arabia, but rather opened worldwide to prospective industry partners, at one time in one location.

#### This is depot work – this is what this base was meant to do

As an F-15C was moving early on through programmed depot maintenance in the 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, a vertical crack measuring about 7 inches was discovered along one section of the fighter jet's bulkhead.

The entire process from disassembly of the aircraft to installing the new bulkhead took seven weeks.

Special tooling was required to drill the wing lugs, which delayed the project five weeks. However, work resumed early this month and was completed Aug. 8.

SEPTEMBER



## C-5 perfect performance

For the 4th year in a row the C-5 production was 100 percent on track.

That means the squadron produced a total of 30 programmed depot maintenance aircraft and 21 unscheduled depot level maintenance C-5s from fiscal 2012 through fiscal 2015, which closed out Sept. 30.

With those aircraft returned on time, that's another C-5 that can transport troops as well as much-needed equipment and material downrange, or move special space mission payloads for NASA or Air Force Space Command to their launch sites.

### Other September headlines

#### 78th Med Group adopts new way of doing business

The 78th Medical Group has implemented a style of communication and accountability that has proven successful across the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group's production lines.

Known as tier briefings, the communication tool is beginning to gain traction throughout the 78th MDG - particularly in the 78th Medical Operations Squadron's family medicine, pediatrics, women's health, mental health and physical therapy areas.

Instead of keeping track of aircraft programmed depot maintenance performance (flow days and aircraft on station), medical squadrons keep track of and measure their own metrics in order to ensure patient care is the clinic's top priority.

# 2015 – Year in Review

OCTOBER



## 217 in fiscal 2015

It was a productive year at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex – more so than at any other time in the last five years.

A total of 217 aircraft – C-5s, C-17s, C-130s and F-15s – were produced in fiscal 2015. That number includes 15 unscheduled depot level maintenance aircraft, (two C-5s, three C-17s and 10 C-130s).

In the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, commodity lines produced 34,772 units in fiscal 2015, more than 600 additional units than planned.

The 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group produced 84,600 units. That was 4,097 more assets than had been planned at the beginning of the year.

The 402nd Software Maintenance Group completed 326 projects, nearly 80 more than originally planned as well.

And, the 402nd Maintenance Support Group kept the production plant healthy by conducting 19,975 preventive maintenance actions and driving \$47 million in improvements.

**In October, the grandchildren of the namesake of the city of Warner Robins and Robins Air Force Base – Brig. Gen. Augustine Warner Robins – visited the base for the first time.**

NOVEMBER



## Australia receives final C-17

Team Robins' reach is worldwide. And, the Royal Australian Air Force welcomed its eighth and final C-17 Globemaster III Nov. 4 at its base in Amberley was further proof of that.

According to the RAAF, the acquisition of two additional aircraft this year - along with associated equipment and facilities - is a \$1 billion investment in the country's ability to provide vital heavy airlift across global missions.

The C-17's lift and range has become an integral part of the Australian Defence Force's airlift capability, said Mal Brough, Minister for Defence Materiel and Science.

Robins is home to the C-17 System Program Office, which is responsible for the sustainment, modernization, modification, maintenance and overall service of the C-17 fleet.

Its offices house not only Boeing employees, but also representatives from partner nations such as the United Kingdom, Canada, Qatar and Australia, which received its first C-17 in 2006.

**In November, Col. Jeff King, Installation commander, talked to media about his first 100 days in command and his priorities for the future.**

## Other October headlines:

### 561st AMXS produces 73 Eagles in fiscal 2015

Zero can be a good number – especially if it's the exact number of aircraft in a maintenance queue at the start of a fiscal year. And, being ahead of schedule is always a good position to be in when it comes to the business of military aircraft maintenance and modification.

In fiscal 2015, a total of 73 F-15 aircraft were produced at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex. (That number included aircraft from fiscal 2014.)

"We're now even to what the customer has asked for, and we're not behind anymore," said Arnold. "F-15 PDM is no longer in a recovery mode."

Looking ahead to this fiscal year, the squadron's workload will continue to change.

Its re-wire program will end, and the first years' worth of planned canopy sill longeron replacements will arrive.

### Leveraging expertise focus of base Partnership Summit

The Robins Air Force Base Partnership Summit drew more than 100 community and base senior leaders to the Museum of Aviation to discuss prospective partnerships at Robins.

Following an overview of some of the major groups on base, some of the documentation needed for partnerships, such as partnership and implementation agreements, was discussed.

### Don't worry, 78th CE will keep the lights on for you

The 78th Civil Engineer Squadron keeps track of the exterior electric distribution for Robins Air Force Base with a 7-foot by 18-foot lighted map.



"We control and maintain everything inside this fence," Billy Bandy, 78th CE electrical engineering technician, said. For instance, during the road work on First Street, the shop was able to cut power to one large section where the construction was being done without losing power in any of the neighboring buildings.

### Starbase Robins turns 20 years old

Starbase Robins celebrated its 20th anniversary Nov. 16.

The program provides students with opportunities to learn about science, technology, engineering and math. Fifth grade students spend five weeks at the Museum of Aviation as part of the Department of Defense program, which promotes the STEM curriculum in Middle Georgia public and private schools.

# 2015 – Year in Review

DECEMBER



## AFSOC maintenance program accelerated

The implications are tremendous. The C-130 Air Force Special Operations Command Acceleration Plan now being worked in the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron directly affects current world events.

“This aircraft directly affects what happens on the news,” said Mike Smith, AFSOC Acceleration Plan team lead.

The plan will also transform the way programmed depot maintenance operations are conducted in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex.

The squadron is on track to meet or beat a 97-day internal goal of producing an AC-130U gunship. In early December, the squadron – along with supporting units – had completed about 10,000 hours of the 18,000-hour work package.

**In December, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex completed maintenance on its 500th C-17 Globemaster III.**

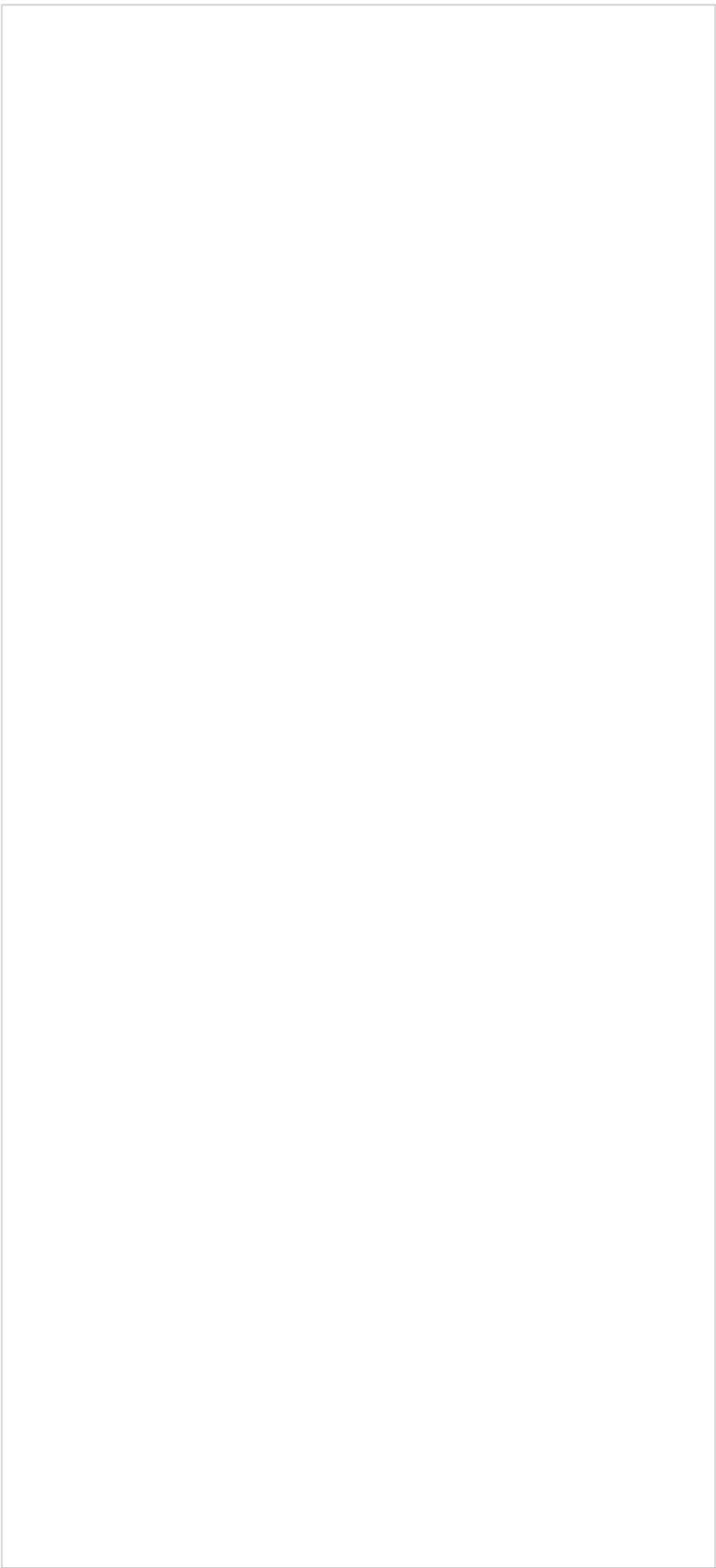
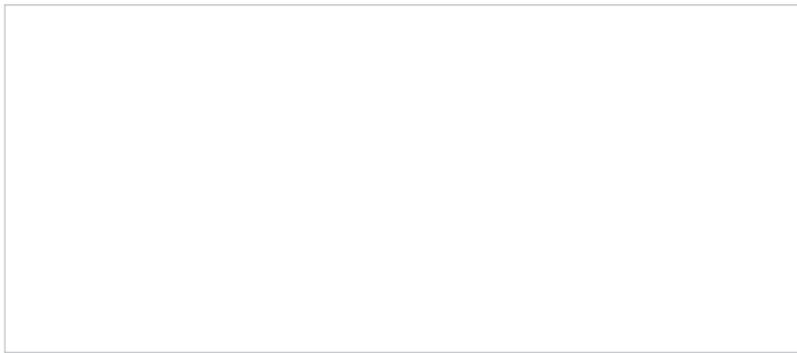
### Also in December

#### 51st CBCS exercises its capabilities

About 50 members of the 51st Combat Communications Squadron participated in a deployment readiness exercise at a Georgia Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center in Savannah.

The two-phase exercise involved packing and inspecting pallets at Robins for shipment aboard two C-17s and two C-130s, as well as deployment operations to and in Savannah.

The base was set up within 24 hours by a team of satellite communications, networking, power and production, and cyber transport systems specialists.



## ROBINS HOLIDAY HOURS

### OPEN Dec. 24

- ▶ Fairways Grille – open 7 to 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ Golf Course – closes at 4 p.m.
- ▶ Bowling Center – open 11a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶ Fitness Center – open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Fam Camp– open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Wynn Dining Facility  
Breakfast – normal hours; Lunch normal hours and Dinner normal hours
- ▶ Flight Kitchen 24 hours

### OPEN Dec. 25

- ▶ Wynn Dining Facility - Breakfast 5 to 8 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Flight Kitchen 24 hours

### OPEN Dec. 31

- ▶ Base Restaurant
  - Afterburner – closes at 12:30 p.m.
  - Cafeteria – closes at 12:30 p.m.
  - Fast food limited service – closes at 12:30 p.m.
  - Mobile routes 3, 4, 6 and 91 normal hours
  - Snack bars – limited hours
- ▶ Fairways Grille – normal hours
- ▶ Golf Course – normal hours
- ▶ Bowling Center – open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶ Base Library – open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ▶ CDC East, and West – open from 6:30 a.m. to noon
- ▶ Youth Center – open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶ Fitness Center – open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Military Personnel Section – normal hours
- ▶ Outdoor Recreation Center – open 8 a.m. to noon

- ▶ FAMCAMP – open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶ NAF AO – normal hours
- ▶ Airman and Family Readiness Center – open normal hours
- ▶ Civilian Personal Services open normal hours
- ▶ Education and Training – open normal hours
- ▶ Wynn Dining Facility – normal hours
- ▶ Flight Kitchen 24 hours

### OPEN Jan. 1

- ▶ Fairways Grille – open 7 to 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ Golf Course – normal hours
- ▶ Wynn Dining Facility normal hours
- ▶ Flight Kitchen 24 hours

### 78th Med Group

- ▶ Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1 – closed
- ▶ Dec. 31 – normal hours

### Gate Hours

- ▶ Watson Gate – normal hours
- ▶ Russell Gate – normal hours
- ▶ Visitor Control Center– closed Dec. 24; open Jan. 31

### Commissary

- ▶ Dec. 24 open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Dec. 31 open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Exchange Main Store

- ▶ Open Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Open Dec. 31 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Open Jan. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Service Station

- ▶ Open Dec. 24 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Open Dec. 31 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### Shoppette/Class Six

- ▶ Open Dec. 24 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Open Dec. 31 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

\* Unless listed all FSS activities will be closed on the dates above. For a complete list of FSS hours, visit <http://www.robinsfss.com>. For more Robins Exchange holiday hours visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com>.

## HAPPENINGS/SERVICES

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

### ON TAP

#### Boss N Buddy

Today  
4 to 5 p.m.  
Heritage Club Lounge  
For details, call DSN 472-7899.

#### Membership Brunch

Sunday  
9 a.m. to noon  
Heritage Club Ballroom  
Scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, bacon, pancakes, roast beef, chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy and dessert.  
For details, call DSN 472-7899.

#### Mondays Kids Bowl free

Monday and Dec. 28  
Bowling Center  
Ages 17 and under bowl up to two games free  
(rental shoes do not apply)  
For details, call DSN 468-2112.

#### Bowling Movie Day

Wednesday and Dec. 30  
2 to 4 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
\$6 per person  
Includes up to three games of bowling, rental shoes, movie and popcorn.  
For details, call DSN 468-2112.

#### Dinner, milk and cookies with Santa

Wednesday  
5 to 7 p.m.  
Heritage Club Ballroom

Fried chicken, chicken nuggets, green beans, macaroni & cheese and fries  
Adults \$5; children 15 and under \$2.50  
For details, call DSN 472-7899.

#### Christmas Eve Bowling Special

Thursday  
Bowling Center  
Bowl two games and receive a third game free per person.  
For details, call DSN 468-2112.

#### UPCOMING Dollar Day

Dec. 26  
1 to 6 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
All games are \$1  
For details, call DSN 468-2112.

#### Big New Year Bingo

Dec. 30  
6:15 p.m.  
Heritage Club Bingo Room  
Party snacks, prizes and more money  
For details, call DSN 468-4515.

#### Rockin' New Year's Eve Party

Dec. 31  
9 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
Adults \$35  
17 years old and younger \$20  
Bowling, food and party favors color mania Bowling  
Win cash prizes (18 years old and older)  
For details, call DSN 468-2112.

## Chapel 2015 holiday schedule



### Protestant Holiday Calendar

**Sunday** – Fourth Sunday of Advent Gospel Service 8 a.m.; Traditional Service, 11 a.m.

**Thursday** – Candle Light Service, 7 p.m.

**Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve Watch Night Service and Fellowship, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m.; Bowling at Robins Bowling Center, 6 p.m.; Movie at Chapel Annex, 8 p.m.; Worship Service Chapel Sanctuary, 11 p.m. (breakfast follows)

If you would like to attend bowling and movies, please RSVP by calling 327-3781.

### Catholic Holiday Calendar

**Sunday** – 4th Sunday of Advent Mass, 9:30 a.m.

**Thursday** – Children's Christmas Mass, 5 p.m.

– Caroling Before Mass, 9:30 p.m.

– Christmas Eve Mass, 10 p.m.

**Dec. 25** – Christmas Day Mass, 9:30 a.m.

**Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve Mass, 5 p.m.

**Jan. 1** – New Year's Day Mass, 9:30 a.m.

For more info on chapel events and services,  
call 497-2821 or DSN 468-2821.



## **STRAIGHT TALK HOT LINE**

Up-to-date information  
during base emergencies  
222-0815