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Then & Now

# Desert Storm

A look at Robins' wartime contributions 25 years ago & today



U.S. Air Force photos

U.S. Air Force aircraft of the 4th Fighter Wing, including F-15s and F-16s, fly over Kuwaiti oil fires set by the retreating Iraqi army during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. During Desert Storm, Team Robins provided maintenance on F-15s, C-130s and C-141s - all of which contributed to overall mission success.

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From 1990 to 1991 during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Robins Air Force Base became heavily involved in the fight from the very early stages, deploying critical air logistics, surge production and mobilization.

During that time, the Air Force performed the most rapid airlift operations in history, with nearly 473,000 people and 465,000 tons of cargo sent to the Persian Gulf in an eight month period.

The move was in response to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990. Operation Desert Shield was initiated days later to deter and contain attacks against neighboring countries, and became the largest deployment of military units and aircraft since the Vietnam War.

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AC-130



C-141



F-15



The 19th Air Refueling Wing - whose pilots flew KC-135s like the one above - provided aerial refueling for strategic bombers, strategic airlift, tactical fighters, air defense and special mission aircraft. The unit completed 200 missions in support of the buildup.

In the first few weeks of Desert Shield in August 1990, nearly 700 military members from Robins deployed with more than 1,157 tons of cargo and equipment to Southwest Asia, along with more than 2,000 spare aircraft parts that were surged as part of the effort.

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### When not in use, turn off the juice: Help conserve energy this holiday



With the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, Team Robins has another opportunity to save energy across the installation.

Every time you turn out a light, whether it's in restroom facilities or your immediate office area, or even unused lights in your building, it saves energy and adds up over time.

Before you leave today, do a quick walk through of your area and turn off unnecessary equipment and lights. Remember to turn off your computer monitor (but leave your computer on since important updates are performed).

- Staff reports

### TIP offers cash back

The Transportation Incentive Program gives eligible Robins team members \$130 a month to use for one of 19 transportation companies instead of driving to work. Funds are only available for Robins civilian employees and active CAC holders.

For more information, call 478-926-4628 or DSN 468-4628 Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Weekend Weather

Friday 57/45



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"Safety doesn't slow the job down like mishaps do."



# SECOND FRONT

## Partnerships offer best of both worlds

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When it comes to providing and maintaining business partnerships between government and industry, these relationships can prove beneficial for all parties involved.

Take for example the successful partnership that exists between the government and Boeing. It is the Air Force's largest partnership workload that has been going strong for many years with the C-17 program.

It is one of 45 partnerships at Robins maintained by the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex Business Development and Partnership Office.

"The first thing I like to point out to people is that Robins can offer the ability to not have to invest in a capital investment," said Dave Denning, with the partnering office.

For example, with a million square feet of industrial space capabilities across the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group, over 30 buildings and over 1,000 skilled craftsmen, companies looking to partner with Robins won't have to invest in things such as manpower, equipment, floor space or training, according to Denning. Those things already exist here.

The office's 46 personnel has several sections, including depot activation, which serves as a point of contact and liaison for activating new workload at the base; and Strategic Planning and Transformation, which supports the complex with transformation and continuous process improvement initiatives.

While there are several types of partnerships, two of the most common at Robins are work share and direct sales. The C-17 partnership is an example of direct sales, of which is the majority at Robins.

In fiscal 2015, a total of \$200 million worth of work was enjoyed at Robins as a result of these business partnerships. The C-17 program is valued at an estimated \$155 million.

And while there are many smaller partnerships with workloads valued from several hundred thousand to over a million dollars, a recent successful partnership included WR-

ALC and L-3 Communications.

That workload will focus on remotely piloted aircraft systems, examples that include the Air Force's MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper, with work on the aircraft's interim modem assemblies by the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group.

Validation and standup of that workload occurred during the summer of 2015, with a ribbon cutting held to formally acknowledge the partnership later that fall.

The E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System and Northrop Grumman have a work share partnership at Robins, with mission support and some software maintenance as part of that workload.

Continuing to seek and discuss prospective partnerships here was the focus of a Robins Air Force Base Partnership Summit last fall.

Denning said that his office can receive as many as 30 calls a year from representatives who express an interest in a partnership with the base.

"There is no 'buy-in' to a partnership," he said. "We sign the paperwork ... and there's no additional cost other than what we charge to do the work."

## Security Awareness Seminar

Robins will host its first Security Awareness Seminar Thursday.

The seminar, which will be conducted in two sessions, will be led by members of the Defense Intelligence Agency Insider Threat Mitigation Cell and agents from the FBI – Resident Agency Macon.

The morning session, from 9 a.m. to noon, will be conducted at the Base Theater and is open to all security managers, program managers, as well as all other interested Robins team members. The second session will be conducted in Bldg. 906 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and is open to all unit commanders and senior leadership. Topics will include recognizing an Insider Threat/Espionage and the Psychology of the Insider Threat: Mindset of a Traitor.

For more information, call Special Agents Joel Russell or Matthew Goodin at DSN 468-2141.

**Editor's note:** Only U.S. government employees with Department of Defense CAC identification may attend the briefings.

## New civilian pay system

Some 13,000 Air Force Materiel Command non-bargaining unit civilian employees, including 2,669 from Robins, will transition to the Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project pay system in June 2016.

To read more, visit [wwwmil.robins.af.mil/splash/AcqDemo.pdf](http://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/splash/AcqDemo.pdf).

## It's that time of year again, Base Tax Center opens Feb. 2

It's tax time, and the Robins Tax Service is preparing to help service members, retirees and eligible family members file 2015 returns.

The Base Tax Center will be open Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. from Feb. 2 through April 18. The center is located in Bldg. 995 in a trailer next to the old Robins Elementary School.

The tax center provides free tax preparation and electronic filing services to active duty, Reservist, National Guard, retirees, and their eligible dependents. Per AFI 51-504, legal assistance, notary and preventive law programs, Reserve and National Guard members must be on Title 10 Orders in order to receive tax assistance – that applies to their eligible dependents as well. Services will be provided on a first come-first served basis.

To use the tax center, you should arrive no later than 8 a.m. to attend a requirements briefing.

Taxpayers who have all required documents will be given an appointment with a preparer. Those who don't will be asked to come back when they do have all the documentation. You should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the appointed time to complete a client questionnaire.

The center will also offer a drop-off service for the 2015 filing season.

Those who have all required documents to prepare their taxes may drop off paperwork at the tax center, and notification will be sent when the return has been completed.

If a taxpayer is deployed to a combat zone - Persian Gulf, hazardous duty area of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Albania, the Adriatic Sea and the Ionian Sea north of the 39th parallel, or Afghanistan, they have 180 days from the last day they were in the combat zone, or the last day of continuous qualified hospitalization for injury from the combat zone, to file a return.

Tax preparers are not permitted to prepare returns for taxpayers who received a 1099 Miscellaneous Business Income or Royalties, had Health Savings Account Deductions, or whose tax returns will include Schedule C (Profit or Loss from Business), Complicated & Advanced Schedule D (Capital Gains & Losses), Schedule E (Supplemental Income and Loss from Rental Real Estate) or Schedule F (Farm Income or Loss).

For more information, call the tax center at 478-926-1831.

### WHAT TO BRING

For those eligible for assistance, bring the following documents and information:

- ◆ Military IDs and Social Security cards of taxpayer, spouse and dependent children
- ◆ W-2s
- ◆ 1099s
- ◆ 1098s
- ◆ Legal documents
- ◆ Divorce decree or Form 8332 that states entitlement to claim a dependent
- ◆ Power of attorney if someone will be signing the return for you or your spouse
- ◆ Death certificate if you are filing on behalf of a deceased person
- ◆ Voided check for verification of your bank account and routing numbers.
- ◆ Child care provider's name, address, tax identification (or Social Security) number and the amount paid
- ◆ Last year's tax return or any other useful documentation





U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Dwight Howard, Sr. the father of basketball great Dwight Howard, Jr., of the Houston Rockets, was the keynote speaker for the Robin Air Force Base 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative service. Howard spoke on the impact we can have on young people and even people in our workplace.

## NBA dad headlines MLK event

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Martin Luther King Jr. spoke about peace and equality.

In a service Wednesday at the base chapel, that ideal was showcased in the MLK Volunteer Choir which had members of differing races, ages and genders, from all different walks of life. They came together to sing about both the spiritual, physical and emotional journey of the nation.

Guest speaker Dwight Howard Sr., father of NBA Houston Rockets center Dwight Howard Jr., talked about dreams. He related King's dream to his own dream of providing essentials to families so they can realize their own dreams.

The elder Howard spent 21 years in law enforcement and volunteers as the athletic director at Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy.

His foundation, Sheryl and Dwight Howard Foundation Inc., has been helping inner city children in Atlanta realize their dreams by providing mentoring for

life skills like how to set a table to balancing a checkbook.

"I believe all of us have a gift or talent that can help improve someone else," Howard said.

King used his gifts to promote peace during the Civil Rights Movement.

Pastor Mark Pulliam remembers rioting in the street the day King was shot. Reflecting on those moments, he realized that was not the way King would've wanted people to react.

"Love is as strong as death when anyone is willing to die for what they believe in," Pulliam said.

The march on Washington, D.C. where King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech was in the forefront of singer Charlene Mickens mind during an interlude of the song "I Never Lost My Praise."

Mickens remembered some of the freedom fighters stopping in her hometown in Virginia on their way to the march.

"It wasn't a black thing. It was a human thing," she said.

## Robins officer talks history, MLK Jr.

LT. COL. JULIO GOMEZ

5th Combat Communications Group deputy commander

Dr. Martin Luther King is a national treasure and one of my personal heroes. He did more for civil rights, sparking the demise of an oppressive chapter in our nation's history; but, he didn't just do this for African-Americans. His efforts delivered dark-skinned people from oppression everywhere – people who would come to our country from all nations on the globe to make us the great nation that we are today.



Gomez

I was very fortunate to have been born into a color-blind family and for at least the first eight years of life, be raised in a color-blind environment. I can trace my father's lineage to shipbuilders from southern Spain. My father's lineage also includes Taino blood, native Americans found living on the island of 'Borinquen' [Puerto Rico] long before Columbus' second trip to the New World in 1493.

I can trace my mother's lineage to the countries of Nigeria and Benin/Togo in Africa. The Spanish were arguably the greatest military power on the globe at the time and certainly possessed a peerless navy. Their desire to maintain that power drove an unhealthy lust for gold and silver; however, there wasn't much of

either on the islands of Puerto Rico. Returning to Europe with new spices – mustard, hot peppers, cilantro – eventually led to the creation of a European market for sugar and tobacco. These products ended up being just as lucrative as gold or silver ever were and allowed for decades of wealth-creation for a budding colony of Spanish noblemen on the island. These noblemen didn't work 'their' lands; that's what Tainos were for and when they started dying off from European-borne diseases, the Spanish then 'purchased' African slaves to work the sugar cane and tobacco fields in Puerto Rico.

In comes my mother's lineage. It is quite possible, though we have no way to prove it, that my father's ancestors built the ships upon which my mother's ancestors were 'delivered' as slaves to the New World. Records can be sketchy when they're nearly 600 years old, but suffice it to say that slavery had its hold for six to eight decades on the island before multiple Taino/slave revolts forced the Spanish to intermarry and erect a feudal system where former slaves/Tainos could eventually own their own property and no longer be property themselves.

Like many immigrant groups to the U.S., Puerto Ricans migrated to big cities in the northeast looking for an economic advantage the island's agrarian economy could not provide.

– To read the full story, visit [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).

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## THEN & NOW

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After attempts to enforce prior United Nations resolutions for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait, the U.S.-led coalition of aircraft began on January 16, 1991, and became known as Operation Desert Storm. More than 60,000 total force airmen were deployed in support of forward operations, with over 69,000 sorties flown by 30 different weapons systems.

Maj. Gen. Richard F. Gillis, then-Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, stressed to the workforce of 15,000 civilians and 5,000-plus military members here at the time, that each would have an important role to play in order to ensure the mission's success.

"These aircraft are heavily tasked, and we are making a concerted effort to accelerate the completion of programmed depot maintenance of all C-141s and certain C-130s so the operational commands can use the assets," he said. "We are also accelerating the repair of critical parts for other weapon systems we have repair responsibility for, to make sure our forces have everything we can give them."

Units from across Robins supported operations, including those in maintenance, material management, distribution and contracting and manufacturing. For example, maintenance surges occurred to speed up the repair of aircraft components; contracting and manufacturing accelerated repair modification and manufacturing operations; and the Distribution Directorate accelerated items and supplies for shipment.

In the first few weeks of Desert Shield in August 1990, nearly 700 military members from Robins deployed, with more than 1,157 tons of cargo and equipment moved to Southwest Asia; along with more than 2,000 spare aircraft parts that were surged as part of the effort.

Among the units that were deployed were the 5th Combat Communications Group, which deployed on a regular basis in support of mobile and transportable communications, and air traffic control services; the 2955th Combat Logistics Support Squadron, whose members repaired battle-damaged aircraft; the 4400th Mobility Support Flight, responsible for providing base equipment for units that deploy (examples include tents, runway lights, utilities and kitchens); and various units from the 2853rd Air Base Group.

Also playing a key role was the 19th Air Refueling Wing – whose pilots flew KC-135s in support of aerial refueling for strategic bombers, strategic airlift, tactical fighters and air defense and special mission aircraft. Its tanker crews completed 200 refueling missions in support of the military's buildup at the time.

As U.S. military forces engaged, it was an opportunity to utilize new weapons, including stealth aircraft, global positioning devices and precision guided technologies.

Hundreds of sorties were flown every day in support of operations, from an arsenal of 30 aircraft that included the A-10, B-52, C-12, F-117A, F-15s, F-16s, KC-135s and E-3s, as well as two aircraft which were maintained at the WR-ALC – the C-130 and C-141.

Early in Desert Shield, at Robins, aircraft, personnel and equipment were accelerated and schedules were compressed in order to support and meet operational requirements overseas.

According to the Robins History Office, "personnel at the WR-ALC operated the key logistics support base for U.S. Air Forces in the Middle East."

By the end of Operation Desert Storm, according to the history office, the WR-ALC had mobilized over 3,300 tons of cargo and 658 passengers. During Persian Gulf operations, "there were over 3,500 various aircraft stopped at Robins AFB."

Between Aug. 8 and Sept. 30, 1990 – a critical time period of deployment forces and logistical assets – the WR-ALC produced 16 C-141s, four F-15s and one AC-130.

Additional examples included paint jobs on C-141s were delayed so maintenance could be accelerated and the aircraft could transport troops and equipment to the fight. The vehicle division at Robins managed the shipment of all vehicles needed for the Air Force during Desert Shield, as vehicles were critical to support ground operations. This included the need for forklifts, fuel trucks and fire trucks to pro-



## AF Desert Storm Fast Facts

**More than 60,830 Total Force Airmen were deployed in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm forward operations.**

**About 69,406 sorties were flown by 30 different aircraft – A-10, B-52, C-12, C-130, C-141, F-117A – in support of Operation Desert Storm.**

**More than 9,300 laser-guided bombs were dropped out of a total 220,000 bombs on enemy targets.**

**Allied aircraft downed more than 39 Iraqi aircraft in air-to-air combat and damaged more than 375 of 594 hardened aircraft shelters.**

**When the Air Force deployed in support of Desert Storm there were 130 fighter squadrons; today we have 54.**

**Military GPS receivers (842) and commercial (4,490) assisted forces at sea, on land and in the air.**

**During Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Airmen performed the most rapid airlift in history: nearly 472,800 people and some 465,000 tons of cargo to the Persian Gulf in eight months.**

**More than 130,000 passengers and 700,000 short tons of cargo were shipped in the month of January alone.**

tect aircraft at bases overseas.

Foreign military sales activities also increased, of which the WR-ALC managed two key parts of arms sales that supported electronic warfare components.

Following six weeks of air attacks, it was announced on Feb. 28, 1991 by President George H. Bush, that Kuwait had been liberated. The mission was accomplished with the role Robins played with logistics support, a surge in production of critical aircraft parts and aircraft PDM, and mobility.

Overall at Robins, there was the acceleration of 35 C-141 aircraft, seven C-130s and three F-15s; over 35,000 units of exchangeables surged by avionics, electronic warfare and technology and industrial support directorates; more than 82,000 requisitions processed by base item managers; 6,200 tons of cargo shipped; with more than 1,500 troops deployed.

## Fast forward to today's successes

**Just as Team Robins played a crucial role in helping ensure success during Operation Desert Storm, here are some examples of 2015 successes which helped ensure Air Force success worldwide.**

► The Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex closed out a productive year, producing 217 aircraft – C-5, C-17, C-130 and F-15 – in fiscal 2015. The 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group's commodity lines produced 34,772 units; the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group produced 84,600 units; the 402nd Software Maintenance Group completed 326 projects; and the 402nd Maintenance Support Group conducted 19,975 preventive maintenance actions, driving \$47 million in improvements.

► An extensive crack was discovered during routine nondestructive inspections of an F-15 wing spar, the critical component that attaches to the aircraft.

Once defects like that are found, machinists in the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group work diligently to remove the cracks.

It's crucial these are repaired safely as aircraft pilots utilize the aircraft across missions worldwide.

► The 116th and 461st Air Control wings partnered to enhance joint-service training in a contested environment.

The Navy's composite training unit exercise

tested the E-8C's crew's ability to respond to a variety of threats using JSTARS long-range radar capabilities.

► A C-5M Super Galaxy at Robins performed a landing gear skid check and first flight of a functional check flight profile on the same day – major tasks that had not been done on the same day in more than eight years.

► The 567th Electronics Maintenance Squadron repairs and tests several types of receivers responsible for communicating with global positioning systems. These receivers are used on various weapon systems supported by the Air Force and Navy. The year prior nearly 500 units came through the shop.

► The final C-17 Globemaster III was modified with a large aircraft infrared countermeasures system, or LAIRCM, bringing the total to 76 C-17s that were outfitted with the missile threat detection system. While the workload has ended, the workload continues now with the program transitioning with installation of LAIRCM on Navy C-130Js.

► The 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron completed fiscal 2015 with a 100 percent on time due date performance record for the fourth consecutive year.

Sustainment is even more critical now, as the aircraft has been flying global missions for over 40 years.

Every time the aircraft is returned on time to its customer, that's another C-5 that can transport troops and much-needed equipment and material downrange.

► In early December, the 500th C-17 Globemaster III to undergo programmed depot maintenance at Robins was sold, returning home to Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

The number represented aircraft that have either visited the depot for maintenance or modification work through the years, and is a significant milestone for the complex.

This workload continues to also represent the continued workload of heavy maintenance, repairs, overhaul work and inspections.

► A C-130 Air Force Special Operations Command Acceleration Plan to surge aircraft undergoing programmed depot maintenance here will have a significant impact not only in the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, but in other maintenance squadrons across the complex.

An AC-130U gunship is in the final stages of PDM and is set to be completed this month. Their mission is so critical overseas that turnaround times for aircraft like these have the potential to change the way traditional PDM is currently performed.

## REMEMBERING DESERT STORM

Mike King was stationed in Japan attached to the USS Midway. The carrier was scheduled to have its farewell cruise before being retired when



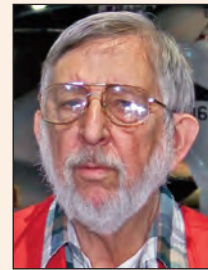
Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait.

King had a 23-day leave scheduled during Christmas in 1990 and got back to the ship the night of the invasion, Jan. 17, 1991.

"Every plane on deck was loaded with armaments," he said.

Once the invasion started, the planes were sent out one after another for around the clock bombings for 13 days straight. The flight deck was then resurfaced and the raid continued for another 40 days of bombings, King said.

Retired Sr. Chief Petty Officer  
Mike King  
former line division chief, U.S. Navy



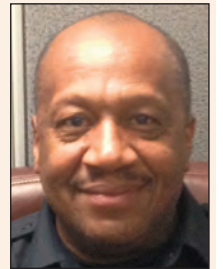
Glenn Pope, a 24-year veteran who previously did a 17-month tour in the Vietnam War, was in charge of tracking equipment and supplies during Desert Storm.

Already a combat veteran, Pope said the most interesting time was when the SCUD missiles started getting fired at them while they were in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

"When I look back, it was an interesting time. You'd see people break down and others would take it in stride," he said.

Retired Master Sgt. Glenn Pope  
former 5th Combat Communications Squadron NCOIC

Stationed in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia from Jan. 1, 1991 until the end of the war four months later, Sanders Harris was in charge of security for the F-15E fighter squadron.



What he remembered most about the war was the scud attacks, which occurred as soon as the sun went down.

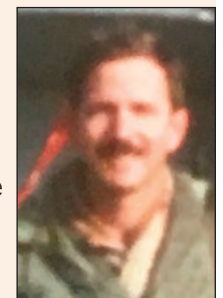
"All the attacks happened at night. It was like a horror movie," he said.

One missile nearly landed on his position but was intercepted by an Army missile.

"I almost got blown up over there. It was stress every day," said Harris.

Retired Senior Master Sgt.  
Sanders Harris  
former F-15E flight security controller

Randy Wiggins, a retired chief and former tactical aircraft maintenance technician, said he recalls the night the war started like it was yesterday.



"That night in our tent city, an American flag was raised and lit up. I remember the pilots were excited," he said.

Then shortly after midnight, 14 aircraft were launched, each with two 2,000-pound bombs and two sidewinder missiles. He counted the landing lights of each plane as it was preparing to come back to make sure they hadn't lost any aircraft.

"We had a couple of close calls, but nothing we weren't prepared to do," he said.

The 30 year Air Force veteran was assigned to the 363rd Fighter Wing out of Shaw Air Force Base which flew F-16s. The F-16 Wiggins was responsible for was 84-1281 with the nose art "Hammer Time."

Retired Chief Master Sgt.  
Randy Wiggins  
former tactical aircraft maintenance technician



## Counselor Connection: Lessons learned from EEO

BY ROBINS OFFICE  
OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The success of any organization is built on the trust and professionalism of its members. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of their background. Creating and maintaining a culture of dignity and respect is paramount to overall organization success, and therefore should be continually emphasized. As employees on Robins it is everyone's responsibility to ensure a culture of this nature is upheld. When elements such as dignity and respect are not given the proper amount of attention or thrown to the way side completely, the culture of the organization suffers at a foundational level. Some of the most common effects associated with this phenomenon are: decreased morale, productivity, self-esteem, and self-confidence. In contrast, when a healthy culture and climate exists the following types of things occur: higher productivity, increased self-image, greater organizational commitment, and increased job satisfaction.

DOD's policy on Equal Opportunity is to "Promote

an environment free from personal, social, or institutional barriers that prevent service members from rising to the highest level of responsibility possible." In order to ascertain an environment free from these barriers, all service members must ensure they are doing their part to develop/maintain a culture of dignity and respect.

*Below are some examples of derogatory communication that should be avoided:*

- ▶ Nicknames/Name Calling
- ▶ Undue Criticism (different from feedback)
- ▶ "Us or Me Against Them" Mentality
- ▶ Gossip/Rumors
- ▶ Demeaning Tone of Delivery
- ▶ Terms of Endearment
- ▶ Offensive/Belittling Jokes or Slurs

*Below are some examples of ways to strengthen a unit's culture of dignity and respect:*

- ▶ Develop an Environment of Inclusion
- ▶ Positive Reinforcements (thank you, good job, etc)

- ▶ Constructive Feedback
- ▶ Clear Guidance/Policies From Leadership
- ▶ Professionalism
- ▶ Expanding Outside of Your Circle
- ▶ Expanding Outside of Your Expertise
- ▶ Never Make Assumptions About Co-workers

A culture built on dignity and respect starts at the lowest level and must be properly nurtured in order to survive. All employees play a pivotal role in defining and contributing to an organizations culture.

Remember, each person has the potential to make a positive difference in their work environment: always strive to make your climate better. Let's continue to make Robins the place to live, learn, work and play!

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## Potential hazard? What do you do?

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Do you know what to do when you see a potential hazard either in your workplace or on Robins?

If you are able to do so, take action to correct it. Once corrected, report it to the area supervisor so they can ensure the correction is permanent or take any additional actions needed to address the hazard.

If you are unable to correct the hazard, contact the responsible supervisor or consult with the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex Safety Office for potential hazards within the complex or the 78th Air Base Wing Installation Safety Office for all other areas. If the hazard presents critical/imminent danger, the supervisor

or individual responsible for that area is required to take immediate action to mitigate or eliminate the hazard to protect personnel or property.

For hazards that cannot be mitigated immediately, there are a variety of ways to report the hazard to the appropriate safety office. The Robins Hazard Reporting Tool is available on all computer desktops for personnel on the Robins 2K network.

If you are not on the network or if you are not comfortable using a computer, you can submit an AF Form 457, USAF Hazard Report to the 78th Safety Office.

You can also report a hazard via e-mail using the 78 ABW/SE Workflow 78abw.se.frontoffice@us.af.mil or by calling 468-6271. If you would like to discuss your concern in person with a safety professional, you can

stop by Bldg. 215, Suite 106.

All reported potential hazards will be investigated in a timely manner and worked through the appropriate agencies to get the hazard corrected. If permanent corrective action cannot be taken, we will work with the appropriate agency if needed, in the development of interim corrective actions until a permanent action can be implemented. The person who submitted the hazard report (if known) will be kept informed of the status of the hazard report submission.

Editor's note: The hazard reporting process is not designed for readdressing hazards already being managed for abatement through another process such as a civil engineering work request, job order, project or mishap investigation.

# AROUND THE AIR FORCE

## IRS Form 1095 on myPay

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – All active-duty, Guard, Reserve, retiree and civilian airmen will need proof of health care coverage when filing their 2015 federal tax returns.

“This is the first year the Affordable Care Act requires health care validation for filing their taxes and airmen need this information,” said Robert Burke, Air Force Accounting and Finance Office director, finance division.

Under the ACA, U.S. citizens and legal residents are required to obtain and maintain a minimum standard of health care insurance, called minimum essential coverage. The proof of minimum essential coverage will be provided by the Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form 1095.

## This week in Air Force History



On January 12, 1935, Amelia Earhart, flying a Lockheed Vega, completed the first solo flight from Hawaii to California.

This month, Defense Finance and Accounting Service is required to provide each employee with the IRS Form 1095 for employment during 2015. A hard copy form is scheduled to be mailed to each employee and the form will also be available electronically through myPay under the taxes section.

## Changes to military decorations, awards program

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Pentagon has made a number of changes to the military decorations and awards program.

Then-Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel initiated a review in 2014 to improve the program by harnessing lessons learned from conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

To “ensure those service members who performed valorously were recognized at the appropriate level,” Defense Secretary Ash Carter has directed the military departments to review Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross and Silver Star Medal recommendations since Sept. 11, 2001, for actions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Results are due to on Sept. 30.



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. SIUTA B. IKA

## Can you hear me now?

Senior Airman James Vrtis, a 57th Operations Support Squadron airfield systems technician, descends a ground-to-air radio tower to perform a preventative maintenance inspection on Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.



**Col. Jeff King**  
Installation Commander

## COMMANDERS ACTION LINE

[robins.actionline@us.af.mil](mailto:robins.actionline@us.af.mil)

The Commanders Action Line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to live, learn, work and play.

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the responsible organization. That gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes.

If you do contact the Commanders Action Line, please fully explain whom it is you want to recognize and why, what you have a question about, or your suggestion. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed.

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# SNAPSHOTS



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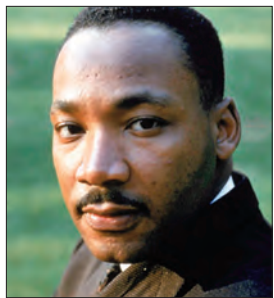
Clockwise from left, Boston Red Sox pitcher Craig Kimbrel and Atlanta Braves chaplain Jay McSwain tour the base chapel with 78th Air Base Wing Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jonathan Wade.

Kimbrel, who previously pitched for the Atlanta Braves, chats with 2-year-old Adalaide Richardson at the Robins Youth Center.

Lt. Col. Gustuf Palmquist, 339th Flight Test Squadron test pilot, gives Kimbrel and McSwain an up-close view of an F-15 Eagle positioned in a functional test hangar. Their base tour highlighted the mission and capabilities here, raised awareness and understanding of the base's role in national security and enhanced spiritual resiliency of airmen.







## Thought for the Day

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

– Martin Luther King Jr.



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# Lighter Fare

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THE PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK AND PLAY

## A DAY AT THE MUSEUM



View the video story on the Robins Facebook page.  
Visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Robins-Air-Force-Base/108324955877320](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Robins-Air-Force-Base/108324955877320)

Courtesy photos

Pictured above is the F-100 Super Sabre retired Maj. Gen. Rick Goddard, former installation commander here, flew during the Vietnam War. The aircraft is currently being restored at the Museum of Aviation. Below right, Goddard, who flew an F-100 on 180 missions during the Vietnam War, poses for a flight line shot.

## RESTORING A LEGEND

BY ANGELA WOOLEN  
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Sometimes, things happen so ironically that it sounds like a movie script. Take for example, a 24-year-old Air Force pilot who flies an F-100 on 180 missions during the Vietnam War. The same plane, with tail No. 995, was built in California but flew its first test flight to Robins Air Force Base.

The pilot, many years later, becomes the installation commander at Robins. He commissions a piece of artwork and begins wondering about the plane that he flew.

That is when the magic happens.

When asking around about his plane, retired Maj. Gen. Rick Goddard thought it had probably ended up in a boneyard or lost in combat. Come to find out, his "titanium mistress" was perched outside at Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts.

"It struck all kinds of chords with me. I flew day after day, night after night, abusing it often and it got me home safe. I can't just leave it out in the open," he said.

Goddard made it his mission to bring the aircraft to the Museum of Aviation in 2010 and has been helping to restore his plane back to its former glory.

The North American F-100 Super Sabre was the first fighter capable of supersonic speed at level flight.

Along with retired Master Sgt. Aaron Robinson, who Goddard called a "magician" with sheet rock, the pair works through cold and heat at the restoration hangar at the museum trying to get the plane back to museum quality.

The job is detail oriented as many of the small parts, gears and wires as well as many of the larger body parts, have been subjected to corrosion which will continue to deteriorate the metal if left untreated. This is why it is so important for museum pieces to be reconditioned and restored before they are put on display.

Goddard and Robinson are weeks away from putting the wings back on the fuselage of the aircraft. Once the plane is finished, Goddard plans to reunite with his former crew chief who lives in Utah.

The F-100 will be part of the Vietnam exhibit in Hangar One once the renovation is complete. The plane will be painted with Goddard's "Cong Killer" insignia on the side and the markings from the time when he flew the plane.

"There really is an emotional tie [to the aircraft.] She saved my skin many times," Goddard said.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Retired Maj. Gen. Rick Goddard is hands on in helping to restore the F-100 Super Sabre he flew in Vietnam to its former glory. He helped bring the aircraft to the Museum of Aviation in 2010.

### ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF AVIATION

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

The Heritage Building – the museum's first building – housed exhibits as well as offices, storage and a gift shop. The opening was the culmination of years of planning that began in the late 1970s. Since then, the museum has grown to become the second largest in the Air Force and the fourth most visited museum in the Department of Defense. Since opening, nearly 13 million people have visited.

### HOURS

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



# A BETTER YOU

## Feeling blue? Mental health here for you

BY JENNY GORDON

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Services offered to active duty military members and their families seeking help in the Robins Mental Health clinic are available all year long.

The 78th Medical Group's Mental Health Flight offers a multitude of services, including mental health services; ADAPT, or Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment; and the Family Advocacy Program, offering outreach and prevention classes, individual and family counseling and domestic abuse victim advocacy.

Mental health focuses on the assessment and treatment of mental health problems, according to Lt. Cmdr. Sara Pulliam, Robins Mental Health Clinic director of psychological health.

"That element focuses on treatment of depression, anxiety, marital and occupational problems, for example," said Pulliam, a former Air Force psychologist who has served at Robins for four years. She is a member of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, one of America's seven uniformed services.

"If we think about airmen as our most valuable asset in the Air Force, we want them to be mentally capable of performing their mission," she said. "It's one of the most important pieces of their overall fitness, especially in terms of their ability to deploy, to do their job - you want your mental health to be as strong as possible."

Most patients seen in the clinic are

voluntary and are assisted mainly through individual therapy sessions. Stress management classes are offered in a group setting as well as medication management as needed.

There are four psychologists in the clinic, a psychiatric nurse practitioner, and three social workers. A suicide prevention program manager, working with various base helping agencies, focuses on population health across Robins, finding ways to promote services for those at risk of suicide.

After calling in for an appointment, patients who are experiencing immediate distress can be seen by a walk-in provider on the same day. A risk assessment is performed, and if there is increased risk for suicide, for example, that patient can be hospitalized or higher levels of care will be coordinated.

If patients are not at immediate risk and have only outpatient care, they'll initially go through an intake process. That initial assessment includes getting a full diagnostic picture of the patient and moving ahead with any treatment plans.

For many patients that includes therapy typically once a week for 45 minutes. Cognitive behavioral therapy in the clinic (one-on-one) focuses on the idea that emotions, thoughts and behaviors are all connected.

"If you're emotionally experiencing depression or anxiety, then mostly what we'll focus on is challenging your thinking, your internal thought process-



### RESOURCES FOR CIVILIANS

The Civilian Airmen Resource Exchange, or C.A.R.E. website, <https://21stcenturypartnership.com/care/>, offers resources on various types of ministries and services, and is open to any faith-based organization; and a mobilizing civilian airmen team.

es happening in your mind, and/or changing your behaviors," said Pulliam.

For patients who are depressed and isolated, a focus can be on increasing activity levels; and for those who are anxious, there are relaxation therapies that can be utilized.

Short term therapy in the mental health clinic focuses on getting people better within six months. If therapy is not working after one year, fitness for duty considerations must be made.

Other treatment services offered are for those seeking help for post-traumatic stress disorder. Group therapies offered are in a structured setting, with the majority of patients visiting this area first.

For more information on services offered by Mental Health as well as other Robins helping agencies, click on the Helping Agencies icon on your desktop.

## MDG working to mitigate staffing shortage affects

The 78th Medical Group is committed to providing the safest and highest quality care to Team Robins. From February through June, the 78th MDG will experience a severe shortage of providers. This shortage may impact your care if you are currently assigned to a provider in the Family Health clinic. To mitigate staffing shortages, the group has implemented several short term actions.

Starting Jan. 24, Family Health will implement two teams to cover the care of the current three medical teams. Your care will be covered primarily by one of these two teams during this timeframe.

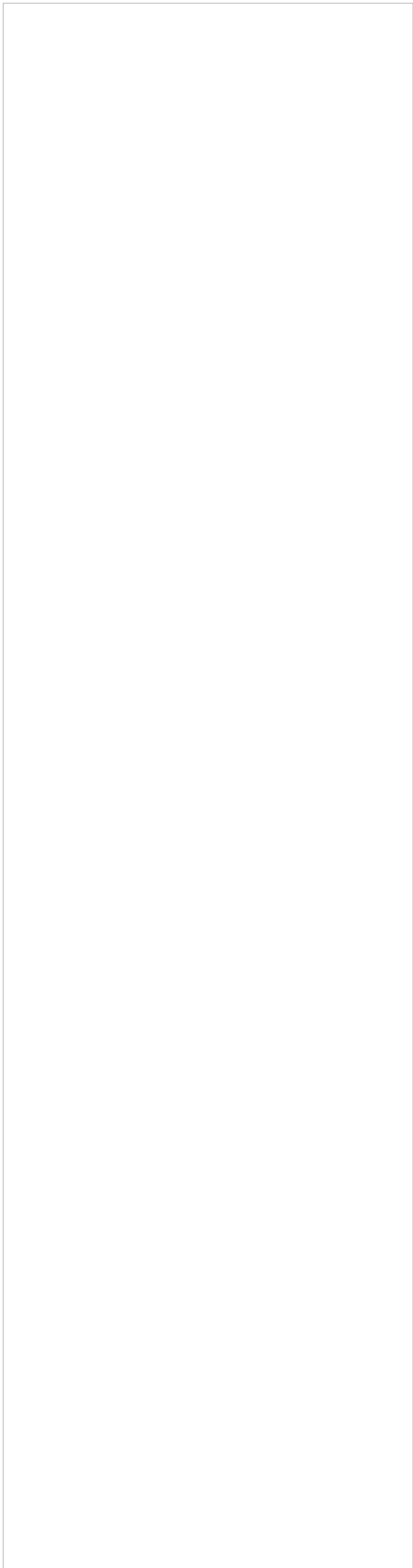
This will not impact most members who visit the clinic. However, non-active duty patients assigned to Family Health may occasionally be directed to Urgent Care for acute appointments.

Additionally, the 78th MDG is temporarily closing new patient enrollments for retirees and their family members. The group anticipates reopening full enrollment in June. In the interim, the medical group is actively working to expedite hires to overcome staffing shortfalls.

We apologize for any inconveniences and appreciate your patience. These temporary measures are the best way to achieve our goal of continuing to provide safe and quality care. Please note, this does not impact Flight Medicine, Women's Health or Pediatrics.

For more information, call DSN 497-8475 or 478-327-8475.







# CO detectors can saves lives

BY ROBINS  
FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that every home should have a carbon monoxide detector.

The commission also urges consumers get a professional inspection for CO leaks of all fuel-burning appliances.

Examples include: furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, clothes dryers, water heaters and space heaters.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced by burning fuel. The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, and include headache, fatigue and shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness.

A sure sign that you're experiencing CO poisoning is if several members of your family begin complaining of similar symptoms.

People with a history of heart problems are usually more sensitive to exposure because CO directly affects the way the heart muscle functions.

Exposure to high levels of CO will cause death.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs recommends a carbon monoxide detector on every floor of your home, including the basement.

A detector should be located within 10 feet of each bedroom door, and there should be one near or over any attached garage. Detectors should be replaced every five to six years.

According to the carbon monoxide guidelines of NFPA 720, all CO detectors should be centrally located outside each sleeping area, and should be located on the wall, ceiling or other location as specified in the installation instructions.

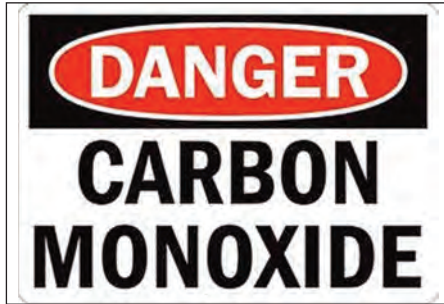
Homeowners should remember not to install carbon monoxide detectors directly above or beside fuel-burning appliances, as appliances may emit a small amount of carbon monoxide upon start-up.

A detector should not be placed within 15 feet of heating or cooking appliances or in or near very humid areas such as bathrooms.

CPSC recommends that a yearly professional inspection include checking chimneys, flues and vents for leaks and blockages due to creosote and debris.

Leakage through cracks or holes could cause black stains on the outside of the chimney or flue, which indicate leakage into the house.

All vents to furnaces, water heaters, boilers and other fuel-burning appliances should be checked to make sure they are



not loose or disconnected.

Make sure appliances are inspected for adequate ventilation. A supply of fresh air is important to help carry pollutants up the chimney, stovepipe or flue, and is necessary for the complete combustion of any fuel.

**Residents of military family housing who suspect CO poisoning should call 9-1-1 or 478-222-2900. The dispatcher will ask the following questions:**

◆ Does your home have an installed Carbon Monoxide detector? If yes, what color is indicated on the LED read out?

▶ *Green light: Normal*

▶ *Flashing Red Light and audible beeps: Low CO presence, determine if there is a source of CO.*

▶ *Solid Red Light and audible beeps: High CO presence, evacuate immediately to outside fresh air.*

◆ Do you have a gas stove, furnace, or gas dryer? Are they in use? If yes, turn them off.

◆ Are you experiencing a slight headache, nausea, vomiting or any flu like symptoms?

◆ Are you experiencing throbbing headaches, drowsiness, confusion or fast heart rate?

◆ Is anyone convulsing, unconscious, or experiencing heart or lung problems?

If you answer yes to any of the above symptoms, the dispatcher will instruct you to immediately move outside to fresh air, and await the arrival of the fire emergency services or the ambulance.

Most CO detector activations usually do not require the need to call 911. However, it's critical, whether you are young or old, to take personal responsibility for your safety and the safety of those who live in your home. Make a conscious decision to be aware of your environment and the things that may harm you.

When you become proactive in learning what to do in the event of an emergency, you have taken the first step in being a survivor and not a victim. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Fire Prevention Office at extension DSN 468-2145 or 478-926-2145.





# GETTING TO KNOW YOU



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by **CLAUDE LAZZARA**

**UNIT:** 78th Air Base Wing Comptroller Squadron

**JOB TITLE:** Financial management specialist

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 6 years

**HOMETOWN:** Perry, Ga.

**What does your work involve at Robins?** "I am the resource advisor and financial analyst for the 78th Air Base Wing staff agencies."

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** "Working with people and organizations, and helping them acquire items and services necessary to accomplish their unique, individual missions."

**How does your work contribute to the Robins mission?** "I assist the 78th ABW staff agencies, ensuring they have what they need, when they need it – at least what is fiscally possible – to accomplish their missions. That, in turn, allows them to each do what they do best and contribute to and supports the various missions here at Robins."

**What prompted your interest in your current career field?** "I obtained a degree in accounting and have always been interested in finance. Who doesn't love or at least like money? I get to work with it every day."

**Who has been the biggest influence in your life?** "For my work life here at Robins, the biggest influence has been my mentor and trainer, Gary Schwartz. I worked with him when coming onboard as a co-op student. He was the budget analyst in our organization and really taught me everything I know today. He gave me a strong foundation to work on and went over and above to show and teach me things, which I would have probably never learned otherwise."

**What is the best advice you've learned?** "To try and go with the flow, and pick your battles; everyone has bad days, you shouldn't expand on it. You should always do what you can to help others."





# HAPPENINGS/SERVICES

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>

## ON TAP

### Family Movie Night

'Toy Story That Time Forgot'

Today

6:30 p.m.

Base Theater

\$2 per person includes movie, popcorn and drink

For details, call DSN 468-4001.

## UPCOMING

### Boss N Buddy

Jan. 22

4 to 5 p.m.

Heritage Club Lounge

For details, call DSN 472-7899.

### Big Bingo Winter Fun Day

Jan. 24

2:15 p.m.

Heritage Club Bingo Room

Larger prize payouts

For details,

call DSN 468-4515.

### Membership Dinner

Jan. 25

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Club Ballroom

For details, call DSN 468-2670.

### Airman Chef Competition

Sign up by Feb. 5

Competition is April 9

We are looking for competitors to cook alongside local celebrity chefs to win the title "Robins' Airman Chef"

For details, call 2nd Lt. Dominique Lewis at DSN 472-7271.

### Super Bowl Sunday Party

Feb. 7

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Heritage Club Lounge

Members \$5; non-members \$10

For details, call DSN 468-2670.

## ONGOING

### Afterburner

### January Special

Mondays through Fridays

5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Base Restaurant, Bldg.166

All Seasonal Drinks

For details, call DSN 472-7827.

### Fit to Fight

Now through Feb. 29

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

11 a.m. to Noon

Main Fitness Center

For details, call DSN 468-2128.

# MLK HOLIDAY HOURS

## 78th FSS

- ▶Fairways Grille – open 7 to 10:30 a.m.
- ▶Golf Course – open normal hours
- ▶Bowling Center – open 1 to 8 p.m.
- ▶Fitness Center – open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶Wynn Dining Facility – open normal hours
- ▶Flight line Kitchen – open normal hours
- ▶Skeet Range – open normal hours

## AAFES

- ▶Main store – open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶Service Station – open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶Shoppette – open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## 78th SFS

- ▶The Russell Parkway and Watson Boulevard gates will be open Monday. All others will be closed.

## 78th Med Group

- ▶Closed Monday

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



## Airman & Family Readiness Center Classes, workshops & seminars

► **Pre-Separation Briefing (retirees)\*** – Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon. (**separatees**)\* – Jan. 26 from 8 a.m. to noon.

► **Bundles for Babies** – Tuesday from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Call 478-327-8398 to register.

► **VA Benefits Briefing\*** – Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

► **Writing A Winning Resume** – Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m.

► **Educational Track\*** – Jan. 28 and 29 from 8

a.m. to 4 p.m.

► **DAV Medical Records Review** – Appointments only. Call DSN 472-4146.

► **Department of Labor** – Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

► **Military and Family Life Counseling** – Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

► **PreDeployment Briefings\*** – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m.

► **Survivor's Benefit Plan** – Mondays through

Fridays, appointments only from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Editor's Note:** All classes require pre-registration. For more information, call DSN 468-1256, commercial 478-926-1256 or visit Bldg. 794 Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\* Denotes military (spouses welcome)

The center will be closed Monday for the MLK Jr. Holiday.

**SAFETY SAVES LIVES. START YOUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT TODAY.**