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ROBINS REV-UP 'Making Tomorrow Better than Today

First C-5 dock renovated – everythin but the kitchen sink

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Inside a maintenance dock in one of the oldest buildings at Robins, a massive undertaking has humbly taken center stage for more than a year.

In a space where a C-5 Galaxy is usually parked during programmed depot maintenance, Dock 2 operations have instead focused on renovations to completely overhaul not an aircraft, but the physical location itself where planners, engineers, schedulers and maintainers work every day.

Everything from the floors below to the roof above has undergone a transformation, a cosmetic, behind-the-scenes upgrade of epic proportions that will be celebrated during a ribbon cutting later this month.

"C-5 personnel are some of the most professional, most talented mechanics in the aircraft maintenance group. It's great to finally be able to provide them with a state-of-the-art professional, well-lit and well-heated environment to work in," said Kevin Hamilton, 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (acting) director, who has worked in aviation maintenance for over 31 years. "I have worked in numerous aircraft facilities across our Air Force - this dock is by far the best."

When facilities were first being constructed when base operations began in the early 1940s, Bldg. 125 was one of the first erected. While its roof has been repaired over the decades, the entire structure has never



Landing gear fixtures find new home

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tested at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex. The task falls to the mechanics who work in the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's C-5 Main Landing Gear Shop.

"This is what the aircraft needs to land - the entire weight of the aircraft is on these gears," said David Hattan, 559th AMXS first line supervisor. "When they leave our shop, they are ready to go."

been completely replaced. That changed in 2014, 73 years since it

was initially installed.

As part of a five-year maintenance and repair roof replacement project, the building's roof was entirely taken apart at one time and replaced. Once the entire building project is

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ahead. Known as the largest airlifter in the Air Force, a weapon system as massive as a C-5 Galaxy poses a commanding presence as it prepares to land on a runway.

That landing sequence however can only perform as smoothly as its landing gears that rest under the aircraft. Prior to that descent, every inch of a C-5's landing gear is carefully mounted, assembled and

The shop has a new home now. Its two massive fixtures have been relocated to a newly-renovated area in Dock 2 in Bldg. 125. Assembly began on the

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LCMC: Powerful C-17 engine program managed at Robins

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The turbofan engines that power every C-17 Globemaster III in the Air Force fleet has now transitioned into a sustainment phase.

The final F117-PW-100 engine, produced by Pratt & Whitney, is scheduled to be delivered to the Air Force this month. It will be the 1,313th engine the company has produced for the military and through foreign military sales.

Program oversight of those engines, which reaches across the globe through partnerships with several nations, is managed by the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center's C-17 Program Office at Robins.

"We ensure continued support of the engine; we ensure it's overhauled and that parts are available to support the field," said Chuck Keown, Robins C-17 engine program manager. "Now that the engines are out of production, we will be responsible

for engine sustainment."

Each of the aircraft's four engines generates 40,400 pounds of thrust and weighs over 7,000 pounds. Its thrust reversers direct airflow upward and forward to avoid ingestion of things such as dust and debris.

The engines are tasked to fly a minimum of 4,400 N1 cycles - an aircraft's flight cycles from idle to full thrust and back. According to Keown, C-17 engines are currently averaging 5,700 N1 cycles.

Bennett Croswell, P&W Military Engines president, said, "This is a bittersweet occasion for those of us who have played a part in developing and delivering the F117 engine to our customers over the years. The F117 production engine program might be ending, but we look forward to working with our customers around the world to sustain their engines, and to keep the C-17 fleet flying for decades

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Airmen participation needed for health survey



The Air Force needs input from airmen on issues that directly affect the health, well-being and readiness of military members and families by participating in the Health Related Behaviors Survey.

The 40-minute survey is voluntary for active duty airmen. Members are asked to complete the questionnaire at www.DoD2015HealthSurvey.com. To protect a member's privacy, any uncompleted surveys will need to start over from the beginning.

Sunday

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New civilian pay system

Some 13,000 non-bargaining unit civilian employees, including 2,669 from Robins, will transition to the Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project, ACC or AcqDemo, pay system in June.

To implement, all affected employees and their supervisors will first receive AcqDemo training beginning this month. To read more, visit



wwwmil.robins.af.mil/splash/AcqDemo.pdf.

"Resiliency is more than bouncing back from stress."

Weekend Weather





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Second Front

Licenses from 5 states banned at DOD bases

BY JIM GARAMONE DOD News, Defense Media Activity

Defense Department installations will no longer accept driver's licenses from Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico and Washington as proof of identity, DOD officials said.

Federal policy

The ban – which also includes licenses from American Samoa - is a consequence of the REAL ID Act of 2005.

The REAL ID Act grew out of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks - most of the terrorists involved had driver's licenses from Florida and Virginia.

Congress tightened up issuance processes and documentation needed to get a driver's license.

Compliant cards must have specific security features to prevent tampering, counterfeiting or duplication. The licenses must also present data in a common, machinereadable format.

The REAL ID Act affects only

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access-control policies where individuals are required to present an identification document for accessing federal facilities, entering nuclear power plants or boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft.

The federal REAL ID Act implementation rules allow for exceptions. For example, they explained life or safety issues such as medical emergencies and situations in which physical access is necessary to apply for benefits are exceptions.

Those attempting to gain physical access to DOD installations must show an alternate form of identification, such as a passport.

Service members, family members, DOD and federal employees with the DOD Common Access

Card, DOD uniformed services identification and privileges cards, federal personal identification verification cards or transportation workers' identification credentials are not affected, as those cards are authorized in DOD policy to facilitate physical access to installations.

All federal agencies including DOD must comply with the law regarding the use of REAL IDs for official purposes.

For most DOD installations, an identification card or an installation pass is required to facilitate access.

Hence, where an ID or an installation pass is used for physical access, DOD installations are prohibited from accepting driver's licenses or state identification cards from states deemed non-REAL ID compliant.

DOD policy allows commanders to waive the DOD access control requirements for special situations, circumstances or emergencies.

Therefore, installations may authorize other alternatives to facilitate access, such as a graduation ceremony guest list, escorts, etc.

TOMMIE HORTON



Team Robins raises nearly \$800K for CFC

The Robins 2015 Combined Federal Campaign successfully pledged \$798,191.

"I would like to thank everyone for their support and participation during this year's campaign," said Bobby Munda, Robins CFC chair.

This year's annual campaign, with the theme "You

sonnel across the installation, which was met in mid-November.

The CFC is the largest and most successful annual workplace charity drive in the U.S., giving federal employees the opportunity to join together and assist those in need in their communities. Eligible non-profit organizations are supported which in turn provide health and human benefits throughout the world. - By Jenny Gordon

Transportation Incentive Program 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 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.

Found property

The 78th Security Forces Squadron has found several items and are seeking their rightful owners.

If you have lost an item on base, contact Investigator Mitchell Creasy at DSN 472-7850 with a detailed description of the item in order to claim ownership.

Robins Parkway construction

A construction project to replace pavement on Robins Parkway from 3rd Street to Richard Ray Boulevard is scheduled to begin Feb. 16. The project will be done in two phases. Only two lanes will be closed during each



phase. This will allow two lanes to remain open to allow for two-way traffic. This construction project is projected to last approximately 45 days. Work could be delayed if inclement weather or unforeseen conditions are encountered.

For more information, call Ricky Davis at 478-327-2940 or Lorrie Simmons at 478-327-3977. Phase 1 is expected to last from Feb. 16 through March 4. Phase 2 will be March 7 through 25.

ROSC Scholarship applications

Graduating seniors can now apply for the Robins Officer's Spouse's Club scholarship applications. Applicants may access the applications via the ROSC website at www.robinsosc.com.

Graduating seniors may also pick up a packet from their high school guidance counselors. The completed application packets must be postmarked by March 1, 2016.

Eligibility requirements for all applicants:

Dependent children/spouses of retired, deceased or active duty military members currently stationed at Robins or a dependent child/spouse of an eligible current, retired, or deceased DOD civilian employee of Robins.

■ In the upper 10 percent of their class, or have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, and must

can change a life," included an active three-week solicitation period and ended Dec. 31. Base super monitors and key workers made 100 percent contact with perhave demonstrated scholarship, leadership and outstanding performance. See the application packet for complete details.

WEINGARTEN REPRESENTATION RIGHTS

Section 7114, Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, provides certain rights to bargaining unit employees being questioned by management during an investigation.

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These rights are also spelled out in Article 5, Section 5.03 of the Master Labor Agreement between Air Force Materiel Command and the American Federation of Government Employees, Article 16, Section c, of the Nonappropriated Funds Labor Agreement, and Article 7, Section 5, of the Command Labor Agreement between AFMC and the International Association of Fire Fighters.

If a supervisor is questioning an employee and the employee believes discipline may result from the interview, the employee is entitled to be represented by the union if specifically requested by the employee.

The following three ingredients must all be present for this right to be exercised:

■ The supervisor or management official must be asking questions;

■ The employee must have a reasonable basis to believe discipline could result;

And, the employee must request union representation.

That doesn't entitle employees to representa-



tion when normal day-to-day matters are being discussed or questions are not asked.

A counseling session to be entered on the Air Force Form 971, Supervisor's Employee Brief, and the delivery of a proposed disciplinary action would be two examples of instances when the right does not arise.

If you have a question concerning representation rights under the investigatory interview circumstances, please contact your servicing Labor Relations specialist or contact the Labor Relations Office at 1-844-Mgt-Help.

Notice to Bargaining Unit Employees Concerning Union Dues

The following information is covered under Article 8.05 (e) of the Master Labor Agreement between Air Force Material Command and American Federation of Government Employees. Employees desiring to initiate an authorization for dues withholding may obtain an SF 1187 from any AFGE steward or official. The effective date will be the first full pay period after receipt of the SF 1187 by the Civilian Pay Section.

Employees wishing to discontinue their dues withholding may obtain SF 1188s from the Civilian Pay Section located in Bldg. 301, East Wing, Bay F or the Labor Relations Office located in Bldg. 215, Room 356. Discontinuance of dues withholding will be effective as follows:

(1) For an employee who began dues withholding allotments before Jan.11, 1979: Beginning the first full pay period following Sept. 1 provided the SF 1187 is received by the Civilian Pay Section prior to Sept. 1.

(2) For an employee who started dues withholding on or after Jan. 11, 1979: Beginning the first full pay period following the particular anniversary date (the anniversary date is the starting date of the first pay period for which dues were deducted from the employee's pay).

If you have a question concerning the above, please contact your servicing Labor Relations specialist or contact the Labor Relations Office at 1-844-Mgt-Help.



The Robins Air Force Base SARC is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 478-327-7272.



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AROUND THE AIR FORCE Recapitalizing JSTARS: the communication system

BY JUSTIN OAKES

66th Air Base Group Public Affairs

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. -

Communication is key. And for the Air Force's Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft, its communication component is one of four major areas undergoing a combined multi-billion dollar recapitalization.

Since JSTARS's introduction in 1991, Air Force command posts, Army mobile ground stations and many airborne platforms have come to rely on the information passed through the aircraft's communication system to make informed decisions on the battlefield.

Leading the charge on the communication system's revamp is a specialized defense acquisition team based out of Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

"Command and control is an integral part of JSTARS," said 1st Lt. George Steele, a program systems engineer for the JSTARS Recapitalization. "Without effective communication systems and equipment, it would be impossible for JSTARS to perform its intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission."

The current E-8C JSTARS, which is equipped onto a Boeing 707 airframe, conveys real-time targeting information to allied forces using line-of-sight and beyondline-of-sight secure data and voice links – a capability that has evolved from Army and AF programs' desire to

Afghan Air Force receives first four A-29s **KABUL, AFGHANISTAN**

(AFNS) - The U.S. Air Force delivered four A-29 Super Tucanos to the Afghan Air Force Jan. 15 at Hamid Karzai International Airport, Afghanistan.

Eight combat-ready attack pilots and a handful of maintainers graduated Dec. 17, and have returned to Afghanistan after a year of training with the 81st Fighter Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. The pilots are the first of 30 who will be trained by the 81st FS in the next three years.

The U.S. Air Force had no qualified A-29 pilots or maintainers prior to the start of the program, and stood up the 81st FS. These airmen have been responsible for developing all tactics and ways to instruct the students.

"The A-29 program has been an integral part of the U.S. government's overall 'Building Partnership Capacity' efforts around the world and immediately supports the development of an indigenous air force in Afghanistan," said Brig. Gen. Christopher Craige, commanding general at Train, Advise, Assist Command-Air.

develop, detect, locate and attack enemy forces beyond the area of troops.

With the new communications system, "we intend to incorporate both LOS and BLOS data and voice links similar to the legacy aircraft, utilizing ultra-high frequency, very ultra-high frequency and high-frequency encrypted systems," Steele said.

As far as data is concerned, information will pass through satellite communication channels and the Common Data Link, a U.S. military developed protocol used to transfer images and intelligence signals.

In order to acquire these capabilities in a timely manner, Hanscom program officials will be taking a unique approach by embracing modern, existing technology, which will eliminate the need to develop components from scratch.

"There have been major technological advances since JSTARS was first introduced and deployed to Operation Desert Storm," Steele said. "By using current and emerging systems, it will allow for increased capability while reducing size, weight and power to the overall aircraft.'

In addition to using readily available government and commercial-off-the-shelf products, the JSTARS Recap team plans to incorporate hardware and software geared toward open systems architecture. Meaning, when modifications or upgrades to the communications system are needed in the future, updates can be made with greater

flexibility and lower cost.

"There are many benefits of using a modular open systems architecture," said Col. David Learned, JSTARS Recap program manager. "We have to consider how our investments today will impact the affordability and agility of JSTARS Recap throughout its system life cycle. That's why we are incorporating this type of architecture into many of the JSTARS components, not just the communications subsystem."

The JSTARS Recapitalization program recently passed from the Materiel Solutions Analysis phase to the Technology Maturation and Risk Reduction phase, upon an OSD-approved Milestone A decision Dec. 10.

Milestone A will allow the Air Force to exercise options on three existing contracts to further risk reduction efforts. The three separate options have a combined value of \$45 million and will provide system functional, preliminary design reviews and subsystem prototype demonstrations.

According to Steele, the team is working hand-inhand with industry through a series of face-to-face meetings, site visits and Hanscom AFB-hosted "industry days."

The JSTARS Recap team is also working with federally-funded research and development centers, Air Force Test Labs and industry defense contractors to evaluate and ensure the future needs of the JSTARS weapon system are met.

In Other News

This week in **Air Force History**



On January 18, 1911, Eugene Ely landed on the deck of the USS Pennsylvania while it was anchored in San Francisco harbor, becoming the first pilot to land on the deck of a ship.

Army, Air Force collaborate on education, innovation JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS (AFNS) -

Gen. David Perkins, the commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, recently visited officials from Air Education and Training Command to collaborate with Air Force leaders on advancing education and innovation within the respective military services.

Perkins spoke with Lt. Gen. Darryl Roberson, AETC commander, and

Air University leaders at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, broaching on several subjects affecting both commands, from the future of recruiting to the emergence of new technologies.

TRADOC is the Army counterpart of AETC.

Army and Air Force leaders discussed employing technologies to train and educate soldiers and airmen, not just in the classroom, but in perpetuity when they return to their units. Leveraging new technologies for continual education is vital to reach and recruit younger generations entrenched in an information-saturated world.

Test team aims at new machine gun for Pave Hawk EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE,

CALIF. (AFNS) – Arriving in the rain, an Air Force HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter landed at Edwards Jan. 5, to begin testing the ballistic dispersion of a GAU-21 .50 caliber machine gun.

The Pave Hawk will be there until today with the 412th Test Wing and 418th Flight Test Squadron providing the facilities, range safety, photographic documentation and maintenance support equipment.

The 96th Test Wing at Eglin Air



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS LAUREN M. JOHNSON

Loading the giant Tech. Sgt. Joshua Peters, a 41st Rescue Squadron special

missions aviator, loads ammunition into an HH-60G Pave Hawk at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. The Pave Hawk features two crew-served .50-caliber machine guns, one located on each side. Peters was loading the weapons as part of a training mission.

Force Base, Florida, and the 412th Test Wing partnered up to provide the 413th Flight Test Squadron, Det. 1 from Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, a location for their test team to accomplish baseline ballistics testing.

The testing is part of Air Combat Command's "HH-60 Defensive Weapons System Upgrade" modification proposal



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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.

Commander's Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

Col. Jeff King **Installation Commander**

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completed, it will have affected operations that encompass some 400,000 square feet of floor space below it. Dock 2 was the first area to benefit.

It was agreed that the end result of how a hangar should look, feel and operate is what maintainers, work leaders, supervisors, engineering and inspection personnel will appreciate when the first aircraft finally arrives in Dock 2.

"It was fortunate we were able to begin with a clean slate," said Andy Huntt with the C-5 Facility Engineering Team. "The floor space was wide open. We didn't operate with the mindset to put it back the way it was. We wanted it better – to make more efficient use of space."

"The amount of cooperation to get this project done is tremendous. From production folks who will live here, to the contractors, to plant services, to civil engineering, it's been a great example of teamwork," he said.

The new laminate, interlocking roof is layered, with a shape and design that dampens the sound of the work. In the past when the mass notification system was used, sound would bounce around. The new roof's insulation qualities alleviates that. Maintenance work will also not sound as loud.

"With any echoing, holes in the panels allow sound to get into its special insulation," said Billy Miller with the C-5 Facility Engineering Team. "That ambient noise goes out and never comes back."

Also, the new standing-seam metal roof will ensure there'll be no leaks in the future. Each of its 150-foot panels insures this. Even during hot and humid summer days in Georgia, one of the roof's unique capabilities is the ability to expand and contract with the heat.

One of the first things a visitor will notice is how bright the space is. No new lights were placed. Instead, what you're seeing is the result of cleaning and a fresh coat of paint on interior walls; the addition of translucent panels at the dock's east wall, bringing in a welcoming glow inside; and a layer of roof panels that in turn reflect light.

A dramatic change was made to the floor itself, which was resurfaced and recoated. That floor and the addition of paint on the walls had not been part of the original plan.

Designers and engineers have maximized the nearly 70,000 square feet of current space, efficiently using the area to include a dedicated spot for two current C-5 landing gear fixture test stands, which were first assembled in the new dock in October. A third fixture will be relocated later this year.

"The focus on efficient use of space in Dock 2, and the next three docks as they are refurbished, will help us gain valuable space that has the potential to be used for industrial and production space," said Hamilton. "We would be able to install tooling and equipment in these recaptured spaces that would allow us or the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group to work C-5 components under the roof of Bldg. 125, close to the aircraft."

Adding further efficiency, abandoned cables were removed, as well as utility runs and miscellaneous brackets and hardware that were no longer being supported by equipment not in use for years. Including Dock 2, each of the building's other three docks will include a dedicated communication room, which will house equipment in a climate-controlled environment.

Also in the dock, a two-story modular office building, which will house evaluation and inspection personnel, as well as work leaders and supervisors who will sit just several feet away from incoming aircraft.

The dock's fire alarm and fire suppression system was also upgraded. And aircraft wing stands are currently in place, with a test fit on a C-5 tentatively scheduled for Wednesday.

The project's next phase of renovations will happen in nearby Dock 1. Managed by the Army Corps of Engineers, the project's overall cost is over \$50 million.



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GEAR

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mid-December.

first fixture in October,

with the second moving

to its permanent home in

It's one of the first

shops to enjoy the bene-

fits of the new state-of-

The move was part of a

transition which began in

repair roof replacement

project is underway that

will close the building's

ple-bogie landing gear

system on a C-5 is com-

posed of separate struts

which feed into tires and

and bogie assemblies,

four docks in various phas-

The retractable multi-

2014 as a maintenance and

the-art maintenance

hangar.

es.

The Air Force received final delivery of a C-17 in 2013, its 223rd aircraft; and celebrated a major milestone in 2015 with the fleet reaching 3 million flying hours. Since the aircraft is no longer in production, according to Keown, the engine was the last major end item that will now transition into sustainment.

While Robins maintainers don't work on the engines, the 562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is dedicated to programmed depot maintenance of the

brakes, along with various wiring, such as hydraulic and electrical lines that feed into them.

"It's really an amazing piece of art," said John Hoffman, 559th AMXS aircraft mechanic.

His son, an Army combat engineer, flies on the C-5 his father works on. "There's not a job on this base I'd rather be doing," Hoffman said.

The landing gear fixture itself can adjust to the worker, since the platform moves allowing gears to be brought straight inside.

Diagnostics and troubleshooting work is greatly enhanced as a result.

The landing gears arrive at Robins from the Ogden Air Logistics

aircraft. An occasion was also marked in December when the squadron produced the 500th C-17 here. That number represents aircraft which were at the depot for maintenance or modifications.

The C-17 Program Office at Robins – with personnel co-located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio – includes foreign military sales and Boeing representatives responsible for sustainment, modification, maintenance and service of the entire fleet.

Partner nations that fly the C-17, who host representatives in the program office, include the United Kingdom, Qatar, Australia, Canada and the NATO Airlift Management Program.

> Complex in Utah, where mechanics there perform depot maintenance on each assembly.

Sometimes they arrive new or overhauled, and a team of seven Robins mechanics build them back up 100 percent for placement on an aircraft.

The landing gear shop here produces 16 main landing gears per year, along with four nose gears.

It typically takes about 15 days for the shop to strip landing gears before it's packed and shipped back to Ogden ALC; on the build-up side, which takes 30 days.

The shop's third test stand fixture is scheduled to be moved later this year.



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Robins military justice actions

The following airmen received nonjudicial punishment in accordance with Article 15, UCMJ, and AFI 51-202 in December:

►A 53rd Air Traffic Control Squadron staff sergeant, who is married, wrongfully procured a prostitute and committed adultery by engaging in sexual intercourse with the prostitute, in violation of Article 134 of the UCMJ. The member received a reduction to senior airman and a reprimand.

►A 339th Flight Test Squadron master sergeant was derelict in the performance of duties and made a false official statement, in volation of Articles 92 and 107 of the UCMJ. The member received a suspended reduction to technical sergeant, forfeiture of \$194 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

►A 461st Maintenance Squadron technical sergeant was derelict in the performance of duties in violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ. The member received a suspended reduction to staff sergeant, forfeiture of \$501 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

► A 78th Communications

Directorate staff sergeant wrongfully used marijuana twice, in violation of Article 112a of the UCMJ. The member was reduced to senior airman, received a suspended forfeiture of \$1,225 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

►A 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron senior airman failed to go to the appointed place of duty at the prescribed time, in violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ. The member received a suspended reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$150 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

The following airmen were administratively demoted in accordance with AFI 36-2502 in December:

► Two **78th Security Forces Squadron** senior airmen were administratively demoted to airman first class for failing to meet fitness standards on three physical fitness tests within a 24 month period.

►A 461st Air Control Network Squadron senior airman was administratively demoted to airman first class for failing to meet fitness standards on three physical fitness tests within a 24 month period.

►A **78th Security Forces Squadron** airman first class was administratively demoted to airman for an off-base driving under the influence offense.

– Courtesy 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office







Thought for the Day "Even if you're on the right track, you'll

get run over if you just sit there."

– Will Rogers



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BY THE NUMBERS

▶ 10 — total number of buildings that make up lodging at Robins.

► 211 — total number of rooms and suites.

▶ \$60 to \$75 — price range for a night's stay.

► **120** — days in advance that a reservation may be made.

► 2,060 — distinguished visitors served in fiscal 2015.

► 44,209 — total personnel lodged in fiscal 2015.



housekeeping manager and supervisor, installs a new lamp shade during an upgrade in one of the temporary lodging facility rooms. The place to Live, Learn, Work and Play



Jill Sapp, Guest Services representative, checks in a guest at the Pine Oaks Lodge front desk.

WHAT TO KNOW

Pine Oaks Lodge is located at 557 Club Drive, Robins AFB, Ga. 31098. The facility is open 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

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Pine Oaks Lodge undergoes upgrades

away from

BY ANGELA WOOLEN angela.woolen.ctr.@us.af.mil

ine Oaks Lodge has rooms for families, for distinguished visitors and even for those who have pets. It also can house civilians.

Called lodging on base and a hotel outside the gates, Pine Oaks has the same standards that a regular hotel would have as well as Department of Defense standards. staff. Most of the housekeeping staff have more than 10 years experience working on base.

The distinguished visitor suites have been decorated by an interior decorator and boast a large living room with a dining room table and a separate bedroom area. Those 13 DV rooms are for E-9 through O-10 ranks and the civilian equivalent.

There are two housekeepers dedicated to cleaning those rooms. Housekeepers have from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to get a room ready for the next guest. "We find the best of the best," Jones said. Most of the rooms will get a facelift this spring including new carpeting. The old furniture will be sold at a nonappropriated funds sale. Jones said most items don't get above \$50. That helps young airmen who are just starting out to get quality furniture at a fraction of the price. Once the rooms are updated, the usual rate of occupancy is 87 percent. Yearly, the lodging facility brings in \$2.7 million in revenue before the bills are paid, Jones said. Guests are encouraged to fill out comment cards after their stay but Jones wants his employees to live by the motto "make it right while they're still here."

Manager Ron Jones explained that his staff goes through rigorous certifications each year.

"It helps raise all of the Air Force Inn's competency levels," he said.

The busiest time of year for the hotel is between May and September when families are PCSing to a new base.

Many of the rooms are being upgraded this year.

The temporary lodging facilities look more like an apartment than an actual hotel. New hardwood floors, furniture and bedding along with a fresh coat of paint have freshened the rooms.

New mattresses will be upgraded with covers to prevent accidents from small children.

Pine Oaks employs between 59 and 64 people on its



THE BIGGER PICTURE

Pine Oaks Lodge is part of the Air Force Inns directory which includes more than 27,000 rooms at 89 locations worldwide.

Their mission is to ensure the resilience of its guests by providing a clean, comfortable room to guarantee a good night's rest and a pleasant stay.







Above top right, Pine Oaks Lodge manager, Ron Jones, goes over the laminated checklists he and his staff perform on a regular basis to keep up with hotel regulations.

Above bottom right, guest rooms have all of the amenities of home while traveling.



DID YOU KNOW?

Pine Oaks Lodge is on the technology highway.

On the horizon is a total upgrade to the telecommunications network to include Fiber Wi-Fi upgrades.

A BETTER YOU

Robins celebrates Biomedical Sciences Corps Appreciation Week

BY 1ST LT. PIERRE NELSON 461st Operations Support Squadron Aerospace & Operational Physiology

Next week, the 78th Medical Group is officially recognizing the crucial work of the Biomedical Sciences Corps with BSC Appreciation Week.

Robins BSC members have distinguished themselves during the past year by being selected by Air Force Materiel Command as the Air Force Medical Service Biomedical Specialist Category I of the Year. They also garnered 44 quarterly and 15 annual squadron and group-level awards and two 78th Air Base Wing-level awards.

The unit will use the week to celebrate and highlight the diverse medical career fields, clinicians and scientists within the medical treatment facility.

The BSC's roots date back to 1917, when Congress established the Army Sanitary Corps to combat infectious diseases. The Army Medical Administrative Corps followed three years later. The National Security Act in 1947 created the Army Medical Service Corps and two years later, the Air Force had its own medical service. Air Force Special Order CA-5 dated January 28, 1965 created the Biomedical Sciences Corps category.

Representing 11 of the 17 BSC career fields and comprising about 126 members to include officers, enlisted and civilians, BSCs are a diverse specialty corps.

The specialties represented at Robins are: *aerospace physiology;*



U.S. Air Force file photo

Senior Airman Derek Clinger, 78th Medical Group, gets an eye exam by Capt. Mathew Tholl, 78th Medical Group optometrist. Optometry is one of the Biomedical Sciences Corps specialties that will be celebrated during BSC Appreciation Week.

audiology; bioenvironmental engineering; clinical psychology; laboratory; optometry; pharmacy; Physical Therapy; Physician Assistant; Public Health; and Social Worker.

They span three squadrons within the 78th Medical Group and across base to the 461st Operations Support Squadron.

"Pretty much any medic that's not a nurse, physician, dentist or administrator is a BSC," said Col. Shari Silverman, 78th Medical Group commander and fellow BSC. "BSCs are a significant part of the Air Force Medical Service and the Robins mission.

"Every day BSCs care for more than

47,000 beneficiaries in Middle Georgia, ensure the safety of our base food and water supplies, as well as support 275 worksites across the installation," she added.

To celebrate the anniversary and recognize the contributions of these outstanding men and women, the BSC team will conduct multiple events during the week.

They include: A breakfast; a moralebuilding luncheon at the bowling center; a volunteer opportunity at the base Thrift Store; mentoring sessions with retired Brig. Gen. James Carroll and Col. James Dienst, Air Force Reserve Command command surgeon; a 5K Fun Run; and a cake and ice cream social.

Nurse Advice Line

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. That 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 Sunday, 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.

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.



Learning the ropes **Right Start orientation sets newcomers up for success at Robins**

BY HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON holly.logan-arrington@us.af.mil

Newcomers don't have to go far to learn their way around Robins Air Force Base.

The Airman & Family Readiness Center's Right Start program is an in-depth three-and-a-half hour orientation, usually offered every third Wednesday in A&FRC'S Bldg. 794 at 725 Ninth St. The program is designed to make the integration into the Robins Air Force Base community as smooth as possible for all newly arriving Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, and eligible Reserve and Guard service members and their families.

Wesley Patton, a Community Readiness consultant in the A&FRC, who is the Relocation Assistance Program manager at Robins, said first-term airmen and military members who have served four years or less in the military are especially encouraged to attend the orientation.

"We prefer that newcomers attend this orientation within 30 to 60 days of their arrival as they tend to get caught up in the demands of their work environments and other activities, and one of the most important things, which is becoming acquainted with the services and programs offered on and off base, can easily go by the wayside," he said.

Right Start gives newcomers the information they need without having to travel around the base.

"Right Start has a lot of moving parts," Patton said. "We have 20 briefers and over a dozen organizations which participate in the information fair portion. During the "Info Fair" portion, attendees move from one display table to the next, where they gather information, mugs, pens, pamphlets and other items, and even learn how to enroll in one of the numerous colleges and universities nearby, as well as how to establish a bank account at a local bank or credit union."



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Kimberly Hill, Military & Family Life Counselor, is one of 20 briefers from over a dozen organizations who donate their time to talk to newcomers about what their organization has to offer.

Spouses and Defense Department civilians are also encouraged to attend Right Start, Patton said.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the February Right Start will be held on Feb. 10, and will revert back to every third Wednesday beginning in March.

To register for Right Start, eligible people should contact their units' Individual Newcomer Treatment and Orientation Program manager, or the Base INTRO manager to make an appointment to attend a monthly orientation.

For more information, call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 478-926-1256.

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How to Accomplish Your New Year's Resolution

e are a few weeks into the new year and many people who set out with the best of intentions to make healthy changes are beginning to feel the struggle. Let's look at how to succeed.

Why do resolutions fail?

Have you ever wondered why people set New Year's resolutions only to struggle and often fail at sustaining their change? Perhaps you have aspired to do something more or do something less, but found that life inevitably got in the way. Resolutions typically fit in one of four categories: self-improvement and education, health/fitness/weight, finance, and relationships. According to statisticbrain.com, only 8 percent of people are successful in achieving their resolution. However, that doesn't tell the whole story. In fact, 75 percent maintained their resolution through the first week. After one month the number is 64 percent and at six months only 46 percent have maintained their resolution. So what actually happens over time to cause the number to continue to drop?

Motivation is a currency.

It takes extra work to change an established behavior

or to establish a new behavior. This work can be made easier with motivation that can be used to boost self-control, discipline or your current priorities for making choices. This motivation is a currency, which we expend to make the choices that feel less natural (such as not eating a donut when you would normally). Without replenishing our motivation, we lose the drive to go against habits, cravings or peer pressures. The good news is we can replenish motivation with successes or even outside encouragement.

Ways to increase your chances of success.

Tell someone. People who explicitly make resolutions are more likely to attain their goals than people who don't. Building in a little accountability can go a long way.

Be S.M.A.R.T. SMART goals are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time Oriented. It's hard to meet your goal if you don't know the specifics of who/what/where/how, can't measure it, can't attain it or don't know the timeframe.

Reward yourself. Celebrating the small victories helps replenish motivation as you work towards making a

change.

Have a plan. Plan ahead for the times that will be the most difficult for you to resist urges, cravings, or even peer pressure. Planning for this at a time when you are not influenced by those things and motivation is higher will make it less of a choice later.

Lapses are not relapses. The first time you show a break in your desired behavior change, don't pull the plug on your efforts. Think about all of the progress you have made, learn from the experience, and recognize where your plan did not work so you can plan for the next situation.

Still not sure where to start?

If your attempts to improve some aspect of your life have been unsuccessful even with the above strategies, don't give up. There are professionals available to help make your changes stick.

For more information call the Health and Wellness Center at 478-327-8480, Behavioral Health Optimization Program at 478-327-7850, or the Mental Health Clinic at 478-327-8398.

- Courtesy Health and Wellness Center



Getting to Know You



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by CLAUDE LAZZARA

UNIT: 52nd Combat Communications Squadron

JOB TITLE: Radio Frequency Transmission Systems supervisor

TIME IN SERVICE: 5 years

HOMETOWN: Adel, Ga.

What does your work involve at Robins? "As a radio frequency transmission systems supervisor, my role at Robins involves ensuring personal and subordinate personnel's readiness to support contingency, exercise and deployment operations with satellite and radio communications capabilities worldwide."

What do you enjoy most about your work? "I most enjoy the personal and professional development opportunities the U.S. Air Force has to offer and the challenges that come with each one. Not only does the Air Force provide numerous chances to improve our own life, but as a supervisor we have the opportunity of helping troops seek out their own self-improvement goals."

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? "Our work at the 5th Combat Communications Group supports the Robins-AFMC mission by providing communications infrastructures in support of expeditionary warfighters. More specifically, as a RF transmission systems supervisor, my role is to bring satellite and ground radio communications links to the fight."

What prompted your interest in your current career field? "Growing up, I always enjoyed working with electronics. When I enlisted in the Air Force, I naturally wanted to do something related, so I came in as an "open electronics" enlistee, which guaranteed me something in the electronics field."

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? "My wife, Kim, has been my biggest influence because without her by my side, life's accomplishments just wouldn't be the same."



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Airman & Family Readiness Center Classes, workshops & seminars

► Educational Track* – Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

► Transition GPS Workshop* – Feb. 1 through 5 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

►**Key Spouse Training** – Feb. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

▶ Pre-Separation Briefing (retirees)* – Feb. 9

and 23 from 8 a.m. to noon. (**separatees**)* – Feb. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon.

► Financial Beginnings (First Term Officers)* - Feb. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

► First Term Airman Course: Finances* – Feb. 9 from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

▶ Right Start* – Feb. 10 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
▶ Career Technical Training Track* – Feb. 10

and 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

► Interview with Confidence – Feb. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m.

► VA Benefits Briefing* – Feb. 17 in Bldg. 905 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

► Writing A Winning Resume – Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.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 preregistration. 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)





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Boss N Buddy

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

Big Bingo Winter Fun Day

Sunday 2:15 p.m. Heritage Club Bingo Room Larger prize payouts For details, call DSN 468-4515.

Tips from the Pro

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

Membership Dinner

Monday 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Heritage Club Ballroom For details, call DSN 468-2670.

UPCOMING

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.

Twilight Special Rates

Every day 2 to 5 p.m. Pine Oaks Golf Course 18 holes with cart \$20 per person. For details, call DSN 468-4103.



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