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DEALING WITH DISASTER



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

Above, Col. Jarvis Baker, 78th Mission Support Group commander and Robins Emergency Operations Center director, and Mark Martinez, Installation Emergency manager, monitor emergency communication and coordination in the EOC which provides tactical response in the event of all types of disaster. A portion of this week's exercise focused on natural disasters. Right, Manny Andico, Robins Fire Inspector, coordinates communications between the Robins Fire Department and the EOC. Constant reach back between the EOC representative to his or her unit provides hourly situational updates on personnel and any property damages.

See more behind-the-scenes coverage of the EOC on page A2.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Terry Li, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Support Squadron aircraft engineering supervisor, works on a waste service pan with Shawn Coffee, 562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft sheet metal worker.

Keep 'em flying, keep 'em safe

BY JENNY GORDON

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There are aircraft – some more than 40 years old – flying across the sky every day specifically designed and built to preserve our nation's interests here and abroad.

Helping to ensure those aircraft are sustained and flying safely is the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center's C-5 Galaxy Division, responsible for the operational support and effectiveness of the Air Force's fleet of cargo transport aircraft.

There are about 200 people working in offices at Robins and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio whose efforts include writing and updating manuals for C-5 programmed depot maintenance lines here and in the field; defining work to be performed on each aircraft; and managing various modernization and modification efforts across the fleet.

Currently, one of the division's biggest development efforts, in partnership with Lockheed Martin, is the C-5M Reliability Enhancement and Re-engining Program, which provides the Air Force's largest airlifter with improved reliability, efficiency, maintainability and availability.

Other significant modifications coming up include early testing on replacement of the aircraft's color weather radar and updating its mission computer. Another is modifying several communications

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Robins hosts second Clergy Summit in March

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A B-17 pilot who was shot down over Germany during World War II will be this year's keynote speaker during the 2nd Annual Robins Clergy Summit.

This year's event will take place from 8 to 11 a.m., March 1, at the Museum of Aviation Hangar One. Retired colonel, Crawford E. Hicks, whose aircraft was shot down May 30, 1944, was a prisoner of war for 11 months. His experiences were associated with the 1963 movie, "The Great Escape," starring Steve McQueen.

The March summit will focus on the wingman concept, and how the newly-formed Robins Ministerial Alliance can use it to continue building resiliency among its members, especially those who work in any high-stress occupation. They'll also be looking at the concept to see how it can be used to alleviate stressors

that could mitigate suicidal behaviors.

Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Other guest speakers include members of the alliance and the Installation Chaplain's Office. There will also be a discussion with the Robins First Sergeants Panel.

Last February's summit – a pilot program that drew over 90 local clergy members – centered on the spiritual piece of the Comprehensive Airmen Fitness program, which is essential to the resiliency of airmen.

The RMA was formed as a result of the summit, encouraging membership across all faith groups in finding ways to support Robins airmen and the Air Force culture of being a wingman to others in need.

One of its efforts was establishing a network of spiritual sources for civilians, and continuing to develop on-call clergy teams to provide immediate crisis care for civilians and military if they need it.

Those who RSVP may choose the option of touring the base; however, that is limited to 40 people.



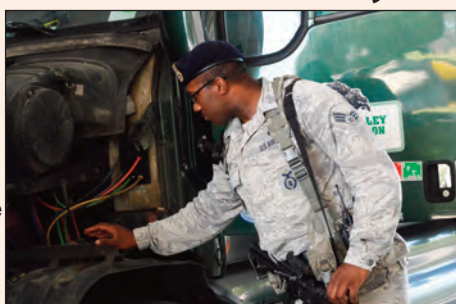
U.S. Air Force file photo

Crawford Hicks, B-17 pilot, addresses the audience during a reception held at the Museum of Aviation on Aug. 21, 2015. The reception honored veterans who served aboard B-17s and celebrated the arrival of a B-17 Flying Fortress which will be displayed at the museum.

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Commercial Gate now closed on Saturdays

The Robins Air Force Base Commercial Vehicle Gate will now be closed on Saturdays. Those wishing to gain access through the commercial gate with smaller vehicles requiring search on Saturdays, may enter through the Watson Boulevard Gate. Anyone having multiple vehicles or larger vehicles may call the Base Defense Operations Center at 478-926-2187 to gain access through the Commercial Vehicle Gate.



Celebrating Diversity: Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and the central role they have played in U.S. history.

Elijah McCoy was a Canadian-American inventor and engineer of African descent who was notable for his 57 U.S. patents, most having to do with the lubrication of steam engines.

McCoy's high-quality industrial inventions were the basis for the expression "the real McCoy," meaning the real, authentic, or high-quality thing.



McCoy

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"Don't learn safety by accident."

SECOND FRONT

DEALING WITH DISASTER



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

The Robins Emergency Operations Center is a beehive of activity during exercise operations Tuesday.

EOC stands up when bad things go down

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Like the old adage says, it's not a matter of if a natural disaster will strike in our community, but when.

As events from this week's tornado exercise showed, one of the first steps taken with disaster response and recovery happens when a group of specialists from across the base walk through the doors of the Robins' Emergency Operations Center.

Several tornado warnings were issued beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, some of the first to arrive in the EOC 30 minutes later were emergency operations personnel, followed by more than 30 unit representatives.

As they entered a large room dedicated for emergency communication and coordination, a magnetic sign-in board was one of the first steps.

Four groups of tables surround the room, with six to eight people sitting at each. One table at the center of the room is occupied by emergency management directors and a manager.

Small signs above each work station designate the coinciding organization: *firefighters; safety; public works; urban search and rescue; transportation; resource and medical support; and others.*

Two massive projection screens, nearly spanning from floor to ceiling, command the front of the room. They are used to detail damage reports and a record of events as they happen and are communicated to the EOC. Two television monitors are also stationed on either side to monitor newscasts.

It's nearly 10 a.m., and Master Sgt. Jay Moreau, Installation Emergency manager, and Readiness and Emergency Management Flight superintendent, provides the group with an initial situation brief.

"A tornado has touched down and damaged several buildings; there are reports of injuries."

"Keep the lines of communication open," Moreau stressed aloud to the room. "Start looking at what assets you have to provide to this response . . . we've got a lot of damage, and we need to clear it to keep the mission going."

The flow of information is essential. In the EOC, that information supports the incident commander, and the fire chief, who is assessing life and property in the field.

Voices steadily talk into telephones. They reach back to respective unit control centers which in turn provide updates on personnel and any property damages. Updates from each area are provided at the top of the hour.

"It's information overload coming from multiple UCC's, multiple agencies, all at the same time," said Mark Martinez, Installation Emergency manager. "The priority here in the first hour is to support the incident commander . . . the initial focus is to save lives. Once there's an assessment status, then it's working the recovery plan."

In the adjoining room are members of base leadership who form the Crisis Action Team. While the EOC provides tactical response in the event of a natural disaster, the CAT provides strategic decisions on things like base closure or delayed reporting as needed.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Staff Sgt. Kendall Iverson, 78th Security Forces Squadron flight chief, hands a case of water to entry controllers Airmen First Class Shaquan Roberts and Aleia Moss Thursday morning. The unit collected five tons of bottled water to help Flint residents with their water crisis.

Robins helps Flint with water crisis

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First responders at Robins saw a need several states away and answered the call.

Spear-headed by the 78th Security Forces Squadron, the unit collected five tons of bottled water in less than two days to provide to residents in Flint, Michigan.

According to news reports, the Flint River water is extremely corrosive, and the older water service lines contain lead. As a result, the caustic water leached lead off of the pipes and into Flint households.

"If we could do that in two days, imagine what we could do with more time," said Staff Sgt. Kendall Iverson, 78th SFS flight chief.

Several security forces airmen, including Maj. Ian Walker, are Michigan natives and felt the urge to help a community in their home state.

"This is a humanitarian mission," Iverson said. Much like relief efforts during the earthquake in Haiti or missions after Hurricane Katrina on the Gulf of Mexico, the team couldn't ignore the crisis happening in Flint.

More than 66 pallets were lined up in the department, nearly filling up a room. Volunteers then used personal vehicles to transport the water to a church in Macon which is helping to ship the bottles for free.

"A case of water is about \$2.50 at the commissary so it doesn't cost much to give," Iverson said.

Team Robins Annual Awards

The 2016 Team Robins Annual Awards Ceremony will be March 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

The special guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Richard Haddad, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander. Dress will be uniform of the day for military and business casual for civilians.

For ticket information, call Senior Master Sgt. Aaron Dudley at 201-2030.

2016 Technology Expo

The 2016 Robins Tech Expo will be March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Club. All base personnel are invited to attend the free event hosted by the

402nd Software Maintenance Group.

To avoid lines, pre-register at www.FederalEvents.com, click on the "Robins AFB Tech Expo" link and select the pre-register button.

More than 20 exhibitors will provide hands-on demonstrations of various technologies.

ASMC event March 16

Registration is open for the American Society of Military Comptrollers Middle Georgia 2016 Mini Professional Development Institute set for March 16.

The event will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Hangar One. The registration fee for ASMC members is \$30 and \$35 for nonmembers. A maximum of seven continuing education points will be

awarded for this event.

Guest speakers will include: Brig. Gen. John Pletcher, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command Financial Management; Pamela Condino, HQ Air Combat Command deputy comptroller; Kevin Boutwell, Maxwell Financial Management school; and Sakenna Dixon, retired chief and current Centers for Disease Control senior advisor, Office of Finance and Accounting. There will also be a senior leader panel discussion and an award given to the organization with the highest attendance.

To register, contact Patty Therrell at patty.therrell@us.af.mil or DSN 241-5024. Deadline to register is March 9. Sign in will be from 7:30 to 8 a.m. March 16.



Robins firefighter smokes AFMC competition

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With two college degrees in horticulture and landscape design, becoming a firefighter doesn't seem like a natural job selection, but that's exactly what Lt. Steven Smith has chosen.

Smith volunteered at a local fire department when he was 18. From there, he went on to become an aircraft sheet metal mechanic. For the past 10 years, six at Robins, Smith has been a fireman.

"I like helping people," Smith said about what keeps him motivated to come to work every day.

All of the hard work he has done has been recognized as he has been selected as the Air Force Materiel Command 2015 Firefighter of the Year.

Smith has also been awarded, from the Georgia Knights of Columbus, the regional 2015 Firefighter of the Year award as well as the 778th Squadron Category-2 Civilian of the Year out of 73 firefighters.

Smith is a native of Fort Valley and graduated from Peach County High School in 1994.

He volunteers for numerous charities including one for Muscular Dystrophy and buying gifts for underprivileged children at Christmas.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Lt. Steven Smith was named Air Force Materiel Command 2015 Firefighter of the Year.

One of his most memorable moments was when his children pinned his EMT badge on him in a ceremony five years ago.

Writing his award package wasn't hard at all, said Javie Blanco, 78th assistant fire chief.

"He's our go-to guy. From his work ethic to his off-duty stuff, he represents us well," Blanco said of Smith's contributions to the department.

Robins Logisticians bring home AFMC honors

BY ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron is home to two Air Force Materiel Command honors.

The unit is the winner of the AFMC Daedalian Maj. Gen. Warren R. Carter Logistics Effectiveness Award in the Flying Squadron category; and the unit's commander, Maj. Michael Lee, won the AFMC Base-Level Officer Logistics Readiness Award in the Field Grade Officer category.

The unit award is named in recognition of Maj. Gen. Warren R. Carter who was commissioned in 1918 and held various flying positions throughout his career. He was a charter member of The Order of Daedalians. The Daedalian trophy and award is presented annually to the unit at Base Level as having achieved the best supply effectiveness record in AFMC in support of mission aircraft or weapons. The annual Logistics Readiness individual awards recognize individuals who excelled in performance



U.S. Air Force file photo

and made outstanding contributions to the Air Force or DOD Logistics Readiness mission.

This is the fourth year in a row the 78th LRS won an AFMC major award.

The 78th LRS will now compete at the Air Force level.

Airman Leadership School graduates

A Flight

- ▶ Senior Airman Candace Becker, 12th ACCS
- ▶ Michael Nelson, 78th SFS
- ▶ Chelsea Belvin, 78th MDOS
- ▶ Matthew Sanchez, 330th CTS
- ▶ Braylon Bolton, 51st CBCS
- ▶ Thomas Schwein, 461st AMXS
- ▶ Daniel Carrasco, 78th SFS
- ▶ Kane Smith, 165th AW
- ▶ Devan Dunham, 461st ACNS
- ▶ Carlo Strickland, 224th JCSS
- ▶ Manuel Guallpa, 12th ACCS
- ▶ Robert Wynter Jr., 439th CES
- ▶ Mourice McDuffie, 78th MDOS
- ▶ David Moore, 51st CBCS
- ▶ Brian Yutz, 51st CBCS

B Flight

- ▶ Senior Airman Janiece Acevedo, 78th ABW
- ▶ Devin Mchenry, 461st ACNS
- ▶ Ozjuan Bowie, 78th SFS
- ▶ Anthony Oneha, 52nd CBCS
- ▶ Charles Farrell, 461st AMXS
- ▶ Cole Feaser, 461st AMXS
- ▶ Christopher Feliz, 66th FSS
- ▶ Austin Fiorini, 129th CTS
- ▶ Anaya Harris, 78th ABW
- ▶ Samuel Lindsay, Det. 1, 15th ASOS
- ▶ Kenneth Sullivan, 330th CTS
- ▶ Sakay Tariman, 12th ACCS
- ▶ Dane Thomas, 52nd CBCS
- ▶ Thomas Utz, 461st MXS
- ▶ Michael Wisniewski, HQ AFRC

Special Awards

- ▶ **John L. Levitow Award** – Senior Airman Candace Becker, 12th ACCS

- ▶ **Academic Award** – Senior Airman Janiece Acevedo, 78th ABW

- ▶ **CMSgt Richard L. Etchberger Award** Senior Airman Ozjuan Bowie, 78th SFS

- ▶ **Distinguished Graduates** Senior Airman Janiece Acevedo, 78th ABW and Senior Airman Charles Farrell, 461st AMXS

Robins SE&TM awards

Congratulations to the following 2016 Robins Science, Engineering and Technical Management Award winners:

- ▶ **Junior Military Engineer:**
1st Lt. Bruce Von Niederhauser, Munitions Sustainment Division
- ▶ **Mid-Career Military Engineer:**
Capt. Benjamin Switzer, SOF and Personnel Recovery Division
- ▶ **Junior Civilian Scientist and Engineer:**
Isreal Crespo, 402nd SMXG
- ▶ **Mid-Career Civilian Engineer:**
Joel Lechene, C-130 tactical Airlift Division Maintenance Group
- ▶ **Senior Civilian Scientist and Engineer:**
John Smith, 402nd SMXG
- ▶ **Senior Military Scientist and Engineer:**
Maj. David Simmons, AFLCMC Electronic Warfare and Avionics Division
- ▶ **Chief Engineer:**
Scott Vandersall, Special Operations Forces and Personnel Recovery Division
- ▶ **Career Achievement:**
Scott Bennett, Munitions Sustainment Division
- ▶ **Technical Management:**
Victor Murray, Automatic Test Systems Division
- ▶ **Technical Management Team:**
ALE-50 Engineering Team, 402nd SMXG
- ▶ **Engineering Technician:**
Rico Villafane, 402nd Maintenance Support Group
- ▶ **Support:**
Debra Toliver, Support Equipment and Vehicles Division
- ▶ **Outstanding Scientist Team Award:**
JSTARS Rehost Team, 402nd Software Maintenance Group
- ▶ **Gen. Lester Lyles Award:**
Tiffany Morris 638th Supply Chain Management Group
- ▶ **Gen. Bernard P. Randolph Award:**
Air Force Small Arms Team Munitions Sustainment Division
- ▶ **Gen. James Ferguson Award:**
Dr. Michael Oliver, Munitions Sustainment Division
- ▶ **Capt. Ronald R. Obenland Engineering Memorial Award:**
David Fernandez, C2ISR Division

AFLCMC SE&TM awards

Congratulations to the following 2016 Robins Science, Engineering and Technical Management Award winners:

- ▶ **Junior Military Engineer:** 1st Lt. Paul Owens
- ▶ **Senior Military Engineer of the Year Award:** Maj. David Simmons
- ▶ **Mid-career Civilian Engineer of the Year Award:** Joel Lechene
- ▶ **Chief Engineer of the Year Award:** Scott Vandersall
- ▶ **Technical Leadership Award:** Michael Oliver
- ▶ **Engineering Team Award:** Support Equipment and Vehicles Mission Generation Engineering Team

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

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

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

To have an award included in the feature, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may be submitted, but space is limited. Submissions should be sent as a word document; photos should be .jpegs.

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VPP Gold presentations

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

Congratulations to the following organizations which were presented Gold banners during ceremonies Feb. 5:

- ▶ 78th ABW Judge Advocate
- ▶ 78th ABW Safety Office

AFMC Chaplain Corps Award

The Robins Chapel is the recipient of a 2015 AFMC Chaplain Corps Award. The chapel was named Outstanding Chaplain Corps Team (Medium Chapel Organization). The team will now compete at the Air Force level against other major command winners.

AFMC A1 Functional Awards

Several functions in the 78th Force Support Squadron have been named Air Force Materiel Command A1 Functional Award winners. Congratulations to the following winners:

- ▶ Master Sgt. Erica Plummer, Force Support SNCO of the Year
- ▶ Bowling program of the Year
- ▶ Marketing program of the Year



AFMC Public Affairs Awards

- Best Infographic: Geoff Janes
- Best Graphics Illustration: Tommie Horton
- Best Illustrative Photography: Tommie Horton

Base Annual Award Winners

The Air Force Reserve Command, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex and 78th Air Base Wing had the following annual award winners:

Air Force Reserve Command

Airman: Senior Airman Michael Wisniewski
NCO: Staff Sgt. Stacey Beverly
SNCO: Senior Master Sgt. Rebecca Luckie
CGO: 1st Lt. Kimberley Brant
Civ. Category I: Robin Hodgkins
Civ. Category II: Elsie Houey
Civ. Category III: Jeffery Kressin
Civ. Category IV: Ray Knapek

Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex

Airman: Senior Airman Damiane Valdes, AMXG
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Anthony Dela Cruz, EMXG
SNCO: Master Sgt. Christopher Dow, AMXG
CGO: Capt. Jennifer Lindberg, AMXG
Civ. Category I: Michelle Cantu, CMXG
Civ. Category II: Antonio Delgado, EMXG
Civ. Category III: Charles Hendrix, MXSG
Civ. Category IV: Lynn Cuppett, CMXG
Civ. Category V: Armando Diaz, CMXG
Civ. Category VI: Stephen Cook, CMXG

78th Air Base Wing

Airman: Senior Airman Kiefer Colmer, 78th MSG
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Anthony Weiger, 78th MSG
SNCO: Master Sgt. Alvin Arguello, 78th MSG
Ceremonial Guardsman: Senior Airman Bradley Taylor, 78th MSG
First Sergeant: Master Sgt. Roderick Wachter, 78th WSA
CGO: Capt. Jacqueline McDermott, 78th WSA
Civ. Category I: Paula West, 78th MDG
Civ. Category II: Steven Smith, 78th CEG
Civ. Category III: Gayla Pegues, 78th MDG
Civ. Category IV: Taylor Hart, 78th MSG
Civ. Category V: Terry Owens, 78th CEG
Civ. Category VI: William Hill, 78th WSA

448th SCMW Quarterly Award Winners

SNCO: Master Sgt. Trenekia Johnson, 638th SCMG,
Civ. Category II: Ceriece Burke, 638th SCMG
Team of the Quarter: F-15 C/D Combining Glass Team, 638th SCMG

Walk, run this way – safety office provides guidelines for pedestrians

Many Team Robins members are taking advantage of the ideal weather for walking, jogging and running on base.

As pedestrians, we walk from the parking lot to our jobs, to school, to meet friends and to relax with our families.

In the past five years there have been 15 unnecessary pedestrian related fatal accidents in the Air Force.

Walking and running around traffic requires critical thinking skills the same as riding a bike or driving a car.

Start with applying the same walking and running skills you learned as a child: stop – look left-right-left for traffic and be seen.

It's recommended that joggers or runners remain off the road and on the shoulder facing oncoming traffic.

Runners and drivers are urged to use caution when approaching vehicles and other personnel on the roadways to help prevent any unnecessary accident or result in a trip to the emergency room.

In accordance with AFI 91-207, "The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program":

► Individuals aren't authorized to jog, run or walk on high-traffic roads or during peak traffic periods.



► Individuals jogging, running or walking at night or in inclement weather must wear reflective clothing visible from the front and back.

► The use of portable headphones, earphones, cellular phones or other listening and entertainment devices while walking, jogging, running, biking, skating or skateboarding on roadways is prohibited.

It's highly recommended that walkers, joggers, and runners remain on the sidewalks as much as possible.

At the first sign of approaching traffic, walkers,

joggers, and runners should return and clear the roadway as much as possible.

Personnel who jog off the installation during hours of darkness, reduced visibility or inclement weather are highly encouraged to wear a reflective gear visible from the front and back.

The best way to negate a potential mishap with a motor vehicle while running, jogging or walking is to avoid doing these activities in a roadway.

The fitness center has a 3-plus mile running trail which is almost entirely a dedicated path.

Only a small portion of the running trail puts the runner, jogger or walker in the roadway and exposes them to traffic.

While there's very little traffic in this area around the running trail, individuals need to use the crosswalks and always watch for traffic.

Another great alternative is the base fitness center which provides an indoor and outdoor fitness track that can potentially help individuals avoid unnecessary injuries or fatal accidents.

Editor's note: *If you have questions concerning the Air Force Traffic Safety Program call the 78th Air Base Wing Installation Safety Office at DSN 468-6271.*

Taking a look at political rules as Super Tuesday approaches

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Politics and work don't mix. For the military and Defense Department civilian employees, rules governing political behavior spill into their personal lives as well.

The following rules govern activities relating to federal, state and local political campaigns and elections.

Guidelines for civilians

Civilian employees may:

- ▶ be candidates for public office in nonpartisan election;
- ▶ register and vote as they choose;
- ▶ assist in voter registration drives;
- ▶ express opinions about candidates and issues;
- ▶ contribute money to political organizations;
- ▶ attend political fundraising functions;
- ▶ attend and be active at political rallies and meetings;
- ▶ join and be an active member of a political party or club;
- ▶ sign nominating petitions;
- ▶ campaign for or against referendum questions, municipal ordinances or constitutional amendments;
- ▶ campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections;
- ▶ make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections;
- ▶ distribute campaign literature in partisan elections;
- ▶ display bumper stickers on a personally owned vehicle;
- ▶ hold office in political clubs or parties; and
- ▶ run as independent candidates for election to partisan political office and accept or receive political contributions in local city elections.

Candidacy for, and service in a partisan political office shall not result in neglect or interference with the performance of the duties of the federal employee or create a conflict of interest.

Civilian employees may not:

- ▶ use official authority or influence to

interfere with an election;

- ▶ collect political contributions unless both individuals are members of the same federal labor organization or employee organization, and the one solicited is not a subordinate employee;

- ▶ knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business before the agency;

- ▶ engage in political activity while on duty including sending of political email, in any government office, wearing an official uniform or while using a government vehicle;

- ▶ solicit political contributions from the general public;

- ▶ be candidates for public office in partisan elections;

- ▶ wear political buttons on duty; nor

- ▶ display large political signs, banners or posters on personally owned vehicles while on base.

Guidelines for the military

Military members may:

- ▶ register to vote, and express a personal opinion on candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces;

- ▶ attend political meetings or rallies as a spectator while not in uniform;

- ▶ join a political club and attend its meetings while off duty and not in uniform;

- ▶ display a bumper sticker on a private vehicle; and

- ▶ make a personal monetary donation.

Military members may not:

- ▶ participate in partisan political management, campaigns, or conventions;

- ▶ speak before a partisan political gathering of any kind;

- ▶ march or ride in a partisan political parade;

- ▶ display a large political sign, banner or poster on a private vehicle on or off base; nor

- ▶ attend political meetings or rallies or join a political club and attend its meetings while in uniform.

Editor's note: For more information, call the base legal office at 478-926-9276.

SAFE

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systems, one of which will kick off this year to comply with a new requirement by 2020 to fly in controlled air space anywhere in the world.

In 2015 when the first C-5M was installed with a prototype of a lavatory system, kinks were worked out that will replace the system's original 1960s design with a vacuum-flush system, now in line with the commercial airline industry.

The 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron here is currently installing a second lavatory. Once completed, production kits will be built that will enable the system to be installed on all C-5s.

As part of the C-5M RERP effort, new commercial engines are added to each aircraft, along with new pylons, and about 70 additional major enhancements.

The program is scheduled to be completed in April 2018. To date, 33 airplanes have been modified. Five A models will retire in 2017.

"When it's finished it basically looks like a new airplane with most of its interior touched up and refurbished," said Col. Raegan Echols, AFLCMC's C-5 Galaxy Division Requirements Branch chief. "These airplanes first flew in the late 1960s, early 1970s from the production line, so they're very old airplanes."

Once each aircraft is modernized, it will take a flight to Stewart Air National Guard Base in New York, where interior refurbishments will be made to recondition things like its seat and panel upholstery.

Modernization efforts like this will enable aircraft such as the C-5M to rewrite how strategic airlift is played out in the battle space.

The engines in particular deliver a 22-percent increase in thrust, a 30-percent shorter take-off roll, 58-percent faster climb rate and will basically allow more cargo to be carried over long distances when needed. Reduced noise levels are also attributed to the new engines; at takeoff the M model is quieter than its A and B predecessors.

"With the new engines, the performance is phenomenal, allowing us to climb into the premium air space," said Echols,

adding its new capabilities will allow aircraft to get to that air space more quickly, saving fuel, and flying more efficiently.

"That allows us to carry larger cargo for longer distances without having to stop to refuel in the air or make short stops en route."

A record-setting flight in 2015 claimed 46 new world aviation records, including altitude in horizontal flight, altitude with payload, time-to-climb with payload, and greatest payload to 9,000 meters, while loaded with pallets, fuel and the air crew (for a total of nearly 366 tons).

Records such as that led to the National Aeronautic Association nominating the C-5M Super Galaxy as one of nine finalists for this year's prestigious Robert J. Collier Trophy, known as the benchmark of aerospace achievement.

"This record setting performance demonstrates the M's ability to quickly get out of harm's way and fly at operational altitudes, all with a payload heavier than any other U.S. airlifter can carry," according to the nomination package.

This year's winner will be announced in early March.

The aircraft's largest operators hail from Dover and Travis Air Force bases, as well as from Westover Air Force Base and Joint Base San Antonio.

A report recently sent to Echols from Air Mobility Command reflected how C-5Ms directly supported real-world movement overseas. In early December to early January, three C-5Ms transported helicopters and other equipment from Rota, Spain, to Afghanistan.

During that time period, the aircraft flew 41 sorties, achieving an impressive 90.5 percent mission capable rate operating under wartime conditions.

"You just don't see mission capable rates like that. It's really making a difference to the warfighter in being able to achieve their missions," said Echols.

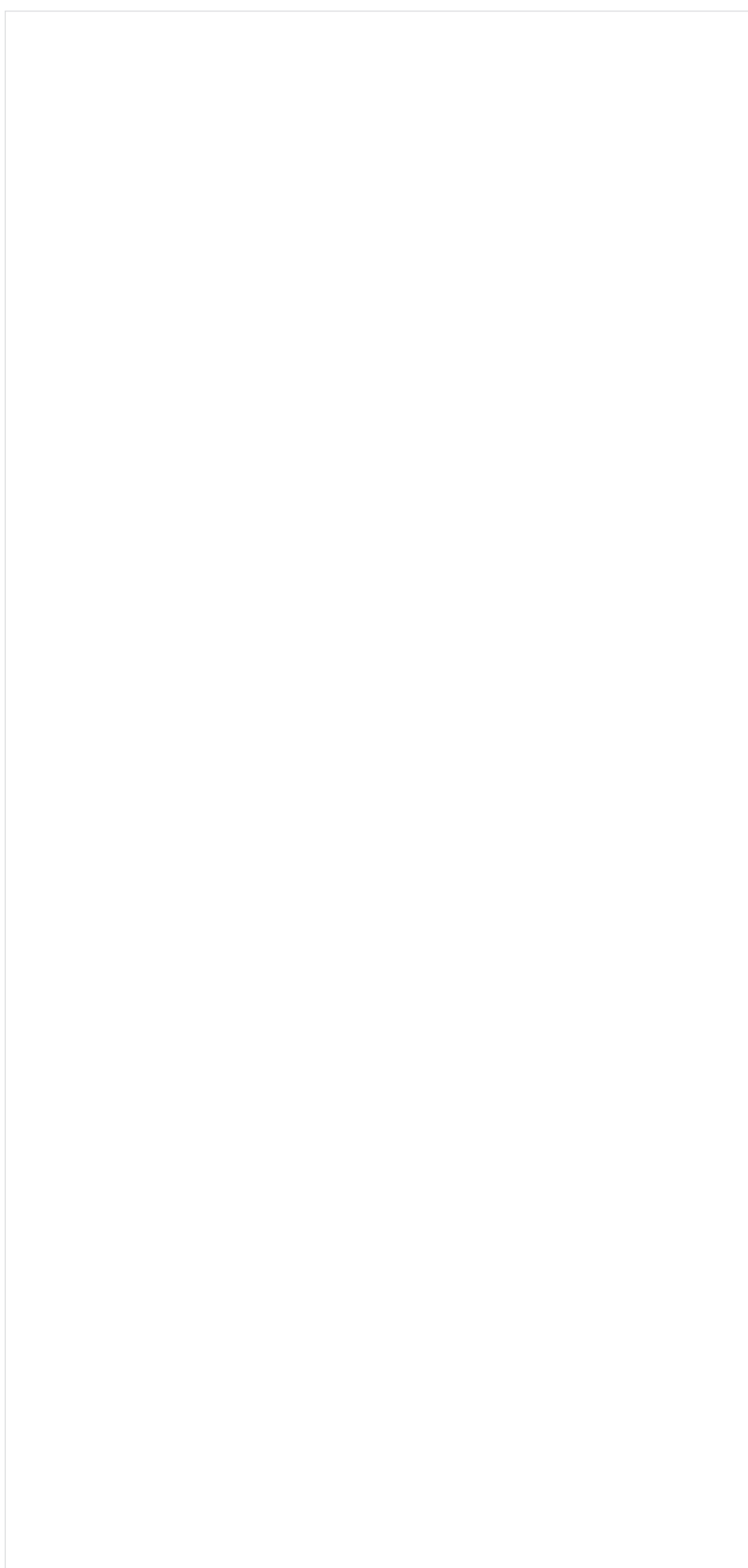
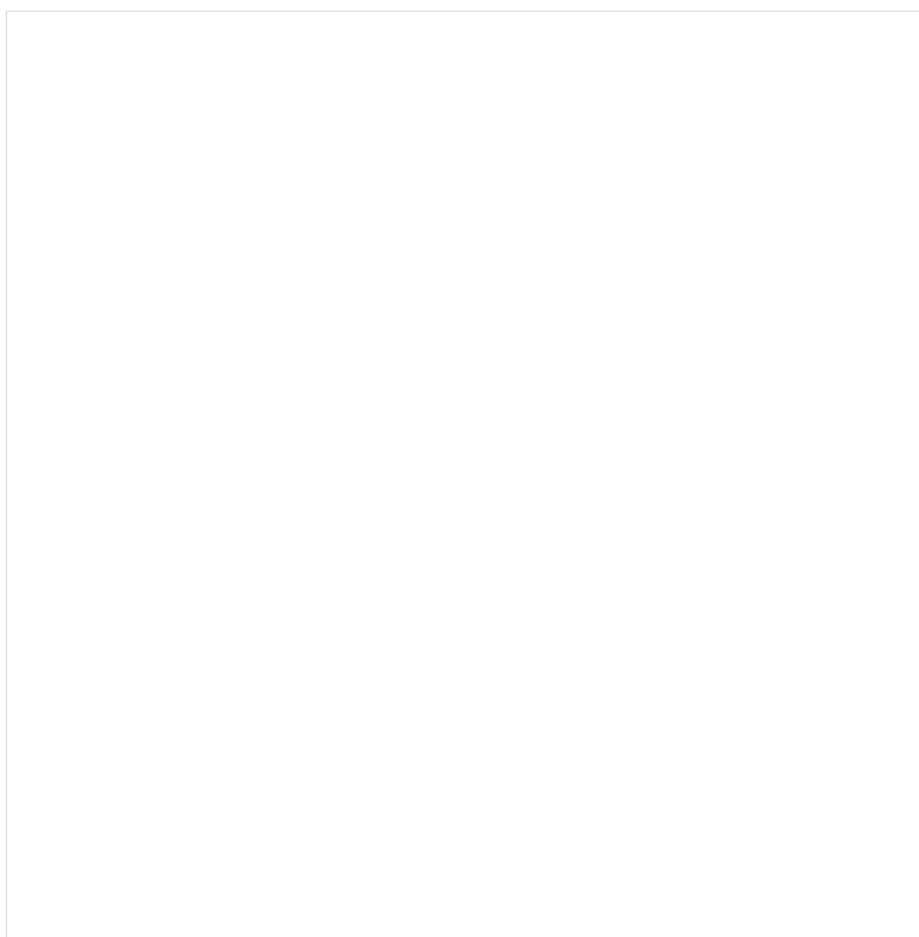
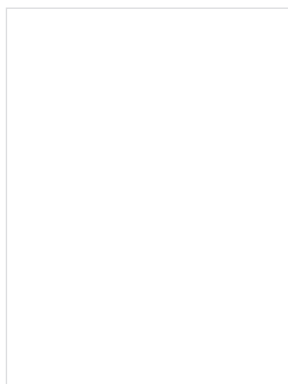
Citing feedback he received from another report, Echols added that on a mission where three C-5s were fully mission capable, he was told that two C-5s could've accomplished the task. That's huge, given that in years past, C-5 mission capable rates weren't nearly as high as they are now.

"What that means is the work we're

doing here is having a direct impact," he said.

"The warfighter is able to get the job done more efficiently, more effectively – that's less time they're in harm's way."

"We're not just doing work that's not meaningful; it's having an impact," he added.



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Thought for the Day

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."

– Nelson Mandela



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THE PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK AND PLAY

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM



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U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

Erwin Ross, museum exhibit specialist, installs pierced steel planking beneath an F-84E Thunderjet in the Korean War exhibit at the Museum of Aviation. Sandbag revetment walls at the exhibit are also being reworked.



Republic F-84 Thunderjet

BY THE NUMBERS

- Feb. 28, 1946** - first flight
- Span** - 36 feet 5 inches
- Length**- 28 feet 6 inches
- Height** - 12 feet 7 inches
- Weight** - 15,227 lbs loaded
- Armament** - Six .50-cal. machine guns and eight 5-inch rockets or 2,000 lbs. of bombs or napalm tanks
- Cost**- \$212,000
- Maximum speed**- 620 mph
- Cruising speed** - 485 mph
- Range** - 1,485 miles
- Service ceiling** - 43,240 feet

KOREA EXHIBIT GETS UPGRADE

BY ANGELA WOOLEN
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To upgrade one of its displays, the Museum of Aviation had to get a little dirty.

At the Korean War exhibit featuring the Republic F-84 jet-powered fighter, museum staff painted the floor to look like loose soil and aging steel. This change was intended to provide the marston matting – pierced or perforated steel planking – being installed with a used and worn appearance.

Using photographs, exhibit specialists Doug Monahan and Erwin Ross used sledge hammers to fit the mat together beneath the aircraft.

They used this method extensively in the Philippines, according to Monahan.

When there were no airstrips, the planking was used to create a runway for the airplanes.

The marston matting used in the exhibit was found in various locations and has been kept in storage. Employees have picked the best pieces to use for the F-84 display.

The work has been slow since installing flooring around a plane which is already in place is difficult. The staff has had to lift a section of the airplane, move around a jeep and stage sand bags around the display which is located in the Eagle Building.



"It's like a jigsaw puzzle," Monahan said. Some pieces have to be cut with a saw to fit into the space.

The steel has edges and holes making cutting difficult. It makes the project that much more involved with moving pieces and equipment every few feet and then rearranging to lay another section.

"It's a tricky cut," Monahan said.

Once complete, the space will look very much

like a runway in Korea would have looked.

"The purpose of installing the PSP is to enhance the exhibit," said Mike Rowland, museum curator. "We want visitors to see an aircraft exhibit and feel like they have been transported to a different time and place.

"We also hope this will help them better appreciate the service and sacrifice of our airmen," he added.

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



Courtesy fitness.gov

HAWC programs offer intervention tools to help fight ethnic health disparities

BY HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON
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Certain factors put African Americans at greater risk for developing a host of health conditions.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, age, income, literacy skills, employment status and education level all impact racial and ethnic health disparities.

DHHS pointed out that factors, such as socioeconomic status, lifestyle behavior, social environment and access to preventive care contribute to racial and ethnic health disparities.

“There has really been a lot of focus in the past few years on health care disparities; defined by the DHHS as population-specific differences in the presence of disease, health outcomes or access to health care,” said Stuart Bapties, Health and Wellness Center Flight chief.

A recent DHHS Health Care Disparities Report indicated that African American adults are less likely to be diagnosed with coronary heart disease, but more likely to die from heart disease.

The report also showed that although African American adults are 40 percent more likely to have high blood pressure, they’re 10 percent less likely than their non-Hispanic white counterparts to have their blood pressure under control.

African Americans are more likely to develop cancer as well, Bapties said.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, African Americans have the highest mortality

rate of any racial and ethnic group for all cancers combined and for most major cancers.

African American women were 10 percent less likely to have been diagnosed with breast cancer; however, they were 35 percent more likely to die from breast cancer, as compared to non-Hispanic white women. And, African American men were almost two times as likely to have new cases of stomach cancer as non-Hispanic white men,” the CDC reported.

The CDC reported that African American adults are two times more likely to have a stroke and 60 percent more likely to die from a stroke than their Caucasian adult counterparts. African American stroke survivors are also more likely to become disabled and have difficulty with daily activities than their non-Hispanic white counterparts.

The Office of Minority Health reported that African Americans are almost twice as likely to be diagnosed with diabetes as non-Hispanic whites, and are more likely to suffer complications from diabetes, such as end-stage renal disease and lower extremity amputations.

Bapties said the HAWC can help people make lifestyle and behavior changes to prevent or manage diseases by offering hands-on intervention programs that focus on tobacco cessation, increasing physical activity and healthy eating.

Call the HAWC at 478-327-8480 or visit them in Bldg. 827 to get tips on positive lifestyle changes.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Children’s Dental Health Month

Maj. Stephanie Trahan and Staff Sgt. Terry Mitchel, 78th Dental Squadron, demonstrate tooth flossing using Tammy Sims who plays a tooth to the children at the Robins Child Development Center. February is National Children Dental Health Month. The 78th Dental Squadron participated in educating the children in the community on good oral health habits.

Physical Therapy Walk-in hours

Beginning Monday, if you can answer yes to the questions below you meet the new physical therapy criteria for walk-in clinic eligibility.

- ▶ Are you an active duty member?
- ▶ Do you have muscle or joint pain in shoulder/arm/hand, hip/leg/foot, back, neck?
- ▶ Is the injury less than 14-days old?
- ▶ Is the patient able to walk?
- ▶ Is this a new problem of recent flare up?

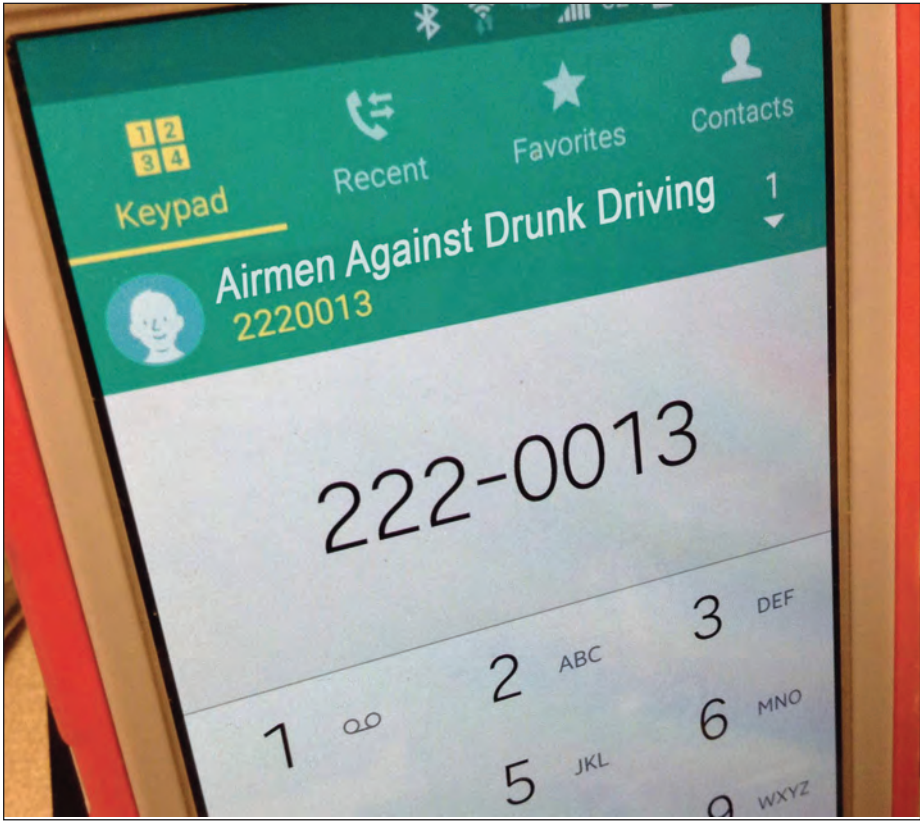
The 78th Medical Operations Squadron walk-in physical therapy hours will be each Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on a first come, first served basis for first time acute visits. This means direct access to physical therapy for acute musculoskeletal injuries. Acute refers to the nature of the injury, not the access to care time frame. The clinic is located on the second floor of Bldg. 700.

If you answered no to any of the above questions, please call the Tricare Hotline at 478-327-7850 to schedule an appointment with your PCM.

MiCare offers shortcuts

Request your next appointment, request medication renewals, receive test and lab results... these are just a few of the things you can take care of online with #MiCare.

Find out more and get connected with resources at www.airforcemedicine.af.mil/Micare.



Warning ... Please don't disturb the bats

BY 78TH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

You might hear that bats are dirty pests that people would be better off without. But, is that true? Not really. Bats aren't animals to be feared. They're an important part of Georgia's natural environment and they're great at controlling insects.

In the last few weeks, bats have been identified on the outside of the dorms in Bldg. 756.

They pose no threat to humans and are simply seeking a place to raise their young. Relocating bats during the winter is difficult because the food supply – insects – is dormant. That causes bats to be in a mild form of hibernation. Forcing them out will only cause them to relocate, potentially in other buildings or out of the area.

Georgia State University estimates bats eat enough insects to save the North American agricultural industry \$50 billion in pesticides.

In an effort to keep our bat population alive and healthy and eating our bugs and mosquitos, we have added a "Bat House Decorating Competition" to our Earth Day activities as a means of ridding buildings of bat colonies.

Environmental Management will be holding its first Bat House Decorating Competition for squadrons.

The houses are designed especially for bats and are accessed from the bottom so other birds can't build nests in them. When located and built correctly, the houses have proven to be very effective at relocating bat colonies naturally. Often, no human interaction is required.

If your squadron is interested in participating in the competition, contact Mark Hickman at DSN 327-8288. Return the decorated bat house by April 22. The boxes will



As part of the Earth Day program and as a means of ridding buildings of bat colonies, Environmental Management will be holding the first annual "Bat Box Decorating Competition" for squadrons.

Bat boxes are designed especially for bats and are accessed from the bottom so other birds cannot build nests in them. Please do not modify the structure of the box in any way.

Contact Mark Hickman at 327-8288 to obtain a bat box. Return the decorated box by April 22. The boxes will be judged by a team and then volunteers will install all the boxes across Robins. The winning squadron will receive a trophy.

be judged by a team, and volunteers will install them across Robins.

Contact the 78th CE, Natural Resource manager for questions regarding bat houses at DSN 468-9645.

If you see a bat where it shouldn't be, call 478-808-9702 so trained professionals can handle the situation.

So, for their sake and yours, please just leave the bats alone.



MYTH: Bats are dirty blood suckers and attack people.

FACT: Bats are beneficial! In the U.S., bats eat insects and fruits. Bats are afraid of humans just like most wild animals and don't interact with people.

MYTH: Bats carry diseases.

FACT: Yes, like other wild animals. However, people who have

contracted diseases – like rabies – from bats didn't get infected from an attack, but from trying to touch or pick up a bat and were subsequently bitten.

MYTH: Bats sometimes move into buildings or other places that people don't want them.

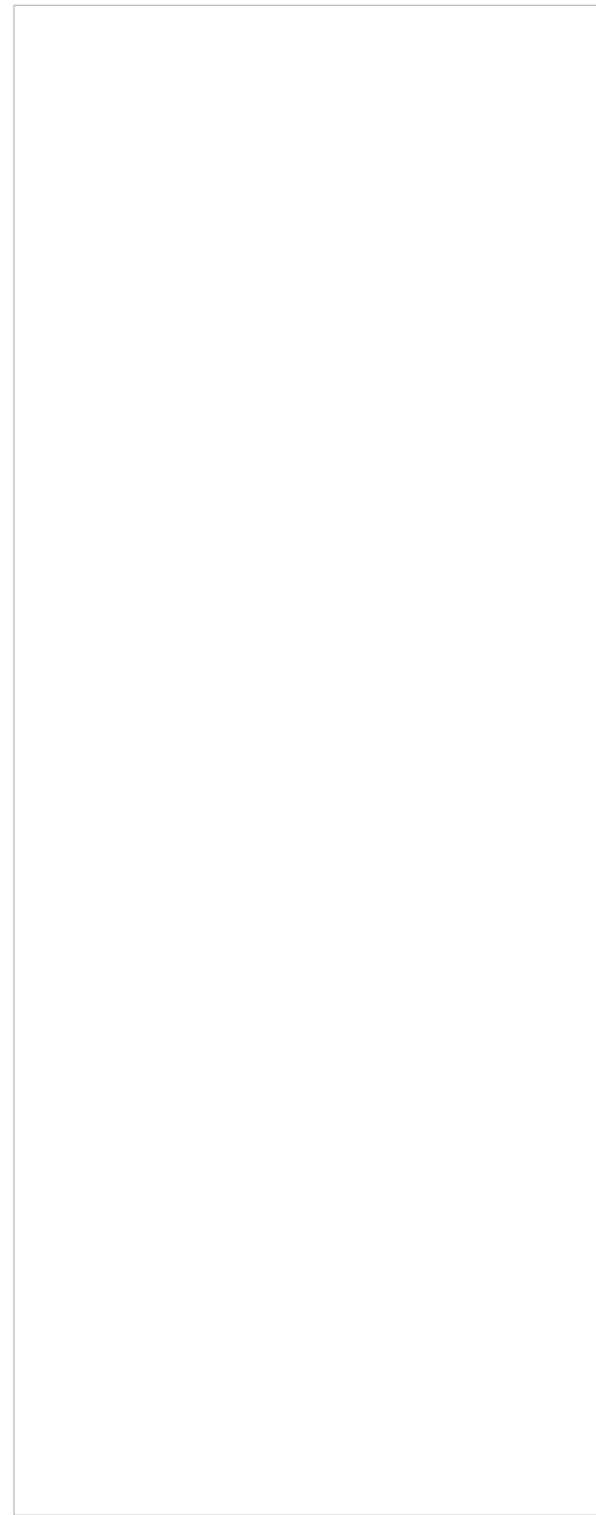
FACT: OK, that myth is true, but bats are just looking for a home. Everybody needs a home, right?



Fun Bat Facts

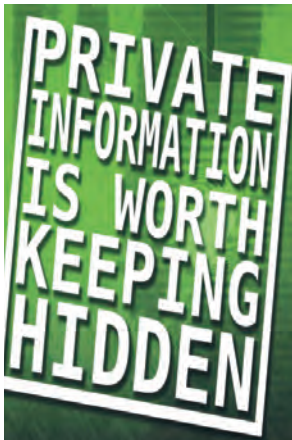
- ▶ A single bat can eat more than 600 bugs in an hour, which is like a person eating 20 pizzas a night.
- ▶ Bats eat many species of insects that cause agricultural damage, like moths and beetles – saving money on pesticides.
- ▶ A small colony of bats can eat more than a ton of insects in one year, or more than 600 million bugs.
- ▶ In the U.S., there are about 45 kinds of bats.
- ▶ Bats are the only mammals capable of powered flights.
- ▶ Bats live on every continent except Antarctica.
- ▶ About 70 percent of bats eat insects; the rest are fruit eaters.
- ▶ Vampire bats are the only mammals in the world that live entirely on blood.
- ▶ To sleep, bats hang upside down so they can fly away quickly if needed.
- ▶ No vampire bats live in the U.S. except in zoos.

– Courtesy <http://facts.randomhistory.com/bat-facts.html>

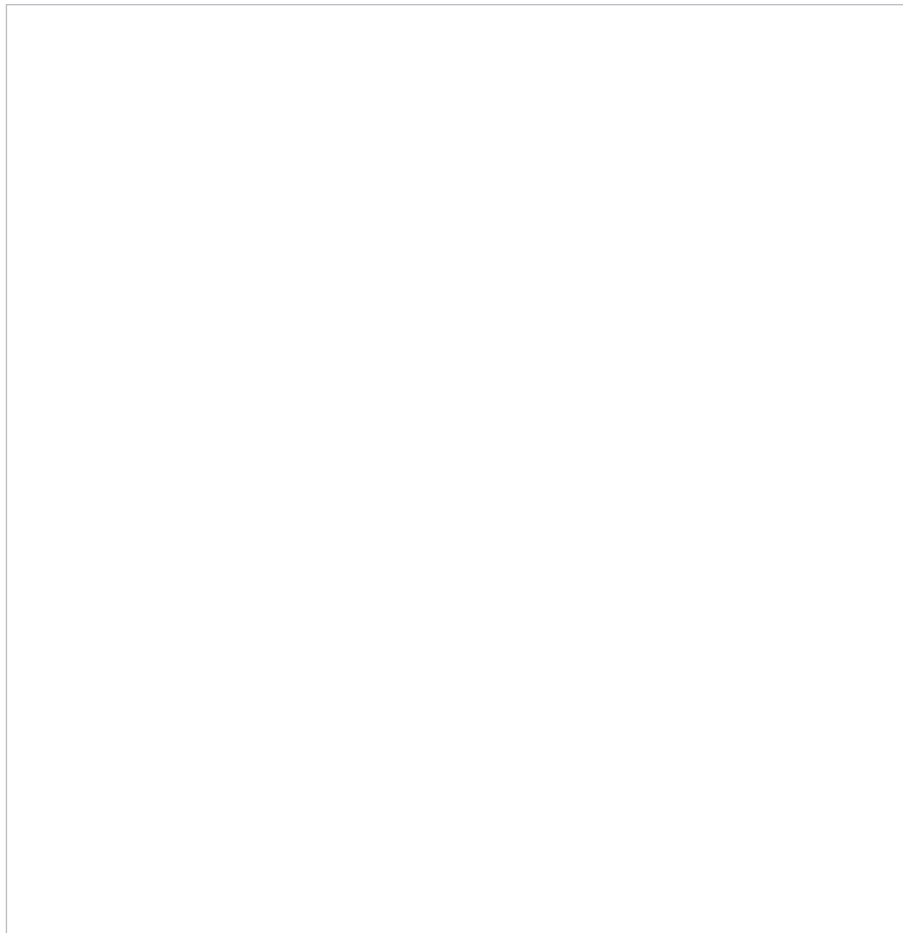
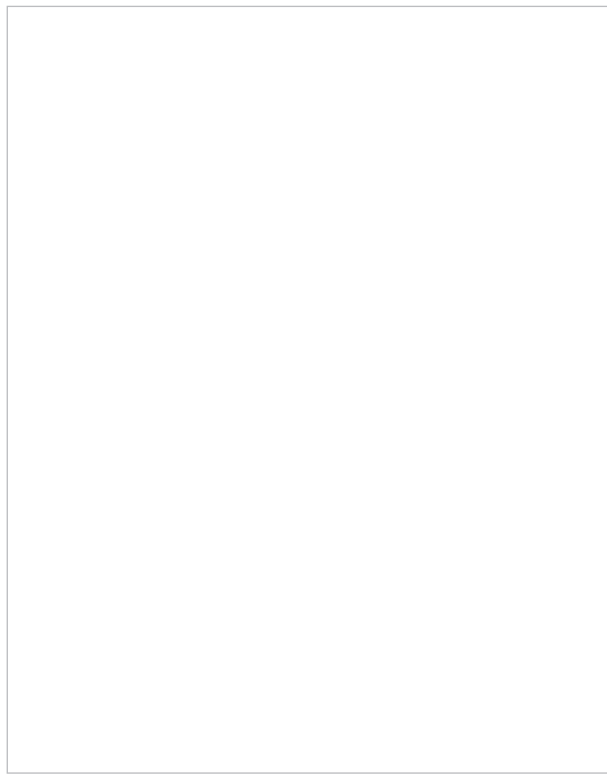


Sometimes everyone needs a little help ...

Chaplain – 926-2821
EAP – 327-7588
Suicide Hotline – 800-273-TALK (8255)



Protect Your Personal Information



Kitchen fires can be prevented so why aren't they?

BY 78TH FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES

Cooking is the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries.

The base fire prevention office can't stress enough to occupants that this trend can be drastically reduced through education and awareness.

Please take into consideration these basic fire safety rules for cooking at home:

Cook with Caution

▶Never leave an oven, stove or microwave oven unattended when cooking.

▶Be alert! If you're sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the oven or stovetop.

▶Stay in the kitchen when you're frying, grilling, boiling or broiling food.

▶If you're simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.

▶Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from your stovetop.

▶If a fire begins inside a microwave oven, keep the door closed and if safety permits, unplug the unit from the electrical outlet.

Safety Tips for Cooking with Oil

Oil is a key ingredient found in the majority of today's kitchens. When using any of the many oils used to prepare your meals like olive, canola, corn or soybean, consider the following safety tips:

▶Always stay in the kitchen when frying food.

▶Keep an eye on what you fry. If you see wisps of smoke or the oil smells, immediately turn off the burner and carefully remove the pan from the burner. Smoke is a sign that the oil is too hot.

▶Heat the oil slowly to the temperature you need for frying or sautéing.

▶Add food gently to the pot or pan so the oil does not splatter.

▶Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If you have a fire, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could

start again. Let the pan cool for a long time. Never throw water or use a fire extinguisher on an oil fire.

▶Never apply water, salt or flour on a grease fire.

▶For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

▶If you try to fight the fire, be sure others leave and you have a clear escape.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire, just get out. When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

Call 9-1-1 from outside the home.

Microwave Safety Tips:

▶Never attempt to heat articles not approved for use in microwave ovens.

▶Never use recycled paper products in microwave ovens unless they are specifically approved for that use. Some products contain minute metal flecks

▶Use oven mitts or potholders to remove items from the microwave oven. Be careful when removing a wrapping or covering, hot steam burns can occur.

▶Use microwave-safe utensils. The instructions that come with each microwave oven specify what kinds of containers are safe to use and how to test the suitability of materials before use.

Other Tips:

▶Know how to use your fire extinguisher and inspect it monthly for serviceability.

▶Clean appliances daily or after each use. Grease accumulates quickly and will accelerate the spread of fire.

▶Ensure matches and other flammables are not stored above or near the stove or other appliances that produce heat.

▶Double check to ensure burners and oven are turned off after cooking.

▶Unplug portable appliances such as toasters, coffee pots, toaster ovens, bread machines, electric skillets, irons, crock pots, etc.

The fire prevention office highly recommends all personnel on base whether they live in base housing or dormitories purchase renter's insurance. Renter's

insurance is relatively inexpensive and can be obtained through local insurance providers. In many cases, the provider of your car insurance will give you a discount for opening another policy with them.

Remember on base to dial 9-1-1 or 478-222-2900, whether the fire has been extinguished or not, the base fire department must be notified. Last, ensure all family members leave the home and go to a designated meeting place.

For more info, call the Fire Prevention Office at extension DSN 468-2145 or 478-926-2145.

HAPPENINGS/SERVICES

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
26	27	28	29	1	2	3

ON TAP
Tips from the Pro
 Tuesday
 4 to 5 p.m.
 \$5 for unlimited balls
 Pine Oaks Golf Course
 For details,
 call DSN 468-4103.

UPCOMING
First Friday
 March 4
 5 to 7 p.m.
 Heritage Club Lounge
 For details, call DSN 472-7899.

Give Parents a Break
Hourly Care
 March 5
 6 to 10 p.m.
 CDC East and School-Age Program
 For details, call DSN 468-5805.

Travel & Recreation Trade Show

March 17
 Heritage Club Ballroom
 For details, call DSN 468-4001.

Spring Break Craft Camp
 March 29 through April 1
 Arts & Crafts Center
 For details, call DSN 468-5282.

ONGOING
Pine Oaks Golf Course – Fairways Grille
 Now serving Breakfast
 Mondays through Sundays
 7 to 10:30 a.m.
 For details, call DSN 497-4103.

Afterburner
February Special
 Mondays through Fridays
 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Base Restaurant, Bldg.166
 Gingerbread Latte
 For details, call DSN 472-7827.



Robins Chapel Protestant and Catholic *Easter Worship Schedules*

Catholic Worship Services

Monday, Thursday and Friday – Mass, noon

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

March 20 – Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

March 24 – Holy Thursday Mass, 7 p.m.
 Adoration one hour; no noon mass

March 25 – Good Friday Liturgy, 7 p.m.
 Designated Offering for Peter's Pence;
 no noon mass

March 26 – Holy Saturday Mass, 8 p.m.
 Reception to follow in the annex

March 27 – Easter Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.

Protestant Worship Services

Sunday – Third Sunday of Lent Sunday
 Worship Services at 8 and 11 a.m.

March 6 – Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday
 Worship Services at 8 and 11 a.m.

March 13 – Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday
 Worship Service at 8 and 11 a.m.

March 20 – Gospel Worship Service at 8 a.m.
 and traditional worship service at 11 a.m.

March 25 – Good Friday Service, noon

March 27 – Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45
 a.m. Chapel lawn.
 Easter Celebration Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Airman & Family Readiness Center Classes, workshops & seminars

► **Pre-Separation Briefing (separates)*** – Monday and March 22 from 8 a.m. to noon. **(retirees)*** – March 15 and 29 from 8 a.m. to noon.

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

► **Transition GPS Workshop*** – March 7 through 11 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

► **First Term Airman Course: Finances*** – March 15 from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

► **Passport to Parenthood (Call 478-327-8398 to register)** – March 15 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

► **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)*