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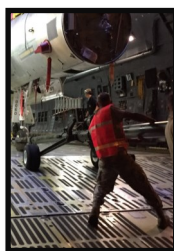
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Submissions should be of broad interest to the base populace. For information, call 478-926-2137.

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ANG F-15s hitch ride aboard C-5 for FMS deal with Israeli AF

By HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON
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hen the F-15 System Program Office's Foreign Military Sales team struck a package deal with the Israeli Air Force for the delivery of nine Air National Guard F-15s, the C-5 stepped up to the job.

The first eight aircraft were refurbished and flown to Israel earlier this year, with the final jet

delivered via the cargo aircraft recently.

William Lyons, Logistics Requirements Developmental Program Flight chief in the 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Robins Air Force Base, said the cargo plane could get the job done for less.

"At first, we were going to do the delivery by freighter, but the C-5 was a better way to transport," he said.

The flight took some planning though.

The aircraft had to be totally disassembled, with

all items created and boxed to fit in C-5 Shoring to keep the F-15 from shifting in flight, Lyons said.

The delivery process took about six months from start to finish, in which time boxes had to be made and shoring had to be retrofitted for the C-5.

"This couldn't have taken place without the help of the 78th Aerial Port Squadron and the 402nd Expeditionary Depot Maintenance team, along with the 561st Planning, Scheduling and Production Support Center," Lyons said.

Once Family, Always Family

Program gives Gold Star families access to base

By HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON
413th Flight Test Group

Once you're part of the Air Force family, you're always family.

And, the Air Force family always takes care of its own, especially when a service member is killed in action.

Gold Star family members are defined as parents, stepparents, adoptive parents, foster parents, siblings and children of Airmen who were killed in action during international terrorist attacks against the U.S. or a foreign nation friendly to the U.S., or military operations while serving outside the U.S. as part of a peacekeeping force.

Mandie Holovach, a Community Readiness Specialist and Air Force Families Forever Program manager in the Airman & Family Readiness Center at Robins, said Air Force Gold Star family members fall under the umbrella of the AAFFF survivor support program and are given access to the support they may need after losing their military loved one in service.

"The AFFF is a long-term aftercare program established to provide proactive outreach to family members who have lost a loved one who was serving on active duty," she said. "The bereavement resources and support is tailored to suit the family."

On May 15, 2017, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gold Star Family Member Defense Biometric Identification System, or DBIDS, card initiative launched.

After a family member has been identified as a Gold Star family member, they will receive a letter signed by the installation commander closest to where the family member resides. The family member will begin the process of obtaining an identification card by providing the necessary documentation to security forces to obtain their ID card.

"Although this access will not authorize holders to use recreational facilities, commissaries or base exchanges, it does permit them access to attend vari-



ous programs and events held on base throughout the year," Holovach said.

Each branch of service has this program. However, they have differing definitions of Gold Star. The identification card only allows access to the base where they received the card. However, the Gold Star family member may request DBIDS card from any Air Force Active or Reserve Component installation that has a Visitor Center with DBIDS capability.

Robins currently has four Gold Star family members who have been issued ID cards.

The program demonstrates an open arms approach to Gold Star families, Holovach said.

"This program allows us to be able to provide increased inclusion for these family members at installation events and activities," she said. "It will also make it easier for them to access support services. In the past, Gold Star family members had to be escorted on the base to receive services. The new card will allow families to come on base without an escort."

For Gold Star mom, Kyhia Ruiz, and her family, the Gold Star program makes them feel not so alone in their grief.

"Maya and I really appreciate Robins Air Force Base for the ID's and their continued support since the loss of my daughter," Ruiz said. "It certainly helps to make us feel like a part of the Air Force Family and we look forward to visiting and attending any future events that the base will be hosting."

Ruiz's daughter, 21-year-old Senior Airman Kcey Elena Ruiz, was killed while serving in Afghanistan in

Kyhia, left, and Maya Ruiz, receive their Gold Star ID cards at the Visitors Center earlier this month. (U.S. Air Force photo/ED ASPERA)

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2015. Ruiz, who was stationed at Hanscom Air Force Base in Boston, Massachusetts, and was part of the 66th Security Forces Squadron, was posthumously awarded her rank and the Air Force Commendation medal.

Editor's Note: For more information, call Mandie Holovach at 478-926-4063.



Sharing Knowledge

Jeffrey Allen, Air Force Sustainment Center executive director, served as the key note speaker during the Emerging Supervisor Development Program Graduation in the Heritage Club Ballroom here Aug. 17. The program allows employees to get supervisor training before jumping head first into a supervisory position. The fairly new program, is a whole new way of developing supervisors on base. (U.S. Air Force photo/RAYMOND CRAYTON Jr.)

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By HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON
Robins Public Affairs

In Middle Georgia, it's often too hot to do much of anything in August.

At Robins though, as the old saying goes, the show must go on.

To protect military and civilian workers as they meet the mission, the 78th Aerospace Medicine's Bioenvironmental Flight tracks the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature at Robins to decide appropriate work/rest cycles for those who work outdoors.

Airman 1st Class Katina Metasoumis, Thermal Stress Program manager in the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, said her team takes various factors into consideration.

"The WBGT calculation takes into account the ambient temperature, humidity, wind and solar load," she said. "The flag conditions are based on the calculated WBGT and are published in Air Force Instruction 48-151 along with guidance on work and rest cycles and hydration recommendations."

Metasoumis said rest should be taken in a cool area out of direct sunlight to allow the body time to return to a normal temperature before returning to work.

Flag conditions vary from no flag to black depending on the WBGT readings taken by Bioenvironmental Engineering.

"When there's an elevated heat condition, it's communicated

to the Command Post and then to members on the flight line so they can implement appropriate measures to protect against heat stress," Metasoumis said.

"Wearing a second layer of clothing, such as chemical protective equipment or firefighting gear adds 10°F to the effective WBGT while performing light work. Wearing body armor adds an additional 5°F."

Metasoumis said it's important to monitor weather conditions to keep people safe.

"Although temperatures this summer haven't been as high as in recent years, it's still important to have procedures to protect employees. If folks aren't properly hydrating or resting, there's a risk of a serious thermal injury."

WBGT readings are automatically updated every 15 minutes and heat conditions are posted on the Team Robins intranet website at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/index.asp>. They're also posted on the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RobinsPublicAffairs/>.

Computers also receive ad-hoc notifications when conditions are elevated to black flag.

The WBGT notifications and recommendations are no replacement for education, training and awareness. Individuals should stay alert to their condition and to the condition of their Wingman and take the necessary steps to prevent thermal injury.

Editor's Note: For more information on WBGT, call the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight at 478-327-7555.



ECLIPSE '17

Nearly 1,000 people showed up at the Museum of Aviation's solar eclipse viewing event Aug. 21.

The museum had multiple activities set up for people to take part in, and handed out safety glasses to help people enjoy the eclipse safely.





Put Your Hands Together ...

The “Put your hands together ...” feature is a recurring 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.

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 to 78ABW.pa.office@us.af.mil.

For more information, contact Geoff Janes at vance.janes@us.af.mil or by phone at 468-6386.

Robins’ EEO program earns Air Force accolade

BY: HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON
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Robins Air Force Base’s Equal Employment Opportunity team recently proved hard work pays off.

The EEO program was recently honored with the U.S Air Force’s 2016 Colonel L. Joseph Brown Award for managing a high volume of Air Force complaints and meeting or exceeding timeline/processing requirements for equal opportunity cases.

“Their tireless efforts assisted in resolving 290 intake appointments through informal processing and saving the Air Force approximately \$1.3 million in labor and administrative processing costs,” said 1st Lt. Dustin Murray, Robins EEO deputy director.

Steven Goudeau, the Equal Opportunity Director, said being recognized and winning the award at the Air Force level is a true honor and solidifies the hard work, attention to detail, and level of excellence our EO team strives to achieve.

“We’ve been successful in promoting an environment that allows leaders, managers, and personnel to resolve issues at the lowest level possi-

ble while simultaneously enhancing mission effectiveness across the installation,” he said.

Michelle Taylor, Lead EEO counselor said being recognized among the very best in the Air Force was an awesome feeling.

“Genuinely, seeing the parties resolve their differences and encouraging them to actively participate in their own resolution methods is truly rewarding.”

The office was also selected as a test base for the Headquarters Air Force Equal Opportunity User Evaluation Testing facility, providing critical analysis and feedback to Air Force Personnel Center’s Equal Opportunity office implementing new equal employment information technology initiatives.

The office administered 104 Defense Equal Opportunity Climate Survey assessments across the installation supporting 22,000 personnel, culminating in 728 hours of staff work, informing leaders of factors impacting human relations and work environments while improving mission effectiveness, just to name a few of the team’s accomplishments in 2016.

The team will be presented with their award in the near future.



Put Your Hands Together ...

Foster Leadership In People Awards

Members of the 78th Operations Support Squadron were recognized Aug. 18, 2017, by Col Lyle Drew, 78th Air Base Wing commander, Ron Hill, American Federation of Government Employees interim president, and John Whitson, International Association of Fire Fighters union president. (U.S. Air Force photos by Raymond Crayton, Jr.)



Weather Flight



Master Sgt. Mykeshia Hamic



Tech. Sgt. Charles Patterson



Exemplary Service

Brig. Gen. John Kubinec, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex commander, presents the Exemplary Service Award to Dana Stanley, 402nd Maintenance Support Group director, on July 7, 2017.



Changing Leadership

Alphonso Thomas, right, relinquished leadership as the 402nd Software Maintenance Group director to Donna Frazier, center, during a ceremony in the Base Theater July 6, 2017. Thomas has moved to a Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex staff agency.

Annual Air Force Anniversary Ball

September 23rd, 2017
1800 – 2300

Museum of Aviation
Century of Flight Hangar



Robins Air Force Base will be hosting its annual Air Force Ball Sept. 23, from 6 to 11 p.m., in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. The cost for tickets is \$25 for airmen in the ranks of E-6 and below, and \$35 for all others. To buy tickets, contact your unit representatives, who are listed below.

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National Women's Equality Day will be observed on Saturday, Aug. 26.

Jeanette McElhane, Robins' Diversity Council treasurer, said the day is set aside to commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

"This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York," she said. "The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment which was ratified on Aug. 18, 1920, to the U.S. Constitution granted American women the right to vote an amendment known as the "Suffrage Amendment," but it also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality."

McElhane said it's important that women educate themselves.

"It's important that women know and understand their rights as federal employees," she said. "Women are still striving for equal rights within the federal workforce."

The diversity proponent said it's important for women to make their voices count in every election.

"It's important to vote in all elections, because that can and will determine how and when things will happen that will affect your future," she said.



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No matter how tough the challenge ...

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6 p.m.

Entry Fee \$20

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Kids Run

Sept. 16

Youth ages 5 to 13

Check in 8 a.m., starts 9 a.m.

Fitness Center running track

Youth Center, 478-926-2110 DSN 468-2110

NASCAR Racing

Sept. 16

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Atlanta

Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard and

Dependents \$50

DOD Civilians \$100

Outdoor Recreation, 478-222-1107 or DSN 472-1107

Deep Sea Fishing Overnight Trip

Sept. 23 to 24

Savannah, Georgia

Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard and

Dependents registration fee per person \$10

DoD Civilians registration fee per person \$20

Double occupancy \$115 per person

Single occupancy \$230 per person

Outdoor Recreation, 478-222-1107 or

DSN 472-1107

Ladies Day at the Pine Oaks

Every Wednesday

9 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Members pay their regular rate

Non-Members Ladies golf for \$12 – nine

Holes or \$24 – 18 Holes

Pine Oaks Golf Course, 478-926-4103 or

DSN 468-4103

Heritage Pool Hours of Operation

Saturday & Sunday Noon to 5 p.m.

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(Last day of pool)

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DSN 468-4001

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Wednesday Closed

Outdoor Recreation, 478-926-4001 or DSN 468-4001

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Frozen Tropical Coconuts

At the Base Restaurant Bldg. 166

478-222-7827 or DSN 472-7827

Monday – Friday 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday Special at the Base Restaurant

Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies, Vegetable & Cole Slaw or Potato Salad \$6.50

At the Base Restaurant Bldg. 166, 478-222-7827 or DSN 472-7827

Tuesday Special at the Base Restaurant

Grilled Steak or Chicken Breast, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream & Butter, Vegetable & Dinner Roll \$8

At the Base Restaurant 478-222-7827.

Friday Special at Pizza Depot

2 Fried Catfish Filets, Hush Puppies, Vegetable & Mac 'N Cheese \$6.95

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16" Meat Lover Pizza with Pasta & Marinara

Sauce and 6 Pieces Garlic Bread \$19.95

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Karaoke & Club Mug Night (Club Mug Only)

Every Thursday

5 to 8 p.m.

\$1 Domestic Draft Beer

Heritage Club Lounge, 478-926-2670

or DSN 468-2670





Parting Shot

The Robins Air Force Base Chapel hosted a Community Volunteerism Fair in front of the chapel, Aug. 18, 2017. Team Robins members could sign up for the local and base volunteer opportunities while their children could enjoy the free rides and played at the inflatables. The food and water was also provided free. (U.S. Air Force photo/MISUZU ALLEN)