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# MISSION COMPLETE

By **LT. COL. DALE GREER** 123rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AFNS) -- Thirty-five members of the Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Contingency Response Group returned Oct. 17, 2017, completing a three-week deployment to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where they processed more than 7.2 million pounds of humanitarian aid for recovery operations following Hurricane Maria.

The Airmen, who arrived in San Juan Sept. 23, were among the first U.S. military forces to deploy for the relief effort, said Col. Bruce Bancroft, 123rd CRG commander. They established an aerial port of debarkation at Luis Munoz Marin International Airport upon landing and began accepting military aircraft the next day, eventually downloading food, water, electric generators and other essential cargo from 268 aircraft.

The Airmen also processed 3,887 passengers arriving from a variety of agencies, including the Department of Defense and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to assist with relief efforts.

While the Kentucky Airmen are now home, the cargo mission will continue for the foreseeable future, Bancroft said. Primary responsibility for the aerial port has been turned over to the Puerto Rico ANG.

"Standing up this aerial port of debarkation was an extremely important mission for us," Bancroft said. "Like all units in the U.S. military, our group has an important combat role to play, but as National Guardsmen, we also specialize in providing humanitarian aid to the homeland. It has been very gratifying to know that our skills and capabilities are making a difference for the people of Puerto Rico. Now, that mission will be carried forward by the next group of Airmen from the Puerto Rico Air National Guard."

The San Juan operation was the 123rd CRG's second mobilization for

hurricane relief this year. The unit also sent 43 Airmen to Texas Aug. 29, where they established an aeromedical evacuation hub in Houston following Hurricane Harvey.

In the past six weeks, the Kentucky ANG has deployed more than 150 Airmen for relief operations following three major storms — Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Those Airmen include 18 members of the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron, who rescued 333 residents stranded by flooding in Houston.

Kentucky Air Guardsmen also were instrumental in the evacuation of more than 1,000 U.S. citizens from the Dutch Island of St. Maarten following Irma, providing air traffic control and flying passengers to safety in Puerto Rico aboard two Kentucky C-130 Hercules aircraft.

The Kentucky ANG still has 35 Airmen deployed for hurricane recovery operations, including seven who departed for Puerto Rico recently to staff a mobile field kitchen that can serve up to 4,000 hot meals a day. Other Kentucky Air Guardsmen are providing airfield management in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and aircraft maintenance in Savannah, Georgia, where the National Guard Bureau has established a major cargo hub to fly relief supplies from the mainland to the Caribbean.

Kentucky has contributed three of its C-130 aircraft for the Savannahbased operation, and currently has 21 aircrew and support personnel dedicated to the effort.

"This has been an unprecedented hurricane season, with three major back-to-back storms," said Col. David Mounkes, commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing, the Kentucky ANG's main operational unit. "I'm pleased to say that the response of our Airmen has been equally unprecedented. From saving lives in Texas to setting cargo records in Puerto Rico, our Airmen continue to step up for these extremely important missions."



### Launch & Recovery Element advances Complex capabilities

By **TOMMIE HORTON**Robins Public Affairs

he tremendous hard work and coordination between several units across Robins Air Force Base to establish a building-based Launch and Recovery Element has empowered the base to support an already existing agreement with Northrop Grumman Corporation to perform organic depot maintenance on a total of 35 Air Force Global Hawks.

"The Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex's eagerness and can-do attitude have opened the door for additional workload associated with an extensive modification to the Block 30 configuration of the aircraft," James Strickland, RQ-4 Sustainment Branch chief, said.

The plan is for Team Robins to service six aircraft per year. Aspects of the organic depot maintenance have been executed as the base has already completed maintenance on two aircraft in fiscal 2017.

The Designated Source of Repair is specifically for the Unmanned Air Vehicle to include the wing, nacelle, fuselage, and V-tail assemblies. Specific work details are still being identified, but would include

typical inspection and repair of structural sub-assemblies – inspection, test and repair of wiring harness; and corrosion control measures to include depaint/paint.

The scope and magnitude of the potential workload is undefined at this moment, as Northrop actively works with the ALC to obtain a proposal.

### Establishing a land-based LRE; how did we get here?

Robins has been the designated source of repair for Air Force Global Hawk since May, 2014, but in the past that work had been outsourced. A building-based LRE was desired at Robins in order to establish depot support capability at the complex.

The installation of the pilot operated station which essentially serves as a cockpit for the launch and recovery of Global Hawk aircraft was coordinated by a 40-plus member multi-functional team of professionals from across the base.

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The 78th Air Base Wing Plans and Programs Office led the team as they diligently worked together over a span of 18 months in support of the effort.

"There were so many moving parts to make it all come together," said Lori Freeman, 78th Air Base Wing Plans and Programs LRE team lead.

The team consisted of members from the 78th Operations Support and Security Forces squadrons, 78th Civil Engineering Group and 78th Communications Directorate as well as the RQ-4 Sustainment Branch engineers.

Once a suitable facility with sufficient line-of-site view to the runway was identified and approved, CE began conducting building modifications to ensure adherence to facility requirements. Security Forces established physical security appropriate for the protection level of the asset.

### Mapping it out

The 78th OSS assisted in a study conducted to identify the best locations to install antennas on the airfield that provide direct line-of-sight communication between the aircraft and the LRE.

The unit also mapped more than 100 precise GPS coordinates for every spot on the airfield that the aircraft might potentially use while moving on the ground. Those markings were loaded into LRE computers and allow for correctional navigation by the pilot during operation.

"There were many challenges associated with establishing restricted airspace for a high altitude UAV through some of the busiest airspace in the United States," said Lt. Col Jonathan Townsend, 78th OSS commander.

Through a series of group meetings with the Federal Aviation Association, they successfully established procedures for the aircraft's arrival and departure.

### Coming in for a landing

Since the newly installed LRE had not yet been verified, the first Global Hawk to touchdown at the base would have to be remotely landed via

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a Mission Control Element, or MCE, operated out of Beale Air Force Base, California.

Challenges related to accomplishing a landing with a geographically separated unit would only have to be hurdled for the very first Global Hawk to land at the base. Having a functional building-based LRE at Robins eliminates the need for MCE landings at the base in the future.

Upon installation, acceptance test procedures needed to be conducted in order to verify proper functioning of the LRE before it could be utilized on an actual mission. Conducting the tests required the presence of a Global Hawk at the location.

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Successful test results paved the way for Robins to prove that once again, "Success Here equals Success There!" Global Hawks can now be launched and recovered from the sole Air Force air logistics complex with a building-based LRE.



By COL. LYLE DREW

**Robins Installation Commander** 

egardless whether you've been at Robins for one day or five years, chances are you've seen one of the Air Force blue signs around base with the slogan "Keep Calm and Airman On."

But, do you know what it means?

It was a message we launched over a year ago, when opinions on politics, national security, equality, and patriotism caught many people's attention.

We all have strong beliefs and they make us unique. However, they don't have to result in conflict.

In the end it comes down to mutual respect. Listening, truly listening, to other people's points of view and respecting every

individual's right to have those beliefs is essential. What makes us great is the fact that we come from different places ... that we have different backgrounds ... belief systems and ideals. We may not agree and that's OK, but how we deal with that is even more important.

There is a meme on social media right now that states that 10 percent of conflicts are based on disagreement, the other 90 percent result from tone of voice.

There's a lot of truth to that.

Now more than ever we need to respect one another. It's through discussion and thoughtful debate that we're able to move forward. Honest and respectful conversation helps us to see issues from other people's perspectives. It helps us understand our differences even if we can't agree on everything.

The one thing that does bind us as Airmen, military and civilian, is the mission and service members we support. We support something bigger than ourselves in defense of our Nation. I think that is something we can all agree on.

So, Keep Calm and Airman On!





# Team Robins set to celebrate Halloween, Fall with base events

By **HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON**Robins Public Affairs

he time is drawing near for ghosts, goblins and all things that many fear.

From trunk-or-treats to keeping everyone safe on the streets, Halloween information is all here.

### Hallelujah Night Oct. 25

If you enjoy the fun of Halloween without the fright, you don't want to miss Robins' Hallelujah Night.

Robins' Base Chapel will host the fall festival and trunk-or-treat on Oct. 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the chapel's front lawn across from Robins Lanes Bowling Center.

From games and prizes to pony rides, inflatables, and food, Hallelujah Night has it all and it's free too.

Chaplain (Capt.) Kristi Pulliam with the base chapel said Hallelujah night offers a family friendly alternative to Halloween that draws

the community out for fun and fellowship.

All Robins team members and their families are welcome to this free event.

### 78th SFS Trunk-or-Treat Oct. 31

The 78th Security Forces Squadron at Robins is giving kids a way to get Halloween treats safely.

On Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m., volunteers will dress in their favorite Halloween attire and park their decked out vehicles to hand out preapproved candy provided by 78th SFS at the Museum of Aviation.

Staff Sgt. Samuel Harrison, Police Services' Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, said the event lets kids enjoy trick-or-treating without parents worrying if they're safe.

"We were looking to create something that would make parents feel more comfortable about taking their child/children around on Halloween," he said.

Harrison said the event gives kids and parents a positive experience with law enforcement in a fun and safe environment.

If you would like to reserve a slot so you can pass out candy, give 78th SFS Police Services a call at (478) 222-1980 or email 78SF-STrunkorTreat@gmail.com.

For more information, visit the 78th SFS'

Facebook Page or call Police Services at 478-222-1980.

### 7.8th SFS Pumpkin Patrol

Trick-or-treating at Robins isn't as scary for kids and parents thanks to the 78th Security Forces Squadron.

The squadron will be out in full force Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the on base housing communities of Turner Park, Crestview Housing, and Forrest Park.

Staff Sgt. Samuel Harrison, Police Services' Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, said the entire goal is to foster a safer environment for children to have fun.

"Pumpkin Patrol is more than just kids getting candy from random houses; it's Robins AFB'S law enforcement doing what it can to make Halloween safer," he said. "We want people to know that we are out there, day and night, so they can sleep soundly and safely."

For more information, call 78th SFS Police Services at 478 - 222-1980.

WHAT TO KNOW: Team Robins will observe trick-or-treating, along with Warner Robins, Centerville, Byron, and Perry, on Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m.





The holidays are about to hit in full force. Shopping, dining, and entertainment will be at the forefront of many calendars and with those activities comes the increase chance that someone else will have a good holiday season, compliments of your name and identify theft. Check out some easy ways to protect your credit and finances with EAP's October campaign, Identity Theft: Don't Let it Happen to You.

The hustle and bustle of the coming months can also play havoc with your calendar and the ability to carve out time for...anything. October's Worklife4You focus is about finding balance amidst everything that consumes the day. From Time Management to assistance finding childcare, Worklife4You can help give you a hand in reclaiming and enjoying lost time.

Call 1-800-222-0364 or connect via www.FOH4YOu.com and www.Worklife4You.com.

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# What's Happening

## 78th FSS

### **Beginner Framing Class**

Part 1: October 24
Part 2: October 26
6 to 9 p.m.
Two three-hour sessions
\$20 per person
Arts & Crafts - 478-926-5282-7864 or
DSN 468-5282

### Ladies Day at Pine Oaks

Every Wednesday 9 a.m. & 4 p.m. Members pay their regular rate Non-Members Ladies golf for \$12 for nine holes or \$24 for 18. Pine Oaks Golf Course, 478-926-4103

### 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 & Roll, \$8 478-222-7827.

### Friday Special at Pizza Depot

Two fried catfish filets, hush puppies, vegetables & mac 'n cheese \$6.95 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pizza Depot 478-926-0188 or DSN 468-0188

### Mondays Dinner Specials at Pizza Depot

16" Cheese Pizza \$7.95 After 6 p.m. and Dine-in Only Pizza Depot, 478-926-0188 or DSN 468-0188

### Curb Side Dinner to Go

Call in your order by noon each day and pick up between 3:30 to 6 p.m. at the drive thru in front of Heritage club

12-Piece Mixed Chicken with Large Mash Potato & Gravy and green Beans \$21.95

Eight Chicken Fried Steaks with Large Mash Potato & Gravy and green Beans \$19.25

16-inch Meat Lover Pizza with Pasta & Marinara Sauce and six Pieces Garlic Bread

\$19.95

Pizza Depot, 478-926-0188 or DSN 468-0188

### 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

### Receive Giveaways, Discounts & Event Reminders

Text "Robins" To "87365" Select as many or all of the FSS facilities FSS Marketing Office - 478-926-6559 or DSN 468-6559

### 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 for nine holes or \$24 for 18. Pine Oaks Golf Course - Comm. 478-926-4103or DSN 468-4103

### Splash Pad Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday through Sunday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Wednesday Closed Outdoor Recreation - 478- 926-4001 or DSN 468-4001

### Afterburner September Specials (We proudly Brew Starbucks Coffee)

Iced Coffee Ole'
At the Base Restaurant Bldg. 166 - 478-222-7827 or DSN 472-7827
Monday – Friday 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Pizza of the Month at the Pizza Depot

The Big Kahuna \$15 18" Pizza with Three Topping Pizza Depot - 478-926-0188 or DSN 468-0188

### **Thunder Alley**

Friday Nights 9 – 11 p.m. Adults \$10 / Child 12 & Under \$5 Bowling Center - 478-926-2112 or DSN 468-211















### **Parting Shots**

Col. Eric Forehlich, Air Force Sustainment Center vice commander, left, chats with Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Spencer, Team Robins chaplain, right, at the base Chapel Oct. 18, 2017, while Lesley Darley, Team Robins community support coordinator, and Tech. Sgt. Maurice Collins, installation resilience program manager, listen in. The colonel stopped by the Chapel as part of his tour of Robins Air Force Base this week. Some highlights of his tour included meeting with Col. Lyle Drew, 78th Air Base Wing commander, touring the 78th Medical Group's renovated clinic, visiting the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex and meeting with the Middle Georgia Chapter Logistics Officers Association. (U.S. Air Force photo/TOMMIE HORTON)