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Daniel Yarbrough, 402nd EMXG machinist, operates a milling machine to mill down an aluminum block to the desired dimension then checks the part size using a pair of calipers to meet the blueprint requirements. (U.S. Air Force photo/ED ASPERA)

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Jason Floyd, 573rd Commodities Maintenance Squadron machine tool operator, inspects a manufactured Batman dagger fitting. (U.S. Air Force photo/RAYMOND CRAYTON, JR.)

'It's our duty'

Complex workers achieve success with superhero effort

here are no lone heroes on the Batman team.

And it doesn't take the world's greatest detective to decipher the case. Every character in the story corroborates the evidence.

Early in any conversation about the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group's production of kits for C-5 By HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON Robins Public Affairs

Batman fittings, the workers make it clear they can't succeed without each other.

Asked about successes in the mission, Dwayne Smith, a work lead in the CMXG conventional machine shop, instantly responded with his own question.

"Can you get everybody else in this?"

Smith was one of six workers assembled in one room to discuss the CMXG Batman fittings program. All insisted the entire team deserves the spotlight. "Everybody had input into it," Smith said. "Acknowledge everybody involved in it."

The same inclination was expressed a week earlier by a contributor in a unique situation. No matter the circumstance, Daniel Yarbrough wasn't buying the superhero status being given him for aiding CMXG, even though he actually works for the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Squadron.



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"I'm not trying to sound arrogant," said the 13-year Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex machinist, visibly uneasy about being singled out. "But it's just a normal job these boys down here do. It's our duty. It wasn't just me."

CMXG officials heartily agree.

David Foskey, 573rd Commodities Maintenance Squadron director, said it takes a complex-wide effort on jobs like the Batman fittings, a major structural repair on the C-5.

He said sheet metal workers, engineers, maintainers, schedulers, planners, programmers, the Defense Logistics Agency and back shops combine to get the job done.

"Warner Robins ALC has really partnered together on this project," Foskey said. "The team came together and working with EMXG, they put together a plan to get the kits done."

Still amid the team effort, Foskey and Britni Miller, 573rd CMXS Exchangeable Production Support Center chief, said Yarbrough's performance was crucial and worthy of individual praise. In fact, they are so enamored with Yarbrough's work they outwardly want him to return to CMXG.

In early 2017, the 573rd was lacking two parts to fill the kits assembled for the Batman fitting, a component nicknamed for its resemblance to the cowl worn by the comic book hero. The fitting attaches the vertical stabilizer to the fuselage of the C-5 Galaxy, the largest airlift aircraft in the Air Force inventory.

With the 573rd conventional machine shop backlogged and needing a machinist to manufacture the needed pieces, CMXG turned to EMXG for help.

Initially, EMXG officials didn't think their shop could make the parts. But Foskey and Miller knew a certain former CMXG machinist working in EMXG's 569th Electronic Maintenance Squadron.

Yarbrough, a career machinist, took a look at the tasking and knew he could do it.

"We may not have made that exact part, but we made something similar," Yarbrough, who'd previously worked eight years in the CMXG shop, said. "If you've ever made a part like that, you know. Efficient is effi-



Daniel Yarbrough, 402nd EMXG machinist, uses a pair of calipers to make sure the aluminum he has milled meets blueprint requirements. (U.S. Air Force photos/ED ASPERA)

cient. In years past, we made stuff very similar to it. You just adapt and do what it takes to do it."

Using a conventional mill, Yarbrough began with a raw block and would "hog it away," making it smaller and getting excess material out of the way so he could fashion the finished product. He said tooling presented a major delay at the beginning, but teamwork solved that problem.

"CMXG was generous enough to loan us some tooling until we got our tooling ordered and in hand. Once we had our tooling, we were set up and running. We kept up pretty well," Yarbrough said.

The machinist said a true team ethic was at play from the beginning with EXMG – and particularly his current shop, the 569th, the only machine shop in the group – seeing the bigger mission picture.

"They were willing to spare me to fulfill the requirement," he said.

Yarbrough produced eight of the needed pieces. His contribution added to the 1,700 parts produced by the Batman team in completing requirements for 24 kits this year.

Reports from the EMXG and CMXG praised Yarbrough for "single handily" producing the parts. Miller even sent a special note of thanks to the machinist and his office.

"He did personally hand-deliver the parts when he was completed with them to ensure the safety of the parts," Miller said. "We basically went from barely keeping up with aircraft coming in to having kits on the shelf. We're now set up for future support."

Again, the soft-spoken Yarbrough refused to take all of the credit for the success. "It was just a big teamwork effort. I feel like my part was pretty small."

Batman workers in Bldg. 140 testify that it definitely

takes a cohesive team to tackle such a large project.

"It's a big deal," Todd Griffin, Computer Numerical Control programmer in the 573rd, said. "Honestly, it involves everybody from one end of the building to another."

Steve Davis, a planner in the 573rd C-5 machine shop, said everybody in his work area – three shops plus a back shop, DLA personnel and a material supplier -- had input in the job.

Bill Ellington in the 573rd's sheet metal manufacturing unit said producing the kits takes a lot of hands-on work in shops of 15 to 20 personnel.

"You go through the back shops, by the time you do there's hundreds of people involved. Over and above that, there are more people who never touch the parts that are also involved. It's quite an involved operation just to get one part done," Ellington said.

The team was producing one kit a month when the Batman project began in 2014, Dean Bowman, a scheduler in the 573rd conventional machine shop, said. Now, they are getting two done per month.

"We try to put five kits at a time in work," he said. "We got a ways to go. I think it's all the way out to 2020."

Griffin attributed the team's advancement in production to continuous process improvement.

"The whole time they were accelerating the process, we were improving the process," he said.

Joe Romanelli, director/flight chief, 573rd Industrial Machine Flight, said unique abilities are required in the shops getting the Batman work done. He deemed the skill sets applied in the EPSC shops as "critical" and the craftsmen in those workplaces as artists. Johnny Jones, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center lead engineer, sets up a Batman angle part on a vertical milling machine in the conventional machine shop. (U.S. Air Force photo/ RAYMOND CRAYTON JR.)

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"It's just amazing how much they put out," Romanelli said of the 573rd craftsmen. "The challenges that get thrown their way --manpower constraints, etcetera. They rise up to any challenge that's thrown at them. It is amazing how quickly these guys can make a part."

"High level intellectual skills are difficult to find," Scott Snider, the group's C-5 program manager, said. "We have our share at WR-ALC and in the shops of CMXG."

Foskey said the term "artisan" aptly fits the people in this group. He compared the Batman fittings technicians to chess players. "They see what's ahead to the next three or four cuts. They see in advance what is next," he said.

"Out of 70 something parts, machining and manufacturing some those parts was quite an ordeal," Foskey said

The squadron director credited the unit's success to unheralded professionals like Jonathan Jones, a machinist in the 573rd conventional machine shop.

Miller and Foskey said Jones not only got parts into the hands of the proper machinists, but he also stayed on top of all the parts in the kit and worked overtime to keep machines running.

Foskey said the overall teamwork ethic and proficient execution were bolstered by the adept leadership of Miller.

"Britni and her team have been instrumental in making this happen," he said. "Keeping track of 70 something parts; I don't know how she does that. She goes on vacation and comes back and knows where every part is. She's got the memory of an elephant."

Ultimately, the team effort in CMXG and EMXG for the Batman fittings is all part of a larger team's mission responsibilities.

"These kits are critical to maintain the structural integrity of the C-5 aircraft, and required for the fleet to reach the planned service life of 2040," Alton Hayes, logistics manager for the program in the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center's C-5 Galaxy Division, said.

"These kits are more than mere metal components thrown into a box," previous Batman project logistics

manager Senitra Syas, who recently moved to the AFLCMC C-130 Hercules Division, said. "They are strategically and meticulously designed, inventoried and tracked, not only to ensure the health and safety of the men and women who fly the majestic C-5 air-craft, but also as a reminder of how teamwork makes efficiency look easy. None of it would be possible without the help and unwavering support of the Batman IPT members, both past and present."

The kits comprise a Batman fitting on contract from Alcoa Inc. and 66 piece parts manufactured by CMXG. Included in those kits are a pair of dagger fittings which help to secure the Batman fitting to the tail of the aircraft. The kit also contains a series of stiffeners, radius blocks and other vital components in the Batman fittings endeavor.

Hayes and Syas report 19 Batman fittings have been installed on C-5s to date at Robins with 33 kits planned for the future. The fittings are to be installed periodically until 2020.

The project goal is to replace 100 percent of all Batman fittings on the C-5 fleet. There are 52 C-5s in the Air Force fleet.

Are You Ready?



National Preparedness Month is a month dedicated to educating and empowering not only the base but the community on preparing for any disaster. It is important for everyone to know what to do before, during, and after a disaster. The 78th ABW Emergency Management Flight will be hosting various events at different locations throughout the month of September. During these events you will be able to receive vital information on how your family can better prepare themselves for any, and all disasters. These events along with everyday prep actions allow you proudly say you are a Ready Robin!

Things you can do at home to prepare:

- Create an Emergency Kit
- Have a family emergency plan
- Practice your family emergency plan
- Include an Emergency Kit in your vehicle for when disasters strike away from home
- Stay informed by having a NOAA Weather radio

Base emergency management personnel will be on hand to provide info at several locations this month. The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 7 - Kick off event at the commissary , 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Sept. 8 5-K Run, Base Gym, 7 a.m.
- Sept. 11 Emergency Management
- Sept 14 Base Restaurant, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sept. 19 CDC East 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 to 5 p.m.
- Sept. 20 CDC West, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
- Sept. 21 Commissary 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sept. 26 BX parking lot, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 Closing event, Disaster Time Theater, 1 p.m.



(U.S. Air Force Photos/ED ASPERA)

Volunteer Gloria Aguilar sorts and hangs donated clothes on display racks and shelves. Airman's attic provides household goods, furniture, appliances, toys and gently used clothing items to E-1 to E-5 and O-1/O-2 and their dependents. Patrons can take 20 items per family. Airman's Attic is a non-profit organization that accepts items donated from various sources in the community.



Volunteer Cambria Pinckney, left, hangs donated baby clothes on display racks. Anna Simmons, Airman's Attic vice president, aligns the blue dress shirts on the rack creating a neat display for customers. Airman's attic provides household goods, furniture, appliances, toys and gently used clothing items to E-1 to E-5 and O-1/O-2 and their dependents. Patrons can take 20 items per family. Airman's Attic is a non-profit organization that accepts items donated from various sources in the community.









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ne man's discard is often another man's treasure. That's certainly the case at the Airman's Attic in Bldg. 914 at 650 Ninth St.

The Airman's Attic is open to airmen in the ranks of airman basic through staff sergeant and first and second lieutenants, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The last Thursday of each month is All Ranks Day. Patrons can get 20 items per family.

The non-profit accepts donations of household goods, furniture, appliances, toys and gently used clothing. The organization doesn't accept old TVs, computers or car seats.

Donated items should include all parts and pieces and be in good working order.

The uniform loan locker is open to all activeduty ID cardholders.

Beth Zollman, Airman's Attic's secretary/ treasurer, said people's time is also a welcomed donation.

"We have a database program to track all volunteer hours and can provide proof on demand," she said.

Base ID cardholders 18 and older can volunteer.

The next time you want to rid yourself of unwanted items that are in good condition or want to volunteer to make a difference, consider the Airman's Attic and help a military member.

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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Parting Shot

Col. Lyle Drew, 78th Air Base Wing commander, prepares for an orientation flight with the Georgia State Patrol Aviation Unit, Aug. 24. During the flight, the colonel got to see Robins and the local community from above. (U.S. Air Force photo/ED ASPERA)

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