Robins APTO helps AF, industry develop hybrid truck technology

When it comes to heavy-duty, special purpose vehicles most Americans imagine a gas guzzling engine and tons of unyielding emissions taking their toll on the environment. But the Air Force’s Advanced Power Technology Office is working to change the stereotype and prove heavy-duty hybrid electric vehicles can not only help preserve the environment, but also reduce dependence on foreign fuels.

“Hybrid vehicles are the greatest consumers of fuel and also the greatest polluters. If we can get heavy-duty vehicles to reduce fuel consumption and reduce pollutants that will be a great accomplishment for the Air Force,” said Harvey Collier, program manager for heavy-duty hybrid electric programs. The program is a combined effort by APTO, which is part of the 56th Combat Sustainment Squadron, and Mack Trucks Inc., which is part of the Volvo Group.

One of the vehicles developed through the partnership was displayed at the Hybrid Truck User Forum Sept. 19-21 in Seattle. The vehicle, a dump truck, was built for the Air Force’s APTO and presently calls Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., home. It is a Mack hybrid electric powertrain. The hybrid dump truck features an integrated starter, alternator and motor referred to collectively as an electric machine. The electric machine assists the Granite’s Mack MP7 diesel engine in providing torque to the wheels and regenerates energy during braking. This energy, stored in ultracapacitors, is then used in place of diesel fuel. This technology provides the best result on routes with frequent braking and accelerations, particularly reduce collection and urban delivery, as well as certain construction applications.

Along with the hybrid at Nellis AFB, the program will utilize other heavy-duty hybrid vehicles. Two other vehicles have already been deployed to various bases throughout the Air Force. Shaw AFB,

Local talent takes the stage during 2007 Tops in Blue

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Above, members of the 19th Air Refueling Group’s Aircraft Maintenance Squadron performed before the home crowd at the Tops in Blue Show Oct. 6 at the Warner Robins Regional Contracting Center. Mary Anthony Freeman, Jamaal Jones and Xavier Adams make up the group.

At right, Emily Wallace, an Air Force level award winner in the family talent contest, performed a dance routine at the Tops in Blue show. The Tops in Blue show Oct. 6 at the Warner Robins Civic Center.

Robins to welcome 19th Air Refueling Group members to 80th birthday bash

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Above, members of the 19th Air Refueling Group’s Aircraft Maintenance Squadron work beneath the gates formed KC-135 Stratotanker. In recognition of the unit’s distinguished history and accomplishments, the 19th Heritage Group is hosting a two-day event Thursday and Friday. Attending will be several distinguished visitors. Also, current and former members of the 19th ARC will be there to share their stories and remember the 80 year history of the unit as well as its 40 years in Middle Georgia. For more information on the planned events visit www.19hg.org.

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By Amanda Creel

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Robins charters new territory in educating and equipping future contracting workforce

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David Bell, Macon State College president, greets Frank Anderson, Defense Acquisition University president and Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, at Macon State College where a partnership agreement was signed to promote workforce development.

The training program was realized in the creation of three contracting courses using existing DAU curriculum that will be available to students at Macon State College.

David Bell, president of Macon State College, said helping the community and the base prepare for the future defines what the institution is about. "General Owen stressed how important this training is to the center and how its importance has grown since its inception due to the recent announcement Robins will become one of five regional contracting centers as part of the Air Force’s realignment of installation contracting support. The creation of the new regional

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The new satellite campus will provide an opportunity for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center to partner with the APTO office, which is part of the Defense Acquisition University. The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is one of the largest logistics centers in the Air Force, and it is responsible for providing support to the Warner Robins Air Force Base. The APTO office offers courses in a variety of areas, including project management, systems engineering, and contract administration. The new campus will allow the APTO office to offer new courses and to expand its existing courses to meet the needs of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

The satellite campus will be located at Macon State College, which is located in Macon, Georgia. Macon State College is a two-year community college that offers a variety of programs in fields such as business, technology, and health sciences. The satellite campus will offer courses in the areas of business, technology, and health sciences.

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Each year the command section leaders visit work teams where the operations tempo is extremely high the last days of September. These visits are rewarding for the senior leaders, who share the “end-of-year high” with employees, and encourage and support the workers who put in countless hours to meet mission needs.

These visits showcase some of the challenges overcome by the organizations’ innovative and dedicated workforce. As a result of those efforts, an estimated 12,355 contractual actions totaling $4.74 billion were awarded. This phenomenal accomplishment was achieved with less people and fewer contracts through strategic sourcing.

The tour included a 78th Comptroller Squadron briefing on accounting operations and the 78th Air Base Wing budget; and stops at the finance offices supporting the Materiel Support Division of the Working Capital Fund and the office of the Mission Support Accountants, a satellite office of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.
Say ‘Ahhhhh’

To place a classified ad, call (478) 222-0806. There are many people out there who need help. If you don’t want to talk to anyone, please contact the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

My actions on that day made me realize just how much I really was. Every single night I would go home and drink as much as I could and the next day I was at work. I had made up my mind to go to the office when I drank until I blacked out and I would not sober up.

There were further questions, call lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

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**IN BRIEF**

**MUSEUM OF AVIATION LUNCHEON**
Col. John Num, wife of for-
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However, if you are lucky enough to win the Little League World Series, the gates open and the VIP treatment is issued for a day of close encounters.

Mickey Lay, Warner Robins American Little League head coach, said one of the most exciting things about the team’s invitation to celebrate their success on the baseball diamond and for their glowing representation of the Middle Georgia area.

Mike Smith, another coach for the team said, “I think it’s a neat experience to see something they don’t see everyday and they can’t learn in the classroom.”

The close encounters ranged from the opportunity to test out some K-9 safety gear and the biting abilities of a military working dog, eat a flight lunch prepared by the base flight kitchen and the chance to sit in the cockpit of an F-15E Strike Eagle.

One of the many sneak peaks afforded to the 12-member team included the opportunity to fly with a crew of “Black Knights” and refuel an E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft.

Many of the young baseball champs, had never heard about the refueling mission of the KC-135 Stratorcanker, and were impressed the tanker could refuel other aircraft while flying.

“They had never heard about it but they got to see the KC-135 Stratorcanker, we were impressed the tanker could refuel other aircraft while flying,” Taylor Lay, 12, said his favorite part was, “Laying down and controlling the boom thing.”

The K-9s use them as a training tool.

However, it wasn’t just the aircraft that helped the Little Leaguers erupt into screams of joy during their visit to the base, a trip to the military working dog kennels was one of the highlights for the young baseball team.

“They pretty cool seeing all the dogs attack them,” said Clint Wynn, 13. Though all the team members were anxious to watch the military members interact with the K-9s, some were less convinced to put the protective gear on and let the K-9s use them as a training tool.

Though in the end all 12 held their arms out and let Rudy, one of the military working dogs, take a bite.

“It feels like little needles going in at first,” said Hunter Jackson, 13. He added, that the teams’ trip to the Military Dog Kennels was one of his favorite experiences throughout the day.

The day ended as the boys piled into a 5th Combat Communications Group Light Medium Tactical Vehicle, also known as a forlorn, which is used to transport troops and equipment, and headed back to the Museum of Aviation. Even the young celebrities’ exit from the base gave them a rarely seen glimpse into life as an Airman.
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Texas hold ‘em winner

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Every Monday through Thursday in the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., at least one of the seven regular religious services is held. These are the Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumma) at 5:30 p.m. and Jumu’ah prayer at 6:15 p.m. The noon noon prayer is also hold.

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