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A C-130 from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas taxis on the flightline July 31. It will be used to test the new method of programmed depot maintenance, HVM, which is aimed at reducing aircraft downtime.

Touch down gives HVM wings C-130 arrival lands Robins first high velocity maintenance asset, puts new program to the test

BY ED DROHAN
78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The first aircraft that will help validate the new High Velocity Maintenance process — a C-130 Hercules — arrived at Robins July 31, but the HVM process actually started months ago.

HVM is designed to shorten the time the aircraft is down for maintenance and inspections and make it more available for warfighters.

“The planning, the pre-induction inspections, the process of deciding what repairs were going to be made, all started several

months ago,” said Doug Keene, HVM product lead.

“This portion of the validation is to make sure the system works.”

The goal, Mr. Keene said, was to understand everything about the aircraft’s condition before it ever got here.

The goal of HVM is to have everything the mechanics need to perform their work pre-positioned and ready for use, allowing them to stay at the aircraft instead of searching for the things they need to do the job.

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Doug Keene, product lead for HVM, and Jerry Mobley, team lead for HVM, meet with media following the arrival of the C-130.

653rd CLSS inactivates amidst heritage celebration

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Col. John Bukowinski, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group commander, accepts the guidon from Major Joseph Giuliani, 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron commander, at the squadron's inactivation ceremony Wednesday.

Starting with Vietnam and ending with Iraq and Afghanistan, the White Knights of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron have traveled the globe to repair major damage on aircraft in combat zones.

But their storied 42-year history came to an end Wednesday with an inactivation ceremony.

Originally called the 2955th CLSS, the unit became the 653rd CLSS in 1992 as part of an Air Force-wide reorganization. It was slated for inactivation two years ago as part of a move to shift from large CLSS squadrons to smaller flights that do the same job.

Once it had over 300 people, but now 56 White Knights will form the Expeditionary Depot Maintenance Flight in the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group.

“This is a historic and emotional day for

our Air Force,” said Col. John Bukowinski, commander of the 402nd AMXG. “CLSSs have played a key expeditionary role in our Air Force over the last 42 years, specializing in providing aircraft repair in a combat environment.”

The ceremony included several past commanders of the squadron and other alumni. Maj. Joseph Giuliani, the commander of the group since January, 2008, noted that despite the pending inactivation, members of the group have continued to do their job around the world. In the past year, he said, White Knights have performed 100 TDY taskings with 30,000 labor hours, saving the Air Force \$4 million.

“Today’s inactivation is bitter-sweet because we are all sad to see the doors closed on such a historic squadron, but at the same time this occasion gives us an opportunity to see the faces of former CLSS

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542nd CSW commander bids farewell

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When Col. Joseph Veneziano is asked to reflect on his year of service at Robins, a single word is pervasive in his answer.

The word is love.

“I loved it,” he said in an interview this



Col. Joseph Veneziano, 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing commander

week. “It’s been the best job I’ve had in the Air Force. I’ve loved working at Robins Air Force Base. I’ve loved working in Middle Georgia, and I’ve loved working with the men and women of the Combat Sustainment Wing.”

Colonel Veneziano, known to most as “Colonel V,” came to Robins in June, 2008, to

serve as vice commander of the wing. He took on the role of acting commander after Brenda Romine, then director of the 542nd CSW, moved up to become executive director of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

His departure was originally meant to coincide with the reorganization of the wing, which was to be folded into other operations on base. But that decision has been postponed.

No decision has been made on his replacement, he said. If a replacement hasn’t been named by the time he departs, then Col. David French would become the acting commander. Colonel French is currently the commander of the 742nd Combat Sustainment Group and acting vice wing commander of the 542nd CSW.

The 542nd CSW is made up of about 1,900 personnel, with less than 100 of those military, Colonel Veneziano said. The wing provides life-cycle management for a wide array of combat systems and capabilities.

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C-5 PDM targeted for improvements

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Management from various groups and units involved with C-5 Galaxy program depot maintenance recently conducted a value stream mapping session to help identify areas that could be streamlined to improve the effectiveness of the overall process.

David Nakayama, director of the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said the efficacy of C-5 PDM is not where it should be and there is plenty of room for improvement.

“Currently, our C-5 PDM is not on schedule, and our top priority is to get it on schedule,” Mr. Nakayama said. “We have a lot of opportunities for improvement.”

He said the C-5 PDM process is a challenge because of the large number of people involved.

“If anything breaks anywhere in the process, things start to go wrong elsewhere,” he said. “It’s a delicate balance making sure

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With the condition of the C-130 known in advance, HVM team members were able to pre-schedule workflow, develop kits for each maintenance procedure that is required, establish requirements, order necessary parts, material and equipment, and effectively streamline the entire process.

HVM is the Air Force's way of putting into play the best practices that are currently being used in the commercial airline industry, said HVM team lead Jerry Mobley.

"Over the years our processes have not kept up

with those in private industry," Mr. Mobley said. "There was a lot of waste in our processes, so we looked at each task, the sequence they were performed in, and looked at how we could do them more efficiently."

The C-130 was selected as the first weapons system to undergo HVM validation since it is in high demand for operations around the world. Both Ogden Air Logistics Center and Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center will be testing HVM in the future, on the F-22 and B-1B, respectively.

If the new processes live up to expectations, the hope is that it will be phased in on all aircraft throughout the Air Force.

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members, many of whom traveled great distances to be here today."

An alumni dinner was also held at the Museum of Aviation on Wednesday night.

Members of the squadron were called the White Knights because the chess knight was the unit emblem. The knight represented the unit's mobility and unique capability.

At one time there were five combat logistics support squadrons, with each air logistics center having one to support the aircraft assigned to that center. After the 653rd inactivates, the only CLSS left will be at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. That one is scheduled

for inactivation in October.

Colonel Bukowski said closing the CLSSs is an unfortunate result of the Air Force's budget conditions, but he emphasized that the mission of performing major field repairs will continue.

"The Air Force is not eliminating its capability to provide required expeditionary support to the warfighter," Col. Bukowski said. "The capability that CLSS brought to the fight has long existed. We are just simply changing the delivery method of our depot maintenance support capability. We will continue to provide the expeditionary aircraft battle damage repair. Here, they will simply wear a different hat and come under a different name."

E-tools gives support personnel access to digital data

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For decades, whenever an aircraft mechanic at Robins needed a technical drawing, technical order, or any other document related to a repair, he had to go to a tech data warehouse or library, locate the document and return to the aircraft.

That process would typically be completed many times over the course of work on a single plane, said Bruce Joiner, chief of the Technical Data Home Office at Robins.

But that's all about to change.

Starting this week, the base is beginning prototype deployment of e-tools. It's a major Air Force initiative to give mechanics and other aircraft support personnel mobile computers including laptops and handhelds. That way they can instantly access data in digital format that they previously would have to locate in paper form.

Mr. Joiner said it should significantly speed up work done at Robins. The e-tools deployment includes the first validation aircraft for High Velocity Maintenance, which is a major shift in the way maintenance is performed with the aim of reducing downtime. Work



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Jim Meyer (left), aircraft mechanic, and Tim Reynolds, technical project lead for e-tools deployment, look at and talk about the new e-tool.

on the HVM plane, a C-130, began Monday.

"Now that we have digital data, the technicians should have everything they need on that laptop to do their job," Mr. Joiner said.

The initiative actually dates back to 1995, when the Air Force first began an effort to digitize all technical documents. Since that time, Mr. Joiner said, workers at Robins have been doing just that. As a result, what had been a 120,000 square-foot warehouse at Robins to store those documents is now occupied by administrative offices.

Furthermore, the information can now be instant-

ly sent to customers around the world, including troops in the field. The previous method had been to mail the documents, Mr. Joiner said.

This change in technology will reduce tech data distribution time and the cost associated with mailing.

Tim Reynolds, the technical project lead for e-tools deployment, said that over the next two months, 292 laptops will be distributed throughout the flightline and into back shops. Mechanics will not be individually assigned the computers; they will be shared among each shift.

The Air Force plans to deploy 2,500 laptops in the

next three years at WR-ALC to maintainers as a part of the e-tools initiative.

Mr. Joiner said the laptops are rugged and meant to withstand the elements associated with aircraft work.

He said he can foresee a day when mechanics will be able to find parts on technical drawings in the computers, and then click on a part in those drawings, and have that part instantly ordered rather than having to fill out paperwork.

Another advantage, he said, is that when troops deploy, they will not have to haul hundreds of pounds worth of technical manuals

FAREWELL

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One of the things about the wing that makes Colonel Veneziano proudest, he said, actually happened shortly before his arrival last year. That's when the wing earned "outstanding" in an Operational Readiness Inspection, a major accomplishment.

"I'm proud that the men and women of the Combat Sustainment Wing have a passion for excellence, and I'm also impressed that they lead and follow with character and integrity," he said.

He also had high praise for base leadership and for the union leaders with whom he has worked during his command.

"I think that the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is in really good hands with the trio of leadership - Maj. Gen. Polly

Peyer, Mr. Deryl Israel and Col. Bob Stambaugh.

All three of them are recognized experts in their respective fields, and together they make a great team to lead Warner Robins Air Logistics Center into the next decade. I also appreciate the great work and cooperation from all of our bargaining unit employees and from the union leadership."

His new job is in Requirements at Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

He will be director of capabilities and requirements, which will include acquisition improvement programs, up front planning for new acquisition programs, and he will manage AFMC support and participation in Air Force Concept of Operations, such as Agile Combat Support.

Colonel Veneziano said his experience at Robins, which was his first in an ALC, will give him important perspective in his new assignment.

"When I get to AFMC, it will help me understand what the needs are and what the priorities need to be," he said.

Although there will be no change of command ceremony, Colonel Veneziano will be addressing the wing before his departure. Today, at 10 a.m., he will hold a commanders call and luncheon at the Museum of Aviation in which he will offer some parting words.

Colonel Veneziano said he is proud to serve with the men and women of the 542 Combat Sustainment Wing. He also looks forward to leading the wing into the LCAT inspection next week so they can "demonstrate their outstanding knowledge, skills, attitude, and abilities."

LEAN

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nothing in the process is broken."

One of management's main goals heading into the Lean event was to chart out the value stream, or the maintenance process from start to finish, and identify waste. The team identified ways to best achieve this goal, with communication being central to the process.

Col. Lee Levy, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, said communication is vital because there are so many people involved in the process. He added how important it is

for everyone involved in C-5 PDM to recognize the big picture and understand their roles in contributing to the overarching goal of getting aircraft out on time.

"It's important for each person to understand how his or her success or failure impacts the next person's success or failure," Colonel Levy said. "It's also important to realize how intertwined we all are. We're all in the same boat and if one person sinks, we all get a little wet."

Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, was briefed following the event. She said she was excited about the direction

C-5 PDM is heading and of management's efforts to establish a better way of getting the job done.

"This is all about working smarter, not working harder, and I am enthusiastic and supportive of improving our processes," General Peyer said.

The next step is to hold another Lean event, known as a rapid improvement event, with the purpose of targeting the areas identified as needing the most fixes and determining how to best improve those areas.

"This is not an overnight process," Mr. Nakayama said. "This will take more than a year and will be an ongoing effort."

Commentary

"If all misfortunes were laid in one common heap whence everyone must take an equal portion, most people would be contented to take their own and depart."
— **Socrates**

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IN MY OWN WORDS...



Jacob McLemore
Work study student

Today's thoughts are from Jacob McLemore, a work study student in the Georgia Military College office here. He took time to talk about the issue of:

trust

"I don't know if you can work with people you don't trust. With personal and job-related things, if you tell them something you don't want to tell somebody else, and they tell somebody else, you can't trust them. It makes you not want to tell them anything because you don't know what they will do.

I had one job like that,

where you couldn't trust people. You couldn't really talk about anything. You didn't really know what to say.

My parents taught me to be trustworthy. They taught me about trust and how to recognize people that are trustworthy.

I trust everybody where I work here. In a smaller

work area where you don't have that many people, it's easier to have that kind of trust than when you are working with a large group of people.

I think most people are trustworthy. The only way you can really tell is if you tell them something and they keep it themselves, you will know they are trustworthy.

This is a regular feature in which Team Robins members are asked to give their thoughts on targeted areas of improvement. Those areas are trust, successful communications, grievances, recognition, teamwork, success, integrity, fairness, the big picture, diversity or other subject of interest. If you would like to participate, call Wayne Crenshaw at 222-0807 or e-mail him at wayne.crenshaw.ctr@robins.af.mil.

OPSEC, social networking: Can a 'happy' medium exist?

I can recall sitting in my office at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, when I first realized that e-mail was going to revolutionize our way of doing business. I remember thinking to myself, 'Wow, I just got an e-mail from a two-star general congratulating me on my promotion to lieutenant colonel.'

In the olden days, I would have received a third-generation memo on Xeroxed letterhead with a few signatures or scribbled initials that came in a wrinkled 'holey-joe' through base distribution.

I also know we all chuckled when we first heard the term, "paperless Air Force." Did anyone really believe we could be totally paperless?

And yet here we are, in a hyper-instantaneous state of information overload; all being done electronically without a single piece of paper exchanging hands. Chuckle if you will, but I believe that social networking sites are going to be the next Air Force revolution, and for that battle, we all need to be adequately armed.

I've had many discussions with various supporters as well as naysayers when it comes to sites like Twitter, Facebook, MySpace and YouTube. Advocates for the sites feel they provide a forum where ideas, opinions and imagery can be freely shared with a world-wide audience. Antagonists feel that posting too much information can compromise operational security, or worse cost troops their lives, simply from a 140-character "tweet."

So, is there a happy medium

between the two? From a commander's perspective, I believe the answer is yes, provided users stick to three basic rules of engagement:

Common sense. Simple enough, right? Well, sometimes the simple things are what get people into significant trouble.

We entrust crew chiefs to maintain multimillion dollar aircraft. We issue security forces personnel weapons and ammunition to protect our installations. We empower medical technicians to draw our blood or administer vaccinations. These Airmen are extensively trained to perform these tasks. But with any job, a layer of common sense is key to being able to rapidly react to a situation that presents itself. Just because that same security forces Airman has been trained to use a weapon, doesn't mean that's all he needs. He must use his instincts in situations that involve human behavior — he must apply his common sense.

The same rules apply when it comes to blogging and social networking. Airmen must use their common sense when posting information that is accessible to not only family and friends, but also to the enemy. The bad guys are out there watching us, too, reading all the information you post to your personal site, and what's posted to your buddy's site, and to the Air Force chief of staff's site, and so on. They put all the bits of information together like a puzzle. It's known as "data mining," and our enemies are constantly monitoring what we post to the Web.

Judicial prudence. This is area that gets people into the most trouble when using social networking sites. As a servicemember, you don't forfeit your First Amendment rights the day you join the military. We all take an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and that includes everyone's right to free speech. But that right to speak freely must be balanced against the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Just as the old saying goes about "You can't yell 'FIRE!' in a crowded theater" under the auspices of free speech, you also can't release sensitive, classified or inappropriate information as a member of the armed forces.

Many military members' social media sites contain photos or video of themselves in uniform, which automatically leads a viewer to conclude you represent all men and women in uniform. Others blog from their deployed location about daily life and experiences in the war zone. This is all acceptable, provided the information you post adheres to UCMJ and operations security rules.

Someone once gave me a simple acronym to remember on the type of information that can and cannot be released. The acronym is SAPP, and it stands for security, accuracy, policy and privacy. The SAPP principle is an easy one to remember when you're about to blog about an upcoming deployment or a recent court-martial in your unit or the rumor you heard in the squadron break room. Is the information accurate? Can you

back it up with facts? Are you compromising operational security by releasing this information? Are you violating someone's privacy by blogging about him or her?

When in doubt, backspace it out. I have a personal rule that I follow any time I'm about to craft an e-mail if I am angry about a situation. I step away. The worst thing you can do is send an e-mail when you are emotionally attached to a situation. We've all been there banging away at the keyboard, typing a tapestry of words meant to physically cut into the intended recipient for the wrong that person committed in your eyes. My advice to you: don't hit send.

This same advice holds true for typing on your social media site. Anything you post to the Internet — including photos — will be there forever. Do you really want to post a picture of yourself that could place you, your family, or your unit in harm's way?

The rules ultimately come down to this: choose your words wisely. Operational security should be practiced at the source. The same tactics exercised when disclosing information to the public should be applied to social media usage. By educating and training our younger generation servicemembers — the digital natives — on what information should be guarded and what can be released, I believe we can find that "happy medium."

—This commentary was written by Maj. Gen. Henry C. "Hank" Morrow, 1st Air Force commander, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



What do you think of the new GI Bill provisions?



Airman 1st Class Jared Latham
52nd CBCS

"I think it's a good idea. Otherwise, my wife and my daughter that's on the way wouldn't have access to educational funds like these."



Senior Airman Dustin Clapp
52nd CBCS

"Unfortunately, it doesn't apply to me yet. One day maybe I'll have some kids."



Staff Sgt. Albert Trombley
55th CBCS

"I think it's good because when you do have kids, you don't have to worry about saving so much for school and paying taxes on those savings."



Tech. Sgt. Megan Reed
55th CBCS

"It's going to pay for the rest of my school and allow me not to work so I can finish."

AFMC, ALCs look at enterprise approach to acquiring workload

BY LISA MATHEWS

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Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command and its air logistics centers are taking a look at the way they evaluate, prioritize, pursue and secure business, and are working together to allocate their combined workload.

A Business Integration Office has stood up at headquarters, and each of the ALCs has stood up center business offices under their Plans and Programs Mission Planning Division, or XPL.

“The center business offices enable us to explore and leverage our capabilities across the centers,” said Debra Singleton, chief of the WR-ALC/XPL.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center’s Plans and Programs Mission Planning Division recently hosted a center business

office summit where representatives from each of the ALCs’ center business offices, the 402nd Maintenance Wing, and AFMC A8 and A4 discussed the way ahead for the CBOs.

Col. James Wertz, Business Integration Office chief, said the plan for organizing center business offices is to better distribute AFMC’s strategy and share best business practices.

Prior to the CBOs, there were no collaborative, center-level processes in which business opportunities were evaluated, prioritized, pursued and secured to ensure long-term viability to meet changing warfighter requirements. The new approach will integrate business practices across the center, with AFMC and the center’s counterparts at Ogden ALC and Oklahoma City ALC. Under the new construct,

the CBO will serve as the local entry point for industry and government. The office will coordinate public-private partnership activities with AFMC/A8R and identify opportunities for private sector use. The office will also collect and report metrics to stakeholders, including AFMC, and will coordinate partnerships supporting center depot maintenance priorities and objectives. The CBO would communicate to the workforce and industry and provide all coordination.

“I think one of the best things that will come out of this enterprise initiative is that you get a true collaborative effort between all three centers,” said Randy Mathews, OO-ALC/XPL division chief for strategic planning and the CBO. “You get away from going after individual workloads as a single center; you take a true enterprise approach.”

“The whole is truly greater than the sum of its parts, and together we’re going to be far more effective as a depot enterprise in being able to support the warfighter,” he added.

During the summit, the group discussed ways to market the capabilities of the three air logistics centers. WR-ALC/XPL took on the action to build an enterprise message for all three centers. Also discussed was a road show to better communicate the purpose of the CBOs.

“I’m excited about the collaboration between the three center business offices and AFMC to build an enterprise approach to satisfy warfighter requirements,” said Brett Swanson, OO-ALC CBO chief.

“The CBOs hold the promise of bringing more work to the ALCs by providing integrated best values and solutions to our customers,” he said.

OPSEC IS A FULL-TIME JOB

Obama: New GI Bill renews commitment to troops

BY GERRY J. GILMORE

American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama saluted the implementation of the Post-9/11 GI Bill Tuesday during a ceremony at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Signed into law June 20, 2008, the new GI Bill is a Department of Veteran Affairs-sponsored program that provides the most comprehensive educational benefit package for veterans since the original GI Bill, the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, was authorized toward the end of World War II.

Today’s new GI Bill was implemented “to renew our commitment to ensure that the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States of America get the opportunities that they have earned,” President Obama said.

President Obama observed that his grandfather, who served under Army Gen. George S. Patton during World War II, was a beneficiary of the original 1944 to 1956 GI Bill, which helped to produce a strong post-war economy, as well as the largest middle class in U.S. history. By 1947, President Obama noted, half of all Americans enrolled in colleges were military veterans.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is just as important as the original, President Obama said, as it also recognizes servicemembers for their wartime service and represents “an investment in our own country.”

The president said the new program will provide today’s veterans “the skills and training they need to fill the jobs of tomorrow.”

“Education is the currency that can purchase success in the 21st century,” the president said, “and this is the opportunity that our troops have earned.”

With the Post-9/11 GI Bill, qualified active-duty and selected Reserve servicemembers who have

served after Sept. 10, 2001, are eligible for 36 months of state-school educational benefits, the equivalent of four nine-month academic years. Benefits include tuition and fees that are paid directly to the school, a monthly living allowance paid to the participant, and a books and supplies stipend paid to the individual.

As of Aug. 1, qualified career servicemembers have the option to transfer benefits to their spouses or children. Most servicemembers who have at least six years of military service and are in the armed forces on or after Aug. 1 and agree to serve an additional four years qualify to transfer their benefits.

“We are including the family members who have sacrificed so much by allowing the transfer of unused benefits to family members,” President Obama said. “And we are including those who pay the ultimate price by making this benefit available to the children of those who lost their life in service to their country.”

Eric K. Shinseki, the Veterans Affairs secretary, who also spoke at the ceremony, exhorted Post-9/11 GI Bill participants to “make it count. Make it count for all of us. Make it count for our country.”

Mr. Shinseki observed that more than 1,100 private educational institutions have elected to participate in the supplemental Yellow Ribbon Program that permits eligible servicemembers and veterans to attend private colleges and universities whose costs exceed the highest in-state rates at public undergraduate institutions.

Under the Yellow Ribbon Program, VA officials “will match whatever is contributed by those private colleges and universities, up to 50 percent of those total costs,” Mr. Shinseki said. “We are grateful that so many schools have joined this effort and we thank them for their support of our veterans.”

WELCOME TO AFSSO21 COUNTRY

Who you gonna call?

Pest busting keeps entomology shop buzzing



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

The Entomology Shop sprays for mosquitoes when the mosquito count from public health officials is high.



Danny Jones shows a bird cannon used to scare birds away from the flight line.

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Danny Jones doesn't have any trouble with employee turnover in the shop he supervises.

And if he did have some people leave, it probably wouldn't take long to fill the positions.

"I have a lot of people ask me if we have any openings," said Mr. Jones, who supervises the Entomology Shop. "They want to work here."

For anyone with an interest in all things that creep, crawl, slither and bite, the Entomology Shop really is the place to work. About 70 percent of the job, Mr. Jones said, deals with pest control, and the other 30 percent deals with wildlife issues.

People enjoy the job because of the variety.

"There are no two days that are exactly the same," he said.

Mr. Jones has been in the shop for 28 years. At one time 14 people worked there, including Airmen. Due to some of the work being contracted in recent years, there are now only five employees, including Mr. Jones, and all are civilians. The civilians who come to the shop tend to stay a while, he said.

Some days they are doing basic pest-control activity, which includes spraying in buildings. Other days they might be trying to trap raccoons or hogs, and occasionally they even have to try to catch alligators.

Probably their most important mission, however, is to assist in keeping birds away from the runway

area. Birds pose a serious hazard to aircraft, as was so dramatically demonstrated earlier this year when a US Airways airliner went down in New York after striking a flock of Canada geese. Only the skills of Capt. Chesley Sullenberger, a former Air Force fighter pilot, and his crew saved the 155 people on board.

Canada geese are one of the most common concerns on the runway here, Mr. Jones said, because of their size. But even a flock of small birds can be a problem to aircraft.

"The potential is great," he said.

Mr. Jones has some unique weapons in his shop to help keep birds away from the runway area. When birds don't want to shoo away, the Entomology Shop brings out its propane cannons. The cannons were once stationed along the flightline and fired periodically, emitting an extremely loud sound. Now the cannons are used only as needed, Mr. Jones said.

"It sends off a horrendous blast," he said.

The shop is on call at all times to respond to any bird problems on the runway, he said.

A different bird problem that they tackle in the flightline area is pigeons in the hangars. They routinely go out to hangars to shoot pigeons with pellet guns. Sometimes hawks come into the hangars and help out, Mr. Jones said. He had one supervisor call to complain that hawks were killing pigeons.

When he first started at the shop, it only dealt with pest issues. Whenever there

was a wildlife problem they would call the Department of Natural Resources.

But in recent years, as more critters have moved from the swamp into the base area, the Entomology Shop has taken on the wildlife issue. Mr. Jones said that if at all possible they try to trap animals live and relocate them, even rattlesnakes.

The shop also sprays herbicides for weed control, particularly in critical areas such as the runway and along the perimeter fence.

Spraying for mosquitoes is a big part of the shop's job. The Public Health Flight does regular mosquito counts and spraying is done based on those counts. This year has been particularly bad for mosquitoes, Mr. Jones said, because the wet weather has created plenty of standing water, which mosquitoes use to reproduce. Spraying is concentrated in the area around the sewage treatment plant and in the family camping area.

People can help cut down on the mosquito population by making sure nothing is left out that could collect water, Mr. Jones said. Bird baths should be changed regularly.

But the biggest pest problem on base is ants. Mr. Jones said there are different types of ants on base and each one requires a different method to control.

People can help with the ant problem by not leaving out food or food wrappers.

"If we get a call about ants, it's usually because somebody left a wrapper out over the weekend," he said.

Alligator Expedition

Natural Resources manager talks about Robins' wild side

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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It's 8 a.m. on an overcast day last week, and Dr. Bob Sargent is preparing to try to catch the biggest thing swimming in Duck Lake.

The creature is an elusive alligator that Mr. Sargent estimates to be at least five feet long. The gator hasn't been a problem, but he wants to catch it before it becomes one. He caught it about year ago, but it managed to escape just as he was about to get it into the boat.

Mr. Sargent, the natural resources manager at Robins, is using a method some people might find peculiar. He is trying to catch the gator with a fishing pole, and the three-pronged hook is only about the size of what a fisherman might use to catch a large-mouth bass, not an alligator.

The idea is to spot the gator, cast the line over the gator's back and then reel it in until it snags on the gator. The gator would then be pulled, very gradually, toward the boat, lassoed with grappling poles and relocated to the Ocmulgee River.

It's not as dramatic as the gung-ho methods of the late

Steve Irwin, who hosted the popular TV show *The Crocodile Hunter*, but it works. Mr. Sargent, who studied alligators in Florida and has considerable expertise in catching them, has captured eight gators at Robins using the same method.

Only this gator has proven to be much more of a challenge.

Accompanied by Danny Jones, supervisor of the Entomology Shop, Mr. Sargent took a Jon boat into the lake, armed only with binoculars and the fishing pole.

Within a few minutes they spotted the gator, with just its eyes and snout protruding above the still water, but it was too far away. By the time they got near enough to cast, it disappeared under the water.

A gator can stay under water for about 15 minutes, Mr. Sargent stated, and sure enough, it was just about 15 minutes later that it popped back up, pretty much in the same spot as it went under.

But by the time they maneuvered to casting distance, the gator disappeared. The same process repeated itself for about another hour before they decided to give

up on the hunt.

"I don't think this technique is going to work with this one," Mr. Sargent said. "He's too skittish."

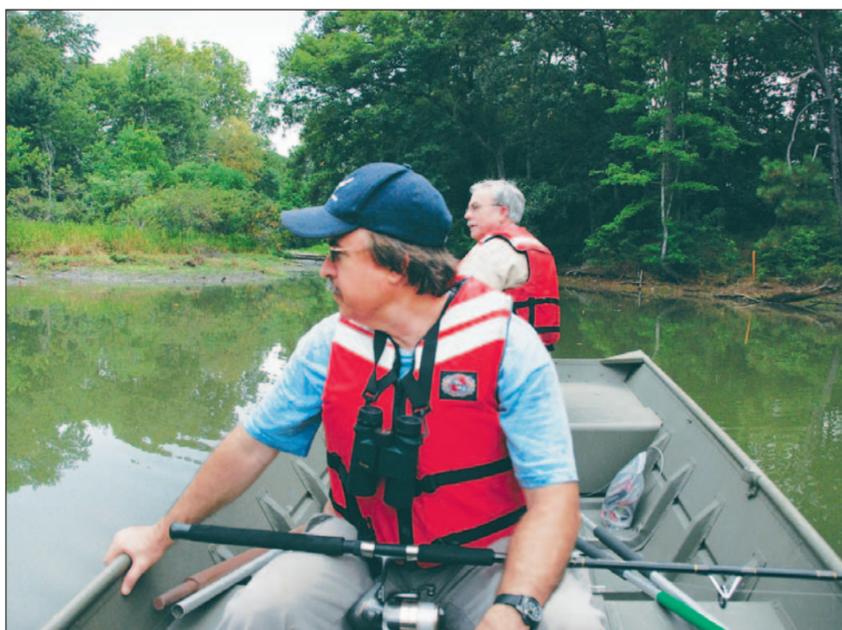
But that's also a good thing, he noted. As long as the gator is scared of people, it means that he's not a danger to anyone. It also means that no one is feeding it, which is a common way that gators end up becoming a danger.

Mr. Sargent stresses to never, ever feed an alligator or any other wildlife on base. When people feed gators, the gators start to approach humans, which is the last thing anyone wants.

"A fed alligator is a dangerous alligator," he said.

People are often surprised to learn that there are gators at Robins. Mr. Sargent has caught them out of lakes and ditches. There have never been any gator attacks at Robins, either on humans or pets, but the gators are relocated when they move into the ponds near residential areas out of concern that an attack could happen.

Although the Duck Lake gator doesn't appear to be any danger now, Mr. Sargent said it must be moved because it will only



U.S. Air Force photo by WAYNE CRENSHAW

Dr. Bob Sargent, natural resources manager at Robins, and Danny Jones, supervisor of the Entomology Shop, search Duck Lake for an elusive alligator that has been sighted in the area.

get bigger. Other options include putting out an underwater trap, seeking the help of a Department of Natural Resources wildlife trapper, or bringing in someone with a gator hunting permit.

Gators are not the only wildlife problem on base. Numerous critters have emerged from the swamps east of Robins to become a problem on base, including

bears and wild hogs. On the same morning of the alligator hunt July 30, the Department of Natural Resources caught a black bear near the Museum of Aviation.

Also problematic are opossums and raccoons, which like to try to snag food out of trash cans on base. To combat that problem, the base is beginning an initiative to replace out-

door trash can lids with spring loaded lids that would automatically stay shut and could not be opened by a critter.

So what should people do if they encounter a bear, a gator or other wildlife on base?

"By all means, don't offer it food," Mr. Sargent said. "The problems we have are the result of people feeding them."

78th FSS BRIEFS

TODAY

The entire Robins community is invited! A First Friday "Ships Ahoy Mate" will be held in conjunction with the Build-A-Boat contest in the Heritage Club ballroom and pool from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Boats will be built from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with a boat race at 7 p.m., pirates, parrots or favorite nautical character costume contest at 6 p.m., and dig for treasures (club members only) at 6:30 p.m. Everyone in attendance may fill out an entry form for a chance to win a TomTom GPS system, compliments of Macon Office Supply and gift certificates, compliments of State Farm. Build A Boat winners will be awarded at 7:30 p.m. in the following categories: Race Champions, Most Team Spirit, Most Creative and the Titanic. Free swimming held after the boat race. Feature entertainment will be Big Mike and the Booty Pappas. Sea rations will be served from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$3 for nonmembers and guests. Join the club during the event to wave the fee. Event sponsored in part by Macon Office Supplies, State Farm and Robins Federal Credit Union. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

SATURDAY

The last yard sale of the year will be held Aug. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:30 a.m. and tables can be purchased in advance for \$7 per table (limit three per person). For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

The Japanese art of floral arrangement, Ikebana is coming to the Arts & Crafts Center. Classes will be held Aug. 8, 15 and 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a three-week course for \$67.50. For more information call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

MONDAY

The women's locker room in the main Fitness Center, Bldg. 826 will undergo a complete renovation Aug. 10 through Nov. 13, 2009. Female patrons may use the Chiefs locker room, located in the Health and Wellness Center, Bldg. 827 during the renovation. Renovations will include 12 by 12 inch floor and wall tiles, replace toilet and shower stalls, counter tops, 18 by 18 inch lockers (large enough to hang a uniform or suit). For more information, please call the fitness center at 926-2128.

TUESDAY

Lunch buffets are held every Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Horizons. Cost for hot lunch or salad bar is \$6.50 members and \$7.50 nonmembers or for both hot lunch and salad bar \$7.50 members and \$8.50 nonmembers. Lunch is open to all ranks and grades. Show your club card and receive 10 percent off your purchase. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday is "Wacky Wednesday" with horse races and hard luck games. Both events will begin at 7:15 p.m. Joint Forces Bingo is located in the east wing of the Robins Enlisted Club. The hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with games starting at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DOD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515 or 926-1303.

UPCOMING

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies Under the Stars Aug. 14 for a presentation of "Shrek 3." The movie will start at dark behind the Heritage Club. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

An Aviation Art Exhibit and

In the swing of things



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Children learn fundamentals of golf during classes at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Learn to Play Golf for Kids was a week-long opportunity for children six to 15 to learn the basics of the game.

Aero Club Open House will be held Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring the works of Jim Balleto and others at the aero club hanger, Bldg. 186 off Perimeter Rd. Free grillin's will be available for the first 100 guests. Aviation artwork will also be on display at the Arts & Crafts Center the week prior and after the open house. For more details call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

A Gourmet Night will be held Aug. 28 in the Georgia Room at Horizons. The menu, created by Chef Douglas Goodridge, will be served at 6 p.m. and will include eight ounce filet beef stuffed with Stilton cheese and burgundy sauce, Duchess potato, white and green asparagus, lobster Thermidor in vol-au-vent shell and white and dark chocolate mousse. Cost is \$45 per person or \$65 per couple. Limited seating is available for the first 25. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

ONGOING

The fitness center outdoor track will be closed through Sept. 28 for resurfacing. For more details call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Stalls for horses are available at the riding stables. The stables, near Luna Lake, offer a lighted riding ring, hot & cold wash rack, horse trails, stalls and pasture. Cost includes a monthly \$15 family membership fee & monthly stable fee of \$97. All base ID cardholders – active duty, reserve, ANG, retired military, DOD civilians are eligible. For more information, call the riding stables at 447-6905 or 926-4001.

Information, Tickets and Travel is selling tickets to the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Purchase a one day ticket for Saturday Sept. 5 for the NASCAR Nationwide Series Degree V12 300 and Sprint Cup Qualifying for \$27 or a one day tickets for the Labor Day Classic 500 on Sunday Sept. 6 for \$40. There

will be a two-day package that will include both days for \$67. For more information call the ITT office at 926-2945.

The Council of College and Military Educators is offering scholarships to United States service members and their spouses who are working towards the completion of higher education degrees. For more information visit <http://www.ccmeonline.org/nashville10.aspx?session=scholarships>. Application deadline for both scholarships is Sept. 1. For more information call the Education and Training Office at 327-7330.

The Pine Oaks Lodging now offers wireless high speed internet access available in all rooms. Room reservations may be made up to two weeks in advance or you can register online at www.robinservices.com. For more information call lodging at 926-2100.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE: What do you know about the brain?

Do you think you know a little bit about the brain and how it works? Take this brainpower quiz, and see how much you really know.

QUESTIONS:

Q1: How much of a person's blood supply does the average brain use?
A) 5% B) 20% C) 50%

Q2: The cerebellum is needed to:
A) Regulate body temperature. B) Recognize faces. C) Maintain posture.

Q3: The number of neurons in the average brain is closest to:
A) 100 Million. B) One billion. C) 100 billion.

Q4: What percentage of the oxygen you take in is used by your brain?
A) 20% B) 5% C) 50%

Q5: True or False: Intelligence quotient (IQ) is determined at birth or in early childhood, and can't be increased later in life.

Q6: What animal has the largest brain in relation to body size?
A) An elephant. B) A human. C) A cat.

SOLUTIONS:

A1: The answer is B. About 20% of your blood is pumped to your brain. It needs it to keep up with the heavy metabolic demands of its neurons.
A2: The answer is C. The cerebellum, sometimes called the "little brain", is found at the lower back of the brain. It weighs approximately 150 grams. It is needed to maintain posture, to walk, and to perform any coordinated movements.
A3: The answer is C, 100 billion.
A4: The answer is A. Your brain needs a continuous supply of oxygen. A 10 minute loss of oxygen will normally cause significant neuronal damage.
A5: False. There are many examples of people increasing their intelligence later in life, and many ways to do so.
A6: The answer is B. An elephant's brain is about six times as large as a human brain, and a cat's brain weighs about one ounce. However, in relation to body size, humans have the largest brain of all the animals, averaging about 2% of body weight.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave.

Jason Carver and **Andrew Godbee**, 581st SMXS, have been approved to received leave donations. POC is Chandra Emanuel, 926-1285.

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, send information to Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

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- ▶ Services 926-5491
- ▶ Community Center 926-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- ▶ Arts & Crafts 926-5282
- ▶ Horizons 926-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club 926-7625
- ▶ Library 327-8761
- ▶ HAWC 327-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center 926-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex 926-2128
- ▶ Youth Center 926-2110
- ▶ ITT 926-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center 926-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. 926-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot 926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at www.robinservices.com

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

NOW PLAYING



**AUG. 7
7:30 P.M.
YEAR ONE
RATED PG-13**

When a couple of lazy hunter-gatherers are banished from their primitive village, they set off on an epic journey through the ancient world.



**AUGUST 8
3 P.M.
TRANSFORMERS
RATED PG-13**

Deception forces return to Earth on a mission to take Sam Witwicky prisoner, after the young hero learns the truth about the ancient origins of the Transformers. Joining the mission to protect humankind is Optimus Prime, who forms an alliance with international armies for a second epic battle.



**AUGUST 8
7:30 P.M.
PUBLIC ENEMIES
RATED PG-13**

No one could stop John Dillinger and his gang. No jail could hold him. His charm and audacious jail-breaks endeared him to almost everyone – from his girlfriend Billie to an American public who had no sympathy for the banks that had plunged the country into the Depression. But while the adventures of Dillinger's gang thrilled many, J. Edgar Hoover made him America's first Public Enemy Number One.

Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919

Final school screening Saturday



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. VANN MILLER

Staff Sgt. Ashley-Jade Sims, Healthy Start School Screening coordinator, swaps places with 4-year-old Ethan Lucas during a recent screening while his mother, Senior Airman Nancy Lucas of the 78th Medical Group, looks on. The 78th Medical Group will provide its final health screening for Tricare beneficiaries entering Georgia schools for the first time Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 700A. Students from pre-k to 12th grade can receive a screening; no appointments are necessary. Children will have vision, hearing and dental exams. In addition, height, weight, blood pressure and scoliosis screenings will be performed. Immunizations will be available, so bring a copy of your child's latest shot record. Security Forces will provide finger-printing services. Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and can be completed at the event. The above services will be performed for school screenings only. If your child needs a sports physical, contact 327-7850 to schedule an appointment with his or her PCM. For more information, contact Sergeant Sims at 327-8220.

Robins July re-enlistees

Senior Master Sgt. Ty Ingle	Tech. Sgt. Vannie Miller	Staff Sgt. Christopher King
Senior Master Sgt. Randall Wehrung	Tech. Sgt. Jason Pierre	Staff Sgt. Sean Millhouse
Master Sgt. George Adams	Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Pumphrey	Staff Sgt. LaDaryl Murchison
Master Sgt. Gregory Butler	Tech. Sgt. Joshua Russell	Staff Sgt. Michael Pekarek
Master Sgt. Harry Hamlett	Tech. Sgt. Leonard Schoonover	Staff Sgt. Eddie Polk
Master Sgt. Steven Kibler	Tech. Sgt. Joseph Southern	Staff Sgt. Erik Savage
Master Sgt. Robert Mortenson	Tech. Sgt. Bryan Walling	Staff Sgt. Andrew Smith
Master Sgt. Lisa Willis	Tech. Sgt. Michael Zeigler	Staff Sgt. Jayvon Stitt
Master Sgt. Brad Wingert	Staff Sgt. Keyonika Akins	Staff Sgt. Jesse Tillman
Tech. Sgt. Chad Adams	Staff Sgt. Craig Butts	Staff Sgt. Vincent Walker
Tech. Sgt. Eugene Austin Jr.	Staff Sgt. Ammon Collier	Staff Sgt. Aurea White
Tech. Sgt. Peter Bottalico	Staff Sgt. Jason Douglas	Senior Airman Nicholas Christians
Tech. Sgt. Donald Cleaton	Staff Sgt. Gary Espinosa	Senior Airman Jason Craig
Tech. Sgt. James Hanchett	Staff Sgt. Michael Haas	Senior Airman Patrice Gadsen
Tech. Sgt. David Hayes	Staff Sgt. Travis Hummel	Senior Airman Daniel Graise
Tech. Sgt. Amy Heinbach	Staff Sgt. Murray Jones	Senior Airman Jonathan Torres
Tech. Sgt. Floyd Mayes	Staff Sgt. Robert Keen	Senior Airman Ann Wilgosz

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INTERIM DEFENSE ACQUISITION GUIDEBOOK

The significant policy revisions associated with the re-issuance of Department of Defense Instruction 5000.02 in December 2008 prompted a complete review and revision of the DAG content. The revised DAG with all the current functionality, and more (including implementa-

tion guidance resulting from the Weapon System Acquisition Reform Act of 2009), will be completed and on-line several months from now. While that task is being completed, DAU's website, <https://acc.dau.mil/dag> provides an Interim DAG with the same business practice and policy content as the final, but with fewer internal and external navigation options.



The objective: To provide you with the information you need to manage your programs while the complete DAG is made more user friendly.

The Interim Defense Acquisition Guidebook can be found at <https://acc.dau.mil/dag>.

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CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER Back to school safety

As summer ends and a new school year begins, motorists will soon be sharing the road with precious cargo. And carrying that precious cargo will be convoys of big, yellow school buses.

Georgia law governs how motorists should proceed in the presence of a school bus. Passing is prohibited on either side of a school bus during passenger loading and unloading.

When a school bus activates its swing-arm stop sign and red flashing lights, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop. However, if a concrete or grass median strip separates the opposing traffic lanes, only vehicles following or travelling alongside in the same direction as the school bus are required to stop.

School bus law violators face stiff penalties in Georgia. Speeding in school zones results in double the number of points on driver's licenses. Traffic enforcement officers say this is one moving violation where motorists should not expect to receive warning citations. If you don't slow down for the flashing amber

lights, you should expect to see flashing blue lights.

When a driver is ticketed for the unlawful passing of a school bus, misdemeanor fines can range up to \$1,000 accompanied by up to a year in jail. Administrative license penalties apply statewide. A conviction for unlawfully passing a school bus carries six points on a driver's license for all offenders. Penalties for drivers under the age of 21 result in automatic license suspension for six months and all subsequent repeat offenses result in a 12-month suspension.

The reason behind Georgia's tough penalties is clear. A 2006 study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that since 1996, 1,536 people have died in school transportation-related crashes. That's an average of 140 fatalities per year.

In the same time period, 159 school-age pedestrians died in school transportation-related crashes. Twenty eight percent of those children were killed by vehicles other than the one transporting them to or from school.

When a school bus pre-

pares to stop to load or unload children, the driver activates flashing yellow lights. All vehicles approaching the bus should slow down and be prepared to stop when seeing these lights. Pay close attention to children who may be crossing the road or walking or waiting alongside the road.

Once stopped, remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or deactivates its warning signal and all passengers have cleared the roadway. Be prepared to react to unexpected movements of small children waiting for their bus. They don't always follow standard pedestrian safety rules.

Diligence is of utmost importance when it comes to protecting our children. So as Georgia drivers continue their morning and afternoon commutes, they need to be aware of school buses and the energetic children who will soon be an active part of those commutes. If nothing else, always remember to Avoid Harm, Obey the Stop Arm.

— 78th Air Base Wing
Safety Office

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NEW LOGO UNVEILED

The Museum of Aviation has unveiled a new logo as part of its 25th Anniversary Celebration Year.

The words "Museum of Aviation" are incorporated into a new stylized star with "wings" of movement denoting the power and speed of the U. S. Air Force.

The logo was designed by Bright Ideas Group in Macon.

"You can see parts of our old logo in the new design," said Ken Emery, Museum of Aviation director, "but it's a fresh, new bold design that will take us into our second quarter century of development."

The logo colors of red, white and blue also represent the patriotism and valor of the thousands of U.S. military veterans that the museum honors with its exhibits and displays. More than a half million U.S. and foreign visitors came to the museum last year, and several new historic aircraft have been added to its collection of over 100 aircraft and missiles.

ROAD CLOSURE AT GATE 5

The outbound lanes of Gate 5, Martin Luther King Boulevard, will be closed through Aug. 16.

The closure will allow engineers to make a number of road improvements, which will also improve the overall security of the

base.

DANTES TESTING RESUMES

The 78th Force Support Squadron's Education and Training Office has been notified that additional funds are now available for paper-based CLEP and DSST testing at DANTES test sites located in CONUS, AK, HI and PR for August through September 2009.

Eligible service members should visit the test sign up page on the Robins Web site to sign up for the tests. If you have questions, contact customer service at 327-7304.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS BRIEFING

Bill Kirkland, program manager for the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program, will be at the Robins Education Center Aug. 14 from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about Troops to Teachers, a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense.

The program provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces, and who are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools.

The briefing will be in Bldg. 905, Room 243; no reservations are necessary.

For more information, contact Danielle Molina at the Education Office, Cheryl Malcom at cheryl.malcom.ctr@robins.af.mil, 926-9952, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.

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