



To date, in fiscal 2011, pilots with the 339th Flight Test Squadron have flown 268.4 hours in 55 F-15s, ensuring the aircraft were mission ready prior to returning them to the warfighter.

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No early retirement incentives for AFMC civilians in fiscal 2011

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Air Force Materiel Command officials have announced that voluntary retirement and separation incentives will not be offered to its civilian work force during the remainder of fiscal year 2011.

Instead, the command will continue using Air Force civilian hiring controls to manage the size and make-up of the force, including filling only one civilian vacancy for every two which occur.

“Considering budget and manpower uncertainties, we felt it prudent to begin planning for a potential reduction in

force,” said John Steenbock, AFMC director of personnel. “That included our survey asking how many might be interested in incentives provided by the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Program. As it turned out, 6,652 indicated an interest.”

However, the command has no firm

data on force structure changes or how many – if any – manpower reductions it may have to take, so it will not reduce positions or offer the incentive this fiscal year.

The command will reassess in fiscal 2012, and will continue managing the size

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NEWS

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Air Force/Robins celebration announced

A celebration marking the Air Force's 64th birthday and Robins' 70th anniversary will be Sept. 17 at the Museum of Aviation.

Sen. Saxby Chambliss will be the guest speaker. The celebration will include dinner, dancing, and entertainment provided by Warner Robins native Bobbie Eakes, an actress and singer.

There will also be an appearance by the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve.

Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost for the event is \$30.

Ticket POCs will be publicized in next week's Rev-Up.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Hubert Watford, C-5 mechanic, uses a hand jack to level the jackstand before a C-5 is lifted for weighing.

How do you weigh a C-5? Very carefully!

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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A lot of complex work is done to each aircraft which undergoes programmed depot maintenance at Robins, but one of the last steps is something everyone can understand, even if it's not as simple as it sounds.

The final step before an aircraft goes out for functional test is to weigh it.

The three people in the Weight and Balance Shop oversee the intricate process of weighing each F-15, C-130, C-17 and C-5 following PDM.

Weighing the aircraft is important because, if the weight is off, there can be a problem, said Melvin Appling, weight and balance technician, as he prepared to weigh a C-5 last week.

The most important reason for weighing it is that the process of adding, modifying and removing parts during PDM can change the aircraft's weight. Operational crews need to know the final weight and center of gravity because it impacts how the plane is fueled and loaded.

But, it's not just a matter of

rolling the planes onto a giant scale. Jacks capable of bearing 60 tons each are used to carefully hoist the aircraft completely off the ground. The jacks give readings to a central unit which gives a readout of the weight on each jack and a total weight of the plane.

For a C-5, one of the largest aircraft in the world, its unloaded and unfueled weight is 370,000 pounds, or 185 tons.

For C-17s and C-5s, the process takes about two hours. The smaller F-15s and C-130s can be done faster.

While the Weight and Balance Shop directs the weighing process, the hands-on work is done by a crew of mechanics.

A mechanic mans each of the six jacks for a C-5, one works the manifold that operates the jacks, and another is inside the plane watching a plumb bob which shows the plane's center of gravity.

The plumb bob is key to weighing the plane. As the six hydraulic jacks begin to lift the plane, the person watching the plumb bob relays its position to the manifold operator,

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

George Hoffman, right, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron PDM flight chief, talks with Army Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, commander, Army Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, Ala., and other Peer-to-Peer Conference participants during a tour of the HVM hangar.

Maintenance leaders discuss challenges, future improvements

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Pentagon officials and leaders from maintenance depots across the Department of Defense attended a Peer-to-Peer Conference here earlier this week.

They gathered to discuss current issues facing the department's maintenance community, including what can be done to improve the efficiency of operations at major military maintenance hubs.

The conference “allows us to talk about critical issues so we can all understand where we are and put together

strategies to best move forward,” said John Johns, deputy assistant secretary of defense for maintenance.

Johns, who is responsible for the DoD's \$90 billion maintenance program, said he can't predict the potential of another Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

That decision is up to Congress and the president, he said.

But, in years to come, coping with budget cuts will be a major test for the entire military, Johns acknowledged.

“I can tell you there is a

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116th exec wins AF NAACP award

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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When Fabian Hollis heard he won the NAACP Benjamin L. Hooks Service Award for the Air Force, he thought someone must have made a mistake.

The 116th Air Control Wing director of staff knew he had won it for Air Combat Command, and thought someone simply must have been confused when they told him he was the winner for the entire Air Force.

“I just didn't think I had done anything to deserve that level of recognition,” he said.

The award is given for making significant contributions to race relations, civil rights, equal opportunity, affirmative action,

Hollis

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July 31 DBIDS deadline approaches

DBIDS, or the Defense Biometric Identification System, will be implemented here July 31.

Other arrangements will be made for base entry for those who have not been able to register by that date.

People can register at the Military Personnel Flight Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and at the Visitor Control Center (Watson Gate) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 7:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact information for registration is as follows: Visitor Control Center (Bldg. 219) registration-(478) 222-1969, (478) 926-4208, and (478) 222-1998; MPF (Bldg. 767) registration - (478) 327-9481.

Workplace Safety and Health tips, slogans program

In an effort to improve the safety and health culture at Robins Air Force Base, the Center has endorsed a program to push safety tips and slogans weekly to the Rev-up and other media.

Slogan of the week: SAFETY SIDE UP

If you wear a tight-fitting respirator you must be clean shaven enough so the respirator seals directly to your skin.



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UNIT PROFILE: 5th CCG

What it does

Affectionately referred to as the "5th MOB," the unit's mission is to train, deploy, and deliver communications, air traffic control, landing systems and weather support for dominant combat operations ... anytime ... anywhere!

Why it matters

Combat communication Airmen deploy tactical communications, computer systems, navigational aids, air traffic control services and organic power production/HVAC anywhere in the world in support of Air Force, DoD, and other U.S. commitments. The elements of the 5th Combat Communications Group are self-sustaining and able to independently operate from the initial phases of an expeditionary or "bare base" mission until relieved by additional forces.



5th Combat Communications Group Airmen perform hand-to-hand combat training.

By the numbers

786

Number of Airmen assigned to the group.

90+

Personnel currently deployed

450+

Number of Airmen who have deployed from the group since 2009

180K

Rounds of ammunition fired annually at the Combat Communications Readiness School.

What they say



Senior Airman Hope Cook
Knowledge Operator

"Although I've only been stationed at Robins for a short time, I have seen the camaraderie of the organization when members are out the door. This being my third and most rewarding assignment, I enjoy the changes and challenges the 5th has to offer on a daily basis."



Airman 1st Class Keila Rentas-Vossen
Client Systems Administrator

"The MOB has taught me to be prepared – to always be on my toes and have the mindset of a warrior. It has been a huge factor in my growth as an Airman and person. I'm a proud Mobster today, tomorrow, and as long as I am with the MOB."

In the Spotlight



Sgt. First Class Nancy Turner

TITLE: JSTARS senior human resources supervisor.

BACKGROUND: Turner entered the Army in 1996 and has previously served in Kitzingen, Germany and at Fort Benning. She came to Robins in January. Her father served here in the 5th Combat Communications Group.

HOMETOWN: Brunswick

"My father retired from the 5th MOB. I graduated from Warner Robins High School and I was very excited to come back here. I feel like I never left. However, growing up, we traveled all over the world, and I enjoyed every minute of it."

"I like my job because I love helping people, and I enjoy meeting people from all over the world. I handle awards, evaluation reports, finances, personnel actions, government travel ... you name it; I do it."

"My favorite place I have been is Fort Benning. I liked the people, the camaraderie and the atmosphere."

"I like the Army because it gives me great satisfaction knowing I am a part of an organization which is making a difference every day."

"When I am not in uniform, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, riding motorcycles, or reading a good book, but mostly just relaxing."

Collaboration nets major safety results

BY FAYE BANKS-ANDERSON

78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

It looks like a war room, and in theory that's exactly what it is.

With charts, A3 sheets and posters gracing the walls, and computers lining several rows of tables, the Workplace Safety and Health Team members fight to make sure Robins achieves and sustains OSHA compliance and ensures work force wellness in a world-class manor.

The team is working on interim and long-term fixes, sustainability plans, and there's even an exit strategy for further sustainment by the work force.

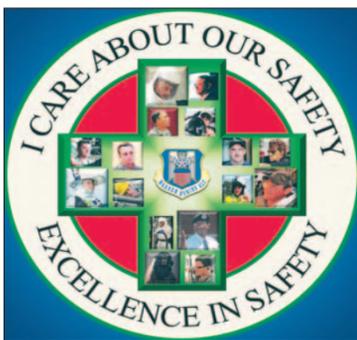
The team works daily to make Robins a safer and more secure environment for its employees.

"Robins is committed to dramatically improving the safety and health of the Robins' work force, and the establishment of the 18-person Workplace Safety and Health Team is proof of that commitment," said Marcee Mickler, team member and 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group chief engineer.

"Frequent collaboration among engineers, safety specialists, mechanics, and contractors to deliver safe products which meet the safety needs of workers is essential to success.

"As team lead for fall protection used on the flightline, I am excited about the new fall protection equipment we are purchasing and installing on the flightline," said Mickler.

Scott Edge, chief engineer for the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group – which received many of the



initial OSHA citations – said he too is excited about the progress being made.

"We've analyzed dust-generating processes to identify those which lacked proper controls," said Edge. "We've also developed controls for those processes, including decontamination procedures, and established standard procedures for using containment bags to control dust."

No matter who you talk to on the team, they will tell you creating and sustaining standard processes is key to success.

This is especially important in the bioenvironmental area, where bio surveys are the cornerstone documents for protecting employees who work on aircraft.

"One of the standard checklists we developed incorporates more disciplines of professionals in our in-briefs and bio survey process," said Toni Hurley, an industrial hygienist on the team.

"That way, we ensure the union, engineers, quality control and safety are notified and can lend their concerns and expertise when bio surveys

are being conducted. By involving more experts, we will try to ensure all processes are evaluated and controls are recommended."

Another standard change is making the bio surveys easier to read. The results section is now color coded to show when personnel exposures are more than regulatory limits, and a glossary has been added to explain technical terms, added Hurley.

They have also created an interim reporting format that can be sent to shops quicker when changes occur between regularly-scheduled bio surveys.

All of the team's standardized changes are geared toward improving worker safety.

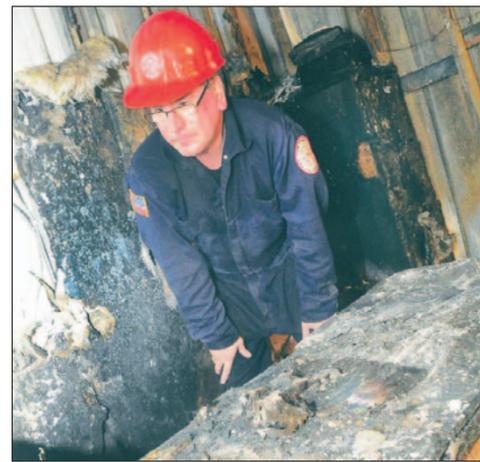
"Standard processes will result in a better trained work force which is more informed of possible hazards," said Jay Fiebig, team leader and 402nd Maintenance Wing technical director.

Fiebig also credited the strong union partnership on the team for helping to address areas which need improvement, improving communication and building trust.

Ray Fisher, union representative and team member, agreed.

"I believe this team is very instrumental in changing our culture and our processes," he said. "We have made great strides forward and are moving in the right direction."

However, Fisher believes when the team is disbanded in the near future, the work force may slip backwards if the team's efforts are not sustained.



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Tom Kennedy, assistant base fire chief, looks over fire damage in Bldg. 352 during his investigation.

Plant fire damages estimated at \$1.6M

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A July 13 fire at Bldg. 352, an industrial waste dewatering facility, caused major damage to equipment and the facility.

Preliminary estimates put the total damage at \$1.6 million with \$1.25 million of that attributed to a severely-burned sludge press. The building damage estimate was set at \$500,000, plus another \$50,000 for cleanup.

According to Forrest Johnson, base fire chief, the cause of the fire is undeterminable due to the severe damage.

Three sludge presses in the plant are used to remove solids from waste water coming from the plating shop and paint/depaint operations. The presses form the solids into cakes for economical disposal.

A Robins firefighter was taken to the hospital for heat exhaustion, but has returned to duty. The Warner Robins Fire Department, through a mutual aid agreement, and off-duty base firefighters assisted in the response.

Air Force releases updated dress, appearance instructions

BY ERIC GRILL

Air Force Personnel, Services
and Manpower Public Affairs

The Air Force's updated instruction on dress and personal appearance was released Monday.

Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance, received a total face lift after several years of interim updates were issued as uniform items were introduced and phased out.

The last overhaul of the AFI was in 2006, prior to the release of the Airman Battle Uniform, which replaces the Battle Dress Uniform and Desert Camouflage Uniform Nov. 1.

However, most of the changes to the AFI are more about mechanics and clarification than new policy, said Ruth Ewalt, the Air Force Uniform Programs and Policies chief at the Air Staff. They are intended to make the AFI more user-friendly.

"The changes are a result of Airmen in the field requesting clarification, leadership approving more specific policy, and the



need to integrate information from the 98th virtual uniform board and other wear policy approved since 2006," Ewalt said. "We added the ABU, green fleece, and physical fitness uniform information not in the previous AFI and corrected instances of conflicting information."

For clarity and ease of reading, the chapters were rearranged and sections were made inclusive to eliminate turning back and forth to configure a single uniform, she said. The difference in the old and new AFI is the tables are now integrated into the text. Each uniform has its own section, starting with the most formal through the utility, PT and distinctive uniforms.

One thing Airmen might notice is the amount of pictures incorporated into the revised

WHAT'S CHANGED?

- ▶ Integrated public display of affection language.
- ▶ Elimination of Friday morale T-shirts for flight suit wearers.
- ▶ Added "dental ornamentation" as a prohibited item.
- ▶ Exclusion of the command

AFI.

"Individuals learn and retain information differently," Ewalt said. "For some, a photo is a better tool than volumes of text or audio. We wanted to make this AFI as 'user-friendly' as possible. It covers every Airman — from the first-day recruit in Basic Military Training to the 30-plus-year career Airman."

Sections are also inclusive, listing all items which may and must be worn with each particular uniform with the exception of outer garments, which are covered in their own section.

The first three chapters cover the basic philosophy, appropriate circumstances to wear uniform items, how and where to purchase them, roles and responsibilities, and grooming and appearance standards.

Chapters four through seven

insignia from the count of maximum badges authorized.

- ▶ Added authorizations for cosmetic tattoos for medical reasons for both men and women.
- ▶ Allows cosmetic tattoos for non-medical conditions such as eyebrows and eye liner for women (in line with other services).

▶ Tables are now integrated into text and each uniform has its own section in the AFI.

- ▶ Photos of uniform combinations, drawings depicting hair standards, measurement tools for Airmen and commanders to determine if tattoos meet standards.

cover uniforms worn and maintained by all Air Force members: dress, utility and physical training uniforms. Chapters four and five include the dress and utility uniforms. Chapter six explains outer garments, headgear, rank insignia and accessories, and chapter seven covers the physical training uniform.

The remaining chapters "customize" the uniforms of unique populations and discuss badges, awards and decorations unique to individual Airmen.

The final chapter contains instructions for recommending changes to dress and personal appearance policy or uniform designs.

The revised AFI also added a tattoo measurement tool to standardize the process for Airmen and commanders to determine if a tattoo meets standards.

"There is also a form to document tattoos that are borderline excessive or require a commander-approved waiver," Ewalt said. "The policy regarding what constitutes an excessive tattoo has not changed. The standard is still not more than 25 percent of the exposed body part."

The revision involved input from individuals of all ranks and components of the Air Force, including Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members.

"This Air Force instruction was influenced by a huge population of Air Force service members because it impacts the total force," Ewalt said.

For online dress and appearance information, visit <http://www.afpc.af.mil/dress/index.asp>. For more information about personnel issues, visit <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>.

Airmen to participate in 'March to Remember'

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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78th Security Forces members will participate in a unique event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The 2,181-mile Ruck March to Remember began July 12 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas and will end Sept. 1 at Ground Zero in New York.

The march is broken into 15 legs, with each leg handled by security forces squadrons from Air Force bases along the route.

Volunteers from the 78th SFS will march a 146-mile leg beginning in Plains, Ga., on Aug. 9 and ending in Louisville, Ga., on Aug. 13.

Although the weather will be hot, and the march will certainly give

participants a good workout, it won't be quite as grueling as it might sound. Senior Airman Josh McCarty, SFS entry controller, said participants will be following in a vehicle and swap marching duties throughout the day.

They will end each day's march at 8 p.m., post a marker for the location, and return the next morning to pick it up again. McCarty said the squadron currently has 16 volunteers, but he is hoping to have at least 30 so different teams can go out each day.

"Sept. 11 is one of the reasons I joined the military, and I thought it would be a nice gesture to honor the soldiers who have fallen," McCarty said, explaining why he volunteered.

Other bases participating are Randolph AFB, Texas; Barksdale



Courtesy photo

Members of the Joint Base San Antonio security forces leave San Antonio July 12 on the first leg of the 2,181 mile Ruck March to Remember.

AFB, La.; Keesler AFB, Miss.; Columbus AFB, Miss.; Eglin AFB, Fla.; Tyndal AFB, Fla.; Moody AFB; Pope AFB, N.C.; Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; Langley AFB, Va.; Andrews AFB, Washington; Dover AFB, Del.; and McGuire AFB, N.J.

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 – Victor Hugo

Summer not a time for complacency

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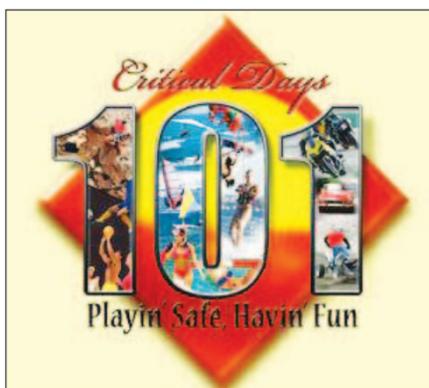
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – Summer is hot. That’s the theme for this year’s Critical Days of Summer campaign, which kicked off May 27.

By now, you’ve read the summer safety messages in the base paper, or heard them from your supervisor, commander and safety professionals at all levels. These messages include knowing the risks, having a plan and being a good wingman.

You’ve been enjoying the summer weeks so far, and probably think everything is going well.

Did you know that we are in the ninth week of CDS, and for the past two years, the Air Force has lost more Airmen between the first week of July and Labor Day than in all of May and June combined?

In fact, we lost 14 of 21 and 14 of 16



U.S. Air Force graphic

The objective of the Air Force Critical Days of Summer Campaign 2011 is to call attention to the tragic loss of Airmen during the summer and reenergize “Risk Management” concepts used by our Airmen.

Airmen to both on- and off-duty preventable fatalities in 2009 and 2010, respectively.

Those are alarming statistics because our goal is zero mishaps and fatalities.

Now, it’s as important as ever to set the safety example every day. Summer is not the time for complacency.

As the weeks go by, don’t let your guard down. Stay alert and reinforce safety at every opportunity you get with your family, coworkers or Airmen and civilians who work for you.

And, if you need other reasons, think of who’s waiting for you at the dinner table. Take a peek at your little ones in the back seat of your car. Consider your coworkers, friends and others who count on you every day.

Summer is hot, but complacency is dangerous.

All of you are important to our Air Force, and you mean a lot to those around you. So, stay safe this summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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They should be e-mailed to **lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil** and **vance.janes@robins.af.mil**

Submissions should be of broad interest to the base populace. If there are further questions, call Lanorris Askew at 472-0806.

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The action line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to work and live.

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the responsible organization. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes.

Please include your name and a way of reaching

you, so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will also not be processed.

Commander’s Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

For more information, visit **https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm**. To contact the Commander’s Action Line, call **468-2886** or e-mail **action.line@robins.af.mil**.

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On the Fly

Change of Command

Col. James Dienst took command of the 78th Medical Group from Col. James Little during a change of command ceremony July 12 at the Museum of Aviation.

Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing commander, officiated the ceremony.

Dienst comes to Robins from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where he was director of operations for the Air Force Medical Operations Agency's Biomedical Science Corps.

The 78th MDG supports the war and peacetime mission of the 78th ABW and more than 30 mission partners representing six major commands. The group provides health-care services to more than 47,000 military and civilian personnel.

Appointment to Command

Lt. Col. Theresa Humphrey was appointed to command the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group in a ceremony Monday.

Col. Evan Miller, 402nd Maintenance Wing commander, officiated the ceremony.

Humphrey replaces Col. Victoria Reed, who deployed in June. Her previous assignment was as a student at the National War College, Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington D.C.

As commander of the

402nd EMXG, she will manage and lead the largest avionics group in the Air Force with more than 1,300 military and civilian personnel.

The group manufactures, tests, maintains, and repairs avionics and other instruments in support of warfighters.

Casting Call

Are you returning home in August or September and have not told your family of your return? Did you get married before you were deployed but have yet to let your family know? Has it been years since you've seen a loved one and are looking to reunite? If you fit one of these situations or have your own compelling story, 'Mobbed' wants to hear from you.

The new, unscripted, hidden-camera series, hosted by Howie Mandel, features the use of a flash mob to make big announcements to an unsuspecting person, and is currently looking for unique military-based stories worthy of a mob.

'Mobbed', which is new FOX series, showcases a life-changing announcement, news or event on each episode.

Airmen who are chosen for the show should inform the base public affairs office, which will vet the Airman's participation through their chain of command to ensure the Airman's status is in good standing.

Send submissions to mobbedtv@gmail.com. Include your name, contact info, occupation, current photos, summary of your story, and how your story would be good for the show and worth of a mob. Write MILITARY STORY in the subject line of your e-mail.

For more detailed information on the show, visit www.fox.com/mobbed.

The 78th Medical Group will provide Healthy Start Screenings to Tricare beneficiaries entering Georgia schools for the first time.

Screenings are for students from pre-k to 12th grade and will be conducted Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 700A. No appointments are necessary. Children will have vision, hearing and dental exams, all of which are required by the Georgia school system. 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.

Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and may be completed at the event.

If a sports physical is needed, call 497-7850 to schedule an appointment.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Joseph Prunty at 497-8220.

Et cetera

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Beware of the heat

Employees of All Pro Roofing work in the hot temperatures to finish the roof of the new Robins command center. Always be aware of heat conditions. Extreme heat conditions allow for potential heat-related illnesses and injuries, such as dehydration, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Employees are reminded to use the wingman concept by looking out for others who may show signs of heat stress. For safety tips and symptoms of heat-related illnesses, visit <http://www.robins.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-110119-043.pdf>.

Air Force workers can find help here

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Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	497-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	497-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	468-2946
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	497-4584

AFMC Wellness Support Center — www.afmcwellness.com

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the estate of Senior Master Sgt. William Caskey should contact Maj. Donald Carty at 747-5731.

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to **the estate of Master Sgt. David Shardon Pate** should

contact 2nd Lt. Lawrence Morris at 241-3613.

The Robins Exchange will mark the 116th anniversary of the Exchange Service by offering 16-cents off per gallon of gas next Monday-

Wednesday when patrons use their Military Star® Card or Military Star® Rewards Card.

Other Exchange facilities will also have various sales and promotions during this period.

INCENTIVES

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and composition of the work force through existing hiring controls.

Following AFMC's announcement in May that it would restrict hiring and survey its work force to gauge interest in the incentives, Air Force officials also imple-

mented service-wide hiring controls.

Those service-wide hiring controls are similar in nature, and intended to maintain civilian manning at fiscal 2010 levels while also giving higher priority to filling positions in strategic mission areas such as the nuclear enterprise, acquisition, and test and evaluation.

AWARD

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human resources and public service, as well as helping civilians better understand the military.

In an Air Force release announcing the award, he was recognized for defending the rights of the poor and disadvantaged while serving on several boards, including a planning and zoning board, a health board, and the (Houston County) Sheriff's Committee for Concerned Citizens.

His interest in equal treatment also extended to his job at Robins.

"His Affirmative Employment Program was lauded by the Robins Equal Employment Opportunity Office as being second to none, resulting in zero equal employment opportunity or unfair labor practice complaints and only one grievance in the past nine years," the release stated.

He will be presented with the award Tuesday at a ceremony in Los Angeles, Calif.

Hollis said his community service has been educational.

"I wish every person would volunteer to be on some board in their community," he said. "I just didn't realize how much stuff is going on that people didn't know about that they have a say in."

WEIGH

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who then adjusts pressure to the jacks to ensure the plane is kept level during lifting.

"You are basically the eyes and ears for the manifold operator on the ground," said Wesley Connell, a C-5 hydraulic mechanic who monitored the plumb bob during the weighing last week.

After getting the weight, the plane is lowered to the ground, the jacks are zeroed out, and it is

weighed again to ensure an accurate measurement.

The two readings on the plane last week differed by only 100 pounds, which is considered close considering the overall weight of the plane.

At one time, some planes were weighed with a roll-up scale, which was taken to each plane and the planes towed onto it. Today, all are weighed with jacks.

"Jacks are easier and a lot safer," said Appling.

CONFERENCE

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very strong push for increased efficiencies," he said during a press conference with local media in the C-5 maintenance hangar. "Everyone can see the need to cut costs. The next several years will be very challenging."

Conference attendees spent time touring the flightline while they were here, learning about changes the local depot has implemented to improve production times in both the C-5 and C-130 areas.

One of those was Army Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, commander, Army Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, Ala. He oversees two maintenance depots, although both are much smaller than Robins.

"It's been great to see the leaps and bounds they have made here to improve safety and production," said Rogers, who once served in Kuwait with Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics



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John Johns, deputy assistant secretary of defense for maintenance, speaks with the media during a tour of Robins' facilities. Johns attended the Peer-to-Peer Conference here this week.

Center commander.

After the tour, the attendees reconvened at the Robins Conference Center, where they spent the afternoon in further discussions.

Johns said there are significant decisions to be made about how military maintenance will be done under future budget constraints. But, he noted they should not come at the expense of our nation's defense.

"We don't want to make decisions now that may look efficient and save money, yet jeopardize our long-term capability to support and sustain our military," Johns said.

He also noted the decisions will be only the first of many tough maintenance-related decisions the department will have to make.

"This is not a short-term issue we are facing," he said.

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Air Force announces program for special needs families

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Every military spouse knows the challenges of having a husband or wife fighting a war on the other side of the world. For those with special-needs children, the difficulties are multiplied.

At Robins, 260 family members of active-duty personnel are enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program. Finding ways to better meet their needs was a significant topic of conversation at the Caring for People Forum earlier this year.

The Air Force recently announced a new program aimed at giving further assistance to those families at seven pilot bases, with more to be added later.

The Exceptional Family Member Respite Care Program will fund up to 20 hours of respite care per month for each special



Courtesy graphic

The Exceptional Family Member Program connects active duty family members who have special needs with many helping agencies both on- and off-base.

needs child. The total amount offered would depend on the Exceptional Family Member Program category and the sponsor's deployment status.

Robins is not on the pilot list, and it's uncertain when the program might come here, said Renea McFeeters, EFMP coordinator. However, she said the new pro-

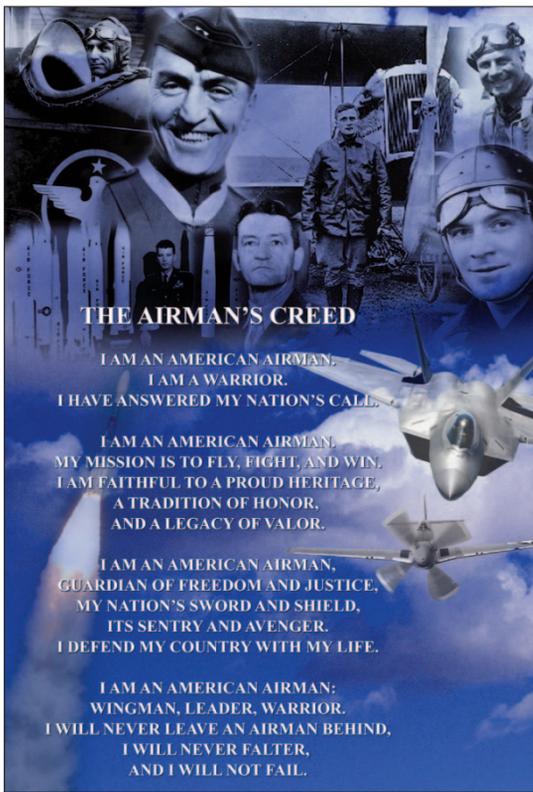
gram is much needed.

"It is very important to our military families that have a special needs child because finding someone knowledgeable and understanding of their particular need is often extremely difficult," she said.

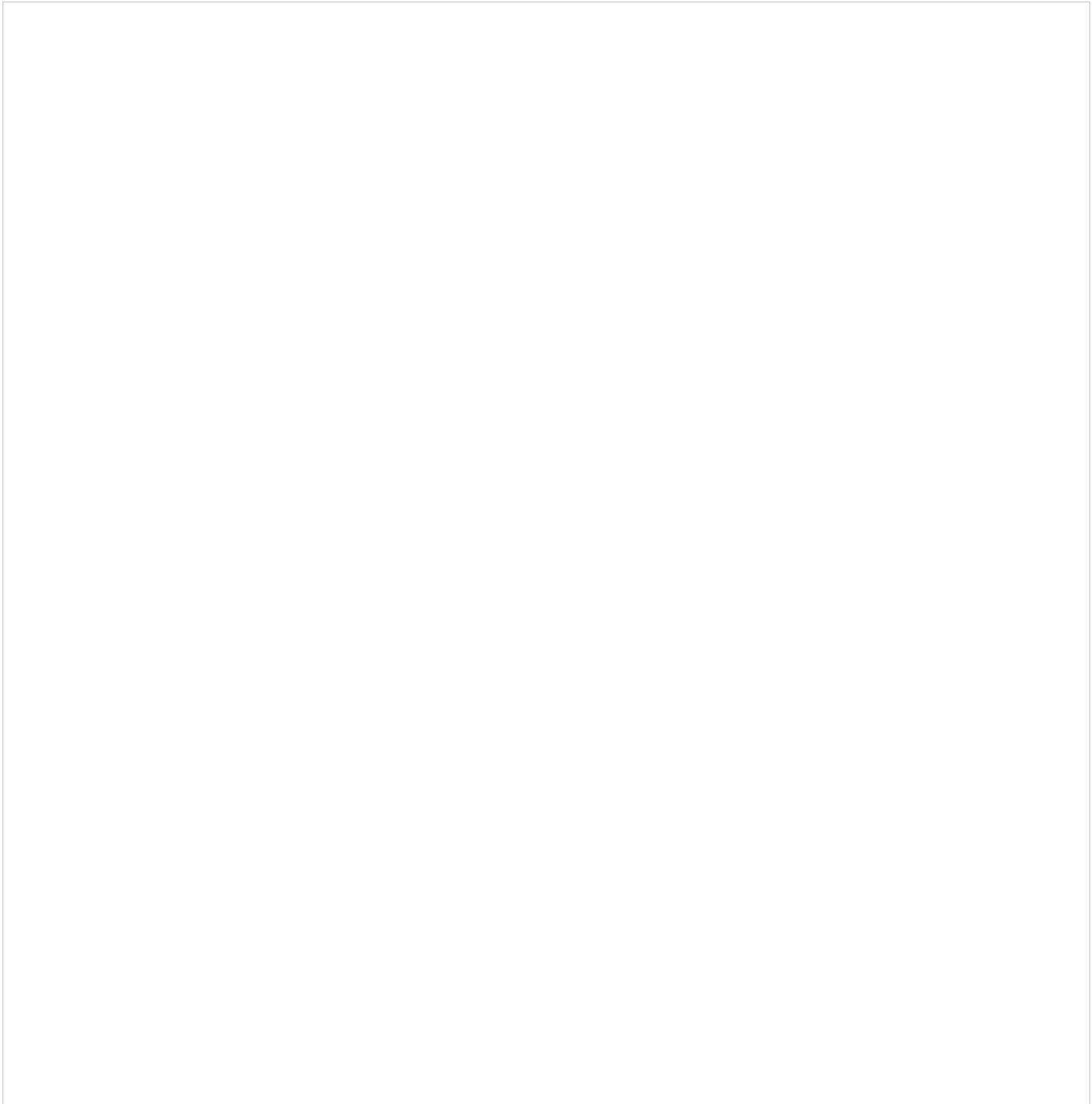
The bases targeted for the roll out are in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charleston, S.C.; Honolulu, Hawaii; Norfolk, Va.; San Antonio, Texas; Tacoma, Wash.; and Washington, D.C.

For more information about the program, call 1-800-424-2246.

Families on bases not yet targeted for the program can still get respite care through the Air Force Aid Society. The primary benefit of the new respite care is the Air Force Aid program is meant to serve as a temporary solution until financial issues are resolved. The new initiative will be a permanent service, and not necessarily based on financial need.



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HAPPENINGS

ON TAP

Great Adventure Race

Saturday
Check in 6:45 a.m.
Race starts 7:30 a.m.
Fitness Center
For details, call 468-2128.

Family Fitness – HAWC joins EFMP

Saturday and July 30
10 to 11 a.m.
A&FRC
Zumba, self-defense and more
For details, call 468-1256.

Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday and July 30
Sign-up 1:30 p.m.
Games start 2 p.m.
Heritage Club lounge
\$10 for club members
\$15 for guests
For details, call 472-7864.

Family Bingo

Monday
Doors open 5:30 p.m.
Heritage Club
\$4 per pack of 10 games
For details, call 468-4515.

Intro to Resume Prep

Tuesday

9 to 11 a.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256

Swim Lessons

Tuesday to Thursday
Heritage Club pool
Prices vary
For details, call 468-4001.

Education Fair

Wednesday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Heritage Club ballroom
For details, call 497-7312.

Thunder Alley

Wednesday
2 to 4 p.m.
Bowling Center
\$6 per person
For details, call 468-2112.

Pre-Separation Briefings

Thursday
1 to 2 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

UPCOMING

Troops to Teachers

transition class
July 29
Bldg. 905, Room 122
For details, call 497-7312

The Club Closet

July 30
5 to 8 p.m.
Youth Center
Entry fee \$1
Donate gently-used items by Monday
For details, call 468-2110.

ONGOING

Bumper Bowling

Tuesdays
1 to 5 p.m.
Children 6 years and younger 50 cents
Must be accompanied by a paying adult.
For details, call 468-2112.

Men's Locker Room Closed for Renovation

Now through Jan. 2
Fitness Center
Temporary shower trailer is available
For details, call 468-2128.

ITT Discounted Summer Tickets

Six Flags \$35
White Water \$30
For details, call 468-2945.

Atlanta Falcons Tickets

\$77 lower level
\$40 upper level
Four tickets per family
For details, call 468-2945.

9-Hole Golf

Tournament Package
Cost \$13 includes green fees, cart and range balls
For details, call 468-4103.

Bowling Movie Days

Mondays and Thursdays
2 p.m.
\$5 kids 12 years and younger
\$6 kids 13 years and older
For details, call 468-2112.



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Dungeon Dan

"Dungeon Dan," aka Dan Hart, Museum of Aviation volunteer coordinator, strikes a pose as Caroline Liles has him in her sights with a telescope. Hart and his wife, "Kruel Kathy," are true pirate lovers. Dressed in full pirate garb, they visited and posed for pictures with preschoolers attending the museum's Pirate Camp.



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