

The 339th Flight Test Squadron completes about 650 test runs each year. Not only do they check planes coming out of programmed depot maintenance during functional check flights, they also test the air worthiness and integration of parts when systems are being modified.



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MLA classes scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday

The 2012 AFMC Master Labor Agreement will be effective April 1. The labor office will present MLA training through mass briefings to supervisors and managers according to the following schedule:

Two sessions are planned for the 402nd Maintenance Wing Tuesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and from 1 to 4 p.m. at the base theater.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center staff offices, 78th Air Base Wing, Global Logistics Support Center and mission partners will be briefed Wednesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. at the base theater.

Make-up sessions will be offered April 3 and 4 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and from 1 to 4 p.m. at the base theater.

Hard copies of the new MLA are on order and will be distributed upon receipt. Electronic copies are available by clicking on the WR-personnel web page at <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/FOWRALC/dp/default.aspx>.

Questions may be directed to the labor office at 327-4486.

General Officer Announcements

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta announced Monday that the President has made the following nominations:

► Maj. Gen. James Jackson has been nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as chief of Air Force Reserve, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., and commander, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base.

If confirmed by the Senate, Jackson would relieve his boss, Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr., who has filled the twin responsibilities since June 2008. Jackson, a veteran fighter and tanker pilot who has logged more than 3,600 flight hours, has served as Stenner's deputy since May 2010. Stenner will retire this summer.

► Maj. Gen. Andrew Busch, former 402nd Maintenance Wing commander here, has been nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and for assignment as vice commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Busch is currently serving as the commander, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Prior to his assignment as the Ogden ALC commander in July 2009, Busch was the commander of Defense Supply Center Richmond, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, in Richmond, Va.

AFAF campaign update

As of March 16, the Robins 2012 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign has raised \$48,365. This year's installation goal is \$85,361. The campaign runs through April 13.

The AFAF includes four charities: the LeMay Foundation, Air Force Enlisted Village and the Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation and the Air Force Aid Society, which provides assistance through the Airmen & Family Readiness Center.

To learn more, contact your unit project officer or key worker.

Final Combat Talon I undergoes PDM

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In two weeks, one more part of history will have taken place at Robins.

The last MC-130E Combat Talon I will complete its final phase of programmed depot maintenance before departing for its final run from the flight line.

The Combat Talon I fleet has been at Robins for PDM since the 1990s. The program was transferred from Lockheed's Big

Safari program office in Palmdale, Calif., which at the time was responsible for Air Force sustainment and modification of specialized, special-mission aircraft.

The MC-130E fleet included 14 aircraft, with all having been maintained at the depot on multiple occasions since the plane's first arrival for PDM in April 1998.

The Combat Talon I is being retired and replaced by the MC-130J.

This last plane, tail number

62-1843, is the oldest in the fleet, and has been on station since September.

Due to the plane's heavy special operations missions, it was in "pretty bad shape upon arrival," said Kevin Johnson, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first line supervisor.

There were issues with many of the structural components in the wheel well, as well as typical corrosion wear on the aircraft, tail damage and horizontal stabilizer issues.

"With the history of Talons,

there is generally a good bit of work for everyone involved – structural and avionics-wise," George Hoffman, 560th AMXS PDM flight chief, said. "These Talons have a lot of modifications done to them. Structurally, they have a lot of cracks and corrosion.

"They're flown pretty hard and accumulate a lot of hours," he added. "They (Air Force Special Operations Command) keep 'em flying."

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Tech. Sgt. Derrick Taylor, 78th Air Base Wing Command Post emergency action controller, demonstrates how announcements are made over the giant voice system.

Mass notification comes through loud and clear

BY JENNY GORDON
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Ever wonder about the voices you hear echoing loudly across Robins? Or who is responsible for those pop-up desktop messages that appear from the corner of your computer when bad

weather is approaching? Those notifications are courtesy of the hard-working professionals of the 78th Air Base Wing Command Post, located in the Edenfield Command and Control Center in Bldg. 906.

It's manned 24 hours a

day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The reason is the importance of anytime communication – such as in the event of an emergency situation or weather alert which can take place day or night.

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Command Post building dedicated to former commander

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Building 906, the new command post location, received a new name during a ceremony Wednesday.

The building was dedicated to the memory of Col. Billy G. Edenfield, Robins Air Force Base and 2853rd Air Base Group commander from 1986 to 1989. Following a 30-year career in the Air Force, Edenfield continued his service to the community as president of Middle Georgia Technical College in Warner Robins.

Edenfield's military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

Building 906 is located next to the 78th Air Base Wing headquarters on the corner of Robins Parkway and Ninth Street.

Robins Air Show to feature 'rocking' jet school bus

Students have no excuse turning up late in this school bus! It breathes fire and rockets along at speeds up to 367 mph.

And the miles just fly by since it was fitted with a 42,000 horsepower GE J-79 jet engine lifted from a McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom fighter jet. Dubbed "School Time," the bus also belches 80-foot flames, sending huge clouds of smoke billowing from the tail pipe.

The bus evolved into a high-speed dragster at the hands of motor head Paul Stender who custom built the hot rod ride.

"I custom built the entire vehicle myself," he said. "There's no way the original bus could have withstood the

WHAT TO KNOW

The 2012 Robins Air Force Base Air Show is scheduled April 28 and 29. Gates open at 10 a.m., and performances begin at 11:30 a.m. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels Demonstration Squadron is the featured performer. For more information visit the Robins Air Force Base public website at www.robins.af.mil, and click on the Air Show poster tab. To learn more about the Jet Bus, visit <http://www.indyboysinc.com/v2/index.html>.

speeds I take it to. Actually a lot of it's hand-crafted, and the types of metals used would be more at home on an aircraft."

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Courtesy photo
School Time, the jet-powered school bus, will be one of the featured performances at the 2012 Robins Air Show April 28 and 29.

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Buildings 670, 169 renovations on track

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Renovations to Bldg. 670 which began in February are on track for completion by the end of April.

A production and information board will also be created for use during briefings, to include current work being accomplished, and information on Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Voluntary Protection Program. New furniture will be added in a few offices.

New roof, siding on Bldg. 169

Building 169, home to the 574th Composite Repair Flight, is getting a new roof and siding. The contract was

awarded in October 2010 and is expected to be completed in October, according to George Pierce, 574th CRF director.

As different phases of work are completed, a containment process will be ongoing to ensure contaminants from old roofing materials are captured. That will allow production to continue and keep workers safe throughout the building's estimated 146,000 square feet of space, said Pierce.

The renovation project inside Bldg. 670 which began in late February is progressing, with estimated completion by the end of April.

"You can really tell employees appreciate taking the time and effort required to help get their facility to look and feel like a top-notch facility," said Jeremy Wood, 573rd Commodities Maintenance Squadron's Sheet Metal Manufacturing Flight deputy director.

Just to give you an idea of the things happening over on Laundry Drive, floor resurfacing work will be completed this week. Also, the building's entire production area is being painted, including walls, floors and ceilings.

There will also be new personal protective equipment locker rooms for employees and a separate locker room for personnel's equipment, similar to what was constructed in Bldg. 169.

The women's and men's bathrooms will also be remodeled, with the addition of new plumbing, sinks, showers and more.

Network changeover currently underway

A switchover to new network equipment as part of the Air Force-mandated Combat Information System One Base One Network Project is currently being conducted across Robins.



A cutoff period of facilities is scheduled in increments between February and May of 2012.

The installation of the high bandwidth network will link employees in 260 core buildings here. The \$15 million project will impact all users on the Robins.mil and ANG.mil networks.

Users may see some loss of connectivity during the changeover over the next several months, but impacted organizations will have been notified at least two weeks in advance.

Installation has involved laying 36 miles of fiber optic cable and 21 miles of conduit. It has also included installing 1,126 new network switches in 523 communications rooms.

— from staff reports

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Hoffman echoed the sentiments of maintainers who have been involved with the plane for many years.

"It's a significant workload for Robins to lose — as it's a unique airplane for what it does," he said. "We'll pick up new ones, but this one has served its purpose. It's an end of an era."

Combat Talon I was originally conceived and developed during the 1960s in response to emerging threats in Southeast Asia. It first flew in 1966.

As a result of two events — rapidly escalating air requirements and the development of the Fulton Recovery System — a surface-to-air extraction system — during the early to mid-1960s in Vietnam, 14 HC-130 aircraft were modified.

The aircraft were identified as C-130E/I, later redesignated the MC-130E. Those early aircraft, which were camouflaged with black and/or dark green paint, were known as "Blackbirds."

Its storied history is not lost on those who have worked or flown the aircraft. A must-read for people familiar with the world of Combat Talon I is retired Col. Jerry L. Thigpen's "The Praetorian STARShip: The Untold Story of the Combat Talon."

According to Thigpen, the basis for the aircraft was the need for continued long-range, low-level missions that were required into hostile territories across the globe.

From 1965 to 2000, the weapons system was involved in virtually every major conflict or contingency,



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

This C-130 Combat Talon I is the final one of its kind to go through PDM here.

including the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm," the author detailed in his book.

Operation Iraqi Freedom was the last major contingency tasked to Combat Talon I.

Air Force veteran and former navigator Robert "Bob" Lewis knows the plane intimately, having flown psychological operations and various missions on the Combat Talon I during the Vietnam War, and as a Lockheed employee following retirement from the service.

Lewis, currently a contractor at Robins with Support Systems Associates Inc., flew missions over Laos, Cambodia and South Vietnam from June 1972 to December 1973.

"We would conduct strategic psychological operations, delivering both leaflets and other materials such as radios and facsimile money," recalled Lewis. "You had to fly long legs, straight lines, dropping 150-pound boxes. In some cases, the counts were as many as 17 million leaflets per airplane load."

The 1960s-era aircraft has since evolved into its current sophisticated and extensive electronic warfare

suite, allowing aircrew to detect and avoid potential threats, many of which are familiar to Lewis. Back when he flew, he said he remembers navigating by standing by a window with a flashlight in his mouth, red light on, looking at a map.

"What you have today are graphics that are generated by your computer, and displayed as overlays on your radar. Your situational awareness is tremendously enhanced," he said.

Jeff Spears, a Talon I electrical engineer at Robins, has made the aircraft his home away from home since working on the program the last 17 years. Being associated with its history has been a welcoming experience, as well as working with its upgrades throughout the years.

"It would be fair to say that the Talon I was up to date with respect to the latest threat technology," Spears said.

With this last plane leaving shortly, Lewis summed up the feelings of many, "All things come to an end. Airplanes can't keep flying indefinitely. For what it had been tasked to accomplish — it has done its job."

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Staff Sgt. Meranda Lee, Command Post emergency action controller, answers a call in the Edenfield Command and Control Center.



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"We are the first to get the base in the right security posture, as well as being the voice of the commander," said Sgt. Derrick Taylor, an emergency action controller, who has been at Robins almost four years.

"We never close," he said.

Emergency Mass Notification System weather-related information can be relayed at a moment's notice via the "giant voice" that base personnel hear while at work, or on a screen that emerges on your computer, usually with wind, tornado or lightning (within five miles) alerts. In emergencies, information can include taking cover in the case of an active shooter on base.

"We receive those messages and then process them in a quick fashion," said Staff Sgt. Meranda Lee, at Robins for two years.

Incidentally, it's the person who is seated closest to the alert system who usually projects the giant voice heard over public address towers across Robins, according to Taylor.

Just as controllers learned in tech school, he noted, "We have to say it — slow and loud — so the base populace can understand."

Other notifications include a weekly Wednesday testing of sirens, operational readiness exercise announcements and others as needed.

Depending on the season, weather can be the most common notification, and base exercises are also frequent.

Linked by phone networks, computers and other alert systems, controllers, usually a minimum of two on shift, have a variety of methods at their disposal to dispatch what the rest of us need to know and do when it comes to safety and information.



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“How we remember, what we remember and why we remember form the most personal map of our individuality.”
– **Christina Baldwin**

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Submissions must be received by 4 p.m. Wednesday, the week prior to the requested Friday publication.

They should be e-mailed to

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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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To be continued ...

BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. STEVE MCDONALD

Air Force Personnel
Enlisted Force Development

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – I have to admit I became a big fan of the television series “Lost” when a friend gave me past episodes on DVD that I watched while I was deployed.

After returning home, I watched the show without fail each week.

One of the most frustrating things about following the series was being totally engrossed and losing track of time, only to be brought to reality when the screen went blank and the words “To Be Continued ...” appeared. You didn’t want the story to end; it was a disappointment.

Wouldn’t it be nice if the show could go on forever? But, as the adage says, “All good things must come to an end.”

But is this adage an absolute truth? Since I began working in force development, I have come to learn there are

two things that should never come to an end – your personal and professional development. The concept of force development is extremely important in the Air Force. Developing and caring for Airmen has been one of the service’s stated priorities for many years.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy has spent the past three years espousing a philosophy of deliberately developing Airmen, as reflected in many of the Air Force’s policies and processes.

Within the world of doctrine and policy, force development is centered on the continuum of learning – a career-long process of individual development which connects education and training opportunities to assignment and deployment experiences.

In simpler terms, the continuum of learning consists of education, training and experience. For enlisted Airmen, that starts in basic military training and continues through initial skills

training and into the first duty assignment.

During the next four or 20 or 30 years, those same Airmen will continue their education and training from the Air Force by way of numerous assignments and deployment experiences.

They will encounter people and learn things about the service and themselves. Much of it will be deliberate in order to develop them both personally and professionally for future leadership roles in the Air Force.

But if we only focused on the resources employed by the Air Force, even force development would “come to an end.” That’s why it’s just as important to take a personal role in your own development.

As many of you are aware, the Air Force chief of staff releases an annual reading list.

Upon release of this year’s list, Daniel Sitterly, the director of force development under the deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services,

“Since I began working in force development, I have come to learn there are two things that should never come to an end – your personal and professional development. The concept of force development is extremely important in the Air Force. Developing and caring for Airmen has been one of the service’s stated priorities for many years.”

suggested that the continuum of learning should now consist of education, training, experience and reading. His point is valid.

I believe the point is that the Air Force does a good job investing in the development of individuals, but we may not have done a very good job in getting people to invest in themselves.

There are many ways people can further their own development.

Where the Air Force provides professional military education, individuals can pursue civilian educational opportunities.

Where the Air Force provides upgrade skill training, individuals can read books and use com-

puter-based training to enhance current skills or learn new skills. In addition to Air Force assignment and deployment experiences, Airmen can join professional organizations and take on leadership roles.

It goes without saying that the Air Force will continue to invest in the personal and professional development of its people.

But with added emphasis and a commitment from individuals to invest in themselves, force development can reach new levels.

That’s the good thing about personal and professional development – they truly are designed “to be continued.”

Commander’s Action Line

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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Robins is reconnecting with the military retiree community and working to keep them informed of Robins' happenings and various specials offered throughout the year. To join the contact list, visit <http://rao-robins.org/Contact.htm>, fill out the requested information, and click submit. For more information, call (478) 327-4707.



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Budget review

Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, bottom left, talks to Lt. Gen. C.D. Moore, Air Force Materiel Command vice commander, (across the table) and Blaise Durante, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, (right) during the center's 2012 Joint Spring Program and Investment Budget Review here March 16.

Energy roundtable leads to energy profile improvements

The DoD in Georgia Energy Annual Roundtable, DoD in GEAR, was recently conducted at the Museum of Aviation.

The event, co-hosted by the Heart of Georgia Energy Coalition and Georgia

Military Affairs Coordinating Committee was attended by 76 government and industry representatives.

During discussions, a Robins overview and

energy strategy was presented.

Featured topics included fitting energy into the big picture, the Air Force facility energy program, and third-party financing for federal energy projects.

The energy office – based on this roundtable and a previous energy forum in January – will focus on enhancing energy consumption awareness tools, reducing energy consumption, and

investigating alternative sources of energy.

Future actions include: improving utility metering system, upgrading or replacing central plants, upgrading air compressor plants, and making repairs to steam lines and HVAC controls, as well as assisting with 402nd Maintenance Wing upgrades to lighting, HVAC systems and paint hangar processes.

– staff reports

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On the Fly

Single staffing tool

Robins will soon join Air Force Materiel Command bases and Hurlburt Field in implementing the Air Force Single Staffing Tool.

The tool will streamline the recruitment process.

Beginning April 1, current employees will search and apply for internal job openings at the USAJobs website at www.usajobs.gov.

Employees currently apply for jobs through the Candidate Announcement Notification System.

However, March 30, is the last date that jobs will be available in that system.

The new application process for USA Jobs requires a resume and other documents be submitted electronically.

Employees are encouraged to begin preparing a resume highlighting their knowledge, skills and abilities based on employment history for future career opportunities.

The Air Force Personnel Center Operating Location here, in conjunction with the Robins Airman and Family Readiness Center, has conducted workforce briefings on this new process and resume writing. Additional briefings may be scheduled.

The Airman & Family Readiness Center, in Bldg.

794, provides free resume writing classes as a service.

For more information on dates and how to sign up for the classes, call 468-1256.

Additional information on the AF SST is posted on the DP website at <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/FOWRALC/dp/SST/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

Parking projects set

Two upcoming parking projects will affect Bldg. 215 and Bldg. 645. Both are estimated to start April 2 and will be completed in early June.

New parking spaces will be constructed south of Bldg. 215, and existing spaces will be rearranged for a net gain of 200 spaces.

There will be minimal impact to existing parking from the project.

West of Bldg. 645, work will be done to remove and replace asphalt and sub-grade. Only half the parking lot will be closed during that time. The parking lot north of Bldg. 641 can be used while work is being performed.

Upcoming

The munitions operations office will be closed for business through March 30 for a wall-to-

wall inventory of the munitions stockpile. Only emergency issue requests, submitted in writing and approved by a group or higher commander, will be accepted during this time.

The Military Personnel Section will close early today.

Career Development, Customer Support (including ID cards), and Force Management Operations customer service hours will end at 1 p.m. rather than 3:30 p.m.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Aerospace Sustainment Directorate has been selected to coordinate the **2012 Women's History Month observance**. With an emphasis on role models and the importance of women from all backgrounds, Team Robins is celebrating Women's History Month. Historical women who have and are making a difference are the focus of the observance.

►A luncheon is scheduled Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at Horizons.

Col. Theresa Humphrey, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group commander, will be the guest speaker.

The cost for the event is \$12. Call Jeanette McElhaney at 468-3857.

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The below **contract positions at the Base Chapel are open to new applicants.**

►Protestant Children's Ministry Worker

Requirements for the position include: a strong Christian character and lifestyle; one year experience teaching, volunteering or working with children in a Protestant church setting; and a history of being a successful member of a church staff or church volunteer.

Applicants must be able to work 20 to 30 hours a month; and provide a resume with at least two references (Pastor and one other church staff member). Upon award of contract, must receive a favorable criminal history background check.

►The Refuge Director
The Refuge Director serves as resource person and coordinator of the Airman Ministry Center for Robins.

Requirements for the position include: Must be spiritually-sensitive and specialize in working with military, chapel volunteers and contractors in a pluralistic environment; must be at least 25 years of age, have a bachelors degree and at least two years experience in a young adult singles ministry or religious education position. Work schedule is 25 hours per week.

For a statement of work or more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Erin Everhardt at 468-2821. Resumes must be

submitted to Everhardt by April 4 at noon. Qualified applicants will then be scheduled for an interview. The contract will be awarded based on "Best Value" to the government.

The 2011 **Team Robins Annual Awards Banquet** will be conducted April 12 at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Cost is \$25 and includes London Broil served with roasted new potatoes and a vegetable medley.

The theme is Lights, Camera ... Action! "Honoring Excellence, Celebrating Extraordinary."

Sign up with your unit ticket POC by April 1.

Legacy visit

Col. Bill Gideon, deputy director for Agile Combat Support at the Aeronautical Systems Center, recently visited the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

As part of the Air Force Materiel Command 5-Center restructuring effort, Gideon was here to evaluate ways to integrate support equipment and vehicles, automatic test systems, and electronic warfare and avionics' acquisition and sustainment businesses.

However, it wasn't the first time an officer in Gideon's family had a vested interest in business at Robins.

Maj. Gen. Francis Gideon, his grandfather, served as Warner Robins Air Materiel Area com-



courtesy photo

Col. Bill Gideon, deputy director for Agile Combat Support at Aeronautical Systems Center, stands next to his grandfather's official photo (upper level, far right) in its place among former center commanders.

mander from 1966-1968. Gideon asked his father, also retired Air Force, about his grandfather's time as the commander here.

"All I remember about Warner Robins from visiting a couple of times is the golf course, the gnats, and the delicious Georgia peaches," his father replied.

With the changes being planned, it's good to know some things never change.

— *Shelbie Purser*

Robins FAP joins fight against child abuse

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Family Advocacy Program is taking the opportunity to help bring the sensitive topic to light.

Roslyn Battle, 78th Medical Group Family Advocacy Outreach manager, said the month-long observance will include educating people on all types of abuse, including physical and emotional abuse, as well as neglect.

"The purpose of the month is to make the military as well as the off-base community aware of the importance of getting the word out about child abuse," she said.

Base leaders and Middle Georgia's Rainbow House, a local child advocacy center, will kick off the observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month March 30 with the signing of its proclamation at 9:30 a.m. at the Pinwheels for Prevention Ceremony at Houston Medical Center.

Robins also has a host of activities planned to help educate people about child abuse and promote child safety:

April 15 – parenting class "Surviving Your Adolescents: Learn how to manage and let go of your adolescents" at Coldwell Bankers, 420 Houston Lake Road from 1 to 4 p.m.

April 16 – Easter in the Park, a free community egg hunt at Peavy Park, 610 Johnston Road, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

April 19 – Passport to Parenthood & Dad's the Basics class available at the Airmen & Family Readiness Center, Bldg 794, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Classes will provide information on items such as good nutrition for the baby, car seat safety, TRI-CARE and dental care.

April 22 – Awareness and prevention information table will be set-up at the BX from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 30 – Car seat safety checks at the Walmart on Watson Boulevard from 10 a.m. to noon.

Mary Hodgkins, a base family advocacy officer, said the Air Force is very clear about the importance of reporting child abuse.

She said reporting rules vary between child and spousal abuse cases. For spousal abuse, reports can be made either through one's chain of command or by the victim. Reports of child abuse can be made anonymously.

April is a good time for parents to educate their children about health and safety issues, Hodgkins said. Parents should let their children know they can talk with a trusted adult if they're concerned about things which are happening with themselves or a friend.

For more information, call the Family Advocacy Office at 497-8398.

— *courtesy Robins Family Advocacy Program*

Oh, the places you can go ...



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Team Robins members cruise the displays Thursday at Information, Tickets and Travel's 12th Annual Explore & Expand Your Horizons Travel and Recreation Show in the Heritage Club. The show included 45 exhibitors and was attended by about 600 people. Raffle prizes included overnight hotel stays, attraction tickets and gift sets.

Stormwater Straight Talk

Spill response keeps community and waterways healthy

BY RUSSELL ADAMS
Water Quality Program manager

At Robins, water can be found almost everywhere.

In fact, Robins is bounded to the north, east and south by wetlands and waterways.

As the largest industrial site in Georgia, Robins Air Force Base conducts numerous activities every day in support of mission operations. A large portion of those activities include the use of chemicals. While great care and diligence are exercised in performing the tasks, spills can occur.

Spills can soak into the ground, potentially impacting groundwater quality, or enter stormwater drains, which convey water to adjacent bodies of water. The base storm drain system is only intended to collect runoff from rainwater.



Pollutants that enter these drains can have adverse impacts on wildlife and, potentially, humans downstream.

Everyone is responsible for helping keep the Robins community and nearby waterways healthy and clean by identifying, responding to and properly reporting discovered spills. Listed below are general guidelines if a spill is discovered.

►Determine if the area is safe.

►If the area is not safe,

evacuate personnel and call 911.

►If the spill is greater than 2 feet in any direction, greater than 5 gallons, or has reached a storm drain, creek, or other waterway, call 911.

►If the area is safe but the leak can't be stopped, use available materials to prevent the spill from reaching storm drains or water sources. Evacuate non-essential personnel and call 911.

►If the area is safe and the source can be stopped,

personnel can clean-up incidental spills with on-site spill kits while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment.

►Call 468-1176 during regular business hours to arrange for waste pickup (such as used absorbent materials) within three days; after hours, call 78th Civil Engineer Group Customer Service at 468-5657 for assistance.

►After any spill, fill out an Internal Spill Notification Form within 24 hours and fax a completed copy to 78 CEG/CEAN at (478) 468-5698.

For more information, call 468-9645.

Editor's note:

Stormwater Straight Talk is a quarterly column intended to educate and inform base personnel and families about stormwater pollution.

Building with purpose

Bird project helps Eagle Scout in bid for silver Hornaday Award

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Eagle Scout Saadiq Goins places bird houses at Robins March 10 for the 78th Civil Engineer Group environmental department. Goins put up 36 houses and constructed 36 predator guards to protect blue-birds. He led several Northside High School students and scouts to complete the project. Younger brother Salaam, also an Eagle Scout, contributed. This is one of four scout projects Saadiq has completed for the silver Hornaday Award, which recognizes scouts who plan, lead and implement projects which have made significant contributions to natural resource conservation.



AIR SHOW

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Despite its engine size, the school bus still seats three passengers. But sadly, it won't be taking any kids to school in record time – it's for shows only.

"I built the bus for two reasons," he said. "The first is to entertain people because, come on, it's a jet bus. The second is to inspire kids to keep away from drugs. Let me explain, we do a lot of displays at schools, and we're trying to show kids there's more to life than sitting in front of computers. It's important for them to have active hobbies and creative interests to keep busy and keep away from bad influences and drugs. That's why we wrote our motto on the side of the bus, 'Jets are hot, drugs are not.'

"I guess this is my revenge for all those days riding on the slow journey to school. Now it goes at my kind of pace."

Sequence of events

- Gates Open
- National Anthem - Show Begins
- School Time Jet-Powered Bus Demo
- Patty Wagstaff Performance
- Red Tails Performance
- Additional aerial performances
- F-22 and Heritage Flight
- Blue Angels Performance
- Blue Angels Autograph Session
- Show ends

– Acts subject to change



Med c's message

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Getting 'Your Plate in Shape' is half the battle

Robins Health and Wellness Center is proud to join the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly the American Dietetic Association) in celebrating National Nutrition Month during March.

This year's theme is "Get Your Plate in Shape," which encourages consumers to remember to include a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins and dairy on their plates every day.

Initiated in 1973 as a week-long event, "National Nutrition Week" became a month-long observance in 1980 in response to growing public interest in nutrition. Additionally, to commemorate the dedication of registered dietitians as advocates for advancing the nutritional status of Americans and people around the world, the second Wednesday of March is designated "Registered Dietitian Day."

Each year, National Nutrition Month is designed to remind consumers of the basics of healthy eating. By focusing on this year's theme, people can make the simple changes to their daily eating plans that could benefit them for a lifetime.

Before you eat, think about what goes on your plate or in your bowl. Foods like vegetables, fruits, whole grains, low-fat dairy products and lean protein contain the nutrients you need without too many calories. Throughout the day, include foods from all the food groups. Try the following tips to "Get Your Plate in Shape."

►*Make half of your plate fruits and vegetables: Eat a variety of vegetables, especially dark-green, red and orange varieties. Add fresh, dried, frozen or canned fruits to meals and snacks.*

►*Make at least half your grains whole: Choose 100 percent whole-grain breads, cereals, crackers, pasta and brown rice. Check the ingredients list on food packages to find whole-grain foods.*

►*Switch to fat-free or low-fat milk: Fat-free and low-fat milk have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but less fat and calories. For those who are lactose intolerant, try lactose-free milk or a calcium-fortified soy beverage.*

►*Vary your protein choices: Eat a variety of foods from the protein food group each week, such as seafood, nuts and beans, as well as lean meat, poultry and eggs. Keep meat and poultry portions small and lean. Be sure to choose seafood as the protein at least twice a week.*

►*Cut back on sodium and empty calories from solid fats and added sugars: Compare sodium in foods and choose those with lower numbers, and season your foods with herbs and spices instead of salt. Switch from solid fats to healthy oils like olive and canola oil. Replace sugary drinks with water and choose fruit for dessert.*

►*Enjoy your foods but eat less: Avoid oversized portions. Use a smaller plate, bowl and glass. Cook more often at home where you are in control of what's in your food. When eating out, choose lower calorie menu options.*

►*Be physically active your way: Adults need at least two hours and 30 minutes of physical activity every week. Choose activities you enjoy, and start by doing as much as you can.*

For more information, contact the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480.

IT'S CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above left, Robins Honor Guard members carry the colors Sunday during the Macon Cherry Blossom parade.

Above right, Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and his wife, Hope, wave to the crowd along Cherry Street.

HAPPENINGS

ON TAP

Arts & Crafts

Open House
Today
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Center
For details, call 468-5282.

9-Pin No-Tap Tournament

Saturday
6 p.m.
\$15 per person
Bowling Center
For details,
call 468-2112.

Navigating USAJobs

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

UPCOMING

Private Pilot

Ground School
April 2 through May 30
Sign-up early,
limited seating
\$605 (tuition assistance
available for those who
qualify)
For details,
call 468-4867.

Department Of Labor

Workshop
April 2 through 5
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

Spring Runners Club

April 2 through 27
Fitness Center
For details, call 468-2128.

Kids Spring Krafts

April 3
10 to 11:15 a.m.
or 2 to 3:15 p.m.

\$5 includes supplies
Must pre-register
For details, call 468-5282.

Softball Coaches Meeting

April 3
1 p.m.
HAWC
For details, call 468-2128.

First Friday

April 6
5 to 6 p.m.
Horizons
For details, call 468-2670.

Canoe Trip on Ocmulgee River

Sign-up by April 6
April 28
\$25 per person
For details, call 468-4001.

Hot Air Balloon Ride

May 5
\$230 per person
Register by April 6
Outdoor Recreation
For details,
call 468-4001.

Warrior Dash

Sign-up by April 6
May 19
\$95 per person
For details, call 468-4001.

Battle of Resaca

Sign-up by April 6
May 20
\$35 per person
For details, call 468-4001.

Texas Hold 'Em

April 7
Sign-up 1:30 p.m.
Games start 2 p.m.
Heritage Lounge
\$15 club members
\$20 guests
For details, call 472-7864.

Beach Kings Volleyball

Sign-up by April 9
April 11 through 13
Fitness Center
For details, call 468-2128.

Easter Sunday Brunch at Horizons

April 8
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
\$15.95 club members
\$18.95 guests
\$8.95 children 6 to 10
Open to all ranks and
grades
For details,
call 468-2670.

ONGOING

New Family Dining

Horizons
Fridays, Saturdays only
5 to 8 p.m.
For details,
call 468-2670.

New Lunch Buffet

Horizons
Tuesdays and
Wednesdays
\$9.95; members
receive 20 percent off;
Thursdays and Fridays
\$10.95; members
receive 20 percent off
For details,
call 468-2670.

Breakfast at Fairways Grille at the golf course

Daily
7 to 10 a.m.
For details,
call 923-1717.

March Golf Special

\$20 with cart
after 2 p.m.
For details,
call 468-4103.

Robins Burger King new hours

Monday through Friday
5 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday
7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FSS Gift Cards

\$5 to \$1,500
No expiration dates
Pick up cards at the
Arts & Crafts Center,
Bowling Center,
Horizons or ITT.
and Outdoor Recreation.



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Women's History run

Runners participate in the Women's History Month 5K and walk March 9. **Winners in the men's category: 1st place: Marvin Caldwell; 2nd place: Stuart Saylor; 3rd place: Matt Dolan. Winners in the women's category: 1st place: Lea Kirkwood; 2nd place : Bethany Benney; 3rd place: Buffy Verhagen.**

Robins AFB Chapel Catholic and Protestant

Easter Worship Schedules

Our Lady of the Skies

Daily Mass ... Noon
Thursdays Stations ...6 p.m.

March 29 Penance Service ...7 p.m.

April 2012
April 1 - Palm Sunday ...9:30 a.m.

April 5 - Holy Thursday Mass ...7 p.m.
Adoration 1 hour ...8 p.m.

April 6 - Good Friday ...7 p.m.
Designated Offering for Peter's Pence

April 7 - Holy Saturday Mass ...8 p.m.
Reception to follow

April 8 - Easter Sunday Mass ...9:30 a.m.

Protestant Worship Services

April 2012
April 1 - Palm Sunday-Easter Cantata ...11a.m.

April 6 - Good Friday Service ...4 p.m.

April 8 - Easter Sunrise Service ...7 a.m.
Luna Lake - bring lawn chairs or blankets
Breakfast will follow at Luna Lodge
No Sunday School

April 8 - Easter Service-Chapel ...11 a.m.

Editor's note: For more information
on these and other worship services
contact the Base Chapel at 468-2821.

78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Admin468-3193
- ▶ HAWC497-8480
- ▶ Community Center . .468-2105
- ▶ Fitness Center . . .468-2128
- ▶ Outdoor Rec468-4001
- ▶ Fitness Annex472-5350
- ▶ Base Chapel468-2821
- ▶ Youth Center468-2110
- ▶ Arts & Crafts468-5282
- ▶ Tickets, Travel . . .468-2945
- ▶ Horizons468-2670
- ▶ Bowling Center . . .468-2112
- ▶ Heritage Club468-2670
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. . .468-4103
- ▶ Library497-8761
- ▶ Pizza Depot468-0188

Note: Unless otherwise noted, numbers listed in the Rev-Up are DSN numbers. If calling from a commercial or off-base phone, dial prefix 222 if listed as 472; 327 if listed as 497; or 926 if listed as 468.

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