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Flags on Robins are being flown at half staff through Sunday as a mark of respect for Ambassador John Stevens and the other Americans who were killed Tuesday in Libya. The flags are also being flown at half staff on today and Saturday in honor of and tribute to the memory of Neil Armstrong.

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Robins plays role in record year for arms sales

BY JENNY GORDON

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The U.S. in 2011 led the world in arms sales to developing and developed nations, making arms transfer agreements valued at \$66.3 billion. Robins helped to execute nearly \$10 billion as part of that effort.

This was the "highest single-year agreements total in the history of the U.S. arms export program," according to an Aug. 24 report from the Congressional Research Service.

The report noted that the global total

was especially high due to multiple agreements with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to provide 84 new F-15SA advanced fighter aircraft, upgrade to its current fleet of 70 F-15S aircraft, as well as munitions, spare parts, training, maintenance and long-term logistics support.

A \$29.4 billion defense package was signed by Saudi Arabia in December 2011, with the F-15 System Program Office at Robins to benefit from the sale. Of the \$29.4 billion package, an estimated \$10 billion will be executed from here.

Col. Robert Stambaugh, F-15SA Security Assistance Program Manager, commented earlier in the year that 2012 was going to be a very busy time for Team Robins and the Air Force.

He noted that Robins' role will include an estimated 50 contracts that will be executed over the next nine years into early 2021.

"The program is progressing well. This will continue a 30-plus year relationship between Robins, the F-15 system program office, and the Royal Saudi air force," noted Stambaugh.

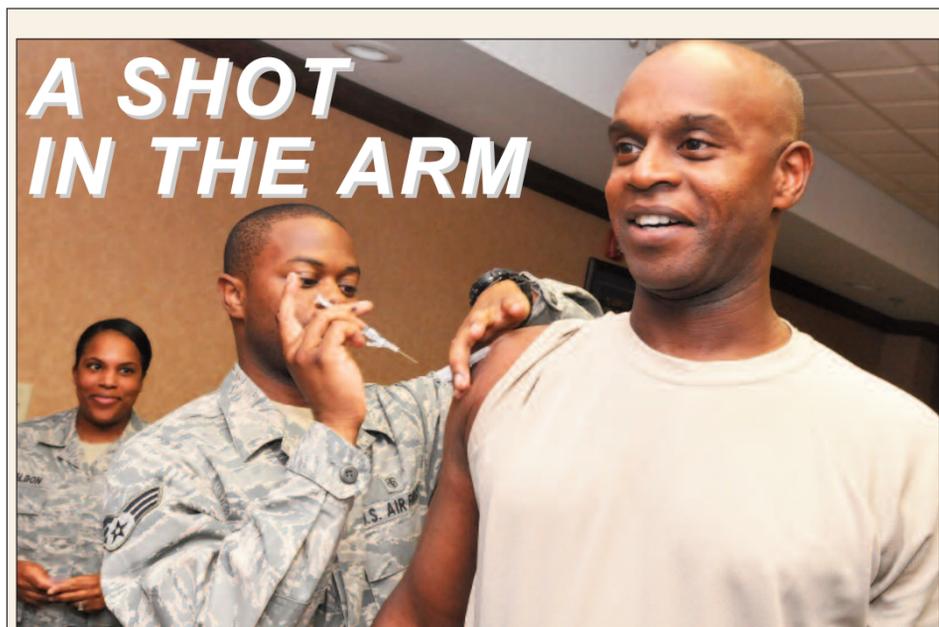
"We also expect to finalize the conver-

sion design later this year."

The design will be a major milestone, which will also include a critical design review on the conversion of 70 F-15S Saudi aircraft to the advanced F-15SA configuration.

Also playing a major support role are precision attack, electronic warfare, automatic test equipment and armament organizations from Robins.

Initial delivery of the first aircraft will be in 2015, with modification kit installations to be performed in the Kingdom starting in 2016.



A SHOT IN THE ARM

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Senior Airman Jarred Taylor, allergy/immunization technician, gives Brig. Gen. Cedric George, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex commander, his flu shot. The 78th Medical Group immunization team kicked off the 2012/2013 Influenza Immunization Program Tuesday by giving flu shots to members of the senior leadership staff. Team Robins personnel are encouraged to get their flu shots in an effort to be proactive regarding the upcoming flu season.

The immunization clinic in Bldg. 700 has mandatory flu vaccines available for active duty members; the deadline is Oct. 1. Expectant mothers should consult with their physicians prior to receiving their vaccination.

Vaccinations are available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the first and third Thursday of the month from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call 497-7921.



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The countdown clock in the Mission Control Room in Bldg. 215 reached zero on July 16.

Team beats the clock, meets goal of exceeding warfighter, customer expectations

BY JENNY GORDON

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At the stroke of midnight July 16, one of three clocks in the then-Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Mission Control Room counted down to zero.

The clock let the center know how much time it had remaining to meet a goal it set for itself, 18 months earlier, to "consistently exceed warfighter and customer expectations." It was decided the best way to measure that was by the center's record of on-time delivery of aircraft.

"That was the most visible thing people could see. In order to really provide the best support to the customer, (and) create a more positive image in the local community, we have to deliver airplanes on time," explained Doug Keene, vice director of what's now the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex.

When the countdown clock struck zero, 97 percent of aircraft were being deliv-

ered on time. The target that had been set was 95 percent.

At the beginning of fiscal 2011, the on-time delivery rate stood at 47 percent.

"I've been around for 25 years, and that is probably the biggest turnaround I've ever seen," said Keene. "That shows the power and the speed you can get as a horizontally-integrated team ... and I've never seen a team as solid as we were this past year and a half."

"What has been exciting about the last few weeks, in particular, is that we have all stayed together," he added.

Indeed, while many of the sub-organizations of the former center now have different reporting chains and operate a bit more independently of one another, senior leaders of those activities continue to meet on a weekly basis in what is now the complex. They understand the importance of helping the complex be successful, but also understand how these meetings

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Shift, policy changes increase traffic flow

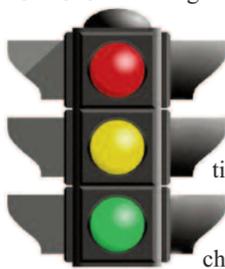
ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Changes in the past couple of months to installation access procedures and gate openings, as well as changes to some organizational shift schedules, have resulted in new traffic flow patterns onto Robins, some creating increased traffic during normal peak transit times.

A joint traffic study by base security forces and civil engineers is examining traffic flow at installation gates.

The purpose of the study is to identify patterns, trends and peak times for traffic enter-

ing and exiting the installation, and will contribute to the base's ongoing efforts to reduce congestion at the gates.



In the meantime, members of Team Robins can contribute to reducing congestion by taking the following actions:

►Allowing time for some variation in the time required to enter the base.

►Providing feedback through their chain of command for any issues they encounter.

►Considering mass transit options such as Buses into Robins Daily (BiRD), carpools and vanpools.

NEWS

YOU CAN USE



Houston County on Best Communities list

Houston County was named one of America's Promise Alliance's 100 Best Communities for Young People presented by ING.

The national award recognizes its outstanding and innovative work in addressing the high school dropout crisis and for its programs and services that make it an excellent place for youth to live, learn and grow.

For more, visit www.robins.af.mil.

Team JSTARS rated 'Excellent' during ORI

BY JENNY GORDON

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The 116th and 461st Air Control wings received an "Excellent" rating during its recent Operational Readiness Inspection conducted by more than 70 professionals from Air Combat Command's Inspector General Team.

"This year's successful ORI was the result of a lot of hard work by the entire team," said Brig. Gen. William Welsh, 116th ACW commander. "In preparation we also had to ensure we met the requirement to continue to do operations overseas, while setting ourselves

up for success with this inspection."

That effort included the tireless dedication of operations and maintenance groups, and support personnel from across the 116th ACW, 461st ACW and the Army's 138th Military Intelligence Company. The team prepared for the inspection for the past year and a half.

There were more than 600 participants in the ORI, with the IG team here Sept. 5 through Tuesday.

The priority was to test the ability of Team JSTARS to launch its airplanes on



U.S. Air Force photo by MASTER SGT. RODGER PARSONS

Senior Airman Tyler Scott, aircraft maintainer, inspects an E-8C Joint STARS during an operational readiness inspection at Robins Saturday. Airmen from the 116th and 461st ACWs showcased their ability to perform assigned tasks in wartime, contingency and force sustainment operations.

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Matt Allen uses a loader to remove asphalt along Hannah Road Sept. 7. Hannah Road is currently closed for a major construction project to replace a damaged drainage culvert and repair the bridge.

ROAD WORK AHEAD

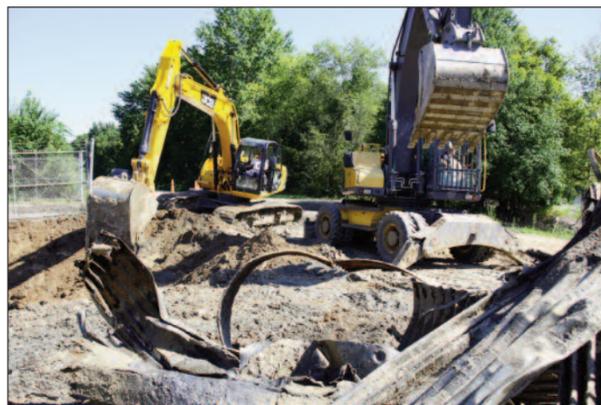
Hannah Road project repairs drain pipes, bridge

BY JENNY GORDON
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The Hannah Road project is underway on the east end of the base and is slated to take about two months to complete.

Heavy equipment operators – “Dirt Boyz” from the 78th Civil Engineer Group’s horizontal shop – have been busy excavating a portion of the roadway since it closed Aug. 26. This portion of the project addresses water drainage issues, replacing three pipes under the road that have partially collapsed.

“This area collects water from First Street, south of the runway and behind the sanitation plant,” said Wilson Jones, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron civil engineer. “As these big pipes age, we keep a close watch on them to make sure they don’t fail.”



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA
Workers remove partially collapsed drainage pipes from Hannah Road.

There will be an estimated 100 to 150 feet of paving that will occur to remove the culvert underneath the pavement. New polyethylene pipes will be used to replace the drain pipes once they are removed.

The project’s estimated completion is Oct. 29.

Another part of the project is to repair around a bridge a little further south

where asphalt surrounding the bridge has sunk about two inches.

Hannah Road serves as a point that connects the eastern portion of the base with nearby service areas such as the golf course and fitness center.

Motorists are urged to exercise caution around the area and to follow all road signs.

Military Personnel Data System to undergo upgrade in December

The Military Personnel Data System R12 Upgrade is the most ambitious MilPDS project to date.

The Air Force Personnel Center is upgrading both the main application and database to bring the system to industry standard.

The goal is to have the same look, feel and operation which presently exists on the new platform.

MilPDS is over-customized, 10 years behind industry, and is very expensive to maintain. MilPDS becomes more susceptible to security issues and a larger resource burden all the time.

During the past two years, Oracle has worked with the Air Force to bring MilPDS up to industry standard on a stable and secure web-enabled platform.

The current system will be turned off, its data copied and migrated to the next software version, and then upgraded to another version.

Hardware will be physically transported to the Defense Information Services Agency in Ogden, Utah, loaded to their envi-

WHAT TO KNOW

The MPS will be providing helpful and informative briefings on Tuesday at 2 p.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the base theater. Max participation is encouraged as this is a topic that will affect many military members.

ronment, validated and turned on.

The migration will occur over a 23-day period in December; during that time, we will not have an operational personnel data system until after the migration is complete.

Some of the other human resources systems will be available, but will contain November’s data.

The Military Personnel Section is prepared to provide seamless personnel support and timely update of all records, especially critical pay actions before, during and after the migration.

Base-Level Service Delivery Module POCs should begin pulling rosters (alpha, gains, losses, EPR/OPR, etc.) and saving the

rosters in preparation for the transition period.

MPS recommends that each member reviews his or her records in virtual MPF and contacts the MPS as soon as possible with any needed changes or updates.

Members should determine now if they are going to need personnel support, actions or updates between now and November to eliminate issues from arising.

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—78th Manpower and Personnel Flight



Life cycle Management

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above, Lt. Gen. C.D. Moore, Air Force Life Cycle Management commander, speaks at the base theater Sept. 5.

Right, audience members listen as Moore talks about Life Cycle Management Center programs. Moore was here Sept. 4 to 5 to visit with the 78th Air Base Wing, LCMC, and to conduct a townhall meeting.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE AIR FORCE



ANG, Coast Guard complete joint rescue mission

California Air National Guardsmen from the 129th Rescue Wing, in a joint mission with the U.S. Coast Guard, successfully completed the rescue of two distressed fishermen aboard a fishing vessel about 1,400 miles off the coast of Acapulco, Mexico.

On Sept. 2, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center in Florida contacted the 129th Rescue Wing concerning an injured fisherman aboard the Mirelur, an Ecuadorian fishing vessel. The fisherman was experiencing severe abdominal pain and required immediate medical attention beyond the capabilities of the fishing vessel's staff.

On Sept. 3, an MC-130P Combat Shadow airplane and two HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters from the 129th RQW departed Moffett Federal Airfield for Mexico. The Combat Shadow flew to the location of the Mirelur, and 129th RQW pararescuemen - highly trained special operations medical personnel - parachuted into the Pacific Ocean before boarding the Mirelur. Once on board, the pararescuemen learned that another fisherman required medical treatment and began treating both persons.

On Sept. 4, the pararescuemen and patients were transferred from the Mirelur to the Morgenthau, a U.S. Coast Guard cutter sailing toward the coast of Mexico. The patients continued to receive medical treatment from the pararescuemen and Morgenthau's medical staff.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Two firefighting C-130s head home

Two C-130 Hercules from the Wyoming Air National Guard's 153rd Airlift Wing were deactivated Sept. 2, and returned to Wyoming from Boise, Idaho.

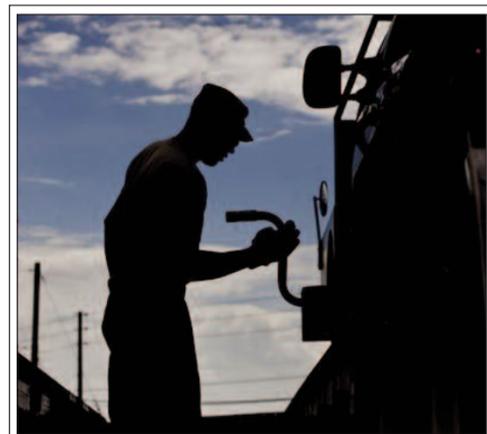
Leaders of the 153rd Air Expeditionary Group based in Boise said this season has become the second-highest in MAFFS history for gallons of fire retardant dropped, surpassed only by 1994, when about 5 million gallons were dropped. So far this season, through Aug. 27, the MAFFS fleet had released more than 2,277,971 gallons of fire retardant during 950 drops on fires in 10 states.

Four other Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System units remain activated. The Air Force Reserve Command's 302nd Airlift Wing out of Colorado Springs, Colo., has two C-130s operating out of Boise. The North Carolina and California Air National Guard each have one C-130 operating out of McClellan Air Tanker Base in Sacramento, Calif.

To find out more, visit www.af.mil.

Shaw hosts first sergeant symposium

Noncommissioned officers from around the Air Force



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER HUBENTHAL

Mastering the load

Senior Airman Bradley Cassidy, a 99th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operations journeyman, secures a bobtail truck to a loading vehicle during the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

gathered at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., for a first sergeant's symposium last month.

The symposium was attended by 103 NCOs who were interested in becoming a first sergeant or are currently assigned first sergeant tasks as an additional duty.

While there, the attendees learned about the duties associated with the job and got advice from many first

sergeants already wearing the first sergeant diamond on their sleeve.

"I wanted to get more information on the duties and responsibilities of being a first sergeant, and I feel that I've learned a lot while being here," said Master Sgt. Kate Harris, a native of Freeborn, Minn., currently assigned to the 20th Communications Squadron network control center.

Popular topics discussed were the relationships between superintendents, commanders and first sergeants in addition to development and disciplinary actions for Airmen.

The class was designed so that any NCO could benefit from the list of topics covered in lectures during the week.

For further details, visit www.acc.af.mil.

AF Expeditionary Center wraps up wargame

Approximately 65 air mobility experts wrapped up participation in Air Mobility Command's Global Mobility Wargame 2012 at the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

Subject-matter experts throughout the Air Force, AMC and many other organizations involved in defense planning conduct GLOMO biannually at the EC.

"Hosting GLOMO gives us the opportunity to showcase the center's total-force mobility and logistics expertise and further develop many of AMC's future concepts," said Col. Andrew Jillions, Expeditionary Center GLOMO lead.

The exercise is AMC's premier wargame which validates the transportation and logistics feasibility plan for Unified Engagement, the chief of staff of the Air Force's major operational-level wargame GLOMO officials said.

— compiled by Lanorris Askew

Zero gravity

Cadet 1st Class Heather Nelson (left), Trey Quiller, Department of Physics, (center) and 2nd Lt. Samantha Latch, Class of 2012, (right) watch the deployment of the FalconSAT-7 payload is the photon sieve, a membrane with billions of holes that duplicates the function of a traditional lens, but folds into a smaller space. The payload deploys within two seconds.



courtesy of NASA

Perspectives

Robins staff sergeant shares thoughts on education

Never in a million years did I think I would be in this position today.

I'm Staff Sgt. Nicholas Jackson from Chattanooga, Tenn., and I want to share my opinions on why education is important and inform others on how I have succeeded in overcoming barriers to reach my educational goals.

I graduated from Brainerd High School in 2001. On graduation day, I had to go back to school to take my final exam because I had failed it the week prior. I didn't apply myself in high school and graduated with a 2.2 grade point average.

The universities I wanted to enroll in at the time wouldn't accept me due to my low GPA. My twin brother and I joined the Air Force, and were placed on a delayed entry program for a year.

We arrived at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, on June 4, 2002, to begin our journey in the U.S. Air Force.

When I joined the Air Force, I said to myself, "All I want to do is travel the world; who cares about school?"

My twin brother, Nathan, (a staff sergeant stationed at Mountain Home



Courtesy photo

L-R, Senior Airman Terrell Ferguson, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Jackson and Senior Airman Mario Benavidez fold the flag during a recent retreat ceremony. The retreat included representatives of multiple organizations on base.

Air Force Base, Idaho) pushed me to get my Community College of the Air Force degree. Everything my brother did, I did. I graduated with my CCAF degree in Information Management in 2007.

Then I applied to become an

Airman Leadership School instructor at Robins followed in 2011 by completing my second CCAF degree in Instructor of Technology and Military Science. The feeling of accomplishment I have from completing two CCAF degrees pushed me to further

my education towards a bachelor's degree. I graduated from Columbia Southern University in July with a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology. And, now I'm looking into master's degree programs.

Growing up, my family didn't have enough money to send my brother or me to college. Using the resources the Air Force has provided with Tuition Assistance, I've been able to complete two CCAF degrees and a bachelor's degree and didn't have to pay any money out of pocket.

The Air Force provided me the opportunity to accomplish some personal and professional goals. Once again, I'm just a guy from Chattanooga who thought education wasn't important and didn't appreciate its value, but since joining the Air Force and having my brother encourage me along the way, my mindset has changed, and I intend to continue along my educational journey.

— This commentary was written by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Jackson, 78th Force Support Squadron.

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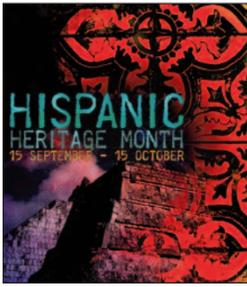
Hispanic Heritage Observance events

The Robins Hispanic Heritage Committee is celebrating “Diversity United, Building America’s Future Today.”

That’s the theme of this year’s Hispanic Heritage Month observance, which begins with an opening ceremony Saturday at the Base Exchange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The month long observance is a national celebration which runs Saturday through Oct. 15. Robins will host the following events throughout the month:

►A picnic is sched-



uled for Sept. 22 at Gator Park from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

POCs are Marisol Soto at 472-2856 and Gopi Weldon, at 862-3382.

►A luncheon will take place Sept. 26 at the Heritage Club at 11 a.m. The guest speaker is Col. Kimberly Ramos, Air

Force Reserve Command director of communications and chief information officer. POC is Mary Lou Medina at 468-4936.

►A Hispanic Heritage 5-K Fun Run will be at the Health and Wellness Center Oct. 5. POC is Tech. Sgt. Lizbeth Martinez at 497-1777.

►The final event is a banquet Oct. 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation.

The banquet will include Latin music and dancing. POCs are Gopi Weldon at 862-3382 or Marisol Soto at 472-2856.

Academy graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates of Airey NCO Academy:

Kevin Benedict
Nicholas Billow
Michael Cromer
**Matthew Davis
*Shaun Duffy
Jemareius Ford
Jorel Fudge
Justin Grypp
Brandon Jackson
Zach Jordan
Miguel Lopez
Derrell Marks
Richard Martinez
Ruben Martinez
LaToya Page
*Raymond Powell
Johnny Seay
Frank Stoddard
Russell Ticer
Charles Wesley
Octavia Williams
* Distinguished graduate
** Commandant Award

The Commissary will host its annual tent sale in the parking lot between the commissary and the car wash from today and Saturday.

The tent sale will open at the same time as the commissary, but will close two hours earlier for cleaning and restocking for the next business day.

The following leadership classes are scheduled for September:

►Gregory Huttner will present “Financial management” Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 139.

►Col. Mitchel Butikofer will present “Leadership Insight” Sept. 26 from 8 to 10 a.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

►Carl Unholz will present “Diversity” Sept. 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

The Robins Chapel is looking for a Catholic

music director. Applicants must have experience playing the organ and at least four years experience directing Catholic parish choirs.

Applicants must submit to a criminal history background check. Resume deadline is Sept. 24.

Interviews and skill demonstrations will be Sept. 26. The contract will be awarded based on “Best Value” to the government.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Derek Johnson at derek.johnson@robins.af.mil.

Central Georgia Marine Corps League Detachment #1373 will meet Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. at Flint Energies off Ga. Highway 96, between Sun Trust Bank and Houston County High School. Bring your DD-214 or retired I.D. card and \$35. A short application will be provided.

For more information, call John Harmon at 472-0853.

A Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program workshop will be Sept. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center Bldg. 794A Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program workshop will be Sept. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center Bldg. 794.

PREP is one of the most comprehensive and well respected divorce-prevention and marriage enhancing programs in the world. It is a skills and principles-building curriculum designed to help partners say what they need to say, get to

the heart of problems, and increase their connection with each other.

PREP is a prevention program designed for couples who are thinking about getting married, newlyweds and for couples who have been married for a long time.

Register now. Seating is limited.

For more information, call the Family Advocacy Program at 327-8422.

EO refresher training for employees is scheduled for Oct. 16 and 17 at the base theater.

EO refresher training for managers is scheduled for Oct. 23 and 24 at the base theater.

For more information, call Susan Carey or Jeanette Draughorne at 497-2131.

Et cetera

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To assist in **reducing alcohol-related incidents**, the 78th Force Support Squadron is offering a designated driver program at the Heritage Club and Pizza Depot.

For groups of two or more, designated drivers will receive free fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks.

To learn more, call 468-2670.

Also, Airmen Against Drunk Driving provides rides free of charge to any Robins DoD ID card holder. Coverage is from Perry to Macon.

For a free, anonymous ride, call 472-0013.

Robins to host POW/MIA events

The Robins POW/MIA Committee will host a recognition ceremony Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight Hangar.

J.D. Lankford, author of “Walk With Me” and former World War II POW and Korean War veteran, will be the guest speaker.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Justin Laws at 468-5332; Tech. Sgt.



David Marshall at 468-1434; or Dave Cowles at 497-3476.

A 24-hour run will also be conducted beginning Wednesday at the Museum of Aviation. Groups and organizations can bid for time slots. Donations optional starting at \$1. Donating teams receive priority time slots. For more information, contact Wilbert Terrell at wilbert.terrell@robins.af.mil.

Library opening changes

Beginning Oct. 1, the new base library hours will be Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. The library will be closed Sundays and federal holidays.

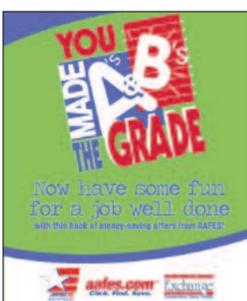


Good grades pay off at the Robins Exchange

According to the Military Child Education Coalition, an estimated 80 percent of military connected children are forced to move between six and nine times as they complete their K-12 education and, along with geographical moves, comes changes in educational settings and curriculums.

With these unique challenges in mind, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service rewards military students who excel. In fact, school children who receive a report card with an overall “B” average or better can pick up an array of free and discounted products through the Robins Exchange’s “You Made the Grade” program.

Now in its 12th year, “You Made the Grade”



offers include free meals, magazines and even complimentary haircuts, to name a few.

Students “making the grade” can also register for a drawing to win a \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500 Exchange gift card.

“Military students who excel in the classroom despite multiple moves and deploying parents deserve to be recognized,” said the Robins Exchange’s general manager, Anthony Ventura.

“While good grades are their own reward, this program recognizes the hard work and dedication required of pupils at the head of the class.”

To receive a “You Made the Grade” booklet, eligible students can simply present a valid military ID and proof of an overall “B” or better average to the Robins Exchange. Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the gift card drawing only once per grading period.

Military families can contact the Robins Exchange for more information about the “You Made the Grade” Program at (478) 923-5536 or 923-5537.

— Courtesy AAFES

Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	926-1256
Health and Wellness Education	Health and Wellness Center	327-8480
Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	327-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	327-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	926-2946
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	327-4584

AFMC Wellness Support Center — www.afmcwellness.com

Shingles vaccine could cut exposure in half

The 78th Medical Group Immunizations clinic recognizes the importance of the Shingles vaccine and is offering the vaccine to Tricare beneficiaries.

A single dose of the vaccine is available without a prescription to members 50 years of age and up. A physician prescription will be required for those who are younger.

Anyone who receives the vaccine could experience localized redness, swelling and tenderness at the injection site.

Education is also available at the immu-

Medic's message

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WHAT TO KNOW

To find out more about when to schedule a Shingles vaccine, contact the 78th Medical Group Immunizations Clinic at 497-7921.

nizations' front desk. The staff encourages patients to consult their physician before getting the vaccine to ensure there is no risk to their health.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, "Shingles is a painful localized skin rash, often with blisters, caused by the varicella zoster virus – the same virus that causes chickenpox. Anyone who has

had chickenpox can develop Shingles. The vaccine, Zostavax, is a single dose vaccine proven to reduce exposure by 51 percent.

Providers are educating and encouraging patients to get vaccinated to lower the risk of getting Shingles, especially in those who are considered high risk.

– Courtesy
78th Medical Group

'Long Shot'

by Harry Paige



The official birthday of the U.S. Air Force is Sept. 18, 1947.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Suicide Prevention Week

Team Robins members participate in a 5K walk/run at the Museum of Aviation Sept. 7 to help raise awareness about suicide prevention. The event was conducted in recognition of National Suicide Awareness Week, which ends today.

Education corner

Houston County schools flu vaccinations

The Houston County Health Department is offering a free flu vaccine on school campuses for children between Sept. 25 and Nov. 14.

Parents of elementary school children are encouraged to be present for the vaccination. Any parent is welcome at the vaccine clinic. Consent forms will be sent home.

The Houston County Hot Shots Coalition has been offering the flu vaccine on school campuses since 2008. A partnership of the Houston County Board of Education, Houston County Health Department, Robins Air Force Base and private providers in Warner Robins and Perry formed in 2003, the coalition's purpose is to increase vaccine awareness and rates in school-age children.

For more information, contact Kathryn Shiplett, lead nurse for the HCBOE at 929-7767 or Kathryn.Shiplett@hcbe.net

Elementary Schools

David Perdue Primary
Sept. 25; 9 to 11 a.m.
Linwood Elementary
Sept. 25; 1 to 3 p.m.
Quail Run Elementary
Sept. 26; 9 to 11 a.m.
Matt Arthur Elementary

Sept. 26; 1 to 3 p.m.
Perry Primary
Sept. 27; 9 to 11 a.m.
Miller Elementary
Sept. 27; 1 to 3 p.m.
Lindsey Elementary
Oct. 2; 9 to 11 a.m.
Pearl Stephens Elementary
Oct. 2; 1 to 3 p.m.
Westside Elementary
Oct. 3; 9 to 11 a.m.
Parkwood Elementary
Oct. 3; 1 to 3 p.m.
Lake Joy Primary
Oct. 4; 9 to 11 a.m.
David Perdue Elementary
Oct. 4; 1 to 3 p.m.
Kings Chapel Elementary
Oct. 16; 9 to 11 a.m.
Tucker Elementary
Oct. 16; 1 to 3 p.m.
Morningside Elementary
Oct. 17; 9 to 11 a.m.
Lake Joy Elementary
Oct. 17; 1 to 3 p.m.
Shirley Hills Elementary
Oct. 18; 9 to 11 a.m.
Russell Elementary
Oct. 18; 1 to 3 p.m.
Hilltop Elementary
Oct. 23; 9 to 11 a.m.
Bonaire Elementary
Oct. 24; 1 to 3 p.m.
Northside Elementary
Oct. 24; 9 to 11 a.m.
Centerville Elementary
Oct. 24; 1 to 3 p.m.

Eagle Springs Elementary
Oct. 25; 9 to 11 a.m.
Elam Elberta Center
Oct. 25; 1 to 3 p.m.
Middle Schools
Huntington Middle
Oct. 30; 9 to 11 a.m.
Thomson Middle
Oct. 30; 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Mossy Creek Middle
Oct. 31; 9 to 11 a.m.
Northside Middle
Oct. 31 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Perry Middle
Nov. 1; 9 to 11 a.m.
Bonaire Middle
Nov. 1; 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Warner Robins Middle
Nov. 6; 9 to 11 a.m.
Feagin Mill Middle
Nov. 6; 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
High Schools
Perry High
Nov. 7; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Veterans High
Nov. 7; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Houston County High
Nov. 8; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Northside High
Nov. 8; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tabor Academy
Nov. 8; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
HC Crossroads Center
Nov. 13; 1 to 2 p.m.
Warner Robins High
Nov. 13; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
HC Career Academy
Nov. 14; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Robins, Mercer partner on degree offerings

Robins and Mercer University have formed a new partnership which will include a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership.

Benefits include 10 percent reduced tuition rates with waived application fees. Classes for the B.S. in Organizational Leadership program beginning Oct. 17 on Mercer's Macon Campus. An informational session will be conducted Monday at the following times and locations:

Bldg. 905 Room 243 at 8 a.m.
Bldg. 43 Room 4 at 9:30 a.m.
Bldg. 301 Engineer Conference Room at 11 a.m.

We would also like to know your interest in bringing the program on Robins by par-

ticipating in a quick survey. Access the link via the Robins Splash Page Monday.

The results will determine if this program along with a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership with a concentration in Leadership and Organizational Development and Change will be offered on base beginning March 2013.

For additional information regarding either degree program or information session, contact Amanda Bentley at Bentley_AD@mercer.edu or 478-301-6554 or Laurie Alexander, Laurie.Alexander@robins.af.mil or 497-8591.

— *Complex Training Development & Execution Section*

A Day of Remembrance



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Scouts from Troop and Pack 220 located on Robins honored the remembrance of the 11th anniversary of 9/11 with a solemn flag retirement ceremony at the Fire Ring near the Pave Paws facility. When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.



Tyler Muchmeyer, center, tosses red stripes from a retiring flag onto a fire while Anthony Lunger and William Green salute.



Garrett Cox recounts the events of 9-11 and asks for a moment of silence in remembrance of that day. Scouts honored the remembrance with a solemn flag retirement ceremony at the Fire Ring near the Pave Paws facility.

Boy Scouts retire flags in 9/11 ceremony

Scouts from Troop and Pack 220 located on Robins honored the remembrance of the 11th anniversary of 9/11 with a solemn flag retirement ceremony at the Fire Ring near the Pave Paws facility, Bldg. 1400, on Tuesday.

Throughout the year, the units collected worn and distressed flags from both on base organizations as well as off base groups and citizens. The scouts feel privileged to retire the flags as a service to the base and are proud that the donors trust them to retire these flags with the dignity and reverence they are due.

The scouts retired 27 American flags, one Georgia State flag and one christian flag at the event.

They hope that conducting this special ceremony on Sept. 11 encouraged attendees to take an extra moment to reflect on what

WHAT TO KNOW

To turn flags in for retirement or to find out more regarding scouting programs on Robins, feel free to call Griff Cox at 478-542-1335 or email Troop 220 at rafttroop220@yahoo.com.

makes our country great and to thank all in the armed services for all that they do to keep us free.

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are sponsored on base by the Society of American Military Engineers Robins Post and the units have been chartered since 1956 making them some of the oldest operational scout units in Middle Georgia.

— Submitted by Gary Griffin Cox

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time and on station, meeting taskings while responding to various simulations from inspectors.

Those included simulated chemical and mortar attacks, small arms fire, crash recovery and survival scenarios.

“The objective is to see how much we can stress the organization and perform under that stress,” said Col. Henry Cyr, 461st ACW vice commander.

Cyr also credits the unique experiences brought to the inspection as part of the JSTARS total force construct of the Georgia Air National Guard, the Army and ACC forces. “When you put all this together, we are better suited to respond to complex situations,” added Cyr. “We are fortunate to have that

great team. Having that complex organization is in fact one of our strengths.”

As part of the “Excellent” grade, over the summer the IG team also evaluated a Virtual Flag exercise, designed to provide realistic warfighter training in a simulated environment. The exercise was hosted by the Air Force Distributed Mission Operations Center, and linked operational and tactical training of various weapons systems platforms across the armed forces, including the JSTARS platform.

Over a 10-year period, Team JSTARS, an airborne battle management, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform based at Robins, has experienced steady deployments in support of various contingencies across the globe.

The next Team JSTARS ORI is scheduled for 2017.



U.S. Air Force photos by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

Top left, Capt. William Martin, right, 116th Air Control Wing judge advocate general, is inspected by Army Staff Sgt. Mercadante Oreste, 138th Military Intelligence Company exercise entry point assistant, during an ORI here Sept. 6.

Bottom left, Tech. Sgt. Elliott Wilkins and Senior Airman Quinn Hansen, 116th Air Control Wing, take cover after a simulated attack.

Above, an Airborne Radar Technician with Team Joint STARS, performs a pre flight inspection at an operator work station aboard an E-8C Joint STARS.

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contribute to making their own organizations and, ultimately, Robins successful.

For instance, the 78th Air Base Wing’s ‘job jar’ includes overseeing all infrastructure across the installation.

While, among other things, it maintains a central compressed air plant in the complex, which powers tools for sanding in paint hangars and repairing aircraft, it also ensures the base’s 12,001 foot-long runway – the longest in Georgia – is ready for use not only by F-15s, C-5s, C-17s and C-130s, but

E8C J-STARS (Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System) aircraft operated by the 116th and 461st Air Control wings and Light Attack Helicopters used by Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-773.

In fact, the 78th recently oversaw the replacement of concrete slabs on the runway. It also oversaw upgrades to the runway’s South Aircraft Barrier Arresting System, which acts as a safety net for tailhook-equipped aircraft which may need assistance when landing.

“We provide the infrastructure for everyone to be able to do their jobs,” said James Willingham, 78th Civil Engineer Group deputy director.

Meanwhile, Defense Logistics Agency components here perform a variety of missions in support of all branches of the military. But, they also partner directly with numerous organizations on Robins to ensure their supply needs are met.

One such component, DLA Aviation Warner Robins, has realized a “29 percent reduction in backorders for maintenance” since early 2011 – a mark its commander, Col. Daniel Hicks, says is attributable to the teaming of local senior leaders.

“In my fifteen months here, I’ve seen professionals meet together to understand and then resolve problems that would hold us back from being

world class,” he said.

“The senior leaders I’ve worked with here set a great example that has permeated the base,” he added.

While processes such as high velocity maintenance have been behind many of the local improvements, Keene also credits most of the success to teamwork – teamwork he’s confident will prevail here for the foreseeable future.

“I’m very optimistic because I think we have the opportunity to be better than we’ve ever been,” he said. “To become world class, you have to be better than everyone else, and I know people here want to be that.”

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
14	15	16	17	18	19	20

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ROBINS OUT AND ABOUT

ON TAP
Wine Tasting

Today
5:30 p.m.
Horizons Event Center
\$20 for one
\$35 for two
For details,
call 468-2105.

Keystone Meetings

Saturday,
Sept. 22 and 29
4 p.m.
Youth Center
For details,
call 468-2110.

Wild Adventures

Single Airman
Saturday
\$35
For details,
call 468-4001.

**Six Flags Military
Appreciation Days**

Saturday and Sunday
and Sept. 22 and 23
For details,
call 468-2945.

**Glow-In-The-Dark
Bowling**

Saturday nights
9 to 11 p.m.
Bowling Center
\$10 per person
For details,
call 468-2112.

Home Buying

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

**Bundles for Babies
& Passport to
Parenthood**

Tuesday
8 a.m. to noon
Bldg. 794

For details,
call 468-1256.

Financial Beginnings

First Term Officers'
Wednesday
9 to 11 a.m.
Bldg. 794
For details,
call 468-1256.

Golf Course Closed

Thursday and Sept. 21
Annual Ga Invitational
For details,
call 468-4103.

**Pre-Separation
Briefings**

Separatees
Thursday
12:30 to 4 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details,
call 468-1256.

**Teen Council
Meetings**

Sept. 22
3 p.m.
Youth Center
For details,
call 468-2110.

**Interview
w/Confidence**

Sept. 24
1 to 3 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details,
call 468-1256.

Credit Management

Sept. 25
2 to 3 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details,
call 468-1256.

**Pre-Separation
Briefings**

Retirees
Sept. 27
12:30 to 4 p.m.

Bldg. 794
For details,
call 468-1256.

UPCOMING

Boss N' Buddy

Sept. 21
4 to 5 p.m.
Heritage Club Lounge
Members free
Guests \$5
For details,
call 472-7864.

Navigating USAJobs

Sept. 27
9 to 10 a.m.
Bldg. 794
For details,
call 468-1256.

GA National Fair

Oct. 4 – 14
Admission \$7
Child 10 years
and younger
free with paying adult
Ride Sheets \$10 at ITT
For details,
call 468-2945.

ONGOING

Blue Man Group

Orlando
Special Military Offer
Through Oct. 28 at ITT
Adult \$44
Child \$29
For details,
call 468-2945.

Seeking Volunteers

Wood Hobby Shop
For details,
call 468-5282.

**Storm
Resurfacers Special**

Limited time only
Full resurface for \$17
For details,
call 468-2112.

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