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## Globemaster team wins 2012 SecDef performance-based logistics award

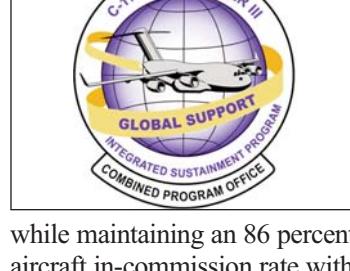
BY CAPT GERALD MARTINEZ  
C-17 Globemaster III Combined Program Office

The C-17 Globemaster Integrated Sustainment Partnership – much of which is located at Robins – recently won the 2012 Secretary of Defense “Gerald R. Beck” Performance Based Logistics Award in the system level category for teaming the Air Force with Boeing to provide global sustainment support to all operators of the C-17.

The C-17 Globemaster III Combined Program Office here

manages the partnership and employs 196 civilians, contractors and military personnel – a team which works to ensure high aircraft availability and reliability for 239 aircraft at 18 main operating locations for the air or defense forces of the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and NATO.

Using a “Virtual Fleet” construct, they pooled and positioned spares and services enabling 55,000 sorties and more than 220,000 flying hours



while maintaining an 86 percent aircraft in-commission rate with an average of 49 sorties flown between aircraft stoppers.

By aggregating requirements, examining demand patterns, and repositioning buy and repair processes, costs per flying hour were also reduced by 10 percent.

PBL is a key Department of Defense strategy used to deliver an integrated, affordable, support solution designed to optimize system readiness. Secretary of Defense PBL awards recognize government and industry teams that have demonstrated outstanding achievements in providing warfighters with exceptional operational capability through PBL agreements.

“It’s a pleasure coming to work every day with such dedicated and professional men and women. They’re what make this

the number one PBL sustainment program,” said Col. David Morgan, C-17 Globemaster III CPO chief.

“It’s definitely a team sport to achieve the levels of performance this program has enjoyed,” added Gus Urzua, Boeing vice president and program manager. “Together, we’re stronger and achieve more than if we were trying to do this separately.”

The award will be presented Oct. 30 at the Aerospace Industries Association’s Fall Product Support Conference in Charleston, S.C.

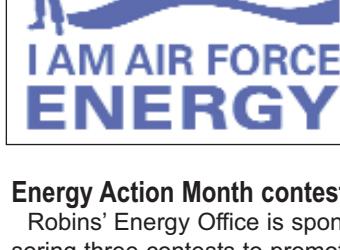
## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Management, AFGE release joint statement

The management and union negotiating teams have been working together for the last month to update the Local Supplement Agreement. This agreement has not been updated since October 1982.

The parties are committed to work together to resolve problems for the betterment of the Robins Air Force Base mission and all employees. Our intent is to jointly craft a new Local Supplement Agreement which will clarify contract language, strive for a more effective, employee-friendly environment in which to work, and improve workplace culture. Our common goals are to improve labor management relations, provide better quality support to our customers, and improve support to the War Fighter.

We are making progress and will continue to work hard to ensure Robins is the place to live, learn, work, and play and the first choice for new workload.”



### Energy Action Month contest

Robins' Energy Office is sponsoring three contests to promote awareness during Energy Action Month.

Guidelines follow:

1. Personnel are encouraged to submit nominations for the following categories – Energy Hog, Energy Champion, Energy Creative/Innovative.
2. Submissions in bullet format – five bullets max; 10 words max for each bullet.
3. Identify a building, organization or area for the award.
4. Send nominations to 78.abw.energy.office@robins.af.mil.

For full details, see the Robins homepage at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).

### Get on the train

Team Robins will be exercising and training for most of October. The 78th Air Base Wing is also practicing and training to prepare for an installation inspection later this fiscal year.

Team Robins starts the month with a deployment exercise Oct. 15 through 19, with training events leading up to the actual deployment process.

As an installation, Emergency Management is a big task, and readiness will be challenged on Oct. 16 with a Public Health Outbreak Table Top Exercise that will have participation from all base leaders.



Montford Point Marine Corps veteran Frank Johnson was honored with the government's highest civilian award – the Congressional Gold Medal – during a Tuesday ceremony at Macon City Hall.

## Local Marine receives Congressional honor

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With his wife and daughter by his side, Marine Corps veteran Frank Johnson was honored Tuesday with the government's highest civilian award – the Congressional Gold Medal.

A standing-room only crowd gathered at Macon City Hall to pay respect to Johnson – a longtime Macon volunteer and activist, and one of the Montford Point Marines.

From 1942 to 1949, all black Marine recruits – nearly 20,000 in all – reported for segregated basic training at Montford Point, N.C., just outside Camp Lejeune.

He served his country during World War II, and returned

to Macon after the war. He would later serve his local community, and retired from Robins in 1989 after 34 years of civil service. To recognize their contributions to the Corps and American society, the medal was bestowed upon about 400 living Montford Marines during a service in Washington D.C. in June. Not all, however, were able to attend, so the ceremony has been brought to many across the country.

The ceremony began with the reading of a quote from former president Ronald Reagan: “Some people live their entire life wondering if they made a difference in the world. Marines don’t have that problem.”

Following the reading of a letter from the Commandant of the Marine Corps and President Barack Obama, the medal was presented to Johnson by Lt. Col. David Steele, Marine Aircraft Group 49 Detachment A commander.

“This is a great day. We have an opportunity to honor a living legend in our Corps,” said Steele. “We’re really embracing the Montford Point traditions. These men were fighting on two fronts – for our nation and for civil rights.”

Johnson’s wife, Dorothy, spoke on her husband’s behalf, explaining how proud her family is of the award, and of his strength, courage and honor.

“I feel thankful that he is still here to enjoy it,” she said.

## Online Hazard Reporting Tool implemented

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In an effort to improve working conditions and the overall safety and health of the workforce, a new online Hazard Reporting Tool is being implemented.

The tool will allow employees and management to see the real-time status of major safety and health concerns across Robins and give employees anonymous reporting capability.

Lt. Col. Timothy Tart, installation chief of safety, said developing streamlined metrics to assist in pinpointing immediate problems and providing speedy resolutions will help “win over the hearts and minds of the employees” by developing a trusting, sincere rapport with employees, management, union, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the overall Robins community.

“We expect to significantly improve the means of addressing employee concerns to ensure our people are going home safe and healthy each day,” Tart said.

An icon linking to the HRT will be deployed to desktops by Tuesday. Any one with server access will be able to access the tool and submit a hazard using the icon. Once a hazard report is submitted, it’s sent electronically to a supervisor. If the supervisor can’t resolve the concern within 24 hours,

▶ see TOOL, 8

## Litchfield: Robins a strategic asset, important base

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Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield recently made his first official visit to Robins as commander of the Air Force Sustainment Center at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

During a Sept. 25 press conference, he said the visit was important in helping him understand how he can best support the base's mission and the people working to accomplish it.

“This will be one of many trips I will make here in the foreseeable future,” Litchfield said. “Robins is a strategic

asset for the United States Air Force – it’s an important base – and I have to make sure I understand what we need to be successful in what we do.”

Robins became part of the AFSC in July when the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center was re-designated a complex. The restructure was a major part of AFMC's response to a congressional challenge to find efficiencies and save tax dollars. Litchfield said thus far it has been successful.

“I can say unequivocally we are operating more effectively today than we were before we



stood up,” he said. “For the first time we’re all talking the same language; we’re all executing under a similar leadership model; we’re all operating under the same scientific principles and production capabilities at all three of our strategic bases. It’s really remarkable to see that in such a

short time.”

The general's visit to Robins was a homecoming of sorts, as Litchfield's first duty assignment in 1981 was as an electronic warfare integrated systems manager at the WRALC.

“When I go through the software facility now, it’s impressive,” he said.

U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, Air Force Sustainment Center commander, speaks to media during his visit to Robins.

“What Robins does in terms of software programming, software upgrade efforts, the talented people we have here, and the infrastructure we have to support them, it’s some of the best we have in the Air Force. I look at it with great pride seeing how far we’ve come.”

Litchfield said he looks forward to returning to in about five weeks.

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## Focus for October on recognition, understanding

### Triple Ribbon Awareness Month

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Three key health issues – drug abuse, domestic violence and breast cancer are the focus of Triple Ribbon Awareness Month.

The Health and Wellness Center is planning events throughout October to put the spotlight those important topics. All events are free and open to anyone with base access.

"Triple Ribbon Month promotes awareness of these issues," said Dani Lebovitz, HAWC health and fitness specialist and registered dietitian. "Instead of creating several small educational events, we decided to create a multiple health awareness campaign to shine light on various health issues that face our local community and beyond."

"The goal is to promote health awareness and to build a healthier community," she added.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Warner Robins Mayor, Chuck Shaheen; Col. Mitchel Butikofer, installation commander; and other base and community leaders signed a proclamation Sept. 26 at the Museum of Aviation designating October 2012 as the third annual Triple Ribbon Month.

#### TRIPLE RIBBON EVENTS

► Today, Oct. 19 and 26 – Education Road Show featuring informational displays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Base Exchange, commissary and all dining facilities.

► Oct. 12 – 5K run/walk and Health and Wellness Fair, beginning with a 7:20 a.m. balloon release in honor of those touched by the triple ribbons. Participants should sign in at 7 a.m. by the Robins Park pavilions to fill out a tribute tab to be placed in the balloons, and an honorary bib to run or walk in honor of someone. The run/walk will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on the nature trail.

Entire units wishing to participate should contact the HAWC at 497-8480. The health fair will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the old fitness center.

For more information about these activities, call 327-8480.

► Oct. 16 – Houston Healthcare will host a Pink Picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation.

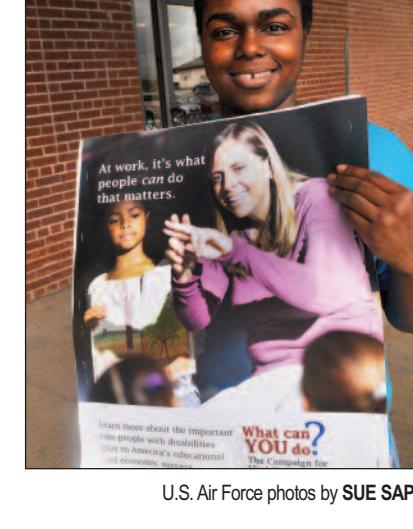
► Oct. 23 – A self-defense class will be offered in the fitness center aerobics room from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

During October, everyone is encouraged to participate in Wednesday Spirit Days. Wear an appliqué on your ID badge; purple on Wednesday, red on Oct. 17, and pink on Oct. 24.



### National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Above, Robins kicks off National Disability Employment Awareness Month on Monday with a half-mile walk around buildings 300 and 301. The observance is a national campaign that raises awareness and celebrates the many contributions of Americans with disabilities. This year's theme is "A Strong Workforce is an Inclusive Work Force: What Can YOU Do?"



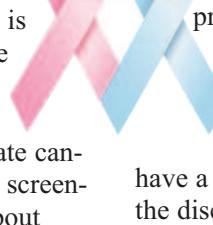
Right, Airman 1st Class Tyneisha Shelley, 78th Force Support Squadron, displays a poster she carried during Monday's walk.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

### Breast, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

BY AFMC  
WELLNESS SUPPORT CENTER

During October, Air Force Materiel Command will be promoting Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer Awareness. This is an excellent time to educate individuals about breast and prostate cancer and promote screening. Knowing about these diseases and what you can do to prevent them, can save your life.



grams, breast exams by a physician, and self breast exams. Your doctor can help you decide when and how often to be screened.

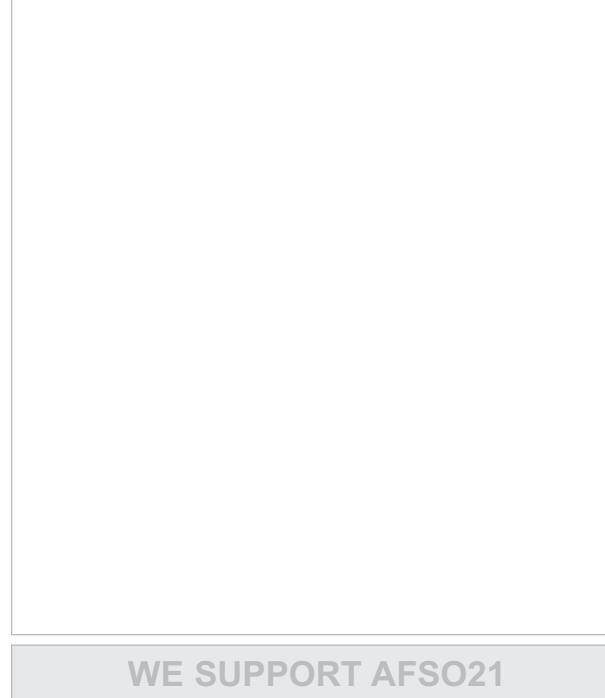
The CDC reports that about 1 out of 6 American men are diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Men have an increased risk of getting prostate cancer if they have a family history of the disease, are African-American, or if they are age 50 or older.

Screening for prostate cancer includes the blood test and digital rectal exam by a physician.

Throughout October, Civilian Health Promotion Services will be offering health education briefings on breast and prostate cancer risk factors, symptoms, screenings, and things you can do to reduce your cancer risk.

**For more information, contact your local CHPS team or visit [www.afmcwellness.com](http://www.afmcwellness.com).**



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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE AIR FORCE



# AIR FORCE

## Lodging rates increase

After four years without an increase, Air Force lodging rates rose slightly Monday.

The increase was necessary to ensure Air Force lodging rates covered current operating and capital improvement costs, said Maj. Gen. A.J. Stewart, Air Force Personnel Center commander.

As an example, the nightly room rate for a visiting quarters room, which had been \$39 is now \$53.25, and the rate for temporary lodging facilities has gone from \$43 to \$55 per night. The increased rates will fund costs for operations, room renovations and construction, Stewart said.

As the Air Force works to improve business processes, implement efficiencies and maintain lodging operations in a constrained budget environment, other adjustments may be necessary, according to Col. Thomas Joyce, director, AFPC Services Directorate.

"We are committed to keeping room rates as low as possible while providing clean, comfortable, quality facilities. This is part of our commitment to caring for Airmen, and we take that obligation very seriously," he said. "However, we must be realistic as well."

For further details, visit [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

## Officials discuss cybernet transformation efforts

Defense officials gathered at the National Press Club on Sept. 27 to discuss DoD efforts to transform its cyber operations into cloud computing technology that's envisioned to provide added agility, security and cost effectiveness.

Robert Carey, DoD's principal deputy chief information officer; Grant M. Schneider, Defense Intelligence Agency deputy director for information management and CIO; and Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronnie Hawkins Jr., Defense Information Systems Agency director, comprised the discussion panel at the 3rd Annual Billington Cybersecurity Summit.

The discussion included DoD's cloud computing strategy that transforms the department's redundant and costly current network application silos to an end state that fosters a more agile, secure and cost-effective service environment.

Cloud computing is a converged infrastructure that allows greater application set-up and speed with improved manageability and reduced maintenance, enabling technicians to more quickly adjust to and protect against threats, officials said. DISA has been named enterprise cloud service broker, the officials added.

For further details, visit [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov).

## Airmen able to vote by absentee ballots

No one has to miss out on getting their vote in for the upcoming general election. With FVAP.gov, voting for military members is simpler than ever.

The 2012 general election will be Nov. 6.

## Loaded

Senior Airman Antonio Ortega, left, Master Sgt. Nelson Rodriguez, center, and Senior Airman Christian Marrero-Santana load a GBU-54 bomb onto an F-16 Fighting Falcon during the 482nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's quarterly Load Crew Competition at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. The winning load crews for each quarter will compete against each other at the end of the year for Homestead's Best Load Crew of the Year title.



U.S. Air Force photo

Deadlines to register absentee ballots are state-dependent and can be found at the FVAP.gov website.

An absentee ballot is a way for military members and their families to vote while outside their state of residence.

To request an absentee ballot, use the online registration and absentee ballot assistant, or contact your unit or installation voting assistance officers.

"Today, with the Internet, it's easy to vote," said Capt. Ashley Snyder, 99th Medical Support Squadron Resource Management Office deputy flight commander. "The website makes things error proof."

The Military Postal Service provides free, expedited ballot delivery and ballot tracking to local election offices for military members and their families stationed overseas. Overseas and deployed members can go to their local post office or postal clerk, use the Label 11 - DoD form on their absentee ballot envelope and mail it. They can also track the status of the ballot, at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

For further details, visit [www.acc.af.mil](http://www.acc.af.mil).

## Couriers control critical cargo

When the military requires a delivery of goods too important to entrust to the local post office, it relies on U.S. Transportation Command's Defense Courier Service. These Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen ensure safe delivery of highly-classified items across the globe.

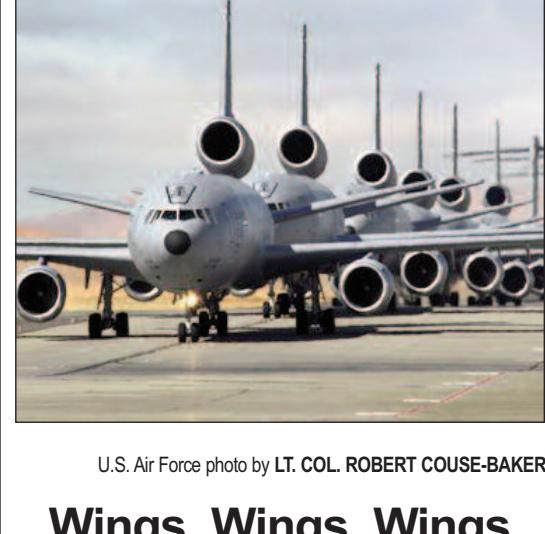
Two such couriers are Army Sgt. Marcus Atchison and Staff Sgt. Anthony Haylock, DCS couriers based out of Fort Meade, Md. Though hailing from different services and careers, both share a passion for their special duty.

"I love this job," said Atchison. "We have no standard workday or regular customer. I have seen places I would not have seen otherwise."

The bread and butter of courier duty is transporting and transferring goods. At a moment's notice, couriers can be tasked to board a flight destined for a location across the globe. Their deliveries can take the form of a small package or a 1,200-pound pallet, but all of them are important.

For further details, visit [www.amc.af.mil](http://www.amc.af.mil).

*-compiled by Holly Logan-Arrington*



U.S. Air Force photo by LT. COL. ROBERT COUSE-BAKER

## Wings, Wings, Wings

Travis Air Force Base Airmen conduct a mass launch of 12 mobility aircraft, practicing the combat capability of safely and swiftly launching a large number of aircraft in a matter of minutes. The launch of six KC-10A Extenders, three C-17 Globemaster IIIs, and three C-5 Galaxies from the California base provided essential training across the spectrum of mobility capabilities, including flight operations, operations support, aircraft maintenance, fuels and air traffic control.

## Perspective

# Today we fly ... tomorrow we soar

Today is a great day to fly ... as we look ahead to soaring tomorrow.

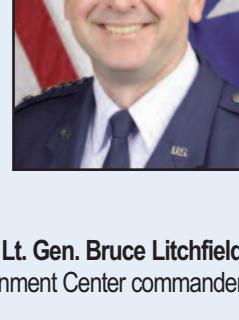
Each and every member of the Air Force Sustainment Center should take tremendous pride in what we accomplished this past fiscal year.

Working in unprecedented partnerships, we constructed a leaner, more responsive sustainment organization, and we did it while never losing focus on our first priority – delivering air-power to the warfighter.

Time and again you demonstrated your ability to meet expectations by delivering critical capabilities using the tenets of speed, quality and safety.

From passing Air Force Material Command's first Consolidated Unit Inspection and garnering the Department of Defense's highest award for depot maintenance to finding innovative ways to reduce the cost of executing our business, Team AFSC

*"It isn't cliché when I say I am humbled to be part of this remarkable group of logistics, maintenance, supply chain and base support professionals. I hope each of you is as proud as I am in the work you do every day to support our nation's defense."*



**Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield**  
Air Force Sustainment Center commander

has already proven we are unequivocally better today than when we activated in July.

But what excites me isn't what we have done, but our potential for world-record performances across the sustainment mission. During our first 90 days as a center, we demonstrated

unprecedented collaboration across all organizations to successfully posture ourselves to achieve 'art of the possible' results.

We have the leadership model in place that will enable us to be more and more productive as a center. We are building metrics that provide focus

and transparency from the shop floor to the AFMC commander's door; real metrics that measure productivity – not just activity.

We are freeing ourselves from a culture of "this is how we have always done it" and embracing the reality that continuous process improvement is the portal to the cost-effective readiness our nation needs. In uncertain times, one certainty is that the cost of readiness will be a major factor in shaping the size of the Air Force and its ability to win the next fight. Never doubt, what you do matters.

It isn't cliché when I say I am humbled to be part of this remarkable group of logistics, maintenance, supply chain and base support professionals. I hope each of you is as proud as I am in the work you do every day to support our nation's defense.

It's going to be a great year.

## ROBINS REV-UP

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# On the Fly

## Robins to host Military Appreciation Day

Military retirees from all branches of service and their guests are invited to attend Robins' Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 27.

The appreciation day is held to inform, assist and honor all retired military members, spouses and surviving spouses, as well as their family members with base access.

The day's festivities will begin with breakfast from 6:30 to 8 a.m. at the Wynn Dining Facility.

Door prizes and registration will take place from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the Base Theater.

Retiree activities and briefings will follow from 9:45 a.m. to noon.

Col. Mitchel



Butikofer, installation commander, will provide opening remarks at 10 a.m.

The briefings will include information about the pharmacy, security forces and services.

A pay-as-you-go lunch will be available in the Heritage Club's Pizza Depot from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Vendors' tables (at no charge) will be available in the Heritage Club Bingo Room from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Vendors vary from base services to community businesses.

interested in educating retirees and their families about resources and services provided by their business. Door prizes will be furnished by base services, as well as many community businesses. Drawings for door prizes will be from 2 to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit the Retiree Activities office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from noon to 3 p.m., call 327-4707, or email richard.delaney@robins.af.mil. You may also contact Pat Delaney at 225-8653 or pdelaney48@hotmail.com.

## 461st ACW connects with its roots

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The 461st Air Control Wing celebrated the one-year anniversary of its activation Tuesday, but just last month the commander helped commemorate other milestones at the 461st Bombardment Group reunion in Indianapolis, Ind.

The group invited Col. Dean Worley to address the organization and help link its past to the present.

The 461st was first activated July 1, 1943 as a B-24 Bombardment Group. Following training in the United States, the unit was deployed to Torretta Air Field, in Cerignola, Italy arriving on Feb. 20, 1944.

The group flew 223 bombing missions over Europe which included 5,494 sorties and spanned 46,203 combat hours.

They dropped 10,886 tons of bombs over enemy targets with an impressive 82 percent accuracy rate. Some of the notable and most heavily-defended targets the group bombed were the oil fields in Ploesti, Romania and the Herman Goering Tank factory at Linz, Austria.

The group earned an impressive two Distinguished Unit Citations and eight campaign streamers from its successful operations in Europe. The group was inactivated on Aug. 28, 1945.

Worley spoke about the present day-461st mission to a very receptive audience made up of 19 original World War II bomb group members and some of their family members before opening up for a question and answer session.

The veterans and family members were interested in the present day-461st ACW mission, and proud the unit is alive again and serving the needs of the nation.

On Tuesday, Worley sent the following congratulatory message to his wing:

"I thank you for your



Photo by FARON THOMPSON  
Col. Dean Worley, 461st Air Control Wing commander, speaks with 461st Bomb Group World War II veterans.

**Below, George Swinehart, a pilot shot down on his 18th mission, displays his prisoner of war card.**



hard work and service during the past year," he wrote in a memo. "You've done it with class and grace, and ensured that we kept the 'team' in Team JSTARS with our brothers and sisters in the 116th (ACW) and 138 Military Intelligence Company. Please take time to reflect on all we've done together during the last 12 months ... and take

pride on your tremendous commitment to Service, Excellence, and our Country."

## Senior Airman Below-the Zone

Learned from 20 years of ALC Leadership"

Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the executive conference room in Bldg. 301.

► Ellen Griffith will present "Communication and Interpersonal Skills" October 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

► Carl Unholz will present "Diversity" October 30 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

**Equal Opportunity Refresher Training for managers** is scheduled for Oct. 23 and 24 at the base theater.

EO refresher training for employees is scheduled for Jan. 22, 23 and 24, also at the base theater.

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

## Et cetera

**The following leave recipient has been**

**approved** through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

Christie Pierce of Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (F-15 Division). POC is Pam Johnson, who can be reached at 497-3007.

To have a leave recipient listed here, please email Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Space permitting, submissions will run for two weeks.

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.

## Military child conference draws representatives from across state

BY JENNY GORDON

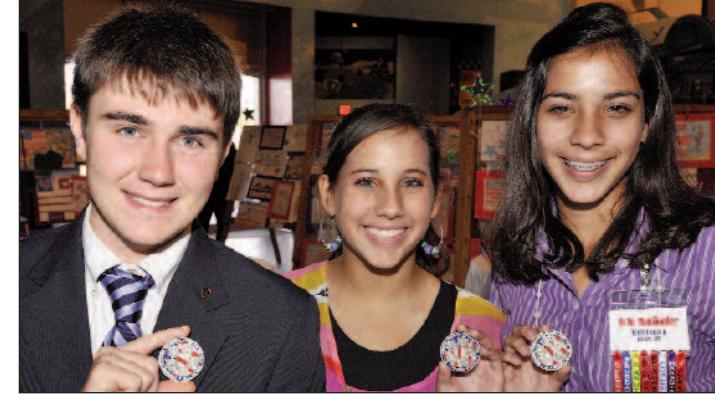
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The Second Annual Georgia Military Child Education Conference was conducted Sept. 28 at the Museum of Aviation.

Hosted by Robins and the Houston County Board of Education, the one-day conference brought together installation school liaison officers and education and military representatives from across the state to discuss issues important to military children and families.

Following a full day of breakout sessions, goals were set for the year, including developing a framework for putting together a state council, along with a commissioner, to oversee important topics related to military families.

That includes progress updates on the recently signed Interstate Compact on Military Child Education, which Gov. Nathan Deal signed. Georgia became the 42nd state to sign the compact, which seeks to make transitions easier for children when they transfer



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON  
Brendon Kennedy, Abbey and Erin Butikofer, Robins Teen Council members, display coins they were presented at the conference to them by retired Brig. Gen. Norman Arflack.

between school systems in the U.S.

Col. Mitchel Butikofer, installation commander, proposed to include a letter to the governor, signed by all of Georgia's installation commanders, to receive progress updates on the implementation of the interstate compact, as well as getting a commissioner appointed.

Two recipients also received the 2012 Military Child Education Impact Award, which recognizes an organization and an individual who has made a

difference in the lives of military children. The organization winner was Linwood Elementary School; the individual winner was Laura Melnick, guidance counselor at Matt Arthur Elementary School.

Linwood was recognized for its activities celebrating April 2012 as the Month of the Military Child, and Melnick for implementing Houston County schools' first deployment support group, which included working with more than 200 students to help them cope with family member deployments.

## CAC, TIP programs alive at Robins

BY JENNY GORDON

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When it comes to using Mass Transportation, Robins employees continue to find ways to make a difference.

During fiscal 2012, base commuters saved more than \$800,000, while reducing 800 tons of pollutants and avoiding 1 million vehicle miles driven on base.

Robins workers continue to use the BiRD (Buses into Robins Daily), which is offered by the Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority. The service had just 214 riders when it began in November 2010; this past summer it averaged about 905 riders a month.

Private vehicle riders are also looking into vanpool and carpool programs as alternative ways to get to work.

The transit options are aligned to the Clean Air Campaign, a non-profit organization that works with more than 1,600 employers, partners, commuters and schools to encourage ways to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

Programs and resources such as the use of commute alterna-

tives, statewide incentive programs and campaigns that reach more than 300 schools and school districts help promote awareness, and saves Georgians more than \$150 million every year on gas and vehicle expenses.

If you ride transit, carpool, vanpool, bike or even walk to work, you can visit the CAC website and click on Commuter Rewards to learn about this valuable program. There is cash available for commuters, as well as other rewards and prizes. You can also view a match list of potential carpoolers in the area.

As part of its efforts in the last several years, Robins has been recognized with the AFMC Gen. Thomas D. White Natural Resources Conservation Award, AFMC Gen. Thomas D. White Environmental Quality Award, and runner-up for the 2011 PACE Award.

To learn more, visit [www.cleanaircampaign.org](http://www.cleanaircampaign.org).

The Robins Transportation Incentive Program offers financial benefits to people who share rides in vehicles carrying six or more passengers. To learn more, contact Staff Sgt. John Rogers, TIP manager, at 926-4453.

## TOOL

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it is forwarded to the safety office, where an investigator is assigned to review the submission and provide recommendations for corrective action. (Anonymous submissions will be sent directly to the safety

office, bypassing the supervisor.)

Before the submission can be closed, a high-level team will review any corrective actions taken, and all team members must approve a resolution. If an agreement cannot be reached, the concern will be elevated to the Occupational Safety and Health Working group. In addition, if the submitter feels the actions taken were

not effective, he or she can follow an appeal process for the concern or hazard.

"The Hazard Reporting Tool is going to be very successful," said David Decker, 78th Air Base Wing chief of ground safety. "It's an awesome application, providing an additional avenue for employees to report hazards in the workplace."

All current forms of reporting hazards are still available, such as manually submitting an AF Form 457, but the Hazard Reporting Tool will allow the customer to track concerns real-time as they are processed through the system.

For more information about the HRT process, contact the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office at 468-6271.

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**WHEN NOT IN USE**

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### ROBINS OUT AND ABOUT

#### **ON TAP**

##### **First Friday**

Today  
5 to 6 p.m.  
Heritage Bar & Lounge  
For details,  
call 472-7864.

##### **GA National Fair**

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

##### **Kids Holiday Crafts**

Tuesday  
Pre-K to 1st grade  
10 to 11:30 a.m.  
2nd to 6th grade  
2 to 3:30 p.m.  
Arts and Crafts Center  
\$7 per session,  
For details,  
call 468-5282.

##### **Oriental Buffet**

Thursdays in October

#### 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Heritage Ballroom  
\$8.50 per person  
For details,  
call 472-7864.

#### **UPCOMING**

##### **Heart Link**

Oct. 12  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
Sign up by Wednesday  
For details,  
call 468-1256.

##### **Biltmore Castle**

Sign up by Oct. 12  
\$500 - \$700  
Trip is Dec. 27 through 29  
For details,  
call 468-4001.

##### **Mini Adventure Race**

Oct. 13  
Fitness Center  
Registration  
begins at 8:15 a.m.  
Race starts at 9 a.m.  
Individual, 2-man  
or family bike and run

#### May preregister

For details,  
call 468-2128.

#### **Operation KUDOS**

Oct. 13  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Robins Park  
Sign up early;  
space is limited  
For details,  
call 468-1256.

#### **Base Golf**

##### **Championship**

Oct. 13 and 14  
9 a.m. tee time  
Golf Course  
\$50 per player plus \$10  
optional skins games  
For details,  
call 468-4103.

#### **Team Robins Bash**

Oct. 13  
2 to 6 p.m.  
Robins Park  
Free  
For details,  
call 497-5916.

## 'Have 2 Ways Out'

# Base to celebrate Fire Prevention Week with host of events

BY ROBINS FIRE DEPARTMENT

**O**ct. 7 through 13 is Fire Prevention Week.

Robins' Fire Emergency Services has numerous events planned to educate Team Robins on how to prevent and survive fires.

This year's fire prevention week theme is "Have 2 Ways Out."

Every year, thousands die from fire-related incidents. One way to help ensure your family's survival is to practice "Exit Drills In The Home" (E.D.I.T.H.).

### Have a Sound Fire Escape Plan

Remember every second counts in the event of a fire. In less than 30 seconds a small flame can turn into a major fire. Escape plans help you get out of your home quickly.

### Practice Escaping From Every Room in the Home

Practice E.D.I.T.H. escape plans monthly. The best plans have two ways to get out of each room. A secondary route could be a window onto an adjacent roof or a collapsible ladder – evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories – for escape from upper story windows.

Make sure windows are not stuck, screens can be taken out quickly and security bars can be properly opened. Also, practice feeling your way out of the house in the dark or with your eyes closed.

### Immediately Leave the Home

When a fire occurs, don't waste time saving property. Take the safest exit route, but

if you must escape through smoke, remember to crawl low, under the smoke and keep your mouth covered.

### Designate A Meeting Place Outside and Take Attendance

Designate a meeting location away from the home. For example, meet under a specific tree or at the end of the driveway or front sidewalk to make sure everyone has gotten out safely. Designate one person to go to a neighbor's home to phone the fire department or use a cell phone.

### Once Out, Stay Out

Remember to escape first and then notify the fire department using the 9-1-1 system. Never go back into a burning building for any reason. Teach children not to hide from firefighters. If someone is missing, tell the firefighters. They are equipped to perform rescues safely. Last, having working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home increases your chances of survival. Smoke alarm batteries need to be tested every month, and the batteries should be changed out every six months. A good way to remember to change the batteries is to change them during daylight savings time and standard time changes. Also, consider replacing the entire smoke alarm every 10 years, or as the manufacturer guidelines recommend.

The Fire Prevention Week schedule of events is as follows:

### Oct. 8

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. a fire truck will be on display at the Base Exchange. Firefighters will be handing out fire-prevention materials.

**Oct. 9** – Fire-safety cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 31 from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Sparky the Fire Dog and the "Friendly Fireman" will be at the Child Development Center in Bldg. 946 from 9 to 10 a.m.

A fire truck will be on display at the Base Exchange and firefighters will hand out fire prevention materials with the help of Smokey Bear or Sparky from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At 2 p.m., Smokey will make an appearance at Bldg. 215.

**Oct. 10** – Fire-safety cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 44 from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Sparky and the "Friendly Fireman" will be at the CDC in Bldg. 943 from 9 to 10 a.m.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. firefighters will hand out fire-prevention materials and there will be visits from Sparky or Smokey at the Base Restaurant in Bldg. 166. Smokey will also make an appearance at Bldg. 905 at 2 p.m.

**Oct. 11** – from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m., fire-safety cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 38.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. firefighters will hand out fire-prevention materials and there will be visits from Sparky or Smokey at the flight line dining facility in Bldg. 2062. Smokey will make an appearance at Bldg. 1555 at 2 p.m.

**Oct. 12**: – From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. a fire truck will be displayed at the BX and firefighters will hand out fire-prevention materials along with the help of Smokey Bear or Sparky.

For more information about fire prevention, call 468-2145.

## 'Long Shot'

By Harry Paige



If you have an idea for a 'Long Shot' comic, contact Geoff Janes at [vance.janes@robins.af.mil](mailto:vance.janes@robins.af.mil), or Harry Paige at [harry.paige@robins.af.mil](mailto:harry.paige@robins.af.mil).

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