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Butikofer: A message worth taking to heart

BY COL. MITCHEL BUTIKOFER

Installation commander

Some time in our lives we've heard the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Now is the time that we ask all Robins workers – no matter if you're labor or management – to take that message to heart.

It's time to understand that Robins cannot succeed if we don't address our labor relations head on.

Right now we have about 200 grievances filed compared to 60 complaints at Hill and 40 at Tinker air force bases.

So what's the difference? Are their

people any better than ours? Are they more patriotic and hardworking than us? Do they know something we don't?

The simple answer to these questions is no.

But what we know is that we must do a better job together. We need to improve the lines of communication and cooperation between labor and management.

We have to be committed to working seriously to solve our issues. We have to truly believe in the concept of "One team ... One fight." We owe that to our workforce, the warfighters we support around the world and our



Butikofer

While the grievance process is important, and we must take care of our workforce; I encourage everyone to first settle issues at the lowest possible level, and follow the procedures in place to handle employee grievances in

national defense.

We must remind our people that we can't succeed without one another. We must take every opportunity to strengthen our relationship.

accordance with the AFMC-AFGE Council 214 Master Labor Agreement.

I challenge our leaders, managers and workers to listen to what is being said. It's only been a few years since we were given 39 OSHA citations. Many people were concerned that we could be shut down. But as a team, we persevered. We worked together and dramatically improved our occupational safety and health compliance.

Just this past year some of our accomplishments have included:

► Upgrading and fully deploying the

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Camellia Gardens

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service – which pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins – will take place May 23 at 10 a.m. in the tranquil garden across from the Horizons Event Center.

The service, a moving, patriotic tribute to the departed, is a 37-year tradition. The garden memorializes the dead by celebrating their life.

At the garden's entrance, a brick and mortar wall displays gold plaques with the names of more than 1,600 deceased military and civilian members from Robins who were honored in past ceremonies.

This year's ceremony is a project of the Team Robins Company Grade Officer Council and the Robins Chapel. For more information about the ceremony, call Staff Sgt. Karriem Oliver at 926-2821.

To submit names for this year's ceremony visit (<https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/78abw/HC/default.aspx>) and click on the "2013 Camellia Gardens Memorial Service" announcement. Follow the instructions that are provided there to submit your honoree. The deadline for submissions is May 9.

Airman's Attic changes

Donations to the Airman's Attic have been overwhelming. To help downsize the current inventory and make the Attic more manageable, until further notice, they will only accept the following items for donations: Infant and toddler clothing, furniture, electronics, kitchen appliances, and uniform items.

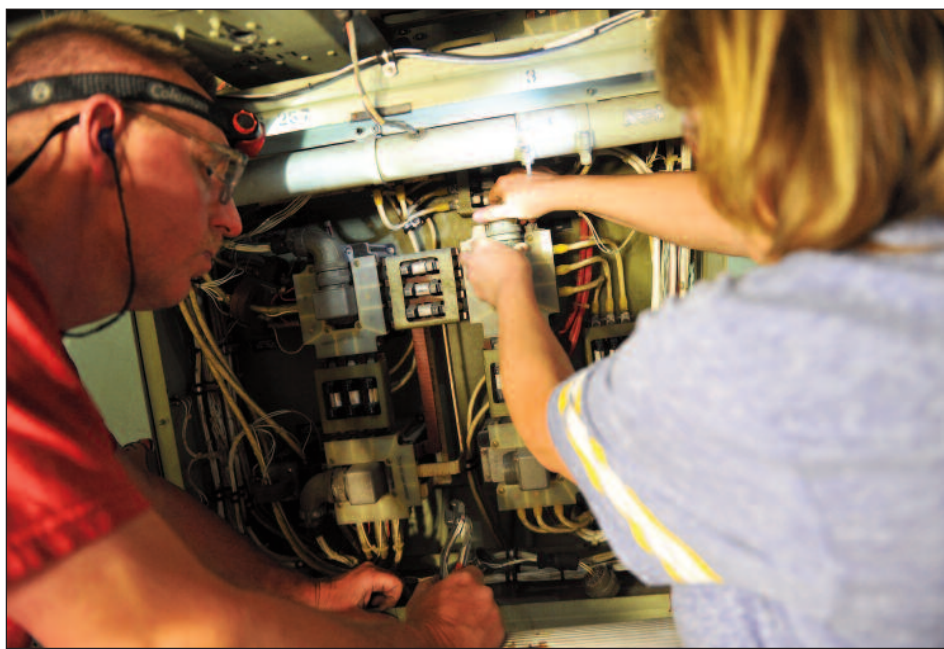
Workers will also start donating clothing and items to local churches and shelters as necessary. Finally, to assist with volunteer support, the new hours are listed below:

Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9 a.m. until noon.

The third Saturday of each Month (starting April 20), is open to all Robins Air Force Base personnel from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Note: First Sergeants may contact the Airman's Attic after regular duty hours for emergency access.

'Art of the Possible'



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

Harris Miller, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, and Lisa Wood, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, perform electrical modifications to a C-130 in service at Robins.

Robins part of efforts to standardize aircraft production

BY JENNY GORDON

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Whether it's a C-5, C-130, F-15 or C-17 being maintained at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, there's a science in how to standardize the aircraft production system.

Since Air Force Materiel Command's transition to a five-center construct in 2012, the complex, which falls under the Air Force Sustainment Center, has been part of efforts to standardize production philosophies and methodology.

"What has been great about this is now the three complexes all talk the same language. We're communicating like we've never done before, applying science and math in the same way," said Doug Keene, the complex's vice director.



Jerome Estell, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron mechanic, cleans and inspects C-130 aircraft parts.

"I think in the end this will have huge efficiencies for the Air Force."

Keene was referring to the scientific principles of Little's Law, Critical Path/Critical Chain Production Management, and AF 8-Step Problem Solving used at Robins, Tinker and Hill Air Force bases that help measure how the aircraft production machines are performing; and how aircraft are managed and repaired. All three complexes use the same methodology to improve safety, speed, quality and cost effectiveness.

"We're all doing things the same way (across AFSC)," he added. "I know it sounds simple, but it's a huge benefit for us."

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DoD releases fiscal 2014 budget proposal

WASHINGTON (AFNS) –

President Barack Obama sent a proposed defense budget of \$526.6 billion in discretionary budget authority to fund defense programs in the base budget for fiscal 2014 to Congress Wednesday.

The budget continues the department's commitment to good stewardship of taxpayer dollars by seeking further consolidation of defense infrastructure, instituting a study of possible efficiencies in military treatment facilities, and terminating and restructuring lower-priority and poorly performing weapons programs. The budget slows the growth of military pay and benefits while continuing to support the All-Volunteer Force.

The proposed fiscal 2014 budget continues the implementation and deepening of program alignment to the department's strategic guidance released in January 2012, "Sustaining U.S. Global Leadership: Priorities for 21st Century Defense." It continues plans to reduce the size of military forces, consistent with the new strategy. It also seeks to create military forces that are ready and capable across the spectrum of military missions.

The budget makes a continued commitment to the department's people, who remain central to DoD's mission. The proposal requests funding to ensure U.S. personnel are well-compensated and properly equipped, trained and led. We will also continue to invest in critical programs for areas such as transition assistance, wounded warriors, suicide prevention, and sexual assault prevention and response.

"Even while restructuring the force to become smaller and leaner and once again targeting overhead savings, this budget made important investments in the president's new strategic guidance – including rebalancing to the Asia-Pacific region and increasing funding for critical capabilities such as cyber, special operations and global mobility," said Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel.

"Most critically, the proposed budget sustains the quality of the all-volunteer

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SR-71 gets a bird's-eye view inside hangar

BY JENNY GORDON

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If you've strolled into the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar lately, you may have noticed a bird with a new view.

After a three-day aircraft lift exercise April 3 through 5, the SR-71 Blackbird was elevated to new heights to appear as if it were in flight or taking off.

"(April 5) was the culmination of more than two years of work in our effort to elevate the SR-71 here at the museum. What terrific teamwork!" said

Ken Emery, Museum of Aviation director. "The sleek 68,000 pound Blackbird looks awesome. The project placed new emphasis on the SR-71, gave us more ground-floor room for events and will allow us to bring a few more birds in from the brutal outside weather."

Back in December, machinists and welders from the 116th and 461st Maintenance Squadrons metals technology sections and 573rd Commodities Maintenance Group created three stands to be used for the museum project.

The combined aircraft exercise came to fruition last week to coincide with annual training conducted by members of Robins' Crash Damaged and Disabled Aircraft Recovery team.

The entire project involved about 40 military and civilian representatives from across the base, including the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, 116th and 461st Maintenance Squadrons, and aircraft safety and museum members.

The CDDAR team brought

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U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

A team of Robins aircraft crash recovery personnel completes an annual exercise April 5 to raise the SR-71 Blackbird into a nose-up "take off" position in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

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Out and about

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Col. Mitch Butikofer, Installation commander, was guest speaker at the Uptown Rotary Club of Macon meeting March 28 at Idle Hour Country Club. Butikofer gave an overview of the Robins Air Force Base community and its multiple missions.



51st CBCS inspection yields outstanding results

BY CAPT. DANIEL BOYARSKI
 689th Combat Communications Wing
 Safety chief

Perfection isn't something that just happens every day. Perfection takes time, effort and hard work. How much hard work?

A Logistics Compliance Assessment Program inspection team from Air Force Space Command visited the 51st Combat Communications Squadron March 4 through 8. The inspection yielded a rating of outstanding. During the LCAP, about 15 inspectors visited the unit and looked into dozens of commander, maintenance, training and logistics programs. Those programs ranged from family-care plans to communications security.

Not only that, but personnel were evaluated on task performance.

"The 51st Combat Communications Squadron put in countless hours of prep work getting ready for the Consolidated



Unit Inspection and Logistics Compliance Assessment Program," said Col. Bill Waynick, 5th Combat Communications Group commander. "The monumental achievement of earning a 100 percent compliant, outstanding rating on the LCAP validates all the hard work and long hours the Airmen of the 51st CBCS put forth."

The unit spent the last eight months preparing for the inspection. They worked day in and out to make sure everything was in-line with technical orders, checklists and AFIs.

Their hard work paid off in

spades.

The inspectors found zero errors.

"The first and only squadron in the history of Air Force Space Command to get a 100 percent and an Outstanding on an inspection - that's as good as it gets," said Col. Joseph Scherrer, 689th Combat Communications Wing commander.

Col. Waynick added, "The LCAP team even went back to the squadron after its initial evaluation to try and find a weakness, but the 51st CBCS just responded with even more success stories. All of the 5th CCG are proud of Maj. Eric Schmidt, Chief Master Sgt. Shawn Wise, and the entire 51st CBCS team on this unprecedented accomplishment.

"I couldn't be prouder of all the Airmen in the 51st," said Wise. "It was a complete team effort, and we accomplished something that has never been done before and may not be repeated."

Your chance to be heard

The 2013 Air Force Community Assessment Survey is underway, and Team Robins members asked to participate are encouraged to do so.

The assessment is designed to assist chaplains and people working in installation-level Airman and family readiness centers, family advocacy programs, health and wellness centers, mental health clinics and child and youth programs.

"We need to make sure our programs are meeting the needs of Airmen and their families," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody. "This survey is one way we can learn how well we're doing that. It's every Airman's responsibility to provide some honest feedback to help."

Topics covered in the survey include personal and family adjustment, individual and family adaptation, community well-being, deployment, resiliency, post-traumatic stress, and help-seeking stigma.

The survey is a total force effort. About 160,000 active-duty members, 40,000 reservists, 40,000 Air National Guard members, 160,000 spouses of active-duty members, 10,000 spouses of reservists and 10,000 spouses of ANG members will be randomly selected to participate. All appropriated fund civilians will also be asked to participate. The survey will be available until May 30

and is completely anonymous.

A notification letter, including a link to the Web-based survey, will be sent to work email addresses of everyone selected. Spouses will be sent a postcard in the mail with the Web link.

The survey should take 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

Data will be analyzed and briefed to wing and Air Force leaders. The information will help make community-wide program planning and resource allocation decisions, which ultimately enhance the quality of life, readiness and retention of Air Force personnel.

"Everything we do depends on our people, the living engine of our Air Force," said Air Force Secretary Michael Donley.

"The entire Air Force leadership team is committed to doing all we can to support our Total Force Airmen and their families. We know that through your valuable input, the state of our Air Force will remain strong, ready and capable of delivering air-power, whenever and wherever the nation calls."

Previous survey results are credited with expanding financial counseling programs to members and their families, developing a user-friendly support network for Air Force single parents, and setting up marriage-support seminars for junior enlisted members and their spouses.

THE AIR FORCE



23rd Air Force deactivates

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. – The Air Force Special Operations Command recently deactivated the 23rd Air Force during a flag furling ceremony here.

As AFSOC's only numbered Air Force, the 23rd provided highly-trained special operations forces to deployed air commanders since it was established on Jan. 1, 2008.

Maj. Gen. George Williams and Brig. Gen. Timothy Leahy, former 23rd AF commanders, conducted the deactivation ceremony.

"We realized it would be more efficient to reunite the staff under AFSOC," Leahy said.

After the ceremony, the 623rd Air Operations Center assumed the 23rd AF's mission and was renamed the AFSOC Operations Center.

"Our patch is the only thing that has changed during this reorganization process, and that's not really important," Leahy said. "Our people and our mission are what really matter, and that hasn't changed one bit."

AMC commander stresses importance of new tanker

WASHINGTON (AFPS) – The commander of the Air Force's Air Mobility Command today stressed the high priority his service places on the KC-46A tanker aircraft program.

Air Force Gen. Paul J. Selva discussed progress with the program and stressed its priority in a meeting with Defense Writers Group reporters.

Air Force officials announced award of a \$3.5 billion engineering and manufacturing development contract to Boeing Co. for the new tanker in February 2011.

"I'm on the record saying that our No. 1 acquisition priority in AMC -- and it remains the Air Force's No. 1 priority -- is making sure the KC-46 tanker delivers on time, on cost," he said. "And because we have a firm fixed-price contract for the development of that airplane, if we allow ourselves to get into the position where we don't have the funds to pay for the initial development of the airplane, that contract gets reopened."

This would be a bad outcome for the Air Force and for the nation - in reverse order, Selva said.

"We'll pay more for the airplane than we know we have to based on the existing contract," he added.

The general said an initial round of site surveys for where the aircraft will be based has taken place, and the critical final design review is scheduled in July.

"We're in source selection for the simulator training devices, which means we're already started into the process of developing the curriculum and deciding how we're going to train the crews that operate

Battling the elements

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA – Air Force and Coast Guard members construct a fire for producing smoke signals at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. Signaling is one of the many skills taught during "Cool School" as part of the Survival Evasion Resistance Escape training required for flight crew members.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS PETER REFT

the airplane," Selva said.

Selva said a recent decision will enable the Air Force to reap the new tanker's benefits faster than earlier plans projected.

To Read more, visit www.af.mil.

Mobility Airmen work together to move two Army Brigades

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J. – More than 15 Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Wing recently played a crucial role working with mobility Airmen from multiple locations to assist in the exchange helicopters and equipment assigned to two large U.S. Army units.

Beginning in mid-January, United States Transportation Command tasked the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst based contingency Airmen, another 100 Airmen from the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover AFB, Del., and three C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft to assist in the multimodal movement of two aviation Brigades into and out of Afghanistan. The mission concluded with the last flight of the contingency operation Feb. 21.

"It took a full month to move more than 1,500 tons of cargo, but we didn't miss a single delivery date," said Lt. Col. John Hardee, contingency operation mission commander from Dover's 9th Airlift Squadron. "The upgraded C-5M was so capable, we only needed to use three aircraft instead of the usual four or five C-5B models we would normally deploy for a multimodal of this type."

A multimodal mission uses more than one type of transportation to get cargo to a final destination. In this case, both sealift and airlift was employed. To read more, visit www.afrc.af.mil.



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. PARKER GYOKERES

Armed and ready

Staff Sgt James Stewart, 621st Contingency Response Wing public affairs broadcaster, mans a defensive fighting position March 18 at Lakehurst during Eagle Flag 13-2.

Perspective

Deployed Robins Airman draws inspiration from desert canvas

BY SENIOR AIRMAN JOEL MEASE

379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNS) – Some might see the desert as brown, dusty and generally void of life. But while they may fail to see much color in the desert skyline, one maintenance NCO sees a landscape full of potential.

It all started a few months ago when Tech. Sgt. Christopher Carr was kicking around some rocks like so many service members like him have done before.

"I kicked over this one rock and it just clicked," said Carr, an aircraft battle damage repair technician with the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron. "It was just the perfect canvas, and best of all it was free and there were plenty of them."

At first he just used a Sharpie to doodle on the rock, but he felt there was so much more he could do with it.

"I've always been a fan of art since I was a kid," Carr said, adding he thought a little paint could do wonders. "So I contacted my better half in the United States and asked her to send my paint and brushes."

What started as a small art project morphed into an art gallery full of rocks – 60 of them so far – with the goal of making someone smile. Carr has added detail to some of the rocks, like texture to simulate the bumps on a frog. His gallery of rocks, though, isn't meant to be a private collection, as the Birmingham, Ala., native plans on randomly leaving his artwork throughout the installation with the hope of adding a little color to someone's day.



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN JOEL MEASE

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Carr, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron aircraft battle damage repair technician, started an art collection by painting rocks found in the desert and leaving them for service members to improve morale. Carr is deployed from Robins, and is a native of Birmingham, Ala.

"Maybe you will see a cartoon character on top of a napkin holder at the dining facility, or maybe you've had a really bad day as you're waiting at the bus stop and you look down to see a frog sitting on the bench," Carr said. "Hopefully it's something that brightens your day, and hopefully say, 'hey maybe things aren't that bad.'"

Whenever someone encounters one of his approximate three-inch pieces of art, he says it's up to the individual what they would like to do with it.

"You could pick it up and take it with you, or maybe even lay it somewhere else for someone else to kick over and find," Carr said. "Maybe it will inspire others to do their own artwork, or leave an inspirational message if you're not an artist."

His artwork has already made an impact on his coworkers, according to his flight chief, Senior Master Sgt. George Morris.

"His enthusiasm is contagious," Morris said. "Tech. Sgt. Carr does a great job of translating that artwork into a positive outlook to his fellow aircraft maintainers."

Carr's flight chief said he first heard his plans about his artwork over a foreign object debris walk outside the maintenance facility, when Carr picked up a blank rock and said, "This is really nice."

"I asked him why and upon learning about his talents and plans to disperse them I was a bit skeptical at first until I saw his work," Morris said. "Then I knew it was for real. In my more than 24 years in the Air Force, I've never met anyone with his unique skill set."

Whatever a person does with his artwork, he hopes it allows them to see the installation as something more than a military base in the desert.

"They always say when you come to the AOR to make things better for all those coming behind you," Carr said, adding that's just what he intends to do.

– This feature is part of the "Through Airmen's Eyes" series on AF.mil. These stories focus on a single Airman, highlighting their Air Force story.

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On the Fly

Contracting director promoted into SES

Anthony Baumann, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex contracting director, was promoted April 3 into the Senior Executive Service.



Baumann

Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, Air Force Sustainment Center commander, presided over the ceremony here.

Following his completion of college

studies in 1983, Baumann entered federal service as a contracting intern at Robins.

In his current position, he establishes, implements and interprets contracting policies, procedures and processes essential to contracting in support of various customers.

He also provides training and development for more than 400 people working in contracting and administrative positions who are responsible for obligating more than \$9 billion annually.

AFAF campaign wraps up

As of Wednesday, the Robins 2013 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign collected \$64,132. The six-week campaign ends today. The theme was "Commitment to Caring," with this year's goal of \$78,833.

Throughout the Air Force in 2012, the AFAS provided more than \$17.8 million in assistance to more than 40,000 families through emergency

help, education or community programs. At Robins, through the Air Force Aid Society – the official charity of the Air Force – 116 forms of emergency assistance and four grants were provided to Airmen and their families; as well as support for community programs and educational funding.

A final tally will be available soon.

The Robins Education and Training Office is conducting a Needs Assessment Survey to determine the current educational needs of the Robins population.

Completing the survey determines what degree programs, colleges, universities and other instructional learning formats best meet Robins' needs.

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center through the Air Force Portal under Training/Education/Force Development and complete the survey.

For those who don't have a base ID card, visit the Education Office in Bldg. 905 to complete a survey. The survey will end May 31.

For more information, call the Education and Training Office at 497-3408.

The United States Air Force Academy has been working to develop the **Leaders Encouraging Air Development Program**.

The program serves to provide the best and brightest Airmen the opportunity to compete for a USAFA appointment.

In an effort to broaden program outreach, the academy's admissions office is sending representatives to Robins.

By speaking to a diverse group of audiences, the USAFA hopes to share the LEAD Program message with as many Airmen as possible.

Two briefings will be conducted on Monday at the Horizons Event Center. The first briefing will be from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., and is for commanders and senior NCOs to help them identify and nominate their superior Airmen.

The second briefing will be 11 a.m. to noon and is for officers and enlisted personnel.

For more information, contact the Robins Education and Training Office at 497-7312 or send an email to

78fss.fsde.ed.off@robins.af.mil.

The following leave recipients have been approved through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

Michelle Price of HQ AFGSC. POC is Wilmon Bolden, who can be reached at 781-3288.

Donna Foster of 578th SMXS. POC is David Ensley, who can be reached at 468-9758.

Janine Jackson of 78th MDG. POC is Tammy Holland, who can be reached at 497-8390.

To have a leave recipient listed here, send an email to Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

Through its partnership with Robins, **Mercer is offering a Master of Science in Organizational Development and Change** for those interested in advanced leadership positions in the public or private sectors.

The only offering of the eight-week program for 2013 begins in May and will prepare students to lead others effectively and identify innovative solutions to challenges in a variety of professional settings, including the nonprofit, public, health care, military and technology sectors.

For details about the program, information sessions will be conducted at the following times and locations:

April 22 and May 6

► 9 a.m. in Bldg. 905 room 120

► 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club, front atrium

► 1 p.m. Bldg. 301, Engineering Conference Room, (Located near the snack bar or follow signs near door 460, at the northeast entrance of building).

If you are unable to attend, contact Stephen Jenkins at jenkins_sd@mercerc.edu or 678-547-6436 for more information.

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At the Robins Fit and Family Fair March 30, about 250 people helped promote the “hands are for hugging, not hitting” prevention message.

Promoting Awareness April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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It's not in question that responsible adults are primary protectors of children.

Here are some things that can be done to prevent child abuse:

- ▶ Educate your family about what they can do to protect children;
- ▶ Monitor all Internet use by children;
- ▶ Ensure children have adequate supervision for their age and ability;
- ▶ Report child abuse (Houston County Department of Family and Children's Services) 988-7600, Family Advocacy 327-8398);
- ▶ Talk with family and friends about rules for your children and enforce them;
- ▶ Zero tolerance for youth drinking and driving;
- ▶ Everyone in the car wears a seat belt or sits in a car seat up to age 6;
- ▶ If you see someone not following the rules, take action before a child is harmed;
- ▶ Beware: Secrets, favoritism and isolation make children vulnerable to abuse; and
- ▶ Be aware of base prevention classes and activities (497-8480).

WHAT TO KNOW

- One of six boys will be abused.
- One of four girls will be abused.
- 669 callers reported child abuse in Houston County in 2012.
- 90 percent of child sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child knows and trusts.
- 29 percent of individuals volunteer or contribute to child abuse prevention agencies.

To learn more call Robins Family Advocacy Program at 497-8398.

BUDGET

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force and the care we provide our service members and their families. That underpins everything we do as an organization,” Hagel said.

Unfortunately, fiscal 2014 programs will be significantly and adversely affected by sequester budget cuts in fiscal 2013. Training cutbacks, civilian furloughs, deferral of equipment and facility maintenance, reductions to energy conservation investments, contract inefficiencies and curtailed deployments will inevitably have rippling effects into fiscal 2014.

To address this challenge, the President's Budget includes balanced deficit reduction proposals that are more than sufficient to allow Congress to replace and repeal the sequester-related reductions required by the Budget Control Act of 2011.

The fiscal 2014 request does yet not include a detailed budget for overseas contingency operations.

Decisions regarding force levels in Afghanistan were delayed until February of this year to provide commanders time to assess wartime needs fully. A separate OCO request is being prepared and will be submitted to Congress in the coming weeks.

Highlights of the proposed DoD budget are outlined at www.defense.gov/news/2014budget.pdf.

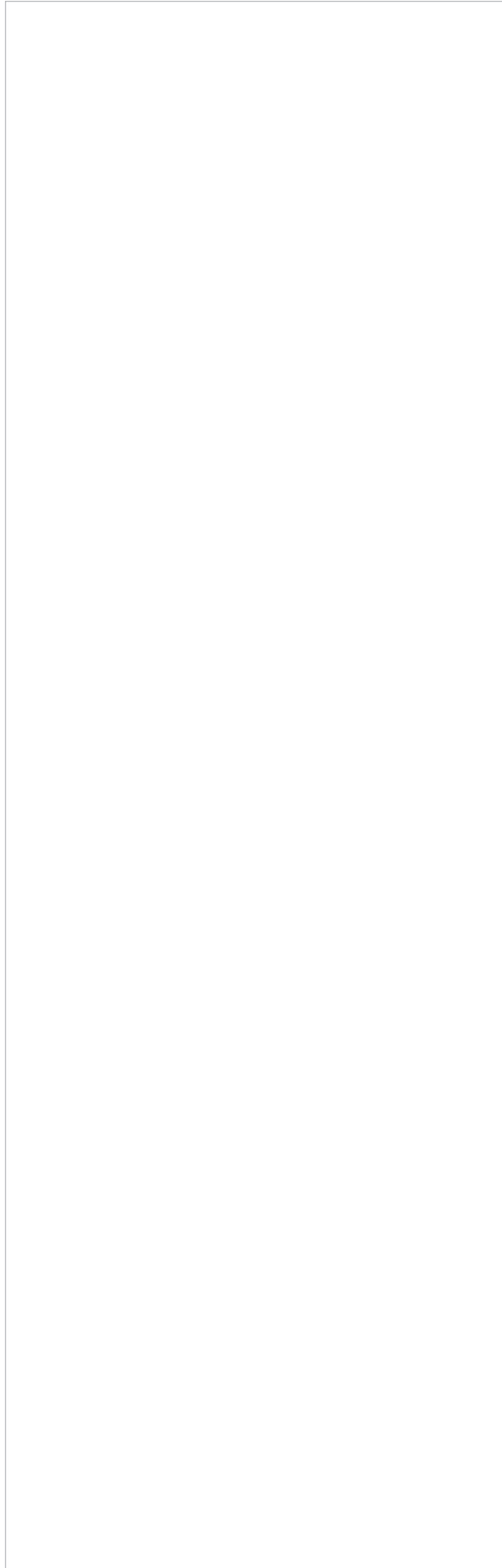
For more information and to view the entire fiscal 2014 budget proposal, visit

www.budget.mil and download the “FY 2014 Budget Request Overview Book.”

Budget-related transcripts are now available at

www.defense.gov/transcripts.

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its equipment for the exercise, including air bags which were used to slowly lift the aircraft over a two-day period. Pallets or pieces of lumber were stacked together at the front and rear of the aircraft to get the plane to heights prior to lifting. Air bags were then placed on top of the stacked pallets.

Through the use of a low pressure/high volume compressor, each airbag was pumped with 7 pounds per square inch for the painstaking process of slowly lifting the former long-range, advanced, strategic reconnaissance plane. The air bags in closest contact with the aircraft were at 3.5 psi.

Once the aircraft was lifted above where the stands would slide under, it was slowly lowered

back down; bolts were then used to secure everything in place.

“This was an amazing opportunity for the crash recovery team,” said Master Sgt. Colby Brusch, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group production superintendent. “It was a great opportunity for some training, to get all of our equipment out and see how it all works together. I think it looks pretty awesome.”

“This was a unique lift all the way around,” he continued. “This type of lift would never happen in a real crash recovery scenario; however, it’s a great exercise for us to see exactly what this lift is capable of doing.”

Brusch was referring to a ‘flat, straight lift,’ with all air bags coming up at the same time during a crash recovery. In a fairly common scenario, he added that a damaged air-

craft would be assisted through the use of cranes, airbags that would be inflated, and gears lowered before being towed off for later inspection.

“The way we set the bags up is as if the plane had landed with its gear up,” said Brusch, pointing to an actual recovery scenario. “If it had landed on its belly, we would’ve dug trenches underneath and lifted the aircraft to the point where you could lower the gear.”

The SR-71, throughout its nearly 24-year career before the Air Force retired its fleet, remained the world’s fastest and highest-flying operational aircraft. It set a speed record of 2,193 miles per hour, and reached an absolute altitude record of more than 85,000 feet.

This plane arrived at the museum in 1990 and was placed in the hangar in 1996.

MESSAGE

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Robins Hazard Reporting Tool to all employees, including a link for employees to submit concerns directly to OSHA, if desired;

►A multi-functional inspection team – including safety, industrial hygiene, union, line employees and supervisors – conducted OSHA sustainment inspections every 90 days to ensure compliance with abatement plans;

►Realized an 85 percent reduction in open bio-environmental findings;

►Partnered with Georgia Tech to conduct

seven OSHA courses resulting in 12 individuals certified in occupational safety and health;

►Improved joint OSHA Working Group consisting of senior leaders from Safety, Health, Industrial hygiene and AFGE 987 with weekly tactical and strategic focused meetings; and

►The development of a safety management system by a combined team.

We’ve also started working in several areas to improve labor relations.

For the first time in 31 years, labor and management have diligently worked to update the

Local Supplemental Agreement. We conducted a session for supervisors to reiterate expectations in terms of complying with labor agreements; provided updated training regarding conduct and discipline, hiring, leave and absence, grievance and complaint procedures, and work schedules; and began a labor relations cultural team to delve into the root causes of labor relations problems.

If we can accomplish all of that, it should be easy for us to take the simple message of working together to heart.

I’m willing; are you?

Earth Day 2013

Robins AFB Celebrations

April 19

Clean-up at Bryant Cemetery

HQ AFRC/A7IA and Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Great American Clean-up at Bryant Cemetery on Memorial Dr. (also known as South First St.) from 2 to 4 p.m.
POC is Shan Williams at 327-8373.

April 19

Stream Clean-up

Meet at Scout Lake at 9 a.m. Supplies will be provided. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. This is a Keep Warner Robins Beautiful Great American Clean-up qualified project.
POCs are Russ Adams at 327-8304 and Paul Barker at 327-8305.

April 20

Bird Watching with Dr. Bob

Meet at the Bldg. 359 at 7:45 a.m. Bring binoculars and field guides.
POC is Bob Sargent at 327-3974.

April 25

2013 Earth Day on the Greens/SAME Golf Tournament

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.
9:30 to 11 a.m. Putting and Chipping contests
10:30 a.m. Lunch, 11:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
Pine Oaks Golf Course (see Earth Day web site for application)
POC is Laurel Cordell at 327-9275.

April 25

Arbor Day Ceremony

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Robins Parade Field
Arbor Day Ceremony and Tree City USA Presentation to Base
POC is Bob Sargent at 327-3974.

April 26

E-Cycling

8 a.m. to noon Bldg. 987, Hosted by QRP and CEAN
Bring your old computers and other electronics to be recycled.
For a full list of accepted items, visit the Earth Day web site.
Non-government items only.
POCs are Randy Stillwell at 327-4173 and Darryl Mercer at 327-3976.

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<https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/78abw/78ceg/cean/earthday>



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deputy commander for maintenance

PRODUCTION

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This Scientific Production Method, however, is but one set of tools to achieve the ‘Art of the Possible.’ The AFSC Leadership Model provides principles for leaders to develop its people, manage resources and improve processes.

The model also highlights that leaders are responsible for creating an environment for success. In order to achieve results, teamwork, accountability, respect, transparency, credibility and engagement are imperative to get the right results, the right way.

“A compliment to the Scientific Production Method and the AFSC Leadership Model is ‘The Game Plan’” said Col. Chris Hill, the complex’s deputy commander for maintenance. “This tool gives us a common way to see and understand what ‘right’ should look like. And it gives us a standard way to communicate with one another and engage our workforce. It’s a very powerful tool.”

This ‘Game Plan’ highlights eight key compo-

nents to Robins’ success. They include “road to” goals, networks, gates, release points, visual displays, standard work (scripting), tools and tech data, and the mechanic’s touch time.

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Adding that buy-in is required from all key mission partners, to include system program offices, engineers, Defense Logistics Agency and AF supply chains and supporting partners inside the ALC. The alignment of support is fundamental. The focus is on the mechanic.

The complex has teamed with the other ALC’s to create a matrix to define stages of maturity and characteristics that describe world-class performance.

“Our aircraft leadership team has discovered a powerful tool to highlight what’s working and not working and prioritize next-step targets to achieve world-class performance,” said Hill. “We have a long way to go. We’re excited about what we’ve learned so far and what we can accomplish in the future,” he said.

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ON TAP

5th MOB Top 3

Golf Tournament
Today

8 a.m. to noon
Pine Oaks Golf Course
For details,
call 472-1411.

Thunder Alley

Today
9 to 11 p.m.
Bowling Center
12 years and younger \$5,
13 years and older \$10.
Includes 2 hours of bowling
and shoe rental.
For details,
call 468-2112.

Bundles for Babies

Tuesday
8 a.m. to noon
A&FRC, Bldg. 794,
For details,
call 468-1256.

Library Open House

Tuesday
1 to 2 p.m.
Base Library
For details,
call 327-8761.

IM Softball

Begins Tuesday
Fitness Center
For details,
call 468-2128.

Golf tips from the Pro

Tuesday
5 to 6 p.m.
Pine Oaks Golf Course
Pay \$5 for all of the range
balls you can hit and get free
tips from the PGA
head golf professional.
For details,
call 468-4103.

Parent Advocates for Students and Schools Meeting

Wednesday
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pine Oaks Golf Course
Clubhouse (Bldg 595)
For details,
call 468-1502.

Home School Association Meeting

Wednesday
1 to 3 p.m.
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021
For details,
call 468-1795.

Mug Night at the Heritage

Thursday
3:30 to 9 p.m.
Heritage Lounge
Bring your own beer mug
(20 oz or less)
For details,
call 472-7864.

UPCOMING

Boss n Buddy

April 19
4 to 5 p.m.
Heritage Club Lounge
Join us for fun food,
entertainment and prizes.
For details,
call 472-7864.

ONGOING

Summer Camp Requests for Care

Applications accepted now
through April 26 weekdays,
6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Lottery drawing April 29.
Parents of selected youth will
be notified April 30.
For details,
call 468-2110.

Auto Hobby Shop Safety/Equipment Class

Tuesdays
5 to 7 p.m.
Saturdays
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
This class must be
completed before using
the Auto Hobby Shop.
For details,
call 468-2049.

Pee Wee League Bowling

Saturdays
Noon to 2 p.m.
Bowling Center
For details call,
468-2112.

WINGMEN WANTED

EAP – 327-7683;

926-9516

AIRMAN AGAINST DRUNK

DRIVING – 335-5218;

335-5236; 335-5238