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78th Air Base Wing Annual Awards Luncheon

The 78th Air Base Wing Annual Awards luncheon will be conducted Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Heritage Club Ballroom.

This year's theme is "Heart of Champions." Cost is \$12. Tickets can be purchased through the following POCs: Staff Sgt. Alonda West, 78th ABW/SC; Staff Sgt. Amanda Rice, 78th LRS; Senior Airman Maci McLaughlin, 78th LRS; Tech. Sgt. Katrina Medley, 78th FSS; Senior Airman Julia Szymczak, 78th OSS; Master Sgt. Paul Zavitz, 78th SFS; Tech. Sgt. Lisa McDonald, 78th MDG; or Senior Airman Aaron Harris, 78th CEG.

For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Arthur Cassidy at 468-6318 or Master Sgt. Anthony Jones at 497-7367.

SE&TM awards

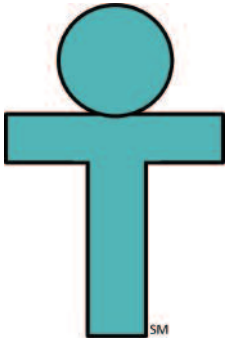
The 2014 Robins Science, Engineering and Technical Management awards will be presented at a breakfast Feb. 25 from 8:15 to 11 a.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Dr. Wade Shaw, Mercer University's Dean and Kaolin Chair of Engineering, will be the guest speaker.

SE&TM awards are presented annually to recognize the outstanding contributions of scientists, engineers and technical teams to the installation missions and to aerospace power.

AFMC winners will be announced and recognized in the spring. Cost is \$2 per person.

For more information, call Rebecca "Katie" Bartlett, at 468-6451 or Rani McCormick at 497-4031.



It's time to talk about Sexual Assault and how "IT" can affect an individual, his or her family, work environment and ultimately Team Robins. "IT" has to stop. To watch the video, visit the Robins Splash Page or www.robins.af.mil.

Base to operate under new AF inspection system

BY JENNY GORDON jenny.snider.ctr@us.af.mil

The 78th Air Base Wing is implementing a new Air Force Inspection System. An upcoming installation exercise will be a first under the new system, which was implemented in October.

"The new AFIS is designed to put the responsibility for compliance back in the hands of the commanders," said Dave Berry, 78th Air Base Wing exercise and inspection planning chief. "AFIS is built on three pillars – the wing inspection program; the commanders inspection management board; and most importantly, the unit self-assessment program."

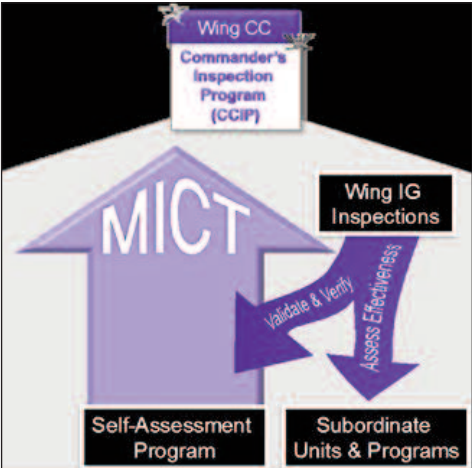
The new inspection system focuses on four specific areas – executing the mission; managing resources; improving the unit;

and leading people. It not only puts compliance back in the hands of commanders, but also saves the Air Force millions of dollars annually in travel costs. It also encourages local units to spend less time preparing for inspection visits from their major command. The phrase, "Mission ready is inspection ready," captures the philosophy of the new AFIS.

Other benefits include allowing Installation Inspector General's Offices to solicit for and appoint subject matter experts and program managers as IG members for inspections. That assures the best look into a unit's compliance status.

The installation's first emergency management and readiness exercise conducted under AFIS will be Feb. 24 to March 7.

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U.S. Air Force courtesy graphic

The new Air Force Inspection System not only puts compliance back into the hands of commanders, but will also save the Air Force millions of dollars annually in travel costs.



U.S. Air Force photos by ED ASPERA



Sometimes a seemingly trivial task makes the mission become crystal clear.

Airmen in the 78th Operations Support Squadron are responsible for keeping the windows clean at the top of the base's air traffic control tower.

It's imperative to provide a clear field of view for the controllers who direct the aircraft which take off and land here.

Once a week, two Airmen walk onto a catwalk outside the tower and use a garden hose and an extended window washing tool similar to a common household squeegee to clean the windows.

Senior Airman William Farmer, air traffic control journeyman, top, and Airman 1st Class Ryan Mitchell, air traffic control apprentice, take turns performing window-washing duties.

Hobby shops to close this month

BY BRIAN SHREVE Staff Writer

The Auto Hobby Shop and Wood Skills Shop – two popular fixtures at Robins – will be closing Feb. 15 due to cuts to the appropriated fund budget.

The closings are indicative of those around the Air Force due to budget cuts which were expected, but not this soon, according to Kent Jenkins, 78th Force Support Squadron Community Support Flight chief.

"They weren't supposed to happen for a couple years," he said. "However, due to things like sequestration and the government shutdown last October, Air Force Materiel Command made the decision to cut these funds now. Unfortunately our resources are exhausted at this point."

Jenkins said efforts were underway which would place the closing shops' employees in other areas within the 78th Force Support Squadron which could use their skills.

"They've been with us for a long time, so we want to take care of them," he said. "They're very skilled employees, and we don't want to lose them to someone downtown."

Due to cuts in early 2013, both shops have already mostly been operated by volunteers.

The hopes are that the clos-

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'We're American, that's all there is to it'

BY BRIAN SHREVE Staff Writer

When it comes to the military, most have heard the term brothers in arms. But for two Airmen at Robins, that expression takes on a whole new meaning.

Both Senior Master Sgt. Keyser Voigt and Master Sgt. Sven Voigt have served 17 years of active duty in the Air Force, both took the oath of re-enlistment together Jan. 29, and yes, they are brothers.

Adding to the story, the Voigt brothers were born in Germany to German parents, though the

United States is the only place they'll ever call home.

Sven, 35, works as a senior surveillance manager aboard the E-8C JSTARS aircraft and has served 10 of his 17 years at Robins – most recently since 2006. Although his base of preference application was denied due to manning, Keyser was able to get orders to Robins via special duty assignment, volunteering to serve as an international health specialist assigned to the Air Force Medical Support Agency.

"It's a nice situation to be able to be here with my brother," said Sven. "I never thought in a

million years he'd be assigned to the same base as me, and it means quite a lot to be able to go through the whole process with him."

The Voigts were born in Bitburg, Germany, spending most of their early lives in Kaiserlautern.

When the brothers were still small children, their mother met an American serviceman, who would later become their stepfather. He was later reassigned to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., providing Sven and Keyser – ages 4 and 5 respectively – with



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Brothers Master Sgt. Sven Voigt, left, and Senior Master Sgt. Keyser Voigt, are German-born U.S. Airmen and naturalized citizens serving at Robins.

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Second Front



Dancers from the Kali Dance Studio perform Friday during the kick off of Robins' Black History Month Observance at the Base Exchange.

Base Black Heritage Observance

Robins will celebrate Black History Month with the following events.

►A golf tournament is slated for Feb. 21 at Pine Oaks Golf Course.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes lunch, green and cart fees, and range balls.

Tee time is noon.

Deadline for names and handicaps is Feb. 18. Point

BLACK HISTORY FACT

On July 2, 1964, Congress agreed to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that President Lyndon Johnson wanted.

of contact is Marchelle Glover at 468-9812.

►Volunteers will visit local schools as part of a

youth program. POC is Tech. Sgt. Natasha Taylor at 241-4129.

►The BHO Community Mass Choir will perform a concert Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. The event is free. POC is Tech. Sgt. Mykesha Hamic at 201-4616.

– from staff reports

ALL in a Day's WORK

Name: Maj. Nicholas Lane

Work title: Deputy Mission Crew Commander and Army Flight Operations officer in charge

Unit: 138th Military Intelligence Company, JSTARS Detachment

Hometown: Reseda, Calif.

Number of years in federal service: 12

What does your work involve? "I fly on JSTARS, acting as the liaison between ground forces and Air Force support. I'm also in charge of the Army Flight Operations Section. We train for real-world missions and prep soldiers to deploy in support of operations around the world."

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? "My job is to integrate Army operations with Air Force missions to support combatant commanders worldwide."

What do you enjoy most about your work? "I enjoy supporting soldiers on the ground and keeping them informed on the ground picture as we see it from above. That helps them complete their combat missions while keeping them out of harm's way."

What prompted your interest in your current career field? Military intelligence has always been interesting to me. Missions of all types stem from intelligence collected from the enemy. It's like figuring out a puzzle. It's challenging, rewarding and pro-



vides the opportunity to work with some of the greatest minds in the world and some of the most advanced technology."

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? "My father has been the biggest influence in my life. He's a retired Army colonel who flew attack helicopters in Vietnam and then went on to many other jobs in the Army and Army Reserves for 31 years. He taught me how to be a leader, how to care for soldiers, how to always strive to be the best – he continually supports me in all of my endeavors in and outside of my career."

What is the accomplishment you are most proud of? " My biggest accomplishment here was during Operation Enduring Freedom. During a combat sortie, I was able to integrate a communications system which interfaces the Army AH-64 Apache helicopter with the JSTARS jet. I was able to use the capabilities of the jet to find specific locations of what the Apaches were looking for and then talk them on to the target. They completed their mission in minimal time, and no doubt, lives were saved because of the success of the mission."

Air Force Medical Service awards

Congratulations to the following Air Force Medical Service annual award winners from the 78th Medical Group.

►Air Force Biomedical Clinician Category I Company Grade Officer of the Year –

Capt. Kimberly Lane, 78th Mental Health Clinic

►Outstanding Air Force Diagnostic Imaging Technologist Airman of the Year – Senior Airman Katherine Bussey, 78th Radiology



Lane



Bussey

Robins SARC recognized by AFMC

Cindy Graver, Robins' Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, is the recipient of Air Force Materiel Command's 2014 Exceptional Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Award.

During her time at Robins, Graver has



Graver

been instrumental in assisting service member victims not only with counseling, but with training through the unit's Sexual Assault Response team and its 51 victim advocates.

Graver spearheaded training programs among leaders and service members, and led a cross-functional group that helped create the "iT" publicity campaign across the installation.

Military OneSource tax services

It's tax time, and active duty members have several options to receive help in filing their 2013 returns.

For the overwhelming majority of service members, they will prefer using the H&R Block electronic return on the Military OneSource site.

Military OneSource provides a free online tax service for military members. It allows them to complete and electronically file their federal and up to three state tax returns or filings from home. H&R Block also provides free tax consultation service for tax advice and assistance in using the online H&R Block electronic return program. Call 1-800-342-9647 or visit www.MilitaryOneSource.mil for details.

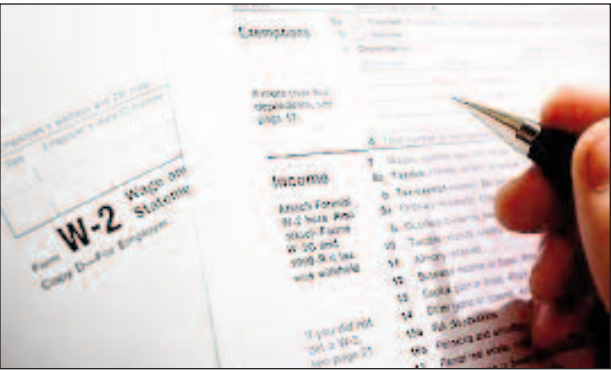
For those who aren't eligible for MilitaryOneSource (such as retirees) or otherwise have questions about using this approach from their home computer, Robins will offer a first-come, first-serve tax center manned by trained volunteers.

The center will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 8 to 11 a.m., and 1 to 4 p.m. from Feb. 3 to late April. The center is in Bldg. 995.

The center provides free tax preparation and electronic filing services to active duty personnel, Reservists, National Guardsmen, retirees and eligible family members.

Reserve and National Guard members must be on Title 10 Orders in order to receive tax assistance

Those interested in having their taxes prepared should arrive at the tax center no later than 8



a.m. to attend a requirements briefing. Taxpayers who have all required documents on hand will be assigned an appointment; those who don't will be asked to come back at a later time.

Taxpayers should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their appointed time to complete the client questionnaire.

Historically, there has been a large demand for this service and persons must arrive by 8 a.m. to receive the briefing and an appointment.

The center will also offer a drop-off service. Those with all their documents can drop off paperwork at the center, and notices will be sent when the return is complete.

If the taxpayer is deployed to a combat zone - Persian Gulf, hazardous duty area of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Albania, the Adriatic Sea and the Ionian Sea north of 39th parallel, or Afghanistan - they have 180 days from the last day they were in the combat zone, or the last day of continuous qualified hospitalization for injury from the combat zone, to file.

Tax preparers aren't permitted to prepare returns for taxpayers who received a 1099 Miscellaneous Business

Income or Royalties, had Health Savings Account Deductions, or whose tax returns will include Schedule C (Profit or Loss from Business), Complicated & Advanced Schedule D (Capital Gains & Losses), Schedule E (Supplemental Income and Loss from Rental Real Estate) or Schedule F (Farm Income or Loss).

For those who are eligible, they must bring the following documents:

- Military IDs and Social Security cards of taxpayer; spouse, and dependent children
- W-2s
- 1099s
- 1098s
- Legal documents
- Divorce decree or Form 8332 that states entitlement to claim a dependent
- Power of attorney if someone will be signing the return for you or your spouse
- Death certificate if you are filing on behalf of a deceased person
- Voided check for verification of your bank account and routing numbers.
- Child care provider's name, address, tax identification (or Social Security) number; and the amount paid
- Last year's tax return or any other useful documentation.

For more information about the Robins tax center, call the tax center at 468-1831.

Around the Air Force

SecAF: Air Force to invest in readiness

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Readiness is the primary investment the Air Force will make through fiscal 2014 and 2015, according to the Air Force’s most senior leader.

In a keynote address at the Air Force Association breakfast Jan. 29 in Arlington, Va., Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James said the Air Force is reinvesting in readiness since it’s no longer operating under sequestration.

James explained readiness, which includes modernization, ensures Airmen will be able to deliver what the nation asks of the Air Force for today and tomorrow’s needs.

“It’s clear to me that maintaining, shaping and growing a capable Air Force, not only for today’s needs but also for tomorrow’s challenges, is of paramount importance,” she said. “We must always keep in mind the strategy element of what our nation may ask us to do.”

Through recent years, Air Force officials repeatedly stressed that with each blow budget constraints and sequestration delivered to the force, readiness would be impacted in the near and long term.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

SecAF outlines top focus areas to improve ICBM career field

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – During the next 60 days, senior Air Force leaders will re-examine the way ahead for the Air Force’s nuclear mission.

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James addressed members of the Air Force Association Jan. 29, in Arlington, Va., giving an update on her recent visits to four Global Strike Command bases – F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., Malmstrom AFB, Mont., Minot AFB, N.D., and Barksdale AFB, La.

During her visits, James, along with Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody, met with Airmen in small focus groups and larger town halls.

“Early on, I knew I would want to visit our nuclear Airmen,” James said. “No mission is more important. Our Airmen are entrusted with the most powerful weapons on earth.”

James described her recent visits as insightful, coming away with seven key focus areas she and other senior leaders will assess over the next two months.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Air Force convenes officer RIF board, offers voluntary separation pay

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS (AFNS) – The Air Force will convene an officer reduction in force board June 16 to evaluate eligible officers for retention, Air Force Personnel Center officials said Jan. 27. Officers who meet the RIF board and are not selected for retention must separate by Jan. 31, 2015.

RIF is among several fiscal 2014 force management



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. MATTHEW SMITH

Marshal

Senior Airman Douglas Prewitt, 621st Contingency Response Wing, marshals a C-17 Globemaster III to Geronimo landing zone during a field exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La. During the exercise, service members practiced combat patient care and aeromedical evacuations in a simulated combat environment. Robins provides Programmed Depot Maintenance and unscheduled repair activities on C-17 aircraft.

programs that have been, or will be, implemented to help achieve manpower and force structure goals as the service focuses on 2015 and beyond, said Lt. Col. Rick Garcia, the AFPC retirements and separations branch chief.

Prior to convening the board, the Air Force will accept applications from RIF-eligible officers for the voluntary separation pay and Temporary Early Retirement Authority programs.

RIF-eligible officers may apply for voluntary separation pay between Feb. 6 and May 1. Those approved will receive 1.25 times the standard full separation pay and may apply for separation effective Sept. 29, Garcia said. Officers who meet the RIF board and are selected for separation will be entitled to full separation pay. To review VSP eligibility and application instructions, go to myPers and enter PSDM 14-08 in the search window.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

AMC hosts chief learning officer round table

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL. – Fifteen chief learning officers from companies across the nation came together here recently to exchange ideas about learning organizations and transformation plans.

Dr. Darcy Lilley, Air Mobility Command’s chief learning officer, said the discussion provided insight for their mission. Her office explores innovative ways of learning to spread excellence across the command.

As AMC moves away from the old learning model of train for deployment, deploy, recover, train for deployment etc., the in-garrison force is the future norm. The command's challenge, then, is to keep Airmen involved and motivated through innovative learning.

The learning office’s main concern is supporting mis-



United Launch Alliance photo by BEN COOPER

We have lift off

A United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket successfully launched NASA's Tracking and Data Relay Satellite payload Jan. 23 from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.

sion accomplishment, not pursuing advanced academic degrees.

To read more, visit www.amc.af.mil.

Perspective

Redefining self – from victim to survivor

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFNS) – Trust is a valuable asset in our Air Force. To me it is the cornerstone to our core values.

Throughout our military education we are taught to trust our fellow Airmen. We build a foundation around that trust.

Several years ago, my trust was taken away when I was sexually assaulted by a fellow Airman.

My friends and I decided to celebrate another successful school year by attending a party with some of our classmates. When we arrived I saw a few students at the party who were a year ahead of us, but everyone recognized each other. I didn’t think much of it.

I didn’t realize that night would dramatically change my life. How could I have known that night I would be held against my will and assaulted?

When it was time to leave, I remember hearing my friend call my name as I lay on the cold, bathroom floor. The pungent smell of pine-scented cleaner burned my nostrils as I tried to peel myself off the tile.

I had always associated sexual assault with “stranger danger,” never did I think it could happen to me. I never imagined it would be someone I knew, someone I trusted.

Unsure of what had just happened, I refused to let myself believe I had been raped.

Slowly, I pulled away from those I loved. I didn’t know who I could trust. Denial became easier than facing the problem.

The next semester, the attacker attended some of the same classes I did. He would often sit close to me and act like we were friends.

My grades began to suffer. I could not concentrate and became angry. Angry at my friends for not knowing what I was going through; angry at myself for what had hap-



U.S. Air Force graphic by TOMMIE HORTON

pened and not knowing what to do. Merely a shell of my former self, I no longer recognized my own reflection in the mirror.

My relationships suffered, grades plummeted and I bled from the unseen wounds as many victims of sexual assault do. At times I felt completely empty and void of any feeling, other times I felt like I would burst with pain. There were moments when I would become overwhelmed with the feeling that there were a thousand tasks for me to do, but I couldn’t bring myself to complete a single, simple one.

I didn’t realize how lost I had become until I overheard someone use the term “damaged.” Finally, a word that described the scars and pain I was experiencing.

Damaged, it was a simple word that described me. At that moment all of my pain, anguish and anger came flooding to the surface. All of those feelings filled my body while numbing my soul leaving a dark emptiness.

A friend of mine knew something had not been right for many months and kept reaching out to let me know he was there. I kept pushing him away until finally I broke down and told him I needed someone to talk to.

He walked beside me to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator office and waited outside until I was ready to go back home. Although, I had pushed my friends away and isolated myself, this person stood by me when I

needed someone the most.

The SARC assigned me to a victim advocate to talk about different programs and to just stand by as support if I needed to talk. During a time when I lost my trust for people, talking to someone I had never met before about something so personal felt strange, but refreshing.

I could focus on stepping up to get the help I needed and refocus on the important things in my life. Yoga, life skills and other programs helped me identify who I am and who I had lost. The pain began to ease and the darkness began to fade as I slowly began to find my voice.

The person before the attack was gone, in her place now stood a new, stronger person. I had redefined myself from victim to survivor.

Throughout the journey as a survivor, I face many setbacks from the smell of certain colognes to how someone reaches out to touch my shoulder. No matter how many setbacks I have, each day is a new step forward on that journey.

As an Air Force officer I’ve had many opportunities and an incredible career traveling across the world. My wonderful husband and I plan on having a family and lifting up those around us.

From the darkest moments of life, I’ve found a shimmer of hope.

The trust that was once broken, has been rebuilt. My relationships are now stronger as I have found solace in forgiving.

I became a victim advocate to help others rediscover their strength and have been able to share my story with many people. Those who are still lost as sexual assault victims need to know that they are not alone.

(Editor’s note: The author of this commentary wished to remain anonymous.)

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their first encounter with the country they quickly grew to love.

After six years, the family moved back to Germany due to the step-father’s reassignment to Ramstein, but the American seed had been planted in the Voigts.

They were German by birth, but already American by gut passion.

“At that point, we felt more of a connection with America than we did with Germany,” said Keyser.

“We’d see [U.S. military] exercises in Germany, and there we were, waving our

little American flags. We felt in our hearts, that’s us.”

The brothers returned to the U.S. and both were granted full citizenship in 1995. One year later, they enlisted in the Air Force, and after many stops in between, ended up together in what they admit could be the twilight of their careers.

“I felt like I owed the military something because it gave us the opportunity to come to the United States,” said Sven.

“We wanted to do something for the country in return.”

The brothers have one other sibling, a younger sister who still lives in

Germany. Keyser has returned to his birthplace only once, serving there for three years in an effort to be near their gravely ill mother; Sven also returned when she died in 2003.

Though the Voigts admit to preserving their fondness for the beer and bread of their German roots, their identities lie not only in America, but with the South in particular.

“We moved to Alabama, got our citizenship in Atlanta, and I’ve been stationed here more than half my career, so Georgia is home,” said Sven.

“I love the heritage that we have in Germany, but we’re American. That’s all there is to it.”

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During that period, there will be weather emergency exercises and other command and control functions. There will be a limited Phase 1, as well as an ATSO (Ability to Survive and Operate)

Challenge at Warrior Air Base, an opportunity to provide just-in-time training for deployed military members in areas of self-aid and buddy care, weapons, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives training, and land mobile radio use.

Team Robins should expect and prepare for delays during the exercise.

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ings will be temporary while other options are explored, Jenkins said, though there’s no guarantee at this point.

“We’re continuing to research possibilities to maintain them, looking for other avenues,” he said.

“But there are a series of approvals that have to be obtained before we can

do that.”

Both shops were known for providing do-it-yourself convenience for the past 20 years or so, places where Airmen could access equipment and expert instruction for a minimal fee.

The wood shop manager will likely be staying on, Jenkins said, and that the shop will still operate in some capacity to provide various types of specialty woodwork still needed at the base.

Buckle up ... It’s the Law



According to Air Force Instruction 91-207, all motorists and passengers must wear seat belts when operating and/or riding in a moving vehicle. Individuals found not wearing a seat belt in a moving vehicle may be issued a ticket by the 78th Security Forces Squadron.

From the Command Down

State of AFLCMC reveals initiatives, future path

BY JUSTIN OAKES

66th Air Base Group Public Affairs

BEDFORD, Mass. – Progress, new initiatives and the future direction of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center were the key topics presented to Hanscom Air Force Base members, community and industry partners during the second annual “State of AFLCMC” address Jan. 23.

Lt. Gen. C.D. Moore II, AFLCMC commander, offered a comprehensive snapshot into the inner workings of today’s center, beginning with a progress report.

“Form and function have finally come together,” said Moore. “We have certainty and confidence as we move forward into an acquisition revolution.”

According to the general, customers are now provided a single point of con-

tact for each system, streamlining the communication process between program managers and users. In addition, the center now functions under a unified weapon systems management construct, creating a holistic cradle-to-grave approach on all levels.

Other items that are a work in progress for AFLCMC include establishing standardized, more efficient processes across the life cycle area of responsibility and energizing cross-portfolio integration through more cost-effective and innovative means. Ideally, these efforts will help deliver combat capabilities at reduced costs.

“We’re changing culture,” Moore said. “Not only are we delivering capabilities, but also cutting costs. We’ve accrued more than a billion dollars in cost savings already this fiscal year.”

While progress is being made on vari-

ous fronts within the center, several new initiatives have emerged as well. They include the Joint STARS recapitalization program, sufficiency reviews that consist of a 12-month trial period for future category 1 acquisition programs, cycle time analysis and emphasis on developing a pre-supervisor program.

Referencing the impending Air Force-wide budget cuts, the general emphasized the agile Airmen concept.

“We have to think differently about how we manage our most precious resource – our Airmen,” Moore said. “At least we now have budget certainty and are in a place to better position ourselves.”

The AFLCMC enterprise is supported by 77 worldwide locations, and its 26,000-plus workforce is comprised roughly of 52 percent government civilian employees, 25 percent contractors

and 23 percent military members.

By harnessing the innovation and ingenuity of the AFLCMC workforce, Moore said he foresees even greater things on the horizon and laid out his expectations for the future. His commander’s vision includes an aggressive cost management approach, focus on cyber system security and building stronger industry, academia and government agency partnerships.

In regards to cyber security, “it’s our sweet spot,” Moore said. “It’s our strength and also our vulnerability.”

The LCMC enterprise manages nearly 3,000 acquisition and support efforts for the Air Force and international customers and requires partnerships to ensure mission success.

To read the full story, visit www.afmc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123377799.

Counselor Connection Lessons learned from EEO

BY ROBINS OFFICE
OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has made it clear that “complaints of discrimination on the basis of transgender status should be processed under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and through the federal sector EEO complaint process at 29 CFR Part 1614 as claims of sex discrimination.”

Please see case *Macy v. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives*, 112 LRP 20796, EEOC No. 0120120821 (EEOC 2012). The EEOC also said that “lesbian, gay and bisexual employees who believe they have been discriminated against because of their sexual orientation should be counseled that they have a right to file a complaint under the 1614 process, because they may have experienced sex discrimination.”

And, if an agency rejects an LGBT complaint as

failing to state a claim of sex discrimination, the EEOC said the agency should provide “the employee with the appropriate notice of right to appeal as set forth in EEOC’s regulations.”

Other avenues LGBT employees can pursue include:

*Executive Order 13087, which explicitly prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.

*The Office of Special Counsel, which “has taken the position that allegations of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity may constitute prohibited personnel actions,” the EEOC said.

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A Better You

From decay to deployable 78th DS technology ensures readiness, health

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Many Airmen enter the 78th Medical Group Dental Squadron facility in need of a dental crown to cover an unhealthy or damaged tooth that could prevent them from deploying.

At the average dental office, the process to accommodate such cases can take anywhere from two to four weeks. But since the 78th DS performs far beyond the average dental office, they have employed cutting edge technology to get Airmen from toothache to deployable in only a day.

The 78th MGDS uses the digital imaging of Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacturing to produce dental crowns in as little as 10 minutes. The entire dental appointment time can be completed in as little as 90 minutes.

Following the preparation of a tooth in need of a crown, the dentist uses a digital scanner to image the tooth, its adjacent teeth and soft tissue structures surrounding it.

That image is then rendered into a three-dimensional computer model. Based on that image, the computer generates a proposal for the crown. The dentist is then able to customize the shape and contour of the crown specifically to fit



U.S. Air Force photo by **TOMMIE HORTON**
Capt. Ben Areheart, 78th Dental Squadron, dentist, uses a digital scanner to produce a three dimensional image of a patient's teeth and soft tissue structures.

the patient. While still sitting in the chair, patients are able to watch on a computer monitor as the dentist designs the crown.

The dentist will often use this time for patient education as well. Upon completing the design, the data is sent to a milling machine where a precisely-fit crown is carved from a solid block.

“Patients can come in, only need one round of anesthesia, and leave with a completed crown,” Capt. Kevin Nail,

deputy squadron commander, said. “This is beneficial in a number of ways – patients who are fearful of dental anesthesia only need one appointment versus two appointments; patients don’t have to worry about wearing a temporary crown that can break or fall off; and one appointment has less impact on the Air Force Mission,” he said.

The use of CAD/CAM technology to expedite dental care is an excellent example of how the 78th MGDS leads the way in Airman readiness.

AFMC promotes American Heart Month

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February is American Heart Month. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report about 600,000 Americans die from heart disease each year – that’s one out of every four deaths.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women, but heart disease is preventable and controllable when individuals make healthy lifestyle choices and manage their health conditions.

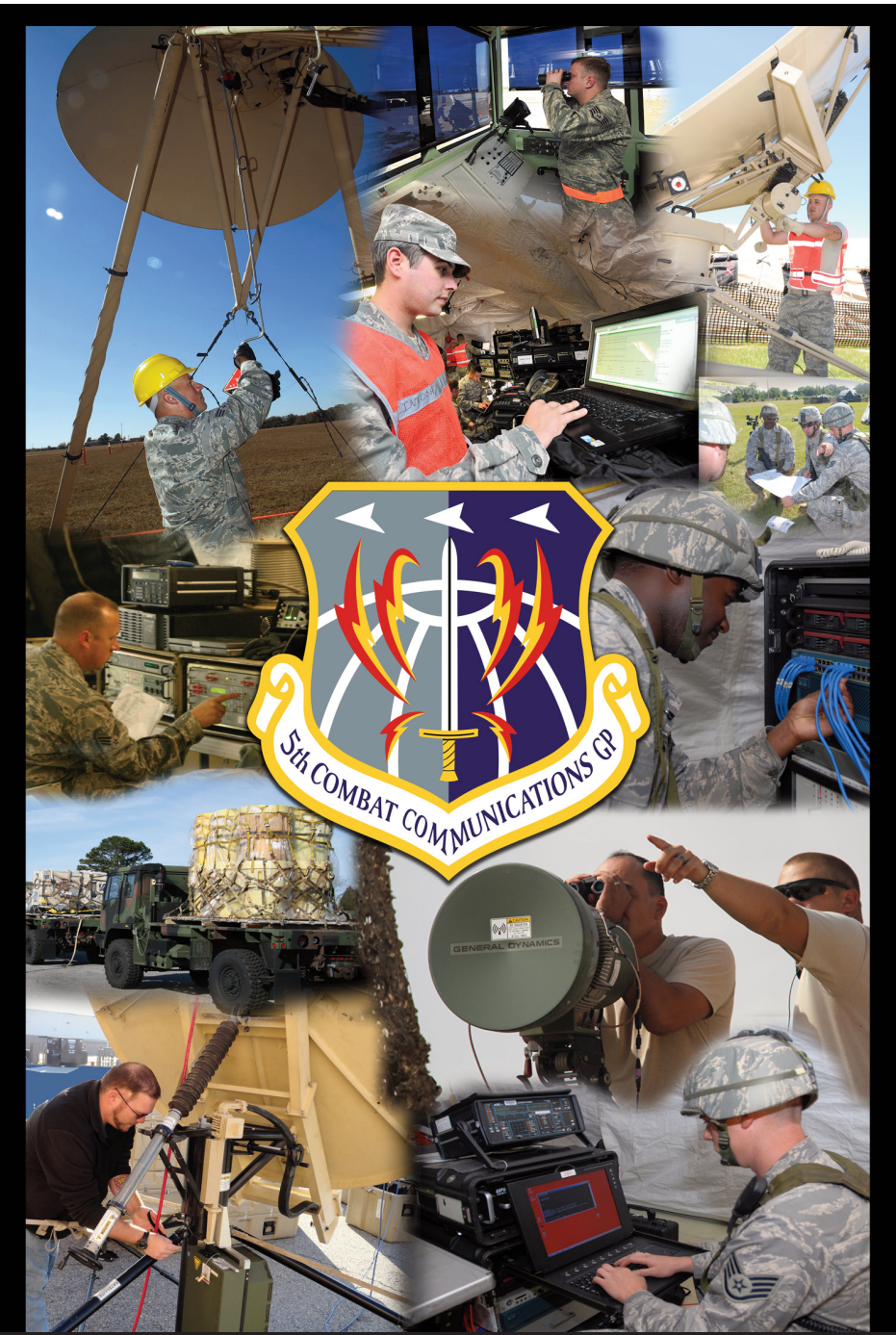
Risk factors are conditions and lifestyle habits that increase your risk of heart disease. The more risk factors you have, the higher your chances of having a heart attack. According to the American Heart Association, risk factors for heart disease include:

- High blood pressure
- Being overweight
- Physical inactivity
- Tobacco smoke exposure
- High blood cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Uncontrolled stress
- Increasing age
- Family medical history

While certain risk factors –

such as age and family history of early heart disease – cannot be changed, it is important to understand that you can lower your risk for heart disease. The CDC states that on average, people at low risk of heart disease live nearly 10 years longer than people at high risk. Keys to prevent or delay the onset of heart disease include healthy lifestyle habits that focus on weight management, being physically active, avoidance of tobacco smoke, and proper nutrition.

To help prevent heart disease and increase awareness of its effects, Robins’ Civilian Health Promotion Services is promoting the “Do You Know Your Numbers” wellness campaign during American Heart Month. Some risk factors for heart disease, such as high blood pressure or high blood cholesterol, may not have obvious signs or symptoms. The Cardio Risk Profile screening available through CHPS can help with early identification of risk factors for heart disease. The CRP screening is free to all Department of Defense (appropriated fund) AFMC civilian employees. For more information on wellness screenings, call the Robins CHPS team 497-8030 or visit www.AFMCwellness.com.



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5TH COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The 5th Combat Communications Group has been based at Robins Air Force Base since its activation on July 1, 1964. Originally called the 5th "Mobile" Communications Group it is still affectionately referred to as the 5th Mob. Today, the unit has over 700 combat-ready Airmen and can be a self-supporting combat unit. The group's Airmen operate complex networks, switches, and base-level communications equipment delivering critical voice and high speed data communications to operational users while providing its own site security, electrical power, and vehicle maintenance. The 5th CCG mission varies from providing small fly-away communications packages to rapidly deploying entire theater air base communications packages and deployable Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems.

Out and About

FRI 7	SAT 8	SUN 9	MON 10	TUE 11	WED 12	THUR 13
ON TAP Family Movie Night Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 Today 6:30 p.m. Base Theater Cost is \$2 and includes popcorn, drink and movie For details, call 468-2001.		call 468-4515. Valentine's Day Thunder Alley Special Feb. 14 1 to 4 p.m. Bowling Center Bring your sweetheart, pay regular price and your date's cost is half price. For details, call 468-2112.			Bundles for Babies Feb. 18 8:30 a.m. to noon A&FRC, Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256. Bowling Feb. 18 1 to 4 p.m. Bowling Center Bowl three games for \$5 Includes shoes For details, call 468-2112.	
Transition GPS Workshop Monday through Feb. 14 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A&FRC For details, call 468-1256.		Fernbank Museum & IMAX Movie Sign-up deadline is Feb. 14. Activity is Feb. 22. Adults - \$35 Children (3 to11) - \$25 Price includes transportation, entry and an IMAX movie. For details, call 468-4001.			Bowling Movie Days Feb. 19 2 to 4 p.m. Bowling Center \$6 per person includes three games, rental shoes, movie and popcorn. For details, call 468-2112.	
National 'Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day' Tuesday Golf Course For every nonperishable can of food donated, players get one mulligan to improve their score. Standard fees apply. The participant with the best score or with the most donations will win two free rounds of golf (including cart). For details, call 468-4103.		Yard Sales Feb. 15 8 a.m. to noon Outdoor Rec parking lot One table and two chairs Cost \$7 For details, call 468-4001.			Runaway Bar Bingo Feb. 19 6 p.m. Heritage Club Bingo Room For details, call 468-4515.	
Soccer Intent Letter Deadline wednesday Fitness Center For details, call 468-2128.		T-Ball, Baseball & Softball registration Feb. 15 and 21 Youth Center For details, call 497-6836.			Educational Track Feb. 20 and 21 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A&FRC, Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.	
UPCOMING Valentines Big Bingo Feb. 14 6 p.m. Heritage Club Bingo Room For details,		Pee wee Spring Bumper Bowling League Registration is Feb. 15 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bowling Center League starts Feb. 22 Cost is \$35, Ages 3- to 5-years old			Boss-n-Buddy Feb. 21 4 to 5 p.m. Heritage Club Lounge Club members free, \$5 for guests.	

Robins Main Store Firearms
The Robins Exchange firearms counter hours are Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.
For more information, call Lajima Marshall or Matalena Iosefo at (478) 923-5536, ext. 200 or the general manager's office at (478) 922-2927

or DSN 497-9430.

New Library hours
The Base Library will have new hours beginning Feb. 24. The hours will be Mondays through Thursdays from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. It will be closed on Fridays and Sundays.



U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN
Cory Hughes, an Alabama contractor, measures the perimeter of the existing wood floor at the old basketball court. After edging the floor, a rubber running track will be laid around it. The company's employees will sand and paint the wood floor once the running track is put in place.



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