

DUI Prevention sign competition

There's a DUI Prevention competition running now through Oct. 15. Sign-up is open to the first 20 organizations.

Submitted signs will be posted across base beginning Oct. 24, and continuing through Halloween weekend to raise awareness and to prevent DUIs.

Construction kits will be provided. Units will

be responsible for paint and painting materials. You supply the design, slogan, manpower, paint and talent. Everyone is welcome to submit signs. The winner will be announced Oct. 31.

To sign up and learn more, email casandralorraine@us.af.mil, Victoria.weiger@us.af.mil, joshua.caulfield.1@us.af.mil, or kyle.dye@ang.af.mil.

A shot in the arm
Flu vaccine now available to active duty, dependents

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Resources to right people, right areas

Team JSTARS answers call for humanitarian aid

BY JENNY GORDON

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During recent efforts in Iraq, the men and women of the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System from Robins Air Force Base answered the call for humanitarian assistance.

In protecting our national security across the globe, Team JSTARS has been doing it nonstop for the last 13 years.

As the most-recent crisis in Iraq unfolded, the Air Force conducted critical operations to help protect U.S. personnel and facilities, safeguard crucial infrastructure and support humanitarian efforts as Iraqi and Kurdish defense forces combat the terrorist organization known as ISIL.

During mid-August, the Air Force as part of a joint team under U.S. Central Command, provided humanitari-



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RELATED NEWS
The Georgia Air National Guard's 116th Air Control Wing Medical Group visits the Republic of Georgia to teach physicians, infectious disease experts and hazardous material response teams about treating patients in a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive environment.

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an assistance near Sinjar, Iraq.

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FRIDAY FLYBY

Litchfield shares CFC message

Fall is here and it's time for the Combined Federal Campaign.

CFC raises millions of dollars each year to support family, friends, neighbors and communities in need.

This campaign has been in place since the 1960s

and gives federal employees the ability to donate to their favorite charities through payroll donations with very low overhead – meaning more of your money goes to the charities you designate. CFC is designed to be a simple way for you to help others.

Your donations have provided food, shelter, warmth, medicine and education for countless people in the community and around the world.

On a personal level, we never know when we may need help, but with CFC we can pay it forward.

Please join in this worthy campaign by showing how we are caring wingmen to all. *Keep 'em flying ... it's what we do!*

Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield
Air Force Sustainment Center commander

GIVE FOR GOOD

Online donations accepted for CFC

The Robins 2014 Combined Federal Campaign will run from Oct. 20 to Nov. 14. Electronic pledges may be made through MyPay now until Dec. 15.

This year's theme is "Give for Good."

2014 CFC super monitors:

- ◆ **AFSC:** Kimberly Clark, 1st Lt. Andrew Schurman, Don Shepherd, 2nd Lt. Tyler Wallis;
- ◆ **AFLCMC:** Alice Escobedo, 1st Lt. Carlos Horner, Capt. Robin Orr, Jo Ann Boyd, Santina Printup, Kurt Senzig, 2nd Lt. Rico Lane, Staff Sgt. Melinda Behrens, 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Cunningham, Robert Rutherford, Terri Gipson, Bruce Harris, Daria Walker;
- ◆ **116th ACW:** 1st Lt. Desiree Patterson;
- ◆ **461st ACW:** Toni Chavis;
- ◆ **5th CCG:** Master Sgt. Trissie Goss;
- ◆ **AFAA:** Dawn Dixon;
- ◆ **AFRL:** 2nd Lt. Christopher Proctor;
- ◆ **DLA:** Patti Williams;
- ◆ **AFRC:** Lt. Col. Marilyn Manifold.

Home away from Home

Fresh out of the Gate



Did You Know?

◆ **Bldgs. 50 and 54 are used for C-130 depot and paint operations.**

◆ **Three shifts of 60 workers currently work in the Corrosion Flight.**

◆ **Chemicals washed away enter the industrial wastewater treatment plant.**

◆ **Kit cage: To assist with depaint and wash operations, the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Support Squadron's Corrosion Flight can easily get to nearby items which include aluminum paper and tape, brushes, tape measure, gloves and sandpaper as needed.**

U.S. Air Force photos by ED ASPERA

Above, Mathew Yawn, a sheet-metal mechanic, aquamises the top of the C-130's wing while Howard Dunlop, a painter, below, rinses the flap wells in Bldg. 54. The Aquamiser uses 24,000 pounds per square inch of pressurized water and is used to remove stubborn coating after stripping.

Depainting critical during C130's PDM, allows mechanics to inspect surfaces for cracks, corrosion and damage

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About this series

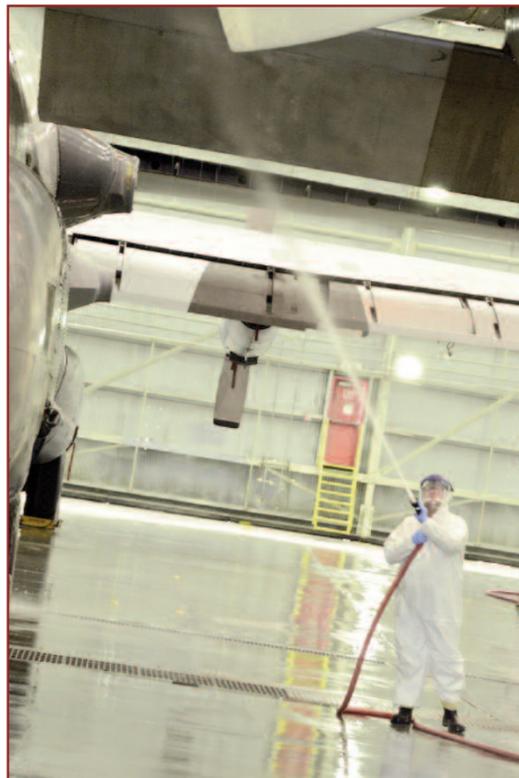
Over the next several months, Robins Public Affairs will document the programmed depot maintenance of a C-130H during its time at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex. The Rev-Up will highlight various stages of the PDM process, telling the stories of the people and organizations who make the mission happen here every day.

Even a tactical airlifter like a C-130H needs a fresh scrub and wash to feel like it's shiny and new again.

It's been more than a month since the aircraft we've been following made its August debut on the Robins flight line, where it completed induction and disassembly for de-paint operations in Gate 1.

Each stop that it makes inside a gate – there is a seven-gate structure – moves it one step forward. It's part of an incredible production machine at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex that works nonstop, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The second gate, or process, recently completed, included the removal of the aircraft's



"With everything associated during this process, we have continued to improve to make our procedures as safe as possible."

– James Cranford

Corrosion Control Flight chief

AF ensures command visibility on substantiated sex-related offenses

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, (AFNS)

– Air Force officials have announced a new policy requiring the inclusion and command review of information on sex-related offenses in personnel service records.

The change was directed in the fiscal 2014 National Defense Authorization Act, requiring the services to document this information in service member personnel records.

"Sexual harassment and sexual assault are not consistent with our Core Values, cause great harm to our Airmen who experience it and seriously degrade our mission readiness," said Maj. Gen. Gina Grosso, director of the Air Force sexual assault and prevention response office.

The new policy requires commanders to review all records to ensure substantiated complaints of sex-related offenses against Airmen, regardless of grade, assigned to their command, are annotated.

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New changes save AF money, increase wait times for users

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

New changes on the horizon in Air Force technologies aim to trim costs but could mean longer delays in some areas.

The Air Force's Enterprise Service Desk plan calls for an automated, do-it-yourself system for solving computer issues to be in place by November, and yes, Robins personnel may have to practice a bit more patience, said Timothy Nelson, 78th Communications Directorate director.

"It's similar to when you're using your home computer and having a problem with software and you go to the

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SECOND FRONT

'Getting to know you ...'



A member of the 5th Combat Communications Group assists Jason Murphy, military legislative assistant for Congressman Tom Graves, and Kevin Reigurt, chief of staff for Congressman Andrew Harris, as they fire practice rounds during their visit to the installation Sept. 25.



Steve Petersen, military legislative assistant for Congressman Rob Bishop, chats with Brig. Gen. Walter Lindsley, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex commander, at Wynn Dining Facility. While here, the Air Force staff delegation received a cross-sectional view of Team Robins' mission.

U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Christopher Litsas

UNIT: C2ISR Division

JOB TITLE:
ISR Sustainment
Engineering Center
Section Lead

TIME IN SERVICE:

26 years

HOMETOWN:
Alexandria, Va.



What does your work involve? "I am lead program manager standing up the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Engineering Center. ISEC will use a combination of software maintenance group personnel and industrial companies in relocating and building labs for the development, integration and testing of products to support the Air Force-Distributed Common Ground Stations used to exploit and disseminate intelligence information."

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? "Providing the ability for building a government-owned and government-controlled lab which is allowing for the establishment of an organic workforce to work and develop configuration control over the sustainment of the weapon system. The establishment of the lab is allowing for the growth potential for ISR software engineering capabilities at Robins."

What do you enjoy most about your work? "I enjoy working with other people who have the same passion. Every day is a new challenge, and you don't know what problem each day will hold. But there will be a problem, and if it weren't for the personnel around me, those challenges would be overwhelming. I also know everything we do has a direct impact on the support to the intelligence analysis."

What prompted your interest in your current career field? "I actually landed in it. It wasn't something I'd been out searching for, as my interest has been in engineering. But the logistics side gives me the ability to perform PM duties and contribute in engineering."

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? "My wife, as she is always encouraging me and keeping me humble."

What's something people would be surprised to know about you? "I swam competitively for 14 years."

What's an accomplishment of which you are most proud? "The fact that I spent 21 years in the Air Force; my original intention was to only spend four years."

Base to celebrate Fire Prevention Week

BY ROBINS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a fire.

That's the message behind this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!"

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, Robins Fire Emergency Services is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association during Fire Prevention Week, Sunday through Oct. 11, to remind base employees and residents about the importance of working smoke alarms in the home and testing them monthly.

According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms decrease the chance of dying in a fire in half.

Meanwhile, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

In a fire, seconds count. Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out.

This year's campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages:

► Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

► Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.

► Test alarms at least monthly.

► Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.

► Make sure everyone knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Monday – Smokey Bear will visit the Bldg. 300 Smoking Gazebo at 9 a.m. and Bldg. 1555 at 2 p.m.; a fire truck will be on display at the Base Exchange from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday – Fire-safety cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 38 from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.; Smokey Bear will visit Bldg. 215 from 9 to 10 a.m.; Sparky the Fire Dog and the Friendly Fireman will visit the Child Development Center in Bldg. 946 from 2 to 2:30 p.m. A fire truck will be on display at the Exchange and fire prevention materials will be handed

out from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Smokey Bear will make an appearance at Bldg. 215 at 2 p.m.; a Base Housing Resident's briefing will be from 5 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday – Fire-safety cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 44 from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.; Sparky and the Friendly Fireman will be at the CDC in Bldg. 943 from 9 to 10 a.m.; Firefighters will hand out fire-prevention materials and there will be a visit from Sparky at the Base Restaurant from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Smokey will make an appearance at Bldg. 301 at 2 p.m.; A dorm residents briefing will be from 5 to 6 p.m.

Thursday – Fire-safety cards will be distributed at flight line entry gate 38 from 7 to 8 a.m.; Smokey will make an appearance at Bldg. 301 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 a visit from Sparky at the Base Restaurant; fire-safety cards will be distributed at Bldg. 640 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Oct. 10: – A fire truck will be displayed at the Exchange and firefighters will hand out fire-prevention materials along with the help of Sparky from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Smokey will also make an appearance at Bldg. 905 at 2 p.m.

Editor's Note: To learn more about how "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives", visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

Base historian honored by AF History Foundation

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

Dr. William Head may be a well-known asset at Robins Air Force Base, but he has recently proven to be a bit of a national treasure as well.

Recognized by the Air Force Historical Foundation, Head, base historian, will add another award to his extensive collection Wednesday when he arrives in Washington, D.C. for the AFHF's formal banquet.

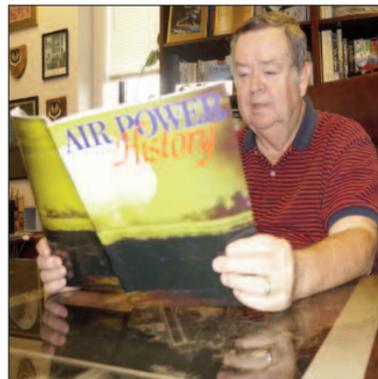
There, he will receive the award for best article, for a piece published last winter in the foundation's quarterly journal, "Air Power History." The article is titled "The Battles of Fallujah: Urban Warfare and the Growth of Air Power"

and focuses on the Air Force's integral role in the 2004 campaign – often considered a turning point in the war in Iraq.

"Fallujah was a typical urban battlefield, but we used various Air Force weapons systems to take the city," he said. "It was different in that we were part of it. We really proved our worth."

Though Head has received numerous awards during the course of his career as a college professor and 30 years at Robins, he said this one – his first from the historical foundation – ranks toward the top, especially given that he was up against many experts in the field vying for the coveted prize.

"It's a nice honor, and I'm thrilled," he said. "The foundation has been around since 1953, and some of the peo-



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA
Dr. William Head is the History Office chief.

ple who have received it are well-known and significant historians. I'm proud to be a part of that group."

Fostering Leadership in People

Fostering Leadership in People awards are given to those who make contributions to improving labor and management relations at Robins. The latest recipients are members of the Air Force Emergency Management Team:

- Tech. Sgt. Terri Adams,
- Staff Sgt. Jennifer Rider,
- Staff Sgt. Shellie Vincent,
- Senior Airman Joseph Sherry,
- Airman 1st Class Aaron Harris

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

AF leaders sign Total-Force Aircrew Management charter

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Senior Air Force leaders signed a Total Force Aircrew Management charter Sept. 18 during the Aircrew Summit at Joint Base Andrews, Md.

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Mark Welsh III, Director of Air National Guard Lt. Gen. Stanley Clarke, and Chief of Air Force Reserve Lt. Gen. James Jackson, signed the TFAM charter, establishing a new total force division.

Under the Operations, Plans and Requirements (A3) directorate, TFAM will integrate the management of the active-duty, Air Guard and Reserve aircrew resources to maximize total force readiness.

“TFAM will provide cost savings and efficient solutions like continuum of service and more balanced allocation of resources and training,” James said. “This will allow more effective use of our Guard and Reserve, which is critical to meeting our nation’s needs.”

Before TFAM, each component used its own model, in separate locations, to manage officers and career enlisted Airmen who fly and make up the aircrew force. TFAM will enable use of a single agreed-upon model, in one office, to make training and resource decisions, provide policy guidance and make integrated recommendations to solving problems like aircrew shortfalls.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

In Other News

Air Force integrates TAP into new military lifecycle model

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS – The redesigned Transition Assistance Program is in its third and final stage and will be integrated into the new Department of Defense Military Lifecycle model, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

The MLC, which was implemented Wednesday, is the latest in a series of improvements to the Transition Goals Planning Success, or Transition GPS. In October the Air Force will align TAP resources to engage at key touchpoints in the MLC model to ensure Airmen prepare for life after the military beginning with their first day on active duty. “Adopting the MLC TAP model is a proactive approach, poising Airmen to thrive in civilian life,” said Lt. Col. Jordan Davis, Air Force Transition Assistance Program manager.

Implementing the MLC is one of four goals developed by the Veterans Employment Initiative Task Force focused on preparing transitioning service members for a post-service career.

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

AF recruiting software gets overhaul

WASHINGTON (AFNS) A new system has revolutionized the recruiting process for more than 5,000 recruiters and interface partners within the Air Force active-duty, Guard and Reserve components.

Recruiters have long used computer-based software to track the paperwork and essential data of enlistees from the first visit to a recruiter’s office to the day of enlistment. The system often communicates with outside agencies including the military entrance processing station.



U.S. Air Force photo by SCOTT ASH

Leaders of the Air Force and the Air Reserve Component sign the Total Force Aircrew Management charter Sept. 18 during the Aircrew Summit at Joint Base Andrews, Md. From left to right, Director of Air National Guard Lt. Gen. Stanley Clarke; Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James; Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh, III; and Chief of Air Force Reserve Lt. Gen. James Jackson.

Although it was a functional system, the Air Force Recruiting Information Support System has been upgraded to be total-force capable in the interest of innovation and modernization.

“In 2007, the Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne directed use of a single recruiting system to be utilized as the primary tool for all active-duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard recruiters worldwide,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jeanette Masters, AFRISS-TF program manager and Air Force Reserve Command recruiting service liaison to AFRS. “The impetus for this direction was to modernize the system and to merge and enhance existing capabilities and data of the two legacy recruiting systems into one.”

Air Force active-duty, Guard and Reserve recruiters have been cohesive with regards to enlistee data since June. Allowing an enlistee to change career direction and switch to another recruiter, for example, from Guard to Reserve, without foregoing their enlistment progress.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Staff sergeant EPR static closeout dates implemented

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS (AFNS) – Implementation of a series of changes to the enlisted evaluation and promotion systems – announced in July by Air Force senior leaders – continues with the establishment of the staff sergeant enlisted performance report static closeout date. Effective Oct. 4, all staff sergeant EPRs will close out Jan. 31. Also effective Oct. 4, change of reporting official EPRs will no longer be accomplished for staff sergeants.

Enlisted Evaluation System and Weighted Airman Promotion System changes will be implemented in stages during the next 18 months for Regular Air Force Airmen and during the next 30 months for Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Airmen.

The changes focus on ensuring job performance is the most important factor when evaluating and identifying Airmen for promotion.

Changes announced and implemented to date include implementation of static closeout dates for technical sergeant EPRs, elimination of technical sergeant change of



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS LEAH FERRANTE

Trouble shooting

MQ-9 Reaper crew chiefs perform a routine inspection on an MQ-9 remotely piloted aircraft at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. The 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron thoroughly inspects each part of the aircraft before takeoff and after landing, looking for any discrepancies that could interfere with the proper operation of the aircraft.

reporting official EPRs and establishment of new promotion eligibility cutoff dates for staff sergeants competing for technical sergeant and technical sergeants competing for master sergeant.

Additional enlisted evaluation and promotion system changes will be announced as they are approved.

For more information about enlisted evaluations and promotions and other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>. Select “search all components” from the drop-down menu and enter “28061” in the search window for SCOD and CRO report information; “27948” for enlisted evaluations or “27949” for enlisted promotion change information.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.



TUITION ASSISTANCE

Air Force updates voluntary education programs

BY SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Active-duty Airmen who want to take advantage of military assistance programs for voluntary education in the coming academic year experienced several changes beginning Wednesday.

Air Force Credentialing Opportunities Online, or AF COOL, will take the place of the MilTA certification program for enlisted, Total Force Airmen seeking certifications. Military tuition assistance guidance will also be updated.

“Education is what keeps our Airmen and our Air Force at the leading edge of change,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody. “This is a valuable benefit that Airmen have a responsibility to manage, whether it’s keeping their GPA up or meeting all the deadlines for applications.”

Airmen who are currently enrolled in a certification program funded through military tuition assistance will have one year to complete their program. Enlisted Airmen submitting new applications through AF COOL will be able to apply for certifications based on their duty Air Force specialty code, with a lifetime cap of \$4,500. Senior noncommissioned officers are

also eligible for leadership and management credentialing programs within the lifetime cap. Funding for the program is currently scheduled to begin in January 2015. However, the website is now functional.

“We created AF COOL in part to meet NDAA 14 requirements but also to separate credentialing from other military tuition assistance and ensure we had a cohesive, user-friendly system for our enlisted Airmen who are interested in obtaining duty-related certifications,” said Russell Frasz, the Air Force Director of Force Development.

Military TA will also see some changes in fiscal 2015, said Frasz. In line with the updated Department of Defense Instruction on voluntary education released in May, Airmen who receive grades of a C or below in graduate courses and D or below in undergraduate courses will be required to reimburse TA funds.

This is effective with all term start dates on or after Oct. 1. If after six semester hours at the graduate level or 15 semester hours at the undergraduate level, students cannot maintain the requisite GPA, they will no longer be eligible to receive military TA until they have raised their GPA. In addition, the DoD Instruction no longer allows for MilTA to pay for

fees.

Eligibility requirements for military TA will remain the same, except for students with active suspenses such as incompletes or other pending reimbursement actions, who will be ineligible until those suspenses are closed. Airmen who are approved to receive TA may still receive up to \$4,500 per fiscal year and a maximum of \$250 per semester hour, but will now have a cap of up to 124 semester hours allowed for undergraduate program and 42 semester hours for graduate-level courses (some restrictions apply for the undergraduate and graduate caps). This change affects all current and future MilTA users.

The window for military TA requests will be limited to no earlier than 45 and no later than seven days prior to the start of the academic term. Additionally, Airmen must obtain approval for their educational goals from their academic institution.

All new TA users and those who haven’t taken any classes in the past year are required to have face-to-face counseling with an education advisor prior to receiving TA, but all students are encouraged to meet with education advisors and review the updated Air Force Instruction to ensure they are familiar with all the changes to the program, said Frasz.

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Col. Chris Hill, Installation commander, addresses the audience during the 5th annual Triple Ribbon Month kickoff Sept. 26 at the Central Georgia Technical College Warner Robins campus. Local leaders including Hill; Perry Mayor Jimmy Faircloth; John Stalnaker, Houston County Board of Commissioners chairman; and Randy Toms, Warner Robins mayor; signed a proclamation officially beginning the observances. The month promotes awareness of breast cancer, represented by the pink ribbon; domestic violence, represented by the purple ribbon; and drug demand reduction, represented by the red ribbon.

A breast cancer awareness luncheon will be Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation. Guest speaker will be Dr. Ava Beaudoin, a radiologist specializing in breast imaging. Tickets are \$15. For tickets, call (478) 923-9771.

VISIBILITY

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ed in the Airman’s performance report or permanent training report. Annotation of those complaints resulting in conviction by court-martial, non-judicial punishment or punitive administrative action will be filed in an Airman’s permanent personnel service record.

“Actively engaged leadership and transparency are key to eliminating sex-related offenses,” said Brig. Gen. Kelly, force management policy director. “This policy assists with that goal and helps leaders foster a climate of mutual respect, dignity and inclusion of all Airmen at every level.”

The new policy also states unit commanders will be responsible for reviewing the personnel record of every Airman, regardless of grade, assigned or transferred into his or her command.

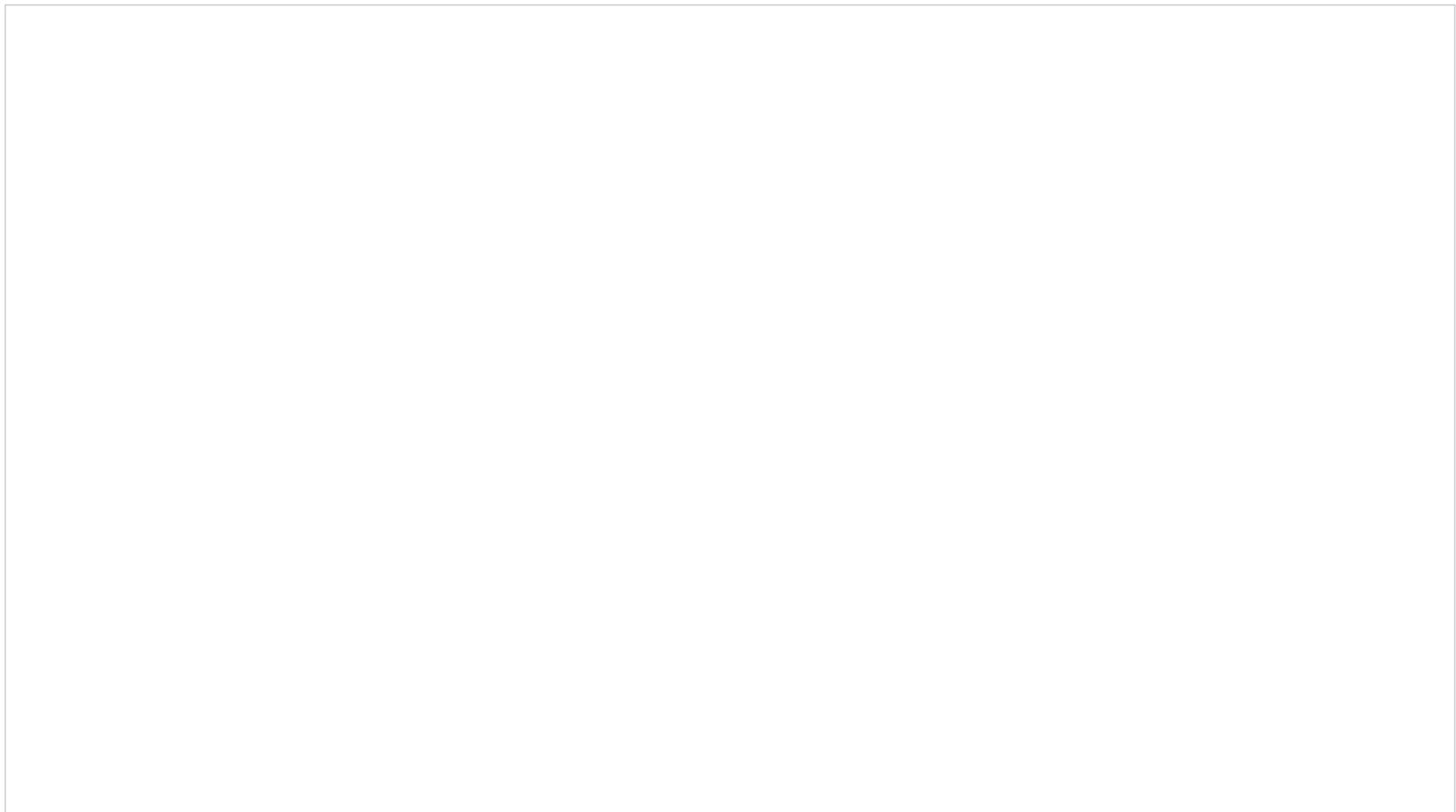
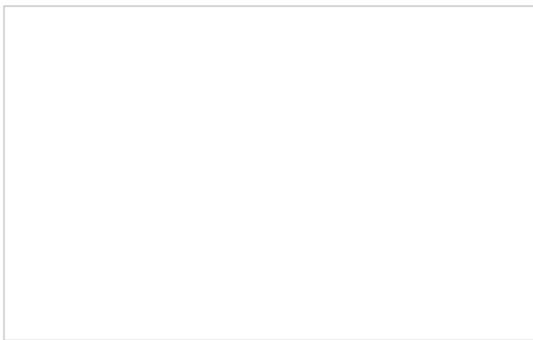
“This level of awareness should ensure commanders have knowledge of and familiarization with their assigned Airmen’s histories of sex-related offenses,” Kelly said. “This also reduces the likelihood repeat offenses will escape the notice of subsequent or higher level commanders.”

The effective date for the notation is Dec. 26. Commanders will ensure substantiated offenses not previously documented on the Airman’s performance or training report that occurred on or after the effective date will be documented in the Airman’s next evaluation.

This policy does not limit or prohibit the Airman from challenging or appealing such action using the existing appeal process in line with Air Force Instruction 36-2406, Officer and Enlisted Evaluation Systems, or through the Air Force Board of Correction for Military Records, explained Kelly.

For this policy, the Air Force considers sex-related offenses as those defined in *Articles 120, 125, 120a, 120b, and 120c* of the “*Uniform Code of Military Justice*” which range from rape to stalking.

Air Force officials recognize the significant administrative burden associated with initially implementing this policy on the directed timeline, Kelly said. To alleviate this in the future, data codes are being developed to allow commanders to quickly identify Airmen who are assigned to or transferred into their unit.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

GEORGIA GOES TO GEORGIA:

Breaching barriers and building relationships

BY MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

Imagine traveling to a foreign country, not speaking the language, and being tasked to teach some of the country's top medical professionals through the use of translators.

For a team of eight healthcare experts from the Georgia Air National Guard's 116th Air Control Wing Medical Group, that's exactly what the doctor ordered.

The doctor in this case was U.S. European Command.

"We were invited to the Republic of Georgia by EUCOM to teach physicians, infectious disease experts and hazmat response teams about treating patients in a chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive environment," said Chief Master Sgt. Cynthia Haines, 116th MDG medical operations superintendent.

The team, based out of Robins, is known for its expertise when it comes to disaster preparedness.

"In each of our last three Homeland Response Force external evaluations we received a perfect score," said Col. Muriel Herman, 116th Medical Group commander.

Overcoming language and culture barriers, the Airmen shared practical experiences gained from years of training and real-life situations with a group of 35 professionals from the Georgian Ministry of Health and



U.S. Air Force photo by CHIEF MASTER SGT. CYNTHIA HAINES
Master Sgt. Glen McIver, right, 116th Medical Group medic, demonstrates the proper wear of a protective suit and mask while teaching a class in the Republic of Georgia.

Ministry of Defense.

"We didn't have all the details about who our target audience would be, so we brought subject matter experts from a number of different categories," Herman said.

"As it turned out, the group we were teaching not only included some of the top military and civilian physicians and first-responders, but also the chief of Infection Control and policy writers for biological and

chemical response for the country," she added.

Herman and her team shared a series of interactive presentations followed by biological, chemical and radiological scenarios they created.

"We did research about the area and people prior to the trip so we could make our presentations personal and realistic to them," said Lt. Col. Julie Churchman, chief nurse of the 116th Medical Group.

On the next to last day of class the roles changed and the Airmen put on headsets, listening through translators, as their Georgian counterparts explained how they would work through the scenarios.

"During the scenarios you could really tell they had thought it through and were getting it," said Herman. "It was a great learning experience for all of us."

The last day of class brought a surprise for the Airmen from Georgia that demonstrated the bond that had been built throughout the week.

"Our last day of class was on Sept. 11," said Herman. "We went to class as normal and didn't say anything about the day. The Georgian students stopped class on that day and wanted to have a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11. It was a very touching moment for all of us."

"The Georgian people were very giving and compassionate," said Haines.

Editor's Note: To read the full story, visit: www.116acw.ang.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123426116

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religious minority group which mostly resides in northern Iraq – began fleeing their homes once Islamic State militants began taking over the country's northern territories and brutally killing citizens.

The Yazidis became trapped on Mount Sinjar, and with few resources on hand, faced the threat of starvation with little food or water.

A humanitarian mission, with support from C-130s sustained at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, provided airdrops of thousands of gallons of fresh drinking water and more than 100,000

meals beginning in early August.

In support of those efforts were JSTARS Airmen who were tasked with coordinating military weapon systems and providing crucial situational awareness.

With JSTARS having the ability to see what's going on below, by having the capacity to merge that with its command and control function, an air mobility officer was directed onboard the E-8C to coordinate mobility assets that were in the air at the time.

"This was a first for us," said Col. Henry Cyr, 461st Air Control Wing commander. "This was the first time an air-borne mobility Command element has supported a Humanitarian Relief

Operations effort on board a JSTARS, coordinating so resources could get to the right people in the right areas."

The entire operation from the request for JSTARS support, to airdrops and mission completion, lasted about a week and a half. The Yazidis were eventually able to escape Mount Sinjar.

"I'm very proud of our folks. With literally any situation that we throw at them, they find a way to solve it," he said.

Highlighting C-130 and C-17s providing humanitarian relief below while a JSTARS crew was above, Cyr said, "When you think about it, two key pieces from Robins came together to perform a mission that probably nobody anticipated halfway around the world."

In addition to providing support to CENTCOM, JSTARS has presence right now in several combatant commands around the world.

"Just recently we surpassed 100,000 hours flying in support of all combatant commanders," said Cyr, with more than 90 percent of its global operations in direct support of CENTCOM during the last 13 years.

One of nine unified commands in the U.S. military, CENTCOM'S area of responsibility covers 20 countries, including Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Syria.

JSTARS was one of the last manned platforms when the U.S. pulled out of Iraq, and was one of the first command and control platforms back, according to Cyr.

A BETTER YOU

Want the flu? Then don't read this

It's the sniffing sneezing, coughing, aching, stuffy-head, fever time of the year again.

Flu season began this month and runs through April, peaking in February.

But take heart, early vaccination is the most effective way to protect yourself and your family.

When you get the flu, you know you have it. Symptoms usually come on faster than an F-15 lowering the boom in the form of fever and chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches, fatigue and headaches. It's a sickly subject, but some folks may also have vomiting and diarrhea – though it's more common in children than adults.

And, this nasty bug can also cause other health complications, such as ear infections, pneumonia, dehydration ...

As if that weren't enough, it can also worsen chronic medical conditions like asthma.

Flu is no joke. Serious infections can result in hospitalization or – *gasp!* – *even death.*

Pregnant women, elderly adults, young children, and those with certain health conditions are at higher risk for serious flu complications.

But as Smokey Bear might say, "Only you can prevent the flu." Here are some helpful hints:

Avoid hanging out with sick people, and limit your social interactions with others when you're under the weather.

And, for goodness sake, cover it when you cough and sneeze, wash your mits often and keep surfaces and objects sanitized.

While all of that is great, the single most effective way to prevent flu is to put on your brave face and get vaccinated. But if you just can't stand the idea of a shot, take heart! You can also get the flu mist.

According to Staff Sgt. Erica Massey, 78th Medical Group NCOIC,



Vaccination schedule

The 78th Medical Group, located in Bldg. 700, is available for vaccinations for Active Duty and their dependents Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., except for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month when they are open from 7 to 11 a.m. For details, contact the Immunizations Clinic at (478) 327-7921 or DSN 497-7921.

Communicable Disease, the flu shot is a dead virus injected into the muscle and is recommended for all individuals older than 6 months of age.

The mist is a nasal spray of the live weakened virus, which is only recommended for healthy folks between 2 and 49 years of age who aren't pregnant.

High risk patients should be especially on top of their game when it comes to getting vaccinated. Patients will be screened at the Immunizations Clinic to determine if they're able to get the shot or the mist.

Don't forget, it's important to talk with your healthcare provider prior to receiving the vaccine if you have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome, have had a past severe reaction to the vaccine, or are feeling ill. The vaccination has been effective and given for decades to prevent the spread of the flu virus.

So, what are you waiting for? *Go get your dog gone flu shot or mist!*

AFMC promotes Strengthening Relationships campaign

BY GREG CHADWICK

Air Force Materiel Command Wellness Support Center

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – During October, Air Force Materiel Command will promote the Strengthening Interpersonal Relationships campaign. Healthy and caring relationships with family, friends and significant others can give our lives immeasurable joy and meaning.

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, qualities of a healthy relationship include:

- ▶ Strong two-way communication
- ▶ Commitment
- ▶ Trust and support
- ▶ Honesty and respect
- ▶ Ability to laugh at self and the world
- ▶ Appreciation and thoughtfulness
- ▶ Willingness to compromise
- ▶ Fighting fair when resolving conflict

Some relationships may become strained and lead to communication meltdowns. When a family member or significant other has an emotional outburst, the hurtful words can scar and lead to resentment and bitterness.



U.S. Air Force graphic

The ability to communicate and resolve conflict is at the core of any successful relationship. Think about your relationships and how you want them to be. If you're distressed about a relationship, support is available through the following installation agencies:

- ▶ Family Advocacy Program
- ▶ Military Family Life Consultant
- ▶ Chapel
- ▶ Military OneSource
- ▶ Employee Assistance Program

For information regarding resources for strengthening relationships, visit www.AFMCwellness.com or the Robins Civilian Health Promotion Services team at (478) 327-8034.

78th MDG celebrates Customer Service Week

To celebrate Customer Service Week, the 78th Medical Group will offer the following free seminars in the atrium adjacent to the pharmacy in Bldg. 700:

Monday

- ▶ **Enhancing Mental Health**, 9 to 10 a.m.
- ▶ **ADAPT**, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ **Managing Diabetes and Cholesterol**, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday

- ▶ **How not to fall for a Jerk/Jerkette**, 10 to 10:20 a.m.
- ▶ **Relationship Strength; Know the Communication Danger Signs**, 10:20 to 10:40 a.m.
- ▶ **A Humorous Look at Parenting**,

10:40 to 11 a.m.

▶ **Military One Source (for active duty and dependents)**, 11 a.m. to noon

Wednesday

- ▶ **VA Briefing**, 9 to 10 a.m.
- ▶ **Financial Action Plan**, 10 to 11 a.m.

Thursday

- ▶ **Access to Care**, 10 to 11 a.m.
- ▶ **Nutrition**, 9 to 10 a.m.

Friday

- ▶ **Pharmacy processes**, 9 to 10 a.m.
- ▶ **Dental**, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ **Optometry**, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call Melissa Carré at (478) 327-8475.

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software's Web site to solve it," he said. "It will take you through all the troubleshooting methods and hopefully fix the issue."

If a customer cannot fix the problem themselves, they must contact the help desk, which will in turn forward it back to Robins communications, and a technician will be dispatched to come out for further assistance.

This latest transition comes on the heels of last year's deployment of the Air Force Network, which replaced the previous system in which each installation managed its own network; one of the results is emails made the transition from "@robins.af.mil" to "@us.af.mil" for instance.

Nelson said that initial ESD changeover caused computer service to slow in comparison to the days when technical problems were resolved solely

within the installation.

"With a centralized help desk, there are only so many people they have available," he said. "And, we have hundreds of thousands of Airmen, civilians and contractors who are having issues as well."

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els get affected," said Nelson. "And, IT is one of those areas being cut back. People may have to wait a little longer to get their computers or email fixed as a result of that."

Prior to any changes, personnel would call the local service desk, with computers repaired – or even replaced if need be – within minutes most of the time, according to Nelson.

Since the transition to a consolidated help desk, waiting times increased to as long as a few days.

The upcoming migration to an automated system may expand the delays further, said Nelson.

"Why are they doing this? Because with large budget cuts, service levels get affected," said Nelson. "And, IT is one of those areas being cut back. People may have to wait a little longer to get their computers or email fixed as a result of that."

Think green. Please recycle this paper.

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former paint job.

This point is critical during an aircraft's programmed depot maintenance because removing paint allows mechanics at a later stage to thoroughly inspect surfaces for any cracks, corrosion and other potential damage.

Depending on where it is in its maintenance cycle, some C-130s come in for just a scuff sanding overcoat process, where surfaces are sanded and recoated. That happens every five years. In this case, this C-130H is being completely stripped of paint for inspection purposes, which occurs every 10 years.

Once certain aircraft parts were removed, such as its flight controls, wheel well doors and aft engine nacelles, it was towed into Bldg. 54 to prep for de-paint procedures.

The Maintenance Support Squadron's Corrosion Flight was at work in mid-September, completing the process in less than a week.

"With everything associated during this process, we have continued to improve to make our procedures as safe as possible," said James Cranford, Corrosion Control Flight chief.

It took a few days to remove the paint using a hydrogen peroxide/benzyl alcohol-based paint stripper – a chemical that basically loosens paint.

But first thing's first.

Before chemicals can be used, certain areas of the aircraft must be covered up to prevent chemical intrusion. That's where painters pull out lots of aluminum tape – the silver lining if you will –

to mask the radome, windows, and wheel wells, etc.

Then several painters suit up in personal protective equipment, which includes a special heavy-duty rain suit, steel toe boots, shin guards, rubber gloves and full-face respirator.

The chemical paint stripper is then applied to remove primer and paint. If there are stubborn spots, it's removed toward the end of the process using an Aqua Miser, a high-pressure sprayer that blasts out water at about 24,000 pounds per square inch. In other words, it's pretty powerful.

Ronnie Harrell, who has worked at Robins nearly 27 years – mostly in C-130s – has seen many changes.

"During my time I've seen much improvement as far as chemicals we've used," he said. "What we're using now works better than what we've had in the past, and it's safer for our workforce and environment."

Paint from a C-130 can sometimes be harder to remove than others.

"Depending on the age of the paint or where an aircraft is from, it can vary how easily paint comes off," said Troy Harmon, Corrosion Flight supervisor.

"This one here was pretty clean. I'm proud of it," he said, referring to the aircraft in this series. "The foundation of a good paint job is a good de-paint job. The cleaner we get it, the easier it will be at another stage when it's painted."

Interestingly, just as this particular C-130H was having a few paint spots removed, a second C-130H was a few buildings over, bound for the same location

The AFSC Way

**Gate 1
Induction &
Disassembly
for De-paint**
**Gate 2
De-paint/Wash**
**Gate 3
Disassembly
for Docks**
**Gate 4
Inspection**
**Gate 5
Repair & Build-Up**
**Gate 6
Paint**
**Gate 7
Functional Test**

overseas. It had just received its own new coat of paint and was awaiting final delivery.

Diligently removing paint at this point sets it up for success later when it's time for a new coat.

"We try to do things during the stripping process that will enhance the paint process," said Cranford. "While our processes are really about corrosion prevention, you better believe that cosmetics play just as important a role to the home station when we send an airplane back. The first thing they look at is appearance. That's Robins' first opportunity to provide a quality product, and it's the first impression we give."

"You only get one first impression so we do our best to make it positive," he said. "It's all part of our commitment to the warfighter to provide a quality product that will be reliable and low maintenance until its next visit to the depot."

OUT AND ABOUT

FRI 3 SAT 4 SUN 5 MON 6 TUE 7 WED 8 THUR 9

ON TAP
First Friday
Oktoberfest
 Today
 5 to 7 pm
 Heritage Club
 Calling all club members.
 For details,
 call 472-7899.

Pee Wee Bumper
Bowling League
 Saturday
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Bowling Center
 Cost is \$35
 League starts Oct. 11.
 Ages 3 to 5 years old
 For details,
 call 468-2112.

Football Frenzy
 Sundays
 11 a.m.
 Heritage Club
 Game starts at 1 p.m.
 Club members fill out a
 Football Frenzy entry form for
 a chance to win a round trip
 flight to Super Bowl XLIX
 For details,
 call 472-7899.

UPCOMING
Membership Drive
 Oct. 10
 5 to 7 p.m.
 Heritage Lounge
 New club members sign up
 for a chance to win prizes
 For details,
 call 472-7899.

call 472-7899.
Family Movie Night
 Planes, Fire & Rescue
 Oct. 11
 6:30 p.m.
 Base Theater
 Cost is \$2 and includes
 popcorn and drink.
 For details,
 call 468-2001.

National Boss Day
 Oct. 16
 5 to 7 p.m.
 Heritage Club
 Food, Fun & Prizes
 Music featuring "DJ Lee"
 For details,
 call 472-7899.

COLUMBUS DAY HOURS

FSS Oct. 13

All 78th Force Support Squadron facilities
 will be closed with the exception of:

- ▶ Bowling Center 1 to 8 p.m.
- ▶ Golf Course 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ▶ Main Fitness Center 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Wynn Dining Facility normal hours

Exchange Main Store

- ▶ Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more 78th Force Support Squadron information, visit www.robinsfss.com.
 For more Robins Exchange holiday hours, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com>.

Service Station

- ▶ Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Shoppette/Class Six

- ▶ Open from a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Military Clothing Store

- ▶ Closed

78th Medical Group

- ▶ Closed

Turning Fun Inside Out:

Outdoor Recreation provides tools to explore the outdoors

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Robins' Outdoor Recreation has a variety of ways to bring fun to life.

Your valid base ID card and some funds can open the door to a host of recreational adventures.

Outdoor Rec offers more than 100 rentable recreation items for parties, work and entertainment – and that's just a portion of the potential fun it offers.

Outdoor Rec, now co-located with the Arts & Crafts Center and Information, Tickets, and Travel, is currently renting ski, bass and Pontoon boats, and 5-wheel campers.

Bill Gurr, Robins' Outdoor Recreation director, said his group has a list of upcoming activities sure to add adventure to one's day.

"We're currently planning the first "Robins Air Force Base Camp" event Nov. 15, featuring events all day that will promote getting families outdoors and camping at Robins Park," he said.

In early November, Outdoor Recreation will host the Fall Bash at Robins Park.

All 78th Force Support Squadron facilities will participate offering free food, activities and much more for the



U.S. Air Force file photo by MISUZU ALLEN
Tracy Baker, 78th Force Support Squadron small engine mechanic, maintains the trolling motor on a bass boat.

base community.

October brings its own calendar of fun, with a Base Corn Hole Tournament Oct. 18.

In addition to on-base events, Outdoor Recreation offers a variety of trips that enable Robins' people to venture elsewhere.

For more information on these opportunities and more, check out the latest issue of the Edge Magazine or contact Outdoor Recreation at 468-4001.

You can also follow **Robins AFB Outdoor Rec.** on Facebook.