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## FLU SHOTS

Battling sniffing, sneezing, stuffy-head season?

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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## 'We're here for you, stay calm'

### Base, county health officials ready for unlikely Ebola threat

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Few people would deny that Ebola isn't a very soothing word. And, as the disease continues to dominate the news, so do the concerns of many Americans, almost to a point of hysteria some

would say. But make no mistake. As with any potential threat - manmade or otherwise - Team Robins is ready to tackle it.

Last week, Col. Anita Winkler, 78th Medical Group aerospace medicine chief, met with county health officials - particularly those who deal with emergency care - to formulate what she called a realistic threat assessment for the Robins community.

"We wanted to all get on the same page so that we're all working together," she said. "We want to calm fears because there's a lot of worry wells out there, and to make sure that if this

does actually occur in our community, we'll be able to handle it appropriately - getting people where they need to be for the highest echelons of care."

It's all about detection and protection, she said. The team has gathered information on particular screenings to ensure the case definition of Ebola would be captured in the unlikely event that it arrives here.

"God forbid if someone does have Ebola, we want to prevent any delay, which is exactly what they don't need," Winkler said.

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## STRIPPED AWAY: C-130 readied for inspection as workers disassemble parts

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When it comes to maintaining a versatile, dynamic weapon system like the C-130, the first step is taking it apart to make sure everything works properly.

Once a C-130 arrives at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex for programmed depot maintenance, every task happens for a reason. Every step prepares it for a future state. In this case, disassembly for docks in Gate 3.

As if stripping away paint wasn't enough, mechanics recently disassembled various parts of the aircraft we've been following in our series.

Its metal, previously hidden under layers of monochrome gray paint, lay exposed to the changing temperatures of Middle Georgia.

She doesn't get to move around much. In time she will be whole again, but not on this day.

With a goal of nine days, a C-130's production flow at

### Home away from Home

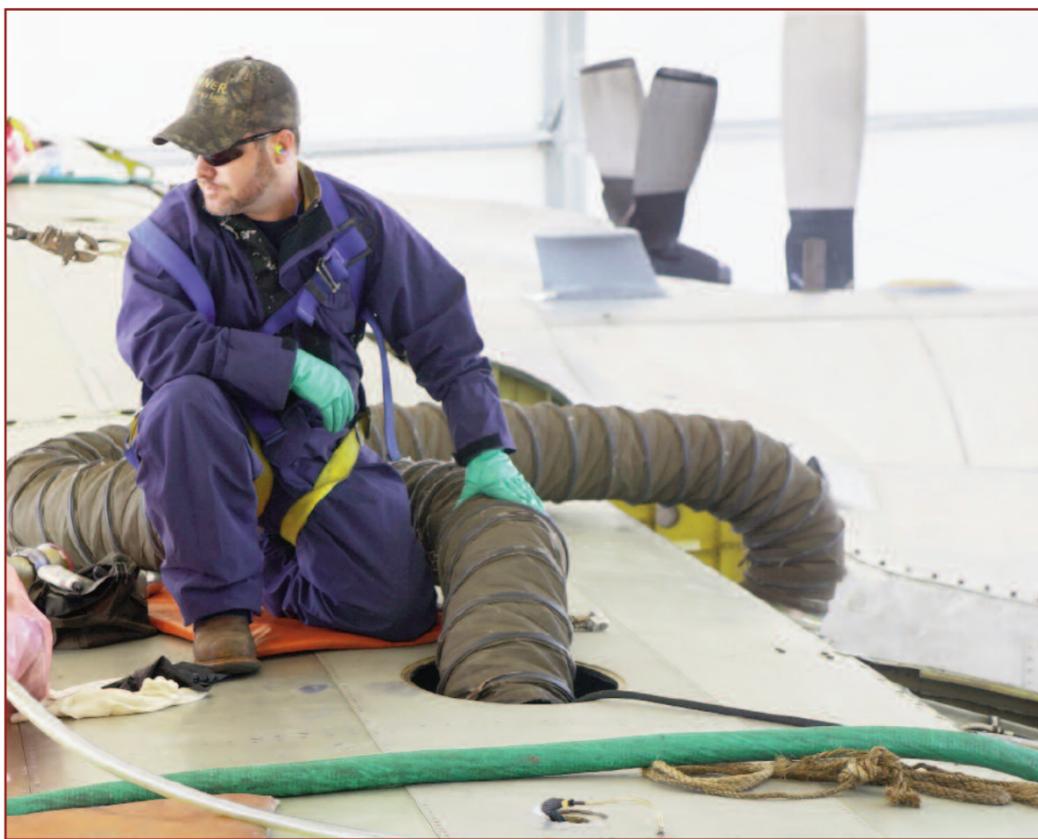
Over the next several months, The Rev-Up will document the programmed depot maintenance of a C-130H during its time at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex. We'll highlight various stages of the PDM process, telling the stories of the people and organizations behind this critically important mission.

Gate 3 begins first with a tow to its temporary home.

A distant glance captured the aircraft sitting silently, parked under an indiscriminate shelter on the Robins flight line.

Removing things at this stage happens quickly. Various parts need to come off for the next inspection phase to take place.

The heavy cargo door is peeled off. Prepping and removing its outboard and inboard flaps from the wings happens in less than an hour.



Robert Noles, part of the C-130 strip crew, removes fuel foam from the inside of a right wing cavity. On some areas of the wing, workers are able to open a lid and effortlessly extract the material. But, there are other areas where crews must crawl inside the wing to get the job done.

U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

## Robins Airman defers plea in capital murder case

### ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Robins Airman accused of murder opted not to enter a plea during his arraignment Wednesday.

Senior Airman Charles Wilson III, 461st Air Control Wing, is charged with the pre-meditated murder of Tameda Ferguson and the death of Ferguson's unborn child.

He is being held in pre-trial confinement at the Naval Consolidated Brig in Charleston, S.C. During his arraignment, Wilson chose to defer his plea to a later date.

He also opted not to choose

a forum - whether a military judge or members will decide the case - until a later date.

In addition to the murder of Ferguson, Wilson is charged with the murder of Demetrius Hardy.

It's alleged that Wilson conspired with Demetrius and Infini Hardy to burn down a home that Wilson rented, and that Demetrius Hardy died from injuries sustained while burning down the residence.

Earlier this month, Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, Air Force Sustainment Center commander, the general court-martial convening authority, referred

the charges against Wilson to a general court-martial as a capital case. That means the death penalty could be considered as a potential punishment if Wilson is convicted of pre-meditated murder or the murder of Demetrius Hardy.

Litchfield also referred charges which include four specifications of assault and seven additional specifications (intentional discharge of a firearm, three specifications of communicating a threat, two specifications of obstruction of justice, and burning with intent to defraud) to the general court-martial.

## Take the money and run

### Select complex workers to get VERA/VSIP offers

#### ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Personnel officials here will soon offer voluntary early retirement and separation incentives to general schedule and wage grade employees in 38 specialties in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex.

The effort is aimed at helping the Complex right-size to its workload requirements for fiscal 2015 while maintaining the right number of employees and

skills to meet commitments.

Eligible employees, including welders, painters and supply and logistics specialists, were informed Tuesday they can apply for the incentives - which includes payments of up to \$25,000 - until Monday at midnight. Personnel officials will begin making the offers Nov. 3.

Employees who accept the offers will retire or separate from civil service on Dec. 31.

## FRIDAY FLYBY: Historic building to get new roof; Aviation Degree Program survey, Page 2

### Gate Barrier Maintenance

The revised schedule for barrier maintenance for the months of October and November follows: **Watson Street (Gate 3) - Tuesday** **Russell Parkway (Gate 14) - Nov. 4**

The 78th Civil Engineer Squadron has revised its schedule to repaint the pop-up barriers at

the Russell Parkway gate. To prevent a full road closure, the barriers will be repainted during two weekends.

Two will be repainted between 9 a.m., Nov. 8 and noon Nov. 9. The other two will be completed between 9 a.m., Nov. 15 and noon Nov. 16.

One inbound and one outbound lane will be open during those times. Drivers should exercise caution during those times.



### Marine Ball set for Nov. 15

The 239th United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball is slated for Nov. 15 at the Museum of Aviation.

The guest of honor will be Brig. Gen. Thomas Weidley, Marine Corps University president.

The event will kick off with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by a ceremony at 7 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m.

Cost is \$70 for officers plus one; \$60 for Senior NCOs and \$40 for NCOs and below. For all others the cost is \$55. Dress for military will be Dress Blue Alphas / Mess Dress or Service Alphas and coat and tie for civilians.

R.S.V.P. by Nov. 1 to Gunnery Sergeant Fink at (478) 222-5471 or Sgt. Catalina Wiley at (478) 222-5470.



#### Weekend Weather

Friday 75/46



Saturday 76/48



Sunday 81/50



# SECOND FRONT

## Built to last – historic building to get new roof

BY BRIAN SHREVE

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As historic as it is gargantuan, Bldg. 125 was obviously built to last.

Now, for the first time since its construction in 1942, a major project that will replace the aircraft maintenance hangar's entire roof is underway – an effort that could take as long as five years.

Standing 101 feet tall, the colossal structure happens to be Robins' largest building, with a rooftop measuring more than 500,000 square feet, which explains the enormity of the project and the lengthy timeframe, said Jerry Thovson, base project manager.

"Part of it is the sheer size," he said. "And we can only close one dock at a time. We need to get it completely re-roofed with new fire suppression and a new fire alarm. Personnel will be shifted between the docks, but the main administration areas will not be affected. So, it's a matter of making sure the user stays in production."

The hangar is the work station of nearly 1,000 employees, representing a significant portion of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex workforce.



1942

Building 125 is one of the base's original structures. It was Robins' first hangar opened and dedicated in 1943 and is the only building on base with Art Deco design elements. Along with Bldgs. 220 and 110, it is one of the most historic buildings on the installation, according to William Head, base historian.

Each of the building's four, 65,000-square-foot docks will be closed for 10 months at a time, with another two months allowed for re-occupancy of the renovated area and vacating of the next dock in order, said Thovson.

Dock 2 is currently closed for re-painting, and the first roof work should begin during the next few weeks when materials arrive. Because of the work sequence, and to maintain a consistent color, material for the whole roof must be delivered simultaneously. Project preparation began in June with initial set-up and paint removal.

"The roof panels should start coming off by Thanksgiving," said Thovson.



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"That's when it's really going to get exciting. We're going to be taking the roof off completely, and to maintain schedule, they're going to be moving pretty fast."

An Atlanta-based company has been hired for the project, which is being managed by the Army Corps of Engineers. The cost is estimated at \$56 million.

Before deliveries begin, an area that includes 40 parking spaces is scheduled to be closed and secured starting Oct. 31. There will be some base traffic impact as the project moves toward the south side of the building, though no plans regarding that have been finalized.

## ALL IN

### A DAY'S WORK

#### Angel Field

**UNIT:** Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Specialized Management Division

**JOB TITLE:** Material Manager

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 5 years

**HOMETOWN:** Macon



**What do you enjoy most about your work?** "Supporting the warfighter."

**What prompted your interest in your current career field?** "Family business passed down many generations."

**Who has been the biggest influence in your life?** "My great grandmother, Grace Howell. She was the kindest, most selfless person I've ever met. The world lit up around her, and everyone immediately fell in love with her. I named my daughter after her, and I pray she gets half of 'Mama Grace's character.'"

**What's something people would be surprised to know about you?** "I had 21 vehicles by the time I was 21, and moved 11 times. By the way, I never wrecked any of the cars."

**What's an accomplishment of which you are most proud?** "Motherhood."

## BAH RECERTIFICATION YET TO BE COMPLETED

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As the end of the year approaches, so does the recertification deadline for Airmen and family members receiving Basic Allowances for Housing.

Though the process remains on track with an installation-wide completion rate of 75 percent, it's imperative all BAH recipients recertify before Dec. 31 – a goal that was originally set to be accomplished by September, said Jeffrey McClain, 78th Comptroller Squadron Financial Management chief.

"This is not unexpected due to the large volume of people who were required to recertify," he said. "I believe we'll still meet the deadline."

When the military began recertification efforts in March, there were roughly 3,000 Robins members who needed to respond. The one-time recertification concerns the with-dependent entitlement of BAH, which includes service members married to civilian spouses and any



U.S. Air Force file photo by MISUZU ALLEN  
(Left) Senior Airman Tiffany Streeter, 78th Medical Group lab technician, completes documents to recertify her Basic Allowance for Housing while Staff Sgt. Lanita Collins, 78th Comptroller Squadron assists.

children or parents claimed.

The initiative began last year when a Defense-Department audit showed that in many cases supporting documents weren't filed or properly certified.

"This is extremely important; those who haven't recertified need to do so immediately," said McClain.

**Editor's note: For more information, call the Financial Management Office at (478) 926-4022.**

### Unit numbers by percentage

96 5th CCG

95 78th ABW

84 WR/ALC

77 AFRC

75 461st ACW

64 AFLCMC

\* Not all unit numbers were available at press time.

### Legal Notices

Anyone having claims against the estate of Staff Sgt. Joshua M. Schoenhoff should immediately contact 1st Lt. Cameron Cooper at DSN 241-4721 or (478) 396-0788.

Anyone having claims against the estate of Senior Master Sgt. James L. Swartz should immediately contact 1st Lt. Brett Gellins at DSN 241-2611 or (478) 550-4992.

Anyone having claims against the estate of Master Sgt. Daniel A. Paschal should immediately contact 1st Lt. Brett Gellins at DSN 241-2611 or (478) 550-4992.

### Aviation Degree Program survey

The 78th Air Base Wing is considering a proposal for the Robins Aero Club to partner with a regional college to offer an aviation degree program which prepares individuals for a commercial aviation flying career and provides certificate programs such as a commercial pilot's certificate in fixed-wing and rotary aircraft.

The program offers state of the art technology using high-tech simulators, glass cockpit aircraft, modern airplanes and helicopters.

A survey has been developed to assess the interest in bringing this new program to Robins and the local community. Follow the survey link to take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/APartnership>.

For more information or questions, contact Bill Woodard at (478) 222-0447 or DSN 472-0447.

### Youth sports on the move

The Robins Youth Center has partnered with the Warner Robins and Perry recreation departments and the Central Georgia Soccer Association to offer military chil-

dren more opportunities for sports.

The first program that will be enhanced through participation in the local community will be basketball. Participants will register directly at each rec department, while Robins volunteers will have the opportunity to continue their outreach as well.

The initiative is part of public-public and public-private partnerships in development since early 2013. Community partnerships such as this one allow the base, businesses and local governments to reduce operating and service costs.

The youth sports program will allow children to play with or against their peers in the community as well as decrease costs.

In addition to basketball, additional opportunities will include tee ball, baseball, softball, tackle football, cheerleading, soccer, volleyball and tennis.

Learn more by calling 327-6836. The WR Rec Dept. is located at 800 Watson Blvd.; Perry at 1060 Keith Drive, or visit <http://www.perry-ga.gov/sports.php>.

### Team Robins quarterly awards

The Team Robins Quarterly Awards Ceremony will be conducted Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Base Theater.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Adam Swift at DSN 497-2273; Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hardy at DSN 497-1537 or Rebecca Bartlett at DSN 468-6451.

### Robins pharmacy closure

The Robins pharmacy will be closed Nov. 10 and 11 for pharmacy redesign. The facility will reopen Nov. 12.

Thanks for your patience.

### Firewood now available

The base environmental office has completed a logging project in support of the pending construction of a solar array facility. Part of the site has scattered oak logs and smaller debris which the office is offering as firewood to base employees for a small fee. The wood is for personal use and is not to be resold.

For details, call DSN 497-3974 or (478) 327-3974.



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U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

Top, more than 700 Team Robins members participated in the 5K Color Run in observance of Triple Ribbon Month. Above, from left, Donna Hunt speaks with Dinette Gibson and Vilna Barnes about the Drug Demand Reduction Program during the base Resiliency Fair.



U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

At the fair, people were able to get tested for the eight most potential local allergens.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Dana Rozelle, 78th Air Base Wing Family Advocacy Program, learns how to thwart an attacker during a Triple Ribbon Month self-defense class in the fitness center.

# RAISING AWARENESS

## Team Robins shows its colors for Triple Ribbon Month

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As part of the ongoing campaign to highlight resiliency in the Robins community, the Triple Ribbon Resiliency Fair was conducted Oct. 17 at the Health and Wellness Center.

The 5th annual event – part of Triple Ribbon Awareness Month – brought about 50 base and community support agencies together representing family and life skills management; hospital and social services; and drug, alcohol and domestic abuse prevention and advocacy.

Participants also had an opportunity to get flu shots, and test for allergies and sickle cell disease.

“Comprehensive Airman Fitness includes everything we do to create a resilient community,” said Lesley Darley, Robins community support coordinator. “It’s resiliency training, events like this or those which helping

agencies promote individually, and all the efforts that take place in units all year long.”

“It’s a culture change of helping Airmen take care of Airmen,” she said.

The event this year, which included a 5K Color Run earlier in the day with about 700 runners, served as the official kickoff for comprehensive Airman Fitness.

At the fair, participants were again able to write down phrases on poster boards showing what made them resilient. Known as “I am Resilient because ...,” the interactive campaign promotes the four pillars of CAF – mental, physical, social and spiritual.

Resiliency is defined as the ability to withstand, recover and grow in the face of stressors and changing demands.

“We have been able to get people to think more about resiliency and making it more personal,” said Capt. Nicole Campbell, Robins Air Force Base Suicide Prevention Program manager.

# AROUND THE AIR FORCE

## Air Force celebrates 'best' year in aviation

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** – In most jobs, breaking or losing a piece of equipment doesn't cost American taxpayers millions of dollars.

In the Air Force, however, operating aviation assets safely not only saves money, time and resources but also the lives of Airmen.

"Our commitment to safety has been part of the Air Force fabric from Day One," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh, III. "Our goal is to always keep getting better at it."

In fiscal 2014, the Air Force saw a 32-percent reduction in overall Class A aviation mishaps, which are categorized as flight, flight-related, aircraft ground operations and remotely piloted aircraft. According to the Air Force Safety Center, Class A mishaps are classified by loss of life, an injury resulting in permanent or total disability, destruction of an Air Force aircraft or more than \$2 million in property damage or loss.

"Risk management and safe operations are part of our ethos," said Maj. Gen. Kurt Neubauer, the Air Force chief of safety and the AFSEC commander. "This is truly a good news story ... commander involvement at all levels resulted in (fiscal) 2014 being the safest aviation year in the history of the Air Force."

There was a 64-percent drop in Class A flight mishaps, from 19 to seven, which contributed to two destroyed aircraft. When compared to fiscal 2013, with 14 aircraft, it's an 86-percent decrease. Flight mishaps pertain only to manned aircraft, and the primary factor in those mishaps is human error.

To read more, visit [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).



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**Maj. Weston Turner, an 18th Operations Support Squadron F-15C Eagle instructor pilot, performs preflight checks before takeoff from Kadena Air Base, Japan. In fiscal 2014, the Air Force saw a 32-percent reduction in overall Class A aviation mishaps, which are categorized as flight, flight-related, aircraft ground operations and remotely piloted aircraft.**

## In Other News

### Obama activates reserves for Operation United Assistance

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** – President Barack Obama has authorized the Defense Department to call up National Guard or reserve troops who possess needed special skills to aid efforts in stopping the spread of the Ebola virus in West Africa.

Obama issued an executive order authorizing the secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security to order the Selected Reserve and certain members of the Individual Ready Reserve to deploy to West Africa, where as many as 4,000 U.S. troops are headed – most to Liberia.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel requested the order after determining that specialists with skill sets needed by Operation United Assistance, including engineers, comptrollers and religious specialists, were in short supply, or to replace active-duty personnel.

Already, elements of the Kentucky Air National Guard are in Dakar, Senegal, to establish a staging

base for the Liberia-based mission, having volunteered and deployed before the presidential order was issued.

To read more, visit [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

### Fiscal 2014 force management benefits, separation programs

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** – Air Force officials are aware of and are actively working to identify any inconsistencies regarding benefits and separation program details associated with fiscal 2014 force management programs.

From inception, the multi-year strategy for force management programs was complex and dynamic in nature as the Air Force undertook broad measures to meet mission and budgetary needs.

What the Air Force has said and done throughout the process is to assess each situation and always meet our stated commitment to Airmen through the most fair and equitable means. The Air Force's approach in all such cases is to

work directly with impacted Airmen and their chain of command prior to issuing general public guidance.

As such, more information will be provided as solutions are finalized and personal notifications to Airmen are completed.

### Enlisted attaché duty applications due in November

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas** – Active duty staff sergeants through senior master sergeants interested in attaché duty can apply for assignment opportunities with international affairs teams around the world, but to be considered, those interested must submit their applications by Nov. 14.

For information, including application procedures, go to myPers and select "search all components" from the drop-down menu and enter "enlisted attaché duty" in the search window. In addition, information and application documents are



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## Head above water

A Ranger Assessment Course student participates in the water survival portion of the course at the Municipal Pool in Las Vegas. During this portion of the test, students are required to keep their heads and weapons above the surface of the water. The two-week course develops students to lead and command under heavy mental, emotional and physical stress.



## PERSPECTIVE

# Taking pride in creating the future



I was privileged to attend and participate in the Air and Space Conference held near Washington, D.C. last month.

There were many inspirational moments. The pride I felt during the presentation given by our Chief of Staff, Gen. Mark Welsh, was incredible. Many themes rang through loud and clear.

Lead among them, was our Air Force vision, "The world's greatest Air Force – powered by Airmen, fueled by innovation."

Welsh offered many great examples of Airmen dedicated to excellence and – together with their families – making extraordinary sacrifices to defend America in all three domains: air, space and cyberspace.

The nugget for me was, although we have incredible people teamed with the very best technology, it's the American spirit that makes us the world's greatest Air Force.

Our leaders emphasized the new capstone 30-year strategy document, "America's Air Force: A Call to the Future."

As the commander of the Air Force Research Laboratory, this was an incredible source of pride for

me because of AFRL's key role as the Air Force's science and technology innovation center. We provide direct support to the concept of strategic agility by leveraging technology.

During the conference, I had the opportunity to speak, and I mentioned AFRL's three lines of operations: "We are Revolutionary, Relevant and Responsive to the warfighter."

I'm often asked, what comes next? What is on the horizon? As a global technical enterprise, AFRL is revolutionary. We're the lens that focuses the national technical base to solve the tough Air Force problems, and our game-changing technologies answer those questions. The AFRL game changers are revolutionary technologies that make and keep the fight unfair. Those game changers focus on three areas – hypersonics, directed energy and autonomy. I sincerely believe that our investments in those areas will pay off in a tremendous way.



Masiello

AFRL is relevant. This is our focus on delivering new capabilities in the mid-term. Our investments in advanced adaptive turbine engines, sensors and efforts to use new technology to enhance affordability and sustainment are good examples.

Finally, AFRL is responsive. Warfighters ask, and we respond with agility. We urgently work on those vital, high-priority challenges demanded by our warfighters now. Creative capabilities that leverage existing technologies to defeat improvised explosive device threats and weapons to take out hard and deeply buried targets fit here.

We can't predict the future, but one thing is certain, our commitment to keeping the technological advantage over our adversaries isn't going away anytime soon. Our team of AFRL Airmen – military, civilian, and contractor – all take pride in envisioning and creating tomorrow's Air Force.

Attending the conference served as a friendly reminder of how great our Air Force truly is.

**Maj. Gen. Tom Masiello**  
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## CALM

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If anyone deployed to high-risk areas, they would be pre-screened and thoroughly assessed for 21 days as part of Defense Department guidelines, though no Robins Airmen are currently serving in any affected areas, particularly West Africa.

Winkler said one problem with Ebola screening is that initial symptoms mirror those of the flu – something that may leave it overlooked in early stages, and can also lend to a bit of hypochondria from those experiencing a fever or other common ailments.

That’s why, as a precaution, the clinic’s Tricare Nurse Advice Line now has additional questions pertaining to symptoms and recent travel for callers seeking medical guidance before visiting the facility.

“People shouldn’t be concerned when they call,” said Winkler. “No, we don’t think they have Ebola, but we do need to ask these questions. And as with any sickness, it’s better to call first if the condition doesn’t seem serious because we can better triage to protect the community at large. We’re putting positive steps together to do this, and we appreciate

people’s help in doing the right things. “It’s very scary and sometimes just making that phone call and having a medical professional talk someone through the algorithms calms people down,” she said.

People are also encouraged to get vaccinated for the flu and to protect themselves with hand sanitizer or masks while in a clinic setting.

Winkler she’s seen hype-fueled fears

about different contagions many times during her career.

And while there is no need to panic, diseases such as Ebola must still be taken seriously and with vigilance, she said.

“Should we have a healthy concern for it? Absolutely, just like with any infectious disease,” she said. “But there’s always something that comes out that’s a community threat, which is why we have these containment plans to begin with. Right now the big thing is Ebola. Maybe a year from now it will be something else.”

Winkler said the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak of 2003 and the discovery of the H1N1 virus – commonly known as Swine Flu – in 2009, are two recent examples of pandemics.

With Ebola, however, there have so far been only three cases actually diagnosed in the U.S. since September when Thomas Duncan, a Liberian native, traveled to Dallas carrying the disease.

Two healthcare workers who treated him during what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the highest risk period have also contracted the virus but are recovering.

Like Duncan, a few other patients contracted Ebola in West Africa, then returned to the U.S. for treatment.

“This disease has been around for a long time unfortunately, but people thought of it as a third-world disease,” said Winkler. “We get a false sense of security as Americans with the excellence of care we have. Now it’s here, people see it and someone died here. But we are working, we are aware, we’re here for you – stay calm.”

### Ebola – The Facts

According to the World Health Organization, more than 8,900 people have contracted Ebola since March in the West African countries of Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal and Sierra Leone, making the current outbreak the most severe on record. More than 4,400 people have died.

A person can’t get Ebola through the air, water or food, according to the CDC. The virus can only be contracted by touching the blood or body fluids of an infected person or animal, whether they’re alive or dead, and by touching contaminated objects such as needles.

There are several drugs to combat Ebola being developed, though all have yet to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

**When calling the Tricare Nurse Advice Line regarding flu symptoms, here are the additional questions you may be asked as part of new Ebola precautions:**

1. During the last 21 days, have you been deployed to or traveled to West Africa? Or during the last 21 days have you been in contact with anyone who has been deployed to or traveled to West Africa?

2. Are you experiencing any of the following signs and symptoms?

🔴 Fever greater than 100.4 or subjective fever and chills. What was your last temperature taken?

🔴 Severe headache;

🔴 Joint or muscle aches;

🔴 Abdominal or stomach pains;

🔴 Vomiting;

🔴 Diarrhea;

🔴 Unexplained bruising or bleeding;

🔴 New skin rash.

## STRIPPED

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That includes bringing in a crane to assist with operations. Ropes are tied to secure the flaps as final bolts are loosened, then it can be gently lowered to the ground and placed on a waiting dolly. The flaps make their way to various backshops for inspection and maintenance. In this case, across the flight line to the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group and 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group.

There's a slight delay prior to removing the aircraft's horizontal and vertical tail. The reason? Too much wind.

During the same hour that crews were looking at the tail, a warning that crosswinds greater than or equal to 15 knots was issued.

According to Rocky Dill, C-130 first line supervisor, 20 knots is the maximum before work is delayed. In order to safely remove the tail, work continued the following day.

Removing foam baffles located in the fuel tanks in both wings also happens at this stage. Foam helps prevent fuel slosh, and is wrapped around pumps, tubing and other components. Each piece – along with plumbing parts – is removed so inspection can occur in the areas they occupy.

One thing you can't be afraid of in this particular line of work is confined, dark spaces.

Members of a C-130 strip crew climb up and enter through two openings along the aircraft's center wing box. Its size is best described as similar to large pet doors people install in their homes for convenience.

### ***Bottom line? It's not that big.***

On some areas of the wing you can open a lid and effortlessly reach inside to remove foam. But there are other areas where crews must crawl into one of several cavities to extract pieces.

Sometimes you only have a few inches all the way around to squeeze yourself several feet forward. Yellow braces on the inside stand in the way. If an employee is bigger than average size, some of the braces are removed.

Then once you have a handful of foam, you backtrack on your stomach on the way out and hand it to someone to place in storage bags. Eight workers assist with the removal process.

"You can't be claustrophobic," said David Wilson, a C-130 work lead who has been at Robins for nine years.

"I don't know how to explain it," he said with a laugh. "You go head first into a tank. For somebody like me, it's pretty tight."

About 300 bags are filled with the foam from more than 25 cavities over two days. They're stored in small trailers and reused later. If the foam is unusable, it's tossed in metal containers and discarded.

It's tedious work. Everything taken out will assist other workers when it's their turn to tackle a job. When inspections are completed over the next several weeks and the repair and build-up phase happens, the foam will be put back into the aircraft.

## How Resilient Are You?



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# Whatever the job, in tails

## Rev-Up reporter gets up-close, personal with Robins' military working dogs

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

Not to sound like a whiney wuss, but it was the last chomp that did it. But then again, it's a dog-eat-dog world or more specifically in this case, a dog-eat-reporter one.

All in all, it was an exciting day at the 78th Security Forces military working dog kennels, where you'll find some of the most finely tuned, spirited and cuddly personnel the U.S. military has to offer – as loveable as they are essential.

Be it in a war zone or on routine patrol here, these extraordinarily trained K-9s are there for their country, lending our special set of skills for a variety of missions, whether it's biting an aggressor or sniffing out explosives, drugs or high-value targets.

Watching these dogs attack an Airman handler acting as a decoy made me wonder who would possibly try to challenge them when confronted.

It does happen – usually in incidents with someone high on certain types of narcotics such as crystal methamphetamines, but most of the time, subjects stop dead in their tracks when the dogs come out, said Staff Sgt. Cal Rogers, military working dog trainer.

"We prepare them for anything we can see out in the field," he said. "It is crucial they remain obedient and attack only when we tell them to attack. Just because a person is not listening to us doesn't mean they need to be bitten."

Depending on deployments, there are between six and 12 dogs kept at the kennels; two Belgian Malinois, the rest German shepherds. Four of the dogs have served in Afghanistan, Rogers said, where they played a key role not only for the Air Force, but for the Army and Marines as well.

After seeing Staff Sgt. Rocky Forman, Security Forces K-9 handler, run through different scenarios with one of the dogs, it became quickly apparent how powerful these animals are – and more apparent

that my smaller, 150-pound frame didn't stand a chance against them, considering how effortlessly this big Airman had been taken down.

When my turn came, I was faced with Asja, a relatively small Belgian Malinois who could easily be pictured getting her belly rubbed or fetching tennis balls in the park.

*But don't get it twisted.*

Like a scrappy second baseman, this K-9 relentlessly gets the job done despite her size; what she lacks in brute mass is more than compensated for by her speed, agility and extreme energy, which is why there has been a shift from German shepherds to Malinois in recent years for use as military working dogs.

As I stood there in the training suit – an incredibly thick, burlap coat and pants which feels impenetrable to a lion – I remembered the trainers' warnings that I might still feel a "little pinch."

When Asja charged me and chewed my arm like it was a rubber chicken, no, it didn't hurt, but the fact that I could feel anything through this suit was a testament to just how strong those jaws are.

I did a few more exercises, running from the dog as she pursued me, tackling me to the ground and tossing me around like I was no more than a sack of flour.

The most exciting part of the training was not knowing exactly when I would be jumped and taken to the ground; all I knew was that I could hear the wind from the dog's running as she got closer.

As Asja took a break, out came Soyer, a German shepherd with a considerably-larger mouth than the previous dog, and yes, his bite was more than a little pinch, though some of it may have had to do with where he got me: right on the fleshy, out-of-shape portion of my upper arm.

With that, it was time to call it a day – the dogs and I both needing a nap.

But what I left with was a deeper respect for these K-9s, and a better understanding of just how vital they are to the U.S. Air Force – not just accessories but actual Airmen themselves.



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Top, Brian Shreve, Rev-Up reporter, lends an arm to military working dogs trained to attack and stand down on command. For other exercises, a full protective suit is required.

Bottom, Benny, a military working dog with 78th Security Forces, stands ready during training exercises at the base kennels.

# A BETTER YOU

## Obesity rates high at Robins

BY BRIAN SHREVE  
Robins Public Affairs



issue, especially through the Be Well Performance Nutrition Class and the Better Body, Better Life program at the HAWC.

Better Body, Better Life consists of a 12-week nutrition education course along with workout sessions led by an instructor. The program accepts roughly 30 students a quarter.

Though both programs are open to all Team Robins members, it's recommended all uniformed personnel take part in Be Well – a one-time, two-hour class.

"It's particularly important because we talk to them about how to eat to fuel their bodies for the requirements they have," Bapties said. "We have a lot of people at Robins who are just not fueling their bodies correctly, perhaps starving themselves to lose weight or working out all the time."

**For details on these programs, contact the HAWC at 478-222-6907.**

There are few things more detrimental to one's long-term health than obesity.

And for Robins Airmen, the numbers are closely monitored, and programs to combat the problem are part of a vital mission.

Currently, 17.9 percent of Robins Airmen are classified as obese, or having a Body Mass Index higher than 29.9 percent; put in perspective, Air Force Materiel Command has a rate of 12.7 percent while the Air Force as a whole stands at 12.2 percent.

"We're a good five percentage points higher," said Stuart Bapties, Health and Wellness Center flight commander.

"With obesity, you're carrying enough body fat to put yourself at risk of diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease and several cancers. All major organs are affected in a certain way, and that's why we worry."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than one-third, or 78.6 percent, of all U.S. adults are considered obese.

But Robins helps Airmen facing the

## Flu vaccinations

The Houston County Health Department will offer flu vaccines to civilians today from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex, Bldg. 301 East Wing. The vaccine will be \$25 if your health insurance is not one of those accepted. For details, call Civilian Health Promotion Services at (478) 327-8030 or DSN 497-8030.

Workload permitting and with prior supervisory permission, employees may use wellness time to receive flu vaccines. As a reminder, employees may be excused with no charge to leave up to a combined total of 3 hours per week for fitness and wellness initiatives. Also, employees may use any leave options appropriate and available to them.

For more information, call your servicing Human Resources Specialist.

Other flu vaccination dates and locations include:

**Tuesday** - 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Hangar 125 Main break room, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Base Restaurant and 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex, Bldg. 301 East Wing.

**Wednesday** - 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center Annex, Bldg. 301 East Wing, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Heritage Club (bar area) and 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the main gym in Bldg. 826.

The 78th Medical Group, located in Bldg. 700, is providing vaccinations for Tricare-eligible active-duty members and their family members, as well as retirees Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., except for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month when it's open from 7 to 11 a.m.

**Vaccinations will also be available for active duty members only at the Base Theater today from 7 a.m. to noon. For details, call the Immunizations Clinic at (478) 327-7921 or DSN 497-7921.**



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Mabelle Kindle – who has dedicated more than three decades of volunteer service to the Base Chapel – addresses the audience Oct. 10 during the Protestant Women of the Chapel's monthly fellowship meeting. During the event, Kindle, along with more than 30 others, was recognized for her service.



Courtesy photo

## Women's group honors the faithful

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

When it comes to God's work, the Protestant Women of the Chapel doesn't believe in term limits.

That was the message Oct. 10 during the group's monthly meeting in the base chapel. More than 30 women who have belonged to the organization for a decade or longer were formally recognized.

Leading the pack with 33 years of service was Mabelle Kindle of Warner Robins, a woman whose history with the chapel is as rich with emotion as it is longevity.

The wife and daughter of Airmen, Kindle began attending services here in her early 20s. It's the place she was married, where her daughter was baptized, and where she witnessed her father's funeral.

Now, at 64, she said receiving the certificate of appreciation – four years after she last worked with the PWoC –

was more than humbling.

"I would go to other churches, but there was always a real sense of needing to be back where my roots were," she said. "It's hard for me to find words to describe that. I will always have a very special bond with the Robins chapel."

It was the first time the group made such recognitions; they will now be done annually, according to Athena Romo, the chapel's religious education coordinator.

The women are known for their volunteer work at Robins and throughout the community, sponsoring Bible studies and other forms of services catered to women.

"One of the greatest things these ladies do is provide military women a place where they can feel safe and come together under that umbrella of sisterhood," said Romo.

**Editor's note: For information on Chapel events, see page 12.**

# OUT AND ABOUT

## Robins set for Halloween

BY HOLLY  
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If you're into Halloween with witches, goblins and ghosts, Robins is the most happening haunt in town.

Robins will observe trick-or-treating Oct. 31 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Turner Park and Officer Housing on base.

### PUMPKIN PATROL

To keep the tradition safe, the 78th Security Forces Squadron will host its annual Pumpkin Patrol.

Staff Sgt. Justin Urey, 78th Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of Police Services, said McGruff the Crime Dog will also make an appearance and hand out candy.

"The Pumpkin Patrol is a special security forces detail designed to help give back to Robins Air Force Base families," he said. "We'll have volunteers from security forces, the 5th Combat Communications Group, and the 78th Medical Group posted at intersections around base housing to allow chil-



U.S. Air Force file photo

**Pumpkin Patrol volunteers give treats to trick-or-treaters while ensuring everyone has a safe night.**

dren to safely cross the streets."

### TRUNK OR TREAT

To give Halloween enthusiasts an alternative to traditional trick-or-treating, the 78th MDG and the SFS are teaming up for a sweet trunk-or-treat event.

Second Lt. Keeley McCann, 78th Aerospace Medical Squadron bioenvironmental engineer, said the event will take place Oct. 31 along the Northeast side of Scout Lake and gives kids another avenue to snag goodies.

"Kids can go from car to car which breaks up the monotony of going door to door saying, 'Trick or Treat,'" she said. "Trunk or Treat is taking place in

conjunction with the Pumpkin Patrol so, yes, children will be safe if they choose to trick or treat at Scout Lake."

Volunteers will decorate the trunks of their cars in the spirit of the holiday and pass out candy to the children, McCann said.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

**For additional details about the Pumpkin Patrol, call (478) 222-1980 or (478) 222-1997.**

**For information on Trunk-or-Treat, call McCann at (478) 327-7555 or Senior Airman Sofia Faumuina at (478)-926-2187.**

**For information on the Base Chapel's Hallelujah Night, see page 12.**

### Fall Bash slated for Nov. 8

The 78th Force Support Squadron will host the 2014 Fall Bash at Robins Park Nov. 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. Entry is free and everyone with base access is invited. Fall Bash is an annual customer appreciation program designed to say "Thank you" to 78th FSS' loyal customers. It's a wholesome, family-fun event with a festive atmosphere. This year's program will feature food, rides and activities which will appeal to all ages, like a rock-climbing wall, train ride, bouncy castle, arts & crafts and more. The entertainment stage will feature live music. For information, call the squadron's marketing office at 478-926-6559.

# HAPPENINGS

FRI 24 SAT 25 SUN 26 MON 27 TUE 28 WED 29 THUR 30

**ON TAP**  
**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.

**Zombie 5K Run 4 Your Life**  
 Thursday  
 6 p.m.  
 Fitness Center  
 For details,  
 call 468-2128.

**UPCOMING**  
**Halloween Party**  
 Oct. 31  
 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
 Heritage Club Ballroom  
 Club members \$10  
 Guests \$15  
 Prizes for best and  
 most-creative costumes  
 Advance tickets available at  
 the cashier cage  
 For details,  
 call 472-7899.

**Georgia Aquarium**  
 Nov. 1  
 Atlanta

Adults \$40  
 Children \$30  
 Includes transportation  
 and entry  
 For details,  
 call 468-4001.

**Yard Sale**  
 Nov. 22  
 8 a.m. to noon  
 Bldg. 984  
 For details,  
 call 468-4001.

**ONGOING**  
**70 Day Fit 4 Life Challenge**  
 Now through Oct. 31  
 Register today  
 Open to all base ID  
 cardholders and their families  
 For details,  
 call 468-2128.

**Atlanta Falcons Tickets**  
 Atlanta games  
 Upper level tickets \$46  
 Lower level tickets \$78  
 For details,  
 call 468-2945.

**Twilight Golf Rates**  
 Every day  
 4 to 6:30 p.m.  
 Pine Oaks Golf Course  
 Play 18 holes  
 \$20 with cart,  
 \$12 without cart.

For details,  
 call 468-4103.

**Afterburner**  
**October Special**  
 Mondays through Fridays  
 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166  
 Pumpkin Spice  
 For details,  
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**In-home childcare rules**  
 Individuals caring for other  
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 licensed to provide care in  
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 For details, call  
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## Chapel Parenting series

The base chapel will host "Raise up a Child," presented by Walk Thru the Bible, Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club bingo room.

A children's ministry will be provided at the chapel, including a continental breakfast and lunch.

Free to Team Robins members.

Call (478) 867-3454 for reservations – space is limited.

Raising children can be challenging. Using biblical examples, this live event will explore the Four Cs of parenting: Choices, Consequences, Compassion and Consistency. The series isn't just for parents. Grandparents, teachers, youth leaders, caregivers, expectant parents and Sunday school teachers will benefit from learning these effective principles.

## Hallelujah Night

The base chapel will host a free fall festival Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the chapel lawn. All ages are welcome.

Costumes welcome – no scary costumes please. Food, cake walk, inflata-

bles, pony rides, face painting, a rock climbing wall and more will be available.

Volunteers and candy donations are needed. For more details, call 497-3780.

## Chapel Wednesday night

The chapel hosts the following activities on Wednesdays:

►5 p.m. Free dinner at the chapel

►6 p.m. Airmen Ministry dinner at The Refuge

►6 p.m. Nursery care available

►6:15 p.m. Awana begins (Chapel Annex and Bldg. 761)

►6:30 p.m. Bible Studies:

**Adult Co-ed Class** - "The Protestant Reformation" with Chaplain (Capt.) Jessica Prophitt in the Airmen Family and Readiness Center USO classroom.

**Women** - "Discerning the Voice of God" with Marilyn Rios, at the Professional Development Center (Bldg. 785). Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible study is designed to help participants know the voice of God – his language, character and tone of voice.

For information call, Athena Romo or Marcia Little at (478) 926-2821.

Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!

## Appropriately disposing of yard waste, debris can prevent clogs

BY JIM RIEKER

Water Quality Program manager

As the seasons change and leaves begin to fall, keep in mind that leaves and yard waste shouldn't be blown or raked into storm drains.

The drains are designed to carry only rainfall to adjacent waterways. Leaves and grass clippings can plug them, causing roads to flood and potentially harming lakes and streams.

When too many decomposing leaves and grass clippings make their way into waterways, they can unnaturally increase the nutrients levels, harming aquatic wildlife.

For Robins residents, grass and bush clippings, leaves, pine straw, small limbs and branches can be bagged or bundled and dropped off at the Base Compost Facility on

Wilcox Lane. Tree limbs must be kept separate.

Bagged material must be dumped at the facility because plastic bags can't be accepted.

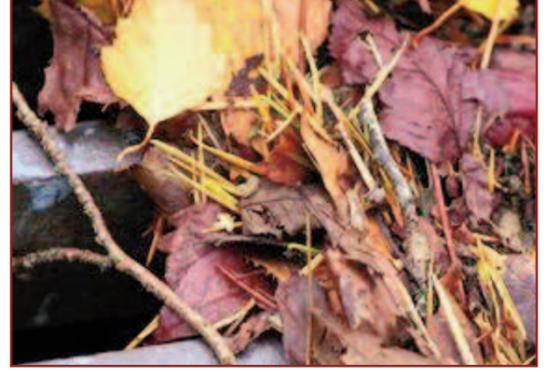
Base employees and residents are encouraged to report clogged storm drains to Civil Engineering Customer Service at 497-7447 or to the Environmental Management Support Hotline at 468-5657.

Alternatively, clogged drains can be reported through an online form located at:

<https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/78abw/78ceg/cei/CEIE/Storm%20Water%20Management%20Program/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

When reporting a clogged drain, provide as many details as possible to help facilitate a quick response.

**For more information about stormwater and related issues, call 468-9645.**



*Editor's note: Stormwater Straight Talk is a quarterly column intended to educate and inform base personnel about stormwater pollution.*



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