



ROBINS REV-UP

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'Making Tomorrow Better than Today'

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Mark Holland, 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron mechanic, performs post-flight inspections on a returning C-5M.

C-5M completes ground checks, goes airborne same day

BY JENNY GORDON
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A C-5M Super Galaxy which had undergone programmed depot maintenance at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex recently experienced a rare set of events prior to its return to home station. Test pilots and flight engineers from the 339th Flight Test Squadron performed a landing gear skid check on the flight line March 18, and later that afternoon they flew and conducted the first flight of a four-hour functional check flight profile. Both of these major tasks had not been conducted on the same day in more than eight years, according to Dave Nakayama, 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron director. There's something to be said for the tens of thousands of hours required to return a massive airlifter like a C-5M from the hands of skilled maintainers at Robins back to the field. From the C-5 System Program Office's initiation and physical

delivery of the aircraft to the depot, to the repair, build-up and final check flights, each time one flies is a testament to those whose sole mission is to ensure the continued safe operation and readiness of the Air Force's C-5 fleet. "C-5 functional test mechanics do wonders flying and releasing aircraft in a minimal amount of days, and this reflects directly on the overall condition of the product they receive from the PDM line," said Clark Rau, a 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Production Flight team lead. This particular aircraft, bound for Dover Air Force Base, included a 70,000-hour work package over a nine month period. It returned home March 30. Lt. Col. John Grady, C-5 flight commander with the 339th FLTS at Robins, explained on the first day an aircrew receives an aircraft, lengthy ground operations (inspections and checks) are typically

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON
Lt. Gen. John Thompson, AFLCMC commander, addresses the audience March 26 during the 2015 Program Executive Officer Review and Outlook.

AF requirements, Robins future top PEO discussions

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Delivering more Air Force capabilities on time and at less cost was a central message of the 2015 Program Executive Officer Review and Outlook conducted March 26 at the Museum of Aviation. PEOs from the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base traveled here to talk about their respective program portfolios, giving an audience of several hundred the opportunity to hear about certain current and future Air Force requirements so they may more effectively and efficiently respond to those requirements. With 26,000 people in more than 60 operating locations across the globe, the AFLCMC plays a key role in the total life cycle management of all Air Force aircraft, engines, munitions and electronic systems. Robins is the third-largest AFLCMC location, with about 3,300 personnel

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JSTARS provides ground assessment during joint exercise

BY TECH. SGT. REGINA YOUNG
116th Air Control Wing, Public Affair

The E-8C Joint STARS relayed real-time geographic data to ground personnel to safely evacuate citizens during a simulated hurricane in the Vigilant Guard exercise in March. Flying over the skies of South Carolina, JSTARS unique wide-area, all-weather, surface surveillance radar and on-board communication suite allowed aircrew to immediately send damaged route, flood, and bridge integrity information to Soldiers, and state and local authorities. "This exercise provided a great opportunity to integrate and build

partner relationships with the National Guard and civil authorities," said a 128th Airborne Command and Control Squadron mission crew commander. Flown by members of the Georgia Air National Guard's 116th Air Control Wing, along with Soldiers from the 138th Military Intelligence Company, the exercise was the first-time JSTARS participated in Vigilant Guard directly helping the Defense to Civil Authorities agency. "We have military members supporting many combatant commands across the globe as well as protecting the homeland here," said the mission crew commander. Our participation in

Vigilant Guard allowed us to exercise our capabilities and find shortfalls and correct them so JSTARS can be used most effectively in both types of missions." Vigilant Guard is a U.S. Northern Command and National Guard Bureau- sponsored exercise designed to improve emergency coordination, response and recovery management with federal, regional, local, civilian and military partners. "Joint STARS are the 'eyes' for the folks on the ground; they provide an interface with industry partners that is beneficial to the mission," said a deputy intelligence oversight officer with the Georgia National Guard.



U.S. Air Force photo by TECH. SGT. REGINA YOUNG
116th Air Control Wing aircrew members and a Soldier with the 138th Military Intelligence Company, monitor surveillance information during a mission aboard an E-8C Joint STARS.

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Photo contest deadline extended

The deadline for the inaugural Robins Air Force Base Earth Day Photo Contest has been extended to April 12. We're looking for photographs displaying our natural inhabitants while highlighting our interactions with the local flora and fauna on base. Consider visiting the parks, hiking trails and lakes to capture the winning photos for this year's contest. We have child (12 and under), teen (13-17), and adult categories. For contest rules and an entry form, visit www.robins.af.mil.

2015 AFSC Leadership questionnaire available



All military and government civilians are invited to participate in the 2015 Air Force Sustainment Center Leadership questionnaire. The information gathered through this online survey will gauge workforce opinions on leadership skills, motivation, quality of life and employee engagement. While participation is voluntary, your responses are valued and your perceptions are critical as we continue to promote a culture that breaks through constraints to achieve "Art of the Possible." To take part in the questionnaire, visit <https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/MC-DP-01-06/Surveys/2015AFSCLeadershipQuestionnaire/default.aspx>

Weekend Weather

Friday 82/60



Saturday 69/43



Sunday 69/51



"Be a Good Listener"

SECOND FRONT

Pinwheels for prevention: Putting Children First

BY 78TH MEDICAL GROUP

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. During April, the base’s Family Advocacy Outreach Program will offer tools to help educate the community about detecting and reporting child abuse.

Prevention works and each of us can do our small part to protect children. The local campaign kicked off Wednesday with the Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Signing and the placing of pinwheels for prevention at the Perry Courthouse.

The pinwheel has been chosen as a symbol in child abuse prevention to represent childhood innocence that must be protected. Use a pinwheel as a means to inspire conversation about child abuse awareness; you can plant a pinwheel garden, or just place one somewhere easily seen. The best thing you can do with a pinwheel is to enjoy it on a windy day with a child.

Be aware of factors that contribute to child abuse. Understand that parents who have the potential for abuse frequently feel lonely and isolated. Lend a supportive, non-judgmental ear when they are having a difficult time. Listening with compassion is a powerful tool. Offer to babysit if they need, or just include them in your family’s activities to break up the routine.

Know your own limitations. Being a parent is not easy and we all have questions. Learn to take time to nurture yourself. Remember that the difference between an abusive parent and a non-abusive parent is 10 seconds. Take a time out for yourself and never hit your child when you are angry.

Empower your children. Give your child appropriate ways to feel their own power. If parents do not allow children some areas of control, then children will find inappropriate ways to feel their power. Give your child choices, ask their advice, or seek their help with household tasks.

Helping other parents in times of overload is not limited to those you know. When you see a child mistreated in public you may feel helpless but there are positive things you can do. One suggestion is to speak out supportively. Any parent knows the embarrassment of a child throwing a scene in a store. Strike up a conversation with the adult, “It looks like it has been a long day for both of you.” Divert the child’s attention by talking to them, “My child used to get upset like that, too.” Do what you can to de-stress the moment.

Children are vulnerable and helpless; you are not. For more information on how to help prevent child abuse, call the Family Advocacy Program at DSN 497-8398 or 478-327-8398.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON
Col. Dawn Lancaster, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, plants pinwheels Wednesday as part of the Child Abuse Prevention Month kickoff event at the Houston County Courthouse in Perry. During the month the pinwheels, which represent childhood innocence, will be rotated to locations around the county.

Air Force Aid Society, AFAF helping those in need

BY ANGELA WOOLEN
Robins Public Affairs

When Airmen need a little financial assistance, the Air Force Aid Society is there to help.

Walter Anderson, Airman and Family Readiness Center community readiness consultant, oversees several programs housed under the AFAS.

The programs provide child care vouchers, grants for secondary education, emergency loans and classes for expecting parents.

“Every program has a different requirement,” Anderson said.

Through loans and grants, last year the Emergency Assistance Program provided 118 people a total of \$50,553 in assistance.

Each situation is unique and the money is used for things such as rent, food and car payments.

The Child Care for Permanent Change of Station provides 20 hours of child care to Airmen within 60 days before departing and 60 after arriving at a base.

The Give Parents a Break program offers active duty parents the opportunity to have a few non-work hours away from their kids. Last year, the program was funded at \$1,820.

Another program, which Anderson hopes to grow this year, is the Child Care for Volunteers.

“The goal is to get people to volunteer on base,” he said.

Places to volunteer include the Airman’s Attic, the American Red Cross office and the Youth Center.

Those who can receive aid are active duty and retired Air Force members, AF spouses enrolled in DEEDS, dependents of a deceased AF member, and Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel on extended active duty.

“We want people to ask for



help before thing gets too bad,” Anderson said.

The AFAS is one of four charities funded by the annual Air Force Assistance Fund Drive. The local AFAF campaign runs through May 1.

“The Air Force Assistance Fund provides an opportunity to help our fellow Airmen when they need it most,” said Capt. Jaleesa Council, AFAF installation project officer.

Other AFAF charities include: The Gen. and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation; Air Force Enlisted Village; and Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation.

Unit project officers and key workers are currently visiting work centers to share further information and answer questions.

Unit Points of contact

- 461st ACW – Master Sgt. Luis Robeldo, 241-1999
- AFRC – Staff Sgt. Robyn Alexander, 497-0049
- 638th SCMG – Master Sgt. Katherine Burcar, 472-4909
- AFSCEN- 2nd Lt. Tyler Wallis, 468-0542
- 5th CCG – Master Sgt. Killiam Peters, 472-1424
- WR-ALC – Capt. Matthew MacDonald, 497-7008
- AFLCMC – Master Sgt. Khristian Kirchhofer, 468-5154
- 339th FLT5 – Master Sgt. Kevin Spano 472-2625
- Campaign officers: Capt. Jaleesa Council at 497-3429 and 1st Lt. Jessica Richmond 472-7377.

Volunteers needed to be proctors for Houston schools

Last year, 177 volunteers from Robins provided more than 2,000 hours of proctor help for the Houston County School System.

This year, the schools need help again. Renee Daughtry, school liaison officer, said the elementary and middle schools will test for a week while the high schools test during a two-week period.

Testing is from April 13-17 for elementary and middle schools while high school students will test April 27-May 7.

Interested military members can qualify for a pass from their supervisor to take the time off. Civilians must use annual leave.

To volunteer, contact Daughtry at DSN 497-5524 or renee.daughtry.1@us.af.mil.



ASBP Blood Drive April 24

The Armed Services Blood Program will conduct a blood drive April 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex in Bldg. 301.

The ASBP plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families in both peace and war.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Joseph Flescher at 497-3927 or Erin Longacre at (706) 787-1014.

Scholarship Programs accepting applications

The Robins Company Grade Officers Council is also accepting academic scholarship applications.

This \$250 scholarship will be awarded based on demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in continuing education at a four-year college or university.

Only students whose parents or legal guardians work at Robins – active duty, national guard, reserve or civil service – may apply. Students must have earned at least a 3.0 grade point average. The deadline is April 10.

The scholarship will be disbursed in June. In addition to the application form, students must submit a transcript, letter of recommendation and an essay.

Completed applications must be sent to robins.cgoc.scholar@us.af.mil.

For more information, email robins.cgoc.scholar@us.af.mil or contact Capt. Nicholas Edvarchuk at (478) 327-7982 or DSN 497-7982.

The Robins Chiefs Group is accepting applications for its academic scholarship program.

An applicant must be an enlisted military member, active duty, reserve, National Guard or retired, or the dependent of an enlisted military member – active duty, reserve, National Guard, retired, or deceased – assigned to or retired from Robins Air Force Base. Any enlisted rank or branch of service is eligible.

For more info or to download an application, visit www.robinschiefsgroup.org. All applications must be postmarked no later than May 1.

Helping agencies icon

Computer users have access to a Helping Agencies Icon on their desktop. Those who want to view it from off base, can access the icon at www.robins.af.mil.

The icon provides Team Robins members one-click access to a list of helping agencies including the services they offer and contact information for each. The list also contains direct links to a number of associated websites and brochures.

Put Your Hands Together for ...

The next “Put your hands together for ...” will run in the April 24 edition of the Rev-Up.

Deadline for submissions is April 17 at 4:30 p.m. To have an award included in the feature, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may be submitted, but space is limited. Submissions should be sent as a word document; photos should be .jpegs.

For more information, contact Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew.ctr@us.af.mil or Geoff Janes at vance.janes@us.af.mil. Either can be reached by phone at DSN 468-6386.

Correction

In the March 27 edition, a story incorrectly listed the number of flight hours the Global Hawk fleet has flown since 2001 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The correct number is 130,000 hours.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON
From left, Pam Davis, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Victim Advocate, and Lisa Matney Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, hang SARC banners Monday at the Russell Gate. Banners were hung at the four entry control points to remind Team Robins that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month kicks off at Robins

BY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR OFFICE

The month of April is recognized nationally as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This year’s theme, “Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part. Do your Part,” reminds members of the DOD community that they each can play a role in the prevention of sexual assault. When you recognize a situation as having the potential to be harmful or notice an individual needing assistance, by being an active bystander, you can intervene and possibly prevent something bad from happening before it occurs.

All Sexual Assault Awareness Month events are free and open to all base Airmen.

►Now through April 30: Traveling Line of Courage is a silent exhibit of self-expression of the violence which plagues our community. The T-shirts, created by survivors and others affected by sexual assault, will be displayed on a clothesline as a testament to the problem of violence.

►Tuesday, April 14, 21, 28: Teal Tuesday. Wear teal to show support for

survivors and promote awareness.

►April 10 and 20: from 1 to 3 p.m. Survivor Jar Painting – Take the Lid off “iT” – Bldg. 301 Fitness Center Annex; April 15 and 22 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Bldg. 707, SARC Office.

►April 15 and 22: Survivor T-Shirt Painting, Bldg. 707, 4 to 6:30 p.m.. Sign up by calling 478-327-7272. An outlet for anyone affected by sexual violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt.

►April 17: 5K Color Run-A-Mile in Their Shoes. Run or walk a mile to raise awareness and show support for those affected by sexual violence. Check-in at Bldg. 826 HAWC parking lot at 8 a.m. The run will begin at 8:25 a.m. Registration is not required.

►April 24: Courage Walk. The Courage Walk is a time to honor the strength and courage of survivors of sexual violence. The walk will begin in between the parking lots of Bldgs. 300 and 301.

The SARC office is located in Bldg. 707. The SARC or a SAPR Victim Advocate may be reached 24/7 by calling DSN 497-7272 or commercial (478) 327-7272.

Robins celebrates Earth Day

National Earth Day is April 22. Robins will host events throughout April and May for the observance themed, “Conserve Today, Secure Tomorrow.”

Earth Day lineup:

►*Take pride in keeping Robins’ landscape clean and green: All year long.* This program is similar to the state’s adopt-a-highway program. Volunteer your organization to adopt one of the unclaimed areas on the “Robins Pride” map. View the map and more details about this initiative on the Earth Day SharePoint site. POC is Bob Sargent, 497-3974.

►*Earth Day Photo Contest now through April 12.* Get outside and capture nature. Child, teen, and adult divisions. Categories are flora, fauna, people enjoying nature

Submissions due by April 12; winners announced April 22. For full rules and an entry form visit www.robins.af.mil.

►*Dash For Trash: Monday through June 5.* Is your work area cluttered with obsolete or unneeded stuff? If so, now is the time to dash into action. Inspect your workplace and surrounding areas and dispose of unnecessary items. For disposal assistance or more information, contact the appropriate POC listed on the flyer on the SharePoint site. POC is Darryl Mercer, 497-3976

►*Cemetery Clean-Up: April 10 at 1 p.m.* Participants will meet at Bldg. 359 before going to clean up Bryant Cemetery and King Cemetery. If possible, bring basic lawn tools (rake, shovel, pruning shears, string weed-eater (not blades), and wear gloves, a hat, sunscreen and long pants. POCs are Bob Sargent at 327-3974 and Shan Williams at 497-8373.

►*Georgia Power Energy Conservation Table: April 16.* An exhibit table manned by Georgia Power will be set up at Pine Oaks Golf Course Club House. April 21 and 22 an exhibit table manned by Georgia Power will be at the Base Restaurant from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. POC is Allan Quattlebaum, 468-2848.

►*Earth Day on the Greens/SAME Golf Tournament: April 16.* An Earth Day Golf Tournament at the Pine Oaks clubhouse. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. POC is



Jennifer Ludwig, 922-7751.

►*E-Cycling: April 17 from 8 a.m. to noon at Bldg. 987.* Bring your old computers and other approved electronics to be recycled. For a full list of accepted items, visit the Earth Day SharePoint site. Non-government items only. POCs are Casey Lucas, 497-9283 and Darryl Mercer, 497-3976.

►*Waterways Clean-up: April 24 at 1 p.m.* Participants will meet at Scout Lake. Clean-up will focus on Scout Lake, Luna Lake, and Weir 14. Wear comfortable shoes, long pants, and a hat. POCs are Jim Rieker, 497-9270, Joe Bossi, 256-9216.

►*Bird Watching: April 25 from 7:45 a.m. to noon.* Participants will meet at Bldg. 359. RSVP required as spots are limited. POC is Bob Sargent, 497-3974.

►*The Arbor Day ceremony: April 22 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.* at Robins Parade Fields. POC is Bob Sargent, 327-3974.

►*Grocery Bag Environmental Art Project: April 22.* Groceries at the commissary will be bagged with Youth Center artwork to spread a positive environmental message. POC is Krista Mott, 497-4189.

►*Energy Awareness Competition-* Tell us how your organization (wing, group, squadron, or flight) has promoted energy conservation and awareness. Submissions due April 30. Information and rules on Earth Day SharePoint site. POC is Allan Quattlebaum, 468-2848.

►*Kayak the Ocmulgee with Dr. Bob: May 2.* Meet at Knowles’ Landing on Hwy. 96 at 8:30 a.m.

Bring four bottles of water, snacks, a bag lunch, a hat, and sunscreen. Kayaks or canoes available to rent at Outdoor Recreation, 468-4001. POC is Bob Sargent, 497-3974. RSVP required.

For more details on events, visit <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/78abw/78ceg/cei/CEIE/EarthDay/default.aspx>.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Cybercrime: How it affects you

BY SPECIAL AGENT MONTE STEPHENS

Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 221

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho (AFNS) – Cybercrime is the fastest growing and most dynamic area of crime. Ever-increasing reliance on cyber technology is allowing criminals to operate with virtual impunity across a range of criminal activities and jurisdictions.

Although the types of crimes are not necessarily new (theft, fraud, extortion, drug proliferation and sex-based exploitation), the technology provides criminals an unprecedented range of targets, increased operational capabilities and a reduced risk of capture and prosecution.

In 2013, cybercriminals defrauded the U.S. public to the tune of more than \$780 million through a variety of online scams ranging in a level of complexity from simple fraud schemes to complex hacking scams, according to the FBI’s 2013 Internet Crime Report. In the past few years, there have been numerous online scams where criminals have either directly targeted military personnel or used actual and fictitious information about U.S. military members to defraud the public. These scams range in forms and all are designed to extort information or money from innocent victims by exploiting the public’s trust in the U.S. military.

Online scammers use U.S. military members’ infor-



mation, whether real or fake, for three reasons: 1 – credibility; 2 – plausibility; and 3 – emotional appeal. Appearing attractive to a victim’s emotional response the criminal generates trust and loyalty in order to increase credibility once the scam is suggested. The military ties also give criminals a credible reason to solicit money from victims that would normally make such a request seem suspicious. Two of the most common online scenarios are sale scams and the Nigerian Letter scams.

Online sale scams: The scam begins by offering online goods well below their market price, most frequently carried out on an online sale site. Most of such scams involve vehicle sales and generally take the following pattern: a scammer advertises a vehicle for sale at a price almost too good to be true and describes the vehicle in broad terms. The potential victim answers

the ad and is soon contacted by the scammer, claiming to be a member with a U.S. military unit that’s being deployed abroad. The scammer uses this “deployment” to explain the devalued sales price of the vehicle and they will be unable to test drive it. Often, the scammer insists the transaction take place quickly and requests the potential victim wire the money or transfer funds via the purchase of a money card and then providing the code to the scammer.

Advance-fee online fraud scam or Nigerian Letter scams: Seeks to defraud potential victims by promising big profits in exchange for help moving large sums of money. Claiming to be a government official, business person or the surviving spouse of a former government leader, the criminals offer to transfer millions of dollars into the victim’s bank account in exchange for a small fee. The scammer really wants the victim’s bank account information in order to transfer money out of that account.

Air Force personnel appear to be at risk to online impersonation because of the perceived reputability and integrity of service members by the general public. Criminals looking to impersonate service members can find an abundance of personal information from official websites, news articles and social networking sites. Air Force members should be aware their personal information can be exploited by online imposters and must remain vigilant to protect and minimize their Internet footprint.

In Other News

AF COOL program kicks off MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALA. (AFNS)

– The Community College of the Air Force officially launched the Air Force Credentialing Opportunities Online program March 16.

Air Force COOL is a pathway for enlisted Airmen to earn industry-recognized professional certifications and licenses to enhance their active-duty work and to prepare them as they transition to the civilian job market.

Found on the Air Force Portal, Air Force COOL has credential mapping of 642 professional certifications and licenses for 190 enlisted Air Force specialty codes. The credentials are at the national and state levels and from industry.

Using Air Force COOL to get a job-related certification or license makes an Airman just as, if not more, competitive in the job market as their civilian peers, said Russell Gray, the program manager of Air Force COOL. Complete Air Force COOL program details, application

procedures, eligibility requirements and AFSC listings are located on the Air Force Portal.

New center to focus on development of nuke Airmen BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AFNS)

– Air Force Global Strike Command has created a new Nuclear Leadership Development Center, which will focus on nuclear and leadership education, and professional development.

“The center will have several lines of effort designed to increase nuclear knowledge and leadership across the force,” said Col. H.B. Brual, deputy director of the, command’s Strategic Plans, Programs, Requirements and Analysis Directorate.

The creation of the NLDC was driven in part by reports both before and after AFGSC’s standup that noted a declined focus on the nuclear mission, with a lack of developmental opportunities for career nuclear personnel, Brual said. In addition, the reports identified

gaps in the development of leaders and critical thought within the Air Force’s nuclear enterprise as a whole.

Nominations sought for 2015 DOD disability award JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - RANDOLPH (AFNS)

– The Air Force is accepting nominations for the 2015 Outstanding Department of Defense Employee/Service Member with a Disability Award.

The award honors civilian employees and military members with disabilities who supported the DOD mission or overseas contingency operations, or whose activities best demonstrate the core values of their respective military service or other DOD component. The nominees’s performance throughout their career is considered the performance period for this award.

Each major command, field operating agency and direct reporting unit may submit one military and one civilian nomination. Applications are due to the Air Force Personnel Center by April 20.



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN JENSEN STIDHAM

Always On Call

Tech. Sgt. Adam Gardner, 20th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, calls for help during a brush fire March 16 outside the main gate at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. The 20th CES fire department responded to the blaze within three minutes of receiving the call and worked with the Sumter County Fire Department to extinguish the fire.

PERSPECTIVE

AF Assistance Fund supports Dover Airman during tragedy

BY TECH. SGT. JEREMY LARLEE

436th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Tragedy rarely strikes on a schedule. It doesn’t wait for a convenient time, often turning a person’s life upside down.

Tragedy struck in 2014 for Tech. Sgt. Shamika Beckley, 436th Operations Support Squadron NCO in charge of unit intelligence, when her sister Raquel Calleja was killed by a drunk driver on Long Island, New York, three days before Christmas.

As the family member closest to New York, Beckley snapped into action to make funeral arrangements. Part of those arrangements involved travel back to her home town of San Diego, California. Beckley purchased the tickets without thinking of being reimbursed, but due to her leadership working together with personnel from the Airman & Family Readiness Center, she was able to get some of her travel costs covered.

“It was already so difficult dealing with this emotional situation,” Beckley said. “To be able to lessen the financial burden was such a relief.”

Beckley said it was a surprisingly simple process to go through.

“The people were so friendly and very consoling,” she said. “I walked into the office and filled out a form with a short synopsis of why I needed the travel and the



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS WILLIAM JOHNSON

Tech. Sgt. Shamika Beckley, 436th Operations Support Squadron NCO in charge of unit intelligence, poses with a photo of her and her sister, Raquel Calleja. Beckley’s sister was killed in December by a drunk driver in Long Island, N.Y.

next day I got a check.”

Jennifer Aubrey, a community readiness consultant and Air Force Aid officer at the 436th Airlift Wing Airman & Family Readiness Center, said the program used to fund Beckley’s travel was the Air Force Aid Society emergency travel provision that is financed by the Air Force Assistance Fund. She said on average she sees about 12-15 similar cases a year. Aubrey said the fund is a great benefit to the base.

“It’s a fund specifically for Air Force members to help other Air Force members in their time of need,” Aubrey said. “It is very rewarding to help people in these situations. You know they are going through a tough time, due to no fault of their own, and you can be of some assistance.”

In addition to the Air Force Aid Society, the charities supported by the Air Force Assistance Fund include:

- The Air Force Enlisted Village
- The Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation:

Donations support independent and assisted living needs of retired officers and their spouses, widows or widowers and family members.

►The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation: Provides rent and financial assistance to widows and widowers of officer and enlisted retirees in their homes and communities through financial grants.

Beckley said she felt blessed and comforted to see her Air Force family come through for her in her time of need.

“I’m grateful that I have good leadership that had my back and was looking out for me,” she said. “When you are going through such an emotional time the last thing you want to be thinking of is funds.”

For more information about the Air Force Assistance Fund-affiliated charitable organizations, visit www.assistancefund.org.

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U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON
Above, James Hatcher, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group mechanic, cleans the landing gear of a C-5.

Below, Chip Griner, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group mechanic, covers a C-5 engine inlet.

GALAXY

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conducted, a process that can take from eight to 10 hours. The first check flight usually occurs the following day.

However, on March 18, all ground checks were completed by early afternoon, and the plane was able to get airborne the same day.

One of the items on the long laundry list of items that must be examined or performed on every aircraft that comes out of PDM is the skid, or brake check. Test pilots basically take an aircraft out on the runway, accelerate it to about 40 knots, and then slam on the brakes.

“What we’re checking on is the functionality of the aircraft brake system,” said Grady. “We have an anti-ski system to prevent tires from locking up when pilots slow down on the runway. We put that through a very rigorous check to ensure it functions the way it’s supposed to.”

This process takes about three hours. The flight portion goes through just about all of the aircraft’s systems – flight controls, engines, avionics, and landing gear – with the flight profile usually lasting from three to three and a half hours. These inspections include flying the aircraft on different courses and at different speeds and altitudes.

Senior Master Sgt. Pat Cioffi, a C-5 flight engineer, has worked with the flight test squadron since 2008.

“Compared to other airframes, we basically test the same types of systems,” he said. “Engines,



gears, avionics and flight controls - if any of these are removed then put back into an aircraft, we thoroughly test these.”

With the diverse mission of bringing an aircraft like a C-5M back into service, the work continues year-round at the 559th AMXS and the WR-ALC.

“The Air Force relies heavily on the great men and women of places like the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex to ensure we can continue to support our warfighters serving around the globe,” said Nakayama. “I am proud of our team, a team that also includes the SPO, CMXG, DLA, AMXSS, and the 78th ABW to name a few, for accomplishing this feat and showcasing the excellence that our professional maintenance force delivers each and every day.”

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An estimated \$5 billion was spent from AFLCMC program offices at Robins during fiscal 2014 to support warfighters around the world, according to Lt. Gen. John Thompson, AFLCMC commander.

Thompson opened by talking about the importance of participating in the day’s dialogue, and followed that by stressing how entities across the full spectrum of the Air Force work together every day to ensure its missions are performed successfully.

“It’s all about teamwork and partnership,” he said.

Air Force Sustainment Center Commander Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield also spoke to the gathering.

Since the Air Force Materiel Command reorganization efforts, including the standup of the Air Force Sustainment Center in the summer of 2012, placing more capabilities on the ramp at less cost is one effort that is showing by the numbers, said Litchfield.

“We have put about 20 percent more aircraft back into the fleet in terms of overhaul and modifications. Our MICAPS for field support are down ... our backorders are down, and we’ve taken about \$1.4 billion out of the \$16 billion enterprise that we support - so more capability, less cost to the warfighter, and more readiness at less cost. That’s the value of our position.”

To learn more about partnering with AFSC, Litchfield invited the audience to download the electronic version of his “Art of the Possible” book from the center’s website (www.afsc.af.mil) to understand about the center’s core doctrine and how it conducts business.

Both Litchfield and Thompson said that while the road ahead is still fraught with challenges, there are numerous opportunities for Air Force Materiel Command organizations to showcase their full capabilities.

“I think we’re operating somewhere between 15 and 20 percent of our full potential with everything being perfect,” said Litchfield. “What if we doubled that?

What it takes is everyone operating under teamwork and everyone owning the outcome ... operating at twice the capabilities we are right now. It’s not that far out of reach if we work together as that team.”

Litchfield went on to say Robins is currently experiencing a time of record achievement in producing quality aircraft, in its record safety for the workforce, and relations between union and management.

“There’s a new day at Robins that’s pretty exciting,” he said. “It’s great to be a part of a winning team, to know that Robins will be strong for a long time to come. When I look into the eyes of everyone associated with Robins, what we do and how we deliver it, I see true patriots.”

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Whittling Away:

Wood Craft Club gives Robins creative outlet

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For some people, certain types of work just come naturally. For people interested in woodworking, there’s now a place to perfect their skill, the Robins Wood Crafts Club, which officially opened in its new home in February, in Bldg. 981 on 10th Street next to the Outdoor Recreation and Arts and Crafts building. Bill Gurr, director, Outdoor Recreation, Arts and Crafts, and Information Tickets and Travel in the 78th Force Support Squadron, said the newly established club gives Airmen and others on base a place to work on their own wood projects and save money, while learning a lifelong skill and hobby using the best tools available.

“We want to provide a service for newcomers to learn how to make wood projects without having to purchase a lot of equipment and tools,” he said. “We have some great equipment and wood working projects usually require large machines and it’s very costly for individuals. The do-it-yourself folks need the Wood Crafts Club to expand their capabilities and projects. We have it all and the folks who can help assist that have the experience.”

As the club expands, the activities will grow, Gurr said. Initial club plans include how-to classes, small projects, small gift ideas, wood cutting capabilities and monthly membership meetings to build ideas and adapt facility rules as needed.

Providing a facility for learning and growing a core group of members interested in wood craft techniques is the club’s first priority, Gurr said.

Two safety trained club members must be present at the club when people are woodworking.

“Members must also volunteer one hour per month and the club will host activities for customers such as: how to classes and small projects, advice on repairs, custom cuts for individuals, and anything wood related these guys have built or repaired at one time or another,” Gurr said. “Safety is our main concern and training will be highly stressed. But, building something new with your own



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Bob Zwitch, Robins Wood Crafts club president, demonstrates how to use a band saw. The club started a few months ago after the craft shop closed. Members can use the various tools located in the crafts room to create furniture, shadow boxes, shelves and more.

hands is something that is hard to describe and we want to make that available to Robins AFB.”

Hours of operation are Thursdays from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for walk-ins, wood workers who pay by the hour, or people needing wood cut or a minor repair done.

Newcomer safety classes began upon the club’s start, with each session lasting up to eight hours. A shorter training session will be required of experienced woodworkers with safety training from their previous base locations, Gurr said.

Once newcomers pay their membership fees, they’re eligible to use any of the shop equipment and have 24-hour access using the two-person buddy system. Family membership rates are available too.

Base ID cardholders wishing to use the woodshop without becoming a club member can do so by paying a \$3 an hour fee. See a club council member on procedures and regulations of hourly use.

For more information, call 926-4001 or Robins Wood Crafts Club Council President Bob Zwitch at 926-2902.

ALL IN

A DAY’S WORK

Dennis “Denzo” Shema

UNIT: Defense Logistics Agency at Warner Robins
JOB TITLE: Management Analyst
TIME IN SERVICE: 35 years
HOMETOWN: Punxsutawney, Pa.



What does your work involve at Robins? I provide a wide range of support services to the commander and Team DLA Aviation at Warner Robins. I contribute to the readiness of the unit to meet financial/budgetary, TDY travel, purchase card, emergency management, Crisis Action Team, ancillary training, protocol, OPSEC, and cyber challenge needs of more than 200 assigned DLA Aviation employees on a daily basis. I help to ensure our employees are well equipped with the resources they need to meet the needs of our ALC customers for on-time delivery of parts and reduction of customer wait time.

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? Our team pulls together each day to support the needs of the 402nd Air Logistics Complex. We have 22 supply shop support points located throughout the complex. We ensure quality parts delivery with outstanding customer service and minimal wait time.

What do you enjoy most about your work? The variety of programs that I manage and working with senior leaders and employees of our organization. They are all real pros in the supply business.

What prompted your interest in your current career field? I was a full time Air Reserve Technician with the Air Force Reserve Command’s 622nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron at Robins for 20 years. I saw the future of logistical support to the Air Force through the Defense Logistics Agency. I was able to use my collective knowledge to help support our DLA Aviation team.

What is an accomplishment you are most proud of? Having served in Operation Linebacker II in 1972 as an Air Force NCO. I maintained the .50 caliber tail guns on the B-52s that went North to Hanoi and Haiphong and helped to bring North Vietnam to the peace table in 1973.

What is something people would be surprised to know about you? I was a Titan II missile launch officer during the Cold War years. I was combat ready to launch a 10 megaton nuclear warhead upon authenticated orders.

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? My “Pops” Ed Shema. He was a World War II veteran and raised three kids on a steel mill laborer’s pay in the steel mills of Pittsburgh, Pa. He taught me to be respectful of all people, help all those

HAPPENINGS/ SERVICES

ON TAP Family Painting event

Today
6 to 8 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Center
For details,
call DSN 468-5282.

First Friday

Today
6 p.m.
Heritage Club
For details,
call DSN 472-7899.

Fairways Grille serving breakfast

Starting Monday
7 to 10:30 a.m.
Monday through Sunday
Pine Oaks Golf Course
For details,
call DSN 468-4103.

Daddy and his Princess, Mommy and her Superhero Dance

April 10
Register by Monday.
6 to 9 p.m.
Heritage Club Ballroom
\$24 per couple in advance,
\$35 at the door
Each additional child \$5
Discount for club members
For details,
call DSN 472-7899.

Tips from the Pro

Tuesday
4 to 5 p.m.
Pine Oaks Golf Course
All the balls
you can hit for \$5
For details,
call DSN 468-4103.

UPCOMING In the Spotlight

April 10 and 24
5 p.m.
Heritage Club
Showcase your singing,
poetry reading, comedy or
musical talents
For details,
call DSN 472-7899.

Family Movie Night Island of Lemurs Madagascar

April 10
6:30 p.m.
Base Theater
Cost is \$2 and includes
popcorn and drink.
For details,
call DSN 468-2001.

"Base Camp" Family Campout

April 18 through 19

Register by April 14
Starts April 18 at 9 a.m.
Robins Park
For details,
call DSN 468-4001.

Horseback Riding Experience at Robins

Single Airmen only
April 11 and 25
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15 slots available
For details,
call DSN 468-4001.

Color Run

April 17
8:25 to 10 a.m.
Fitness Center
For details,
call DSN 468-2128.

Spring Gift Bazaar

April 17
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Heritage Club Ballroom
Prize drawings will be done
throughout the event.
For details,
call DSN 472-7899.

ONGOING Afterburner April Special

Mondays through Fridays
5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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Creamy Raspberry Toffee
Latte
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For more information, call DSN 468-2110 or 478-926-2110.

Robins Chapel Catholic and Protestant *Easter Worship Schedules*

Catholic Worship Services

Monday, Thursday and Friday – Mass, noon

Today - Good Friday Liturgy, 7 p.m.
Designated Offering for Peter's Pence;
no noon mass

Saturday - Holy Saturday Mass, 8 p.m.
Reception to follow in the annex

Sunday - Easter Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.

Protestant Worship Services

Today - Good Friday Service, noon

Sunday - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 a.m. Chapel lawn.
Easter Celebration Worship Service, 11 a.m.

April 12 - Easter Cantata Worship Service, 11 a.m.