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# ROBINS REV-UP

'Team Robins - Performing to Our Potential'

'Making Tomorrow Better than Today'

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## NEVER FORGET

Robins observes the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II

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After six years of fighting and millions of casualties, on Sept. 2, 1945, Japan surrendered to the Allied forces marking the end of World War II.

Seventy years ago, more than 200 allied ships were in Tokyo Bay in Japan for the signing of the formal surrender aboard the USS Missouri.

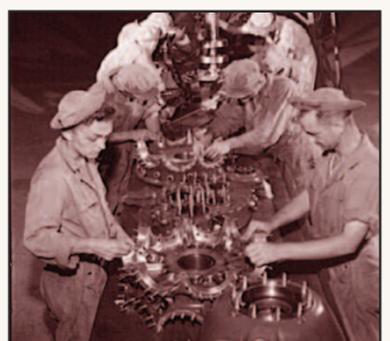
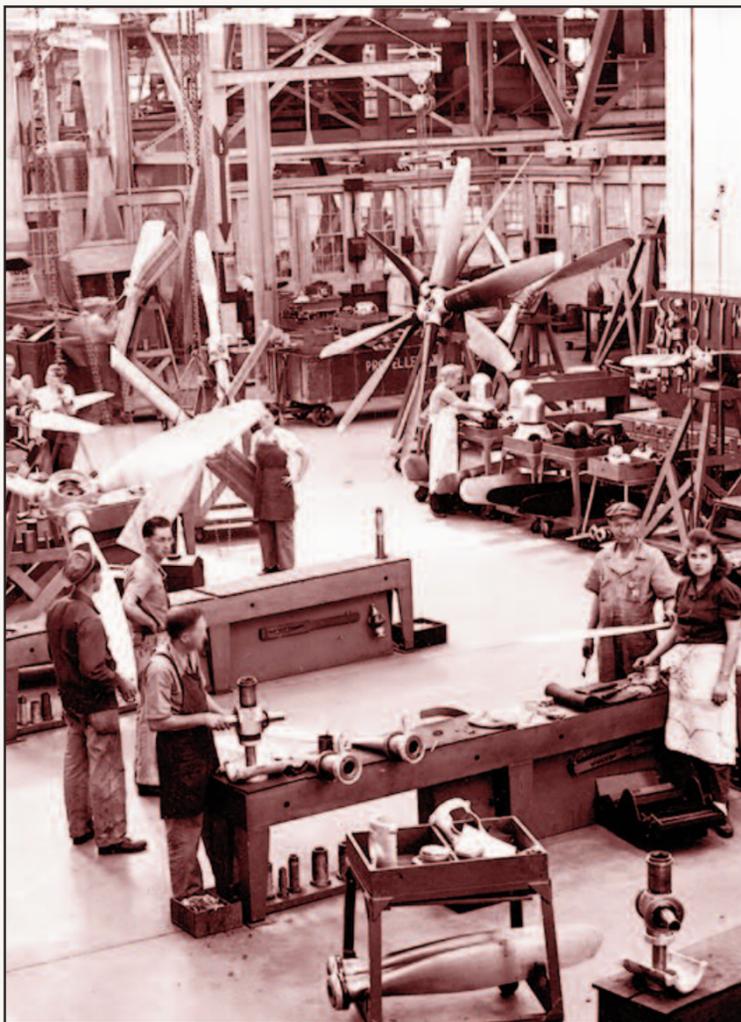
The war began Sept. 3, 1939, two days after Adolf Hitler invaded Poland, when France and Britain declared war on Germany.

The U.S. would not get involved in the

### WHAT TO KNOW

This is part one of a four-part series. Coming up during September: Videos, interviews and photos from World War II veterans, spouses and community members as they share their stories of what the world was like in 1945 and how they felt when it ended.

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U.S. Air Force photos

The historical photos above are snapshots of the work being done at Robins Air Force Base, then called the Warner Robins Army Air Depot at Robins Field.

## F-35 sustainment official visits Robins

BY JENNY GORDON

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When the Marines declared initial operational capability of its F-35B Lighting II July 31, it was a major milestone for the multi-service Joint Strike Fighter Program that's been in development for about 15 years.

The Air Force is scheduled to reach initial operational capability with its F-35A variant in 2016, and the Navy's F-35 is set for initial capability in 2018 or 2019.

Charles Brown, deputy director of F-35 Sustainment with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, recently paid a special visit to Robins to thank various 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group team members for their F-35 program contributions.

Brown toured the



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Michael Bailey, 568th Electronics Maintenance Squadron electronics technician, removes a faulty circuit card assembly from a Remote Input/Output unit, part of the F-35's communication system.

Electronic Warfare LRU Element facilities where Robins supports two vital F-35 components – the Remote Input/Output and the Vehicle Management Computer.

"The work you do with components will only get bigger over the years," he said. "The workload that will come to Warner Robins during the next three to five years will increase tremendously.

Everyone in this room has contributed to the program, he said during a short presentation, citing various delivery deadlines from the three services which have been met.

"You may say you only work on a few components, but it's pretty significant in the amount of work that hasn't materialized, but will in the future," he added.

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## MED GROUP OFFERS SUICIDE PREVENTION TIPS

BY HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON

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September is National Suicide Prevention Month, and Robins Air Force Base is taking the opportunity to educate people on the subject.

Capt. Clinton Comer, 78th Medical Operations Squadron psychology provider, said certain groups are at higher risk than others.

"Anyone with a significant imbalance of risk and protective factors is vulnerable," he said. "However, the most recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that those aged 45 to 64 have the highest suicide rates.

"Also, the rate for males is about four times that of females," he added.

CDC data showed whites have the highest suicide rates and American Indians and Alaska natives have the second highest suicide rates.

Comer said the belief that suicides are more frequent around winter holidays isn't true.

"National suicide rates tend to be highest in the spring months, peaking in April, and are below average during the winter months, with the lowest rate in December," he said.

The captain said currently there isn't a clear explanation of how suicide rates and the time of year correlate.

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## FRIDAY FLYBY: TEAM ROBINS, Remember to be safe over the long weekend! Page B2

### When not in use, turn off the juice: Help conserve energy during Labor Day holiday

With the next few days being the Labor Day holiday weekend, Team Robins has yet another opportunity to save energy across the installation.

Every time you turn out a light, whether it's in restroom facilities or your immediate office area, or unused lights in your building or other things that consume energy, it saves and adds up over time.

Before you leave today, do a quick walkthrough of your area and turn off unnecessary equipment and lights. Remember to turn off your computer monitor (but leave your computer on since important updates are performed).

When we do our part, we can achieve similar results to what was experienced during the July 4 holiday weekend.

During the three-day period from July 3 to 5, Robins used 5.28 percent less energy than it did during the same period in 2014.

On another note, the 78th Civil Engineer Group performs remote-controlled air conditioning setbacks on temperatures in facilities that are unoccupied during the holiday. That results in significant energy savings.

Beginning today at 5 p.m. and running until 5 a.m., Tuesday, HVAC operations will be set back in nonessential facilities. If you have questions about your facility, please call Wilson Jones, 78th CES Requirements and Optimization Branch chief, at DSN 497-7443.

— Jenny Gordon

Weekend Weather

Friday  
92/70



Saturday  
88/68



Sunday  
87/67



"Be Resilient – know your resources and when to use them."

# SECOND FRONT

## A Burrito & A Smile



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

The Robins Chapel staff visited various units Aug. 25 to pass out breakfast burritos. The project was a way to not only reach out to units across base but also to boost morale. The workers began making 400 burritos at 5 a.m. Below, Chapel staff members hand out burritos to members of the 78th Medical Group.



U.S. Air Force photos by ED ASPERA

## Officer and enlisted evaluation systems interim change

An interim change to Air Force Instruction 36-2406, Officer and Enlisted Evaluation Systems has been posted to the e-Publishing website.

The change includes guidance on Air Force form 707 and 911 – officer and enlisted performance reports. The changes became effective July 31.

Officer performance reports that closed out July 31 or later that are being routed on AF Form 707 (20140101 version), will need to be done again on the new AF Form 707.

All master sergeant and senior master sergeant evaluations that closed out July 31 or later must be completed on the “20150731V1” version of the 911.

Further, all officer evaluations that closed out after June 30 must be processed using the virtual personnel center.

### Changes to the OPR include:

- ▶ Block 1 of the Ratee’s Identification Data indicates “Rank” versus “Grade” to match all other evaluation forms, and includes the number of non-rated days.
- ▶ Section III, Performance Factors – The Fitness Exemption has been removed.
- ▶ Section IX, block 7 has been removed and rolled into block 3, outlining the Professional Qualities of the Ratee’s Performance Factor.
- ▶ Block 3 has been updated to read “Exhibits loyalty, discipline, dedication, integrity, honesty and officership. Adheres to Air Force Standards (i.e. Fitness standards, dress and appearance, customs and courtesies and professional conduct.) Accepts personal responsibility. Is fair and objective.” This aligns with the changes in the Physical Fitness program cited in IC2 to AFI 36-2406.

For more information, contact the 78th Military Personnel Section, Force Management Operations Element at 78mss.a1wpf.fmo@us.af.mil, DSN 472-6861 or 478-222-6861.

## POW/MIA recognition

Robins will remember and honor the sacrifice of America’s prisoners of war and those missing in action during the Robins POW/MIA organization’s annual recognition ceremony Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation’s Hangar One.

The ceremony’s guest speaker will be retired Col. Querin “Quin” Herlick, a U.S. Army aviator, Vietnam Veteran and former POW held captive in 1969 during the Vietnam War.

According to event coordinators, a 24-hour Vigil Run will kick off the recognition beginning at 3 p.m. Sept. 16 at the museum.

Time slots are currently available for the run, which invites participants to sign up in 15 minute or longer increments. The goal is to keep the baton/flag moving for the entire 24-hour period of time leading up to the ceremony.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Pierre Carre at pierre.carre@us.af.mil. To sign up for the run contact Senior Airman Chelsea Zamora, chelsea.zamora@us.af.mil.

# IN THE BOAR'S NEST

## JSTARS hosts large joint-force exercise, integrates with Navy

BY SENIOR MASTER SGT.  
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116th Air Control Wing

The 116th Air Control Wing hosted the eighth annual Boar's Nest Large Force Exercise involving more than 20 joint-force units and 55 different aircraft for aircrew training in a realistic threat environment, Aug. 18 through 20.

Boar's Nest provided the unique opportunity for 116th ACW aircrews – flying the E-8C Joint STARS manned, battle management, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform – to integrate with the Navy's newest marine patrol and reconnaissance aircraft, the P-8A Poseidon.

The P-8A was from Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing ELEVEN out of Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.

Capt. Clayton Gibbs, a 116th ACW air battle manager and one of the chief exercise planners, served as a liaison officer at the exercise air operation center based at The Air Dominance Center in Savannah, Ga.

"This exercise showed that the JSTARS manned platform and the P-8 provided an amazing capability to detect, locate and classify maritime targets when the two aircraft are linked in together working cooperatively," said Gibbs.

Broadening the integration between the Guard and naval air assets, two JSTARS liaison officers flew missions aboard the P-8, a first for the 116th ACW.

"I learned a lot of very useful information and was able to share a lot of information while flying with the

Poseidon crew," said Lt. Col. Victor Ellis, 116th ACW exercise liaison officer.

"During the Boar's Nest simulated war at sea, we used the complementary strengths of JSTARS and the P-8 to positively identify maritime vessels over a large area of responsibility and determine whether they were friendly, enemy or neutral. Our timeline to successfully interdict enemy maritime targets was significantly shortened using our collective capability," said Ellis.

Adding another joint aspect to the maritime portion of the exercise, Marine Aircraft Group (MAG-31) – flying F/A-18 Hornets out of Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station, S.C. – acted as mission commander for all JSTARS controlled maritime strike packages.

"We don't normally train with the F-18s, so this was another highlight for us," said Gibbs.

In all, this year's Boar's Nest allowed the 116th ACW to bring together joint assets including fifth-generation F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning II fighters for a large force exercise in keeping with one of the wing's long-term goals according to Gibbs.

"Our long-term goal is to tap into ongoing exercises and resources available at The Air Dominance Center and take it to the next level with JSTARS integration," said Gibbs.

"Traditionally when a unit comes to The Air Dominance Center, it's for more of an air-to-air type of environment. With exercises like Boar's Nest, we bring the air-to-ground perspective and are able to do it more economically by tagging onto an existing exercise."



U.S. Air National Guard photos by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS  
Above, Army Sgt. Jason Horton, an airborne target surveillance supervisor with Army JSTARS, monitors tracking information from an operator work station aboard an E-8C Joint STARS during a mission in the Boar's Nest 2015 exercise at Robins Aug. 20. The 116th Air Control Wing, hosted the eighth annual Boar's Nest Large Force Exercise bringing together more than 20 joint-force units and 55 different aircraft for aircrew training in a realistic land and maritime threat environment.



At left, Staff Sgt. Jessica Horton, a communication systems technician with the 116th ACW, tests her oxygen mask aboard an E-8C Joint STARS prior to a mission in the Boar's Nest 2015 exercise.

## AROUND THE AIR FORCE

## CSAF speaks about CMSAF role

BY SENIOR AIRMAN TAYLOR CURRY

3rd Combat Camera

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (AFNS) – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III addressed airmen about the importance of leadership during the 2015 Air Force Sergeants Association Professional Airmen's Conference in San Antonio Aug. 26.

He specifically spoke about what it takes to be a chief master sergeant of the Air Force and gave examples of leadership by past and present chief master sergeants of the Air Force.

"It's only appropriate since we are at an AFSA conference, that we remind ourselves that we're in the presence of some legendary Air Force sergeants right now," said Welsh, referring to the former chief master sergeants of the Air Force in attendance. "These are amazing men, people who have truly answered their nation's call and took their oath seriously."

During the conference, the general spoke of how the chiefs had inspired generations of airmen and those still to come.

"We really should treasure these heroes while we still have them," he said. "These men are truly second to none. They influence every airman in this great Air Force and are an incredible band of brothers."

Welsh later asked, what makes a chief master sergeant of the Air Force? He continued by explaining to



the audience the answer in his own words.

"A lot of people think you're a great chief because you are a chief master sergeant of the Air Force. It's actually the other way around; you become chief master sergeant of the Air Force because you are a great chief," he said. "That's something all of our younger enlisted need to keep in mind."

Welsh said he believes that the chief master sergeant of the Air Force has to have unyielding integrity, be tireless in their service to airmen and their families and have enduring excellence in everything they do,

summing up the Air Force's core values.

"We try to define what a chief master sergeant of the Air Force is with one word, but that is impossible because they're all different and unique," he said. "I believe in order to be the chief master sergeant of the Air Force, you have to be passionate about the Air Force and its airmen; you have to have an unbelievable amount of pride in yourself; you have to have near perfect performance over the course of your career."

The AFSA event had Welsh thinking about the future of the Air Force and who would be the next chief master sergeants of the Air Force.

"Don't worry Chief (Cody), you're not going anywhere anytime soon," Welsh said jokingly. "But remember, being chief master sergeant of the Air Force has nothing to do with race, gender or background, it only has to do with leadership. My question to those considering following that path is, 'are you fit to carry the sword?'"

**Editor's Note:** *The AFSA's mission is to advocate improved quality of life and economic fairness that will support the well-being of the total force enlisted personnel and their families, to elected and military leaders. They hosted this year's conference for Airmen to receive a senior leadership perspective and for attendees to ask questions about the direction of the Air Force and its future.*

## In Other News

## SecAF, CSAF, CMSAF present new 'little blue book'

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS (AFNS) – Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody delivered the initial handout of the pamphlet, "America's Air Force: A Profession of Arms," Aug. 27 to the Air Force's newest airmen during Airmen's Week.

The pamphlet represents the next evolution of the "little blue book," and provides airmen with instant access to the core guides, values, codes and creeds that guide airmen in their service in the profession of arms.

"Our people are the greatest part of our Air Force and when America's sons and daughters chose to join our ranks, it is our responsibility to develop them into airmen," James said. "As airmen, we're charged with upholding a culture founded on professionalism, dignity and respect – that's what our core values are about."

## This week in Air Force History



On Sept. 3, Orville Wright began flight tests of the Wright Flyer at Fort Myer, Va.

During the visit, Welsh explained the importance of professionalism to the airmen.

## Commissaries stay vigilant in tracking food recalls

FORT LEE, VA. (AFNS) –

Food recalls often seem like a routine occurrence on the news. However, there is nothing ordinary

about what military commissary personnel do during a recall.

September is Food Safety Month, and commissary patrons can rest assured yearlong that their store has a team of dedicated professionals protecting the safety of their groceries, said Army Col. Michael Buley, director of the Defense Commissary Agency's public health and safety directorate.

"Once a recall alert goes out, we quickly close the loop with our stores to ensure any recalled products are promptly removed from the sales floor," Buley said. "We are part of a food safety network, a wall if you will, that stands guard against various foodborne illnesses, undeclared allergens and substances and processing defects."

The wall that DeCA's health and safety team mans can get busy when you consider in 2014 alone there were 552 food recalls managed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and another 94 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Inspection Service.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by STAFF SGT. CHRISTOPHER MUNCY

## When sparks fly

Master Sgt. Jim Vlachich, a machinist with the 106th Rescue Wing metal technologies shop, grinds down a section of metal at Francis S. Gabreski Air National Guard Base, New York. Aircraft metals technology specialists are responsible for machining parts, welding, creating items from scratch and welding parts necessary for keeping the 106th RQW's aircraft flying.

## PERSPECTIVE

## Air Force pilot chases Olympic dreams

BY STAFF SGT. DARREN SCOTT

460th Space Wing Public Affairs

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kansas – It's early morning; the sun is bright and warm but the air is still cool. Sitting on the maroon track, he slides a bright-red running shoe over his foot, grabbing the laces and begins to tie a knot. After preparation, he begins his workout.

Capt. Daniel Castle, a 349th Air Refueling Squadron pilot, is one of five airmen selected throughout the Air Force to participate in the World Class Athlete Program, which allows service members of all branches to train as their primary duty.

Castle will be spending the next year training for the 2016 Olympics 1500-meter race.

"One of the dreams that I've always had is to try and make it to an Olympic team," Castle said.

Castle graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 2009, and will be heading back there to train at the U.S. Olympic Complex. He'll train with his former coach Juli Benson, an Academy cross country head coach and track and field assistant coach, who specializes in middle and distance runners.

During the year-long training, Castle will be running nine to 10 times a week, an hour to an hour and a half at a time totaling 70 to 80 miles each week. Some days will consist of long runs ranging from 15 to 18 miles; rela-

tively short distances, such as four to five miles at his aerobic threshold; sprinting different lengths from 200 to 400 meters; as well as weightlifting three to four times a week.

Running has been a part of Castle's daily routine for several years now. Even with the hectic duty day as a KC-135 Stratotanker pilot, he makes sure he contributes to his goal daily. He often runs during lunch breaks or at 10 or 11 p.m., if the day doesn't flex to his schedule.

His highly competitive running career started in college. His senior year, he set the Academy record, placed 15th in the NCAA and 20th in the U.S.; however, running is more than just a friendly competition to Castle.

"Running is something I'm very passionate about, not only for the chance to compete," Castle said. "It's my conduit to decompress from all the stresses in life and I believe in being world class by pushing myself to do the best in everything that I do."

After graduating college, he didn't slow down. Within a year, he completed his master's degree and continued running 40 to 60 miles each week.

"Determination, the idea of chasing dreams and the



Castle

Air Force core values have built Castle into the airman he is today," said Staff Sgt. Shalamar Coleman, the 22nd Mission Support Group NCO in charge of group administration.

The Olympics are a year away, but in the meantime, Castle will represent the U.S. this October in South Korea at the World Military Games, a competition between the countries across the world in which service members form a team to compete against each other.

Aside from his goals as a runner, he plans to continue his Air Force career by becoming an instructor at the Academy, so he can inspire younger airmen to chase their dreams.

"I would love to be able to teach and mentor the next generation of Air Force officers," Castle said. "(I want) to fuel the fire of living passionately."

His drive and desire to improve himself and others comes from his beliefs in the Air Force core values.

"'Excellence in all we do,' I really believe in that," Castle said. "I believe that it is the foundation to a life that is worth living, which has driven me to continue running; despite five deployments; many temporary duty assignments; being my best as an officer, leader and airman. Making time to work out and run every day under the foundation of excellence is what has allowed me this chance, six years later."

**Editor's Note:** *This feature is part of the "Through Airmen's Eyes" series. These stories focus on individual airmen, highlighting their Air Force story.*

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## F-35

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Both components, which have been repaired here in the last year, offer a system of redundancy on the aircraft. They manage sensors and communication for its electronic warfare system.

A third line scheduled to be stood up soon will come from the F-35's global positioning system. Onsite will be a chamber used for environmental testing of the units, complete with a vibration table that will bring them to high and low temperatures to ensure they are working properly.

"As the fleet grows, it will be good work for Robins," said Ron Norton, 402nd EMXG electronic warfare supervisor. "The biggest thing is as much as we rely on component failures – we are a repair facility – the more things break, the more work we have. However, the failure rates are low and the aircraft is reliable, which is good for the program."

Before Brown departed on a short tour of EMXG, he shared insight into the program's history, as well as the recent road to IOC by the Marines, who will receive an aircraft capable of performing short takeoffs and distinct vertical landings.

"Now that the Marine Corps has a fifth generation fighter – because of the work that has been happening here at Robins – they have a weapon system that can be called upon to do their missions anytime, anyplace, anywhere, which is what they do anyway," he said.

These STOVL aircraft were delivered to the first operational base at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Arizona, and Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., where Brown said special visits were also made to the F-35 workforce. Visits were also made to other Air Force operating bases, several Navy Fleet Readiness Centers, and industry partners including Pratt & Whitney, Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems and Northrop Grumman.

"The road to IOC has been a long and arduous journey," he said, before highlighting various successful testing periods and other milestones reached during the last few years.

That included mention of the first time an F-35 took flight in 2008 at Lockheed Martin's aeronautics plant in Texas; the first time an F-35B performed a vertical landing (think of it like you would a helicopter silently hovering in place several feet above ground, before it gently drops straight down to land); working through additional scrutiny as a result of a bulkhead crack that was discovered on the same B variant; and later moving through sea trials when F-35Bs successfully landed on the USS Wasp.

On the Air Force side, the 33rd Fighter Wing, home to the F-35 Integrated Training Center, at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, is responsible for training the fleet's pilots and maintainers for the three services as well as international partners.

The Ogden Air Logistics Complex at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, has been tapped as home to the service's first operational F-35 wing.

## WORLD WAR II

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war until 1941 when Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

On the home front, the U.S. was not building or expanding its bases until the attack, which killed 2,300 people.

Robins Air Force Base was a so-called "war baby." Born out of a need for maintenance depots, what was once a field turned into a hub of activity in the early- to mid-1940s.

The Georgia Historical Society estimated more than 300,000 Georgians served the Armed Forces in the war.

Fort Benning in Columbus was the largest infantry training school in the world, while Robins employed 13,000, according to the GHS.

People at Robins serviced the B-17, B-29 and other aircraft during the war. The first planes that arrived at Robins for maintenance were the A-20 and C-47.

"By the end of the war, we had sustained B-17s, B-29s, B-24s, P-40s, P-47s, P-51s, B-25s," Dr. William Head, base historian, said. "After the war, we became the cargo and transport aircraft sustainment capital of the world.

"In the 1940s we were big on parachutes, spark plugs and landing gears," Head added.

## PREVENTION

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"Because suicide rates have increased over the past 12 to 14 years, it's an important topic," Comer said. Being aware of people and what's normal for them is a way to combat the problem.

"You want to look for things like someone appearing sad or depressed, loss of interest, trouble sleeping and eating that doesn't go away, neglecting personal welfare, deteriorating physical appearance, and withdrawing from friends, family or society," Comer said. "Another sign could be a sudden unexpected switch from being very sad and calm to appearing happy."

Comer said suicide prevention starts with having relationships with the people around you.

If you have concerns, ask if the per-

ROBINS AFB SNAPSHOTS, 1940S



son is considering suicide.

"This won't plant the idea in their head – another common myth," Comer said. "After you ask, be ready to care for them by staying calm, listening and not judging. Last, you want to escort them to the chain of command or a helping professional." Comer said you shouldn't leave the person alone nor drive the individual in your personal vehicle.

Comer said people can enlist the help of a supervisor, coworker, or the unit's first sergeant to help. Call 911 in emergency situations. Robins' helping agencies are accessible through the "You Matter" desktop icon on base computers, on the Robins website, Facebook and intranet pages. Active-duty service members can be escorted to the Mental Health Clinic, 478-327-8398, during duty hours or the nearest hospital emergency room after duty hours.

## Sexual Assault Response Coordinator



The Robins AFB SARC is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.  
Phone (478) 327-7272 or DSN 497-7272

The definition of sexual assault is intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. It includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim. Consent shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated or unconscious.



## Thought for the Day

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

– Jimmy Dean



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# Lighter Fare

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## A DAY AT THE MUSEUM



View the video story on the Robins Facebook page.  
Visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Robins-Air-Force-Base/108324955877320](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Robins-Air-Force-Base/108324955877320)

U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

This Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Cougar is one of the newest vehicle assets at the Museum of Aviation. This particular MRAP took a bomb blast in January 2014, that caused heavy damage, yet none of the troops inside were injured.

## BATTLE-TESTED MRAP DELIVERED

BY ANGELA WOOLEN

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If this Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Cougar vehicle could talk, oh, the stories it would tell.

In January 2014, the MRAP was involved in an improvised explosive device incident while being used by Air Force Office of Special Investigations personnel in Afghanistan.

"It saved the lives of its occupants," said Mike Rowland, Museum of Aviation curator. "The vehicle did what it was supposed to," The vehicle was repaired and sent back to work before arriving in Middle Georgia.

The Army's 841st Transportation Battalion delivered the vehicle from Savannah to the museum.

The museum had been offered MRAPs in the past but Rowland wanted one that was used by the Air Force. Air Force Life Cycle Management Center members helped make that happen.

The sustainment and acquisition for the

MRAP is done by the AFLCMC here.

"We're the cradle to the grave for this (asset)," said Ed Jones, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Support Equipment and Vehicles Division operations director.

"We bought them, and now we're putting one in a museum," he said. "We continue to sustain them today."

The Air Force is divesting some of the older models – like the MRAP at the museum – and acquiring new ones from other military branches.

There are 810 in service today for the Air Force.

"It's credited with saving thousands of lives," said Jones.

The truck's tires are almost as tall as those on a monster truck. The left rear tire was blown off during the 2014 incident. The tan-colored vehicle's shell is thick, and there are 21 different support equipment pieces on the vehicle.

"It's like an oversized Tonka truck," Rowland said.



U.S. Air Force photo by ANGELA WOOLEN

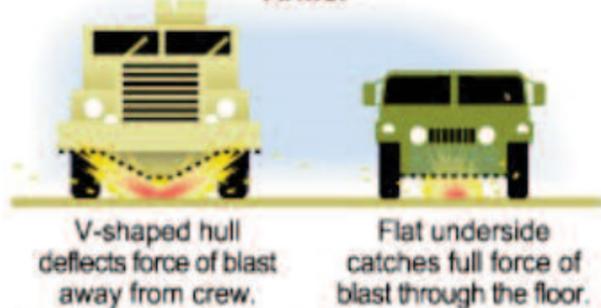
From left, Ed Jones, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Support Equipment and Vehicles Division operations director, and Ted Hecker, AFLCMC MRAP logistics manager, take time off from the sustainment and acquisition work they do each day to take a tour of the museum's new MRAP, which is sustained here.

## TROOP VEHICLES COMPARED

How the Cougar 4x4 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle compares to the up-armored Humvee M1114.



MRAP		Humvee
108 inches	Width	91 inches
104 inches	Height	75 inches
233 inches	Length	196.5 inches
38,000 lbs.	Maximum weight	12,100 lbs.
5-10	Crew	4
330 hp	Engine	190 hp
65 mph	Maximum speed	78 mph
5,000 lbs.	Payload capacity	2,300 lbs.
600 miles	Range	275 miles



## ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF AVIATION

The museum opened to the public on Nov. 9, 1984. There were about 20 aircraft on display in an open field and another 20 were in various stages of restoration.

The Heritage Building – the museum's first building – housed exhibits as well as offices, storage and a gift shop. The opening was the culmination of years of planning that began in the late 1970s. Since then, the museum has grown to become the second largest in the Air Force and the fourth most visited museum in the Department of Defense. Since opening, nearly 13 million people have visited.

## HOURS

The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The museum is closed on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is free. For more information, call 478-926-6870.

# A BETTER YOU



## September is National Preparedness Month

BY INSTALLATION OFFICE  
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Since 2004, the nation has annually observed September as National Preparedness Month.

This year's theme, "Don't Wait, Communicate," serves as a reminder that we must take the necessary steps to be prepared not just today, but throughout the year.

Every September, the Installation Office of Emergency Management helps Air Force personnel and their families by equipping them with the knowledge, skill and ability to take appropriate actions when faced with disastrous events.

The goal is for each individual, family and work center to be prepared for a multitude of potential disasters – whether naturally occurring, man-made or technological.

If you watch the news, you understand that our community isn't exempt from unforeseeable disaster.

The time to prepare is now.

The old adage of "the best time to fix the roof is while the sun is shining" is the way to plan.

Emergencies threaten the safety of personnel and jeopardize mission accomplishment.

This year, Robins employees might be greeted by the EM flight with "Are You a Robin?" This new awareness campaign was developed to create a culture of inclusion and preparedness.

A four-step checklist has been built to help folks answer with #IAmARobin and #RobinsReady. It involves developing an emergency action plan, developing a communication plan, building an emergency supply kit and purchasing a NOAA weather radio.

The goal is to make preparedness a simple process to ensure the safety of Team Robins families while building a community. The use of a small robin, named "Ready Robin" (found on Twitter @Ready\_Robin) is the focal point of the #RobinsReady campaign. @Ready\_Robin has a range

### WHAT DOES IS MEAN TO BE A 'ROBIN'



ReadyRobin is excited to share his preparedness knowledge with you and help you become a Robin too. He wants you and your family to be prepared for any kind of weather or disaster that could occur.

Being a Robin is simple!

#### Here's what you need:

- ▶ Develop an Emergency Action Plan;
- ▶ Develop a Communication Plan;
- ▶ Build an Emergency Supply Kit;
- ▶ Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio.

We invite the public to visit us at several events found around the installation and tour our Mobile Emergency Operations Center Command and Control vehicle during those events as well. "Be Ready" information tables will be set-up at the following location/dates/times:

- ▶ Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m., Base Gym
- ▶ Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Commissary
- ▶ Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Commissary
- ▶ Sept. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Base

Restaurant

- ▶ Sept. 30 from 1 to 3 p.m., Be A Robin Event – Heritage Club Ballroom

*Trips will also be made to the youth center and child development centers to visit with installation children on September 23, 24, 25.*

of preparedness gear and is spreading the word on how to join him in his quest to be #RobinsReady.

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY  
**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

## Safety officials offer tips on getting the most out of the holiday

BY BEN HOWARD

78th Air Base Wing Safety Office

Labor day – it's a time for rest, recreation and family fun. Most government offices, schools and businesses will be closed.

Communities across America normally provide public entertainment and events for your family and friends; public celebrations with fireworks, parades and outdoor festivities.

We recommend you watch the local news and weather reports to prepare for the events; remember to ensure appropriate arrangements are made for outside activities – sunscreen, drink plenty of fluids, safely prepare food, etc.

For many airmen, this is the last opportunity for a road trip prior to Thanksgiving and the holiday season.

We encourage everyone to use the buddy system and be a reliable Wingman – make sure someone is aware of your travel plans with an estimated return date and time. When planning a road trip provide information to your supervisor, a close friend or a coworker.

Travelers need to know about the designated vacation location and forecasted weather conditions. A properly prepared travel plan will allow for an extremely enjoyable and fun vacation which will minimize stress, fatigue and reduce irrational decisions.

Use the Travel Risk Planning System <https://trips.safety.army.mil> as a tool to assist in planning.

Cookouts are wonderful for reenergizing, revitalizing and creating family fun. When engaging in a picnic with grilling or a barbeque ensure the food is properly cooked, prepared and stored for freshness; remember to have the proper fire extinguishers readily available at the location.

Labor Day is a time for remembrance, fun and relaxation. Let's have some old fashion wholesome fun and enjoy this time away from work. We are definitely looking forward to your safe return and hearing about your uneventful amazing time off.

# GETTING TO KNOW YOU



U.S. Air Force photo illustration by **CLAUDE LAZZARA**

**UNIT:** 574th Commodities Maintenance Squadron

**JOB TITLE:** Production controller

**TIME IN SERVICE:** 5 years

**HOMETOWN:** Perry, Ga.

**What does your work involve at Robins?** “I schedule sheet metal repair of miscellaneous assets from C-5, C130 and F-15 weapons systems here for programmed depot maintenance and the Air Force’s exchangeable supply. I track the flow of assets during the overhaul process from start to completion and back to the customer using logistics systems and visual aids, such as production flow charts. I prepare and assist the production shops with proper work control documents and daily issues that arise.”

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** “The daily challenges and time constraints you experience in scheduling. Every day is different and you have to prepare yourself to take on those challenges you encounter from parts unavailability to workarounds, managing priorities and constant variance in production backorders.”

**How does your work contribute to the Robins mission?** “My position directly affects the warfighter. I ensure the scheduled assets are efficiently overhauled with the lowest cost possible and back to the customer on time so they may carry out their missions here and abroad.”

**What prompted your interest in your current career field?** “I have always been interested in aircraft and flight, especially in my childhood. Having multiple family members who work at Robins in the maintenance areas, I was naturally drawn to it, and also the curiosity of how things work. I could take something apart, just to put it back together. My enthusiasm and want for achievement allows me to shine at what I do best.”

**Who has been the biggest influence in your life?** “My parents. They have taught me to always keep improving myself and never stop achieving goals in life. Most important, they taught me to respect and always help others in need because one day that person may be there when you need it the most.”

**What is an accomplishment you are most proud of?** “What I do every day here at Robins. I am proud to know that my actions and hard work can have such positive influence on so many variables.”

**Safety saves lives. Start your savings account today**



# SNAPSHOTS



U.S. Air Force photos by MISUZU ALLEN

## Celebrating Diversity

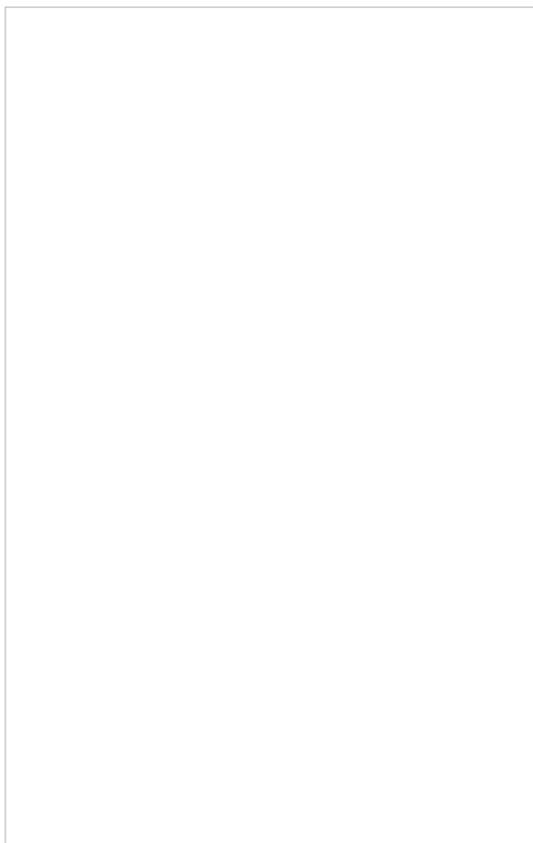
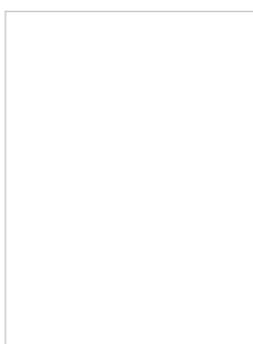
Above left, Ill-Ka Shumway dances a traditional Panamanian Dance with her costume during the 2nd annual diversity luncheon at the Heritage Ballroom, Aug. 28. About 150 people attended the event. The six diversity groups – Native American; Women’s History; Asia/Pacific Islander; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender; Hispanic Heritage; and Black History demonstrated their unique cultures by dancing, singing and reading poetry.

Above right, students from Miller Middle School in Macon demonstrate an African Kasa dance during the luncheon.

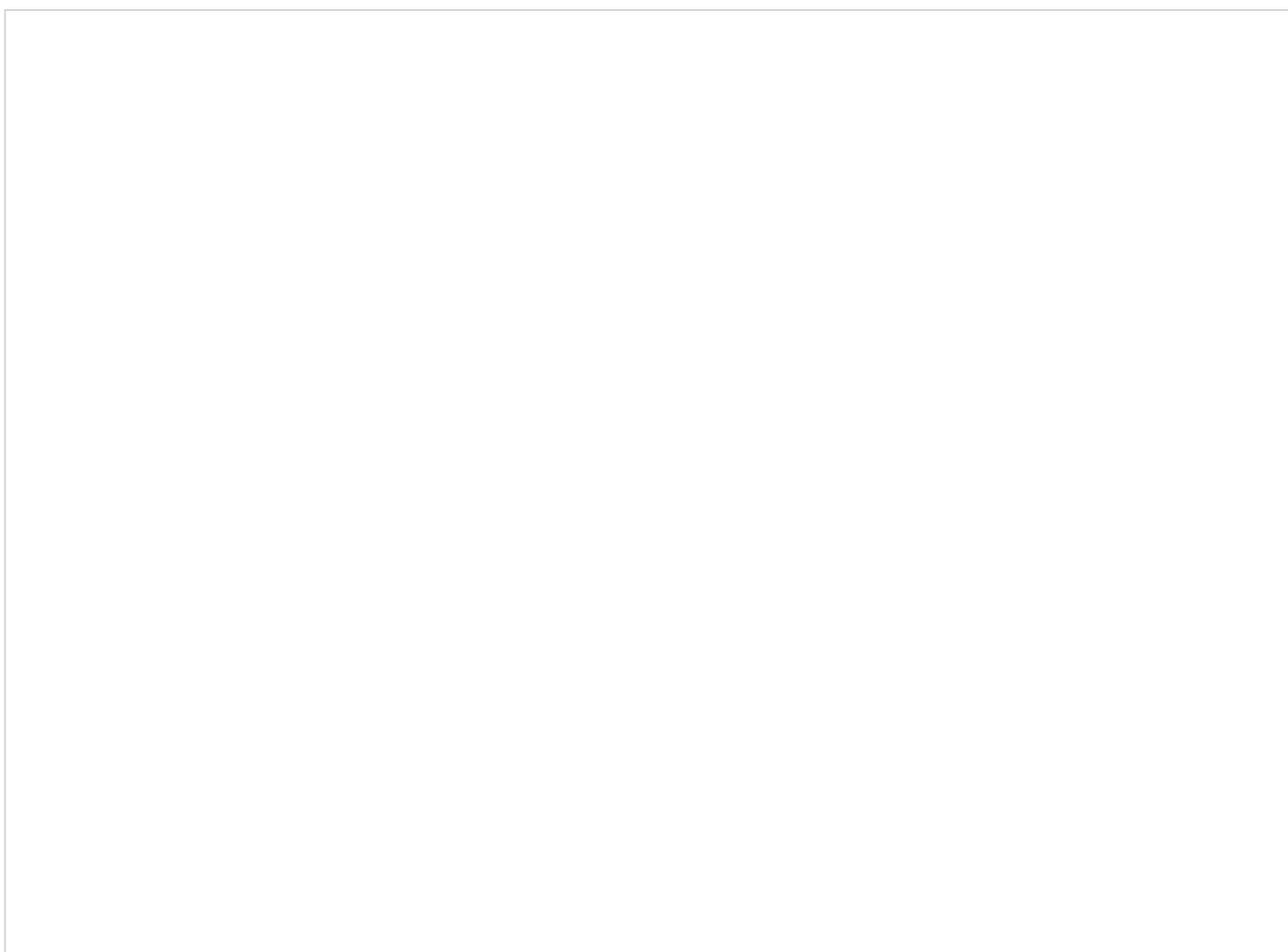


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## 78th Force Support Squadron holiday hours

### OPEN FRIDAY

- ▶Afterburner, 6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ▶NAF Accounting Office, normal hours
- ▶Aero Club, normal hours
- ▶Family Campgrounds, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶Fast food cafeteria, 6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ▶Outdoor Rec, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶Main Fitness Center, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶Mobile Routes 2, 3 & 4, normal hours
- ▶Snack bars, limited hours
- ▶Youth Center, normal hours
- ▶CDC East and West, reduced operation
- ▶Bowling Center, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- ▶Golf Course, normal hours
- ▶Education & Training, normal hours

- ▶ITT, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ▶Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours
- ▶Civilian Personnel Customer Service, normal hours
- ▶Skeet Range, fun shoot at noon

### OPEN MONDAY

- ▶Bowling Center, 1 to 8 p.m.
- ▶Golf Course, normal hours
- ▶Main Fitness Center, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶Heritage Club Pool, noon to 6 p.m.
- ▶Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

\*For a complete list of FSS hours, visit [www.robinsfss.com](http://www.robinsfss.com).

### EXCHANGE MAIN STORE

- ▶Open Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ▶Open Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

be open 4 a.m. to midnight Friday and 4 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday.  
 ▶Gate 3, the Watson Boulevard Gate, will be open normal hours Friday through Monday.  
 ▶Gate 1, the Green Street Gate, will be open 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and closed Monday.

### SERVICE STATION

- ▶Open Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ▶Open Monday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### SHOPPETTE/CLASS SIX

- ▶Open Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- ▶Open Monday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### 78TH LRS

- ▶Fuels will be open normal hours Friday and Monday.
- ▶Vehicle Operations will be on telephone standby Friday through Monday.

### MILITARY CLOTHING STORE

- ▶Open Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶Closed Monday

### COMMISSARY

- ▶Open Friday, normal hours
- ▶Closed Monday

### 78th MDG

- ▶Closed Friday and Monday

### 78TH SFS

- ▶Gate 14, the Russell Parkway Gate, will

\*For more Robins Exchange facility hours, visit [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com).