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'Making Tomorrow Better than Today'

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Success Here = Success There!

Rapid Response



Team Robins heads east, assists Guard with F-16 crash efforts

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Following a June 7 mid-air collision involving two Air Force F-16C aircraft over a wooded military training area in Jefferson County, Georgia, the call for support went out across Robins Air Force Base.

The response was immediate.

The pilots, assigned to the 169th Fighter Wing at McEntire Joint National Guard Base, South Carolina, collided during an evening training exercise. Both ejected safely.

With Robins as the nearest Air Force active duty base to the crash sites, the 5th Combat Communications Group, 78th Air Base Wing and 116th Air Control Wing provided personnel and equipment to assist. More than 75 Team Robins members have responded since the initial call for support.

"This has given us an opportunity to partner with not only our Guard comrades from another state, but also with our Robins mission partners to demonstrate our ability to set up a continuity of operations program, and actually run real-time operations under the pressures

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Airman 1st Class Dasmon Henley, 116th Air Control Wing, Force Support Squadron services, prepares the unit's Deployable Ready Mobile Kitchen Trailer, June 10 in Louisville, Ga. Team Robins personnel are providing support operations following a mid-air collision involving two F-16s from the South Carolina Air National Guard June 7.

Iranian Hostage Crisis – part of '80s history sits at Robins

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At first glance, the C-130 looks just like any other. Upon closer inspection though, this plane is a whole lot different. In fact, it's one of a kind.

"This aircraft was built for one mission and one mission only," said Larry Layfield Air Force Life Cycle Management Center support contractor.

The Iran hostage crisis was a diplomatic crisis between Iran and the United States. Fifty two American diplomats and citizens were held hostage for 444 days after a group of Iranian students belonging to the Muslim Student Followers of the Imam's Line, took over the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

In April 1980, President Jimmy Carter ordered Desert Claw – a U.S. armed forces operation – to attempt to end the Iran hostage crisis by rescuing the hostages in

April of 1980.

The mission failed, and a new secret mission was put in place – design a plane that could land and take off in a 600-foot area inside a soccer stadium in Tehran.

Layfield was a C-130 equipment specialist who was the only one at Robins who worked on the secret project. The rest of the team was based at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. It was a collaboration between the Navy, Air Force and Lockheed in Marietta, Georgia.

The project, called Operation Credible Sport, started in July 1980, and the aircraft started test flights in September.

"It had 16 rockets on it," Layfield said.

The rockets were used as thrusts for the STOL, short takeoff and landing. The rockets assisted with braking to stop the plane. The rockets were acquired from the Navy.

There were three of the YMC-130H



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Just a quick walk around the plane shows the subtle differences like the rocket mounts on either side of the fuselage. Inside, there are many more heavily strengthened structural modifications that were made to withstand the hard take-offs and landings.

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IDS Tip of the Week

Form stronger connections with others and enjoy a more fulfilling and happier life.

For more information, Active-duty military members can call Robins Air Force Base Mental Health Clinic at 478-327-8398. Defense Department civilians can call the Employee Assistance Program at 1-800-222-0364 or TTY 1-888-262-7848, 24 hours a day, seven days a week for consultation with a licensed therapist or to access legal services.



Celebrating Diversity

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Month is a yearly observance of achievements by members of the LGBT community. Eric Fanning is the first openly gay Army Secretary. Fanning became the first openly gay leader of any U.S. military service – coming five years after the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell," which prohibited gay and lesbian service members from being open about their sexuality. He previously served as the Army secretary's principal adviser on management and operation. He was undersecretary of the Air Force from April 2013 to February 2015, and was the acting secretary of the Air Force.



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SECOND FRONT

The Last ‘Oo-rah!’

Marine reserve helicopter squadron bids farewell to Robins

BY JENNY GORDON
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It was a bittersweet farewell for the Marine Corps Reserve helicopter squadron that has made Robins Air Force Base its home for the past six years.

A deactivation ceremony was held Thursday for Marine Aircraft Group-49 Detachment Alpha, as well as a consolidation ceremony for Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 (minus), which falls under the command of MAG-49.

Lt. Col. Philip “Tank” Eilertson, HMLA 773 site commanding officer, lauded the incredible support from not only the Marines under his command, but from across Robins and the Middle Georgia community.

“It’s bittersweet because we’re leaving so many people we’ve known over the years,” said the AH-1W Super Cobra pilot. “For my wife and I, we’ve never made as many friends as fast as we have at this duty station. It speaks a lot to this city, the base and the Marines here. Thank you all for your support.”

The HMLA squadron relocated in July 2010 to Robins from Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta. Part of three separate detachments, HMLA 773 operations at Robins will consolidate this summer with its sister unit, HMLA-773 Detachment B at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

During its time here, at its peak the unit included 150 active duty Marines and 185 Reservists who flew and supported the squadron’s seven AH-1W Super Cobras and three UH-1Y Hueys.

The squadron’s consolidation was one of several force optimization actions contained in a fiscal 2015 Marine Aviation Plan. The consolidation’s goal is to streamline command and control, increase operational efficiency, and maximize Reserve support to its active



U.S. Air Force photo by KENYA ASKEW

The Honor Guard posts the colors during the deactivation of Marine Aircraft Group-49 Detachment Alpha and consolidation of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 (minus) ceremonies Thursday.

component. It also reduces the footprint of HMLA-773 – the only Reserve Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron in the Marine Corps – from three to two sites. The other remaining unit is located at Naval Air Station-Joint Reserve Base in Belle Chasse, La.

During their time here, the “Red Dogs” squadron’s active duty and reservists have maintained and flown a small fleet of AH-1W Super Cobra attack helicopters and UH-1Y Huey utility helicopters, a newer four-bladed variant that replaced the Corps’ UH-1N helicopters. The unit was one of the final squadrons to receive the UH-1Y ‘Yankee’ in 2014.

Whether supporting active duty units with exercis-

es at Twentynine Palms, Calif., Fort Benning, Ga., the Air Force Joint Attack Terminal Controller School at Hurlburt Field, Fla., downrange in Iraq or Afghanistan, or even aboard a Dutch ship engaging with partner nations, the squadron has proven its fearlessness and versatility of mission since the late 1950s.

No doubt, the absence of the squadron’s familiar fleet of helicopters, in particular the distinctive sounds originating from its rotor heads, will be felt.

“The Marines have been a vital part of our community. They brought the ‘Oo-rah’ to Robins – and, they will be missed,” said Col. Jeff King, Robins Installation commander.

Construction update

Due to unforeseen utilities located under First Street, the construction completion date has been delayed. First Street construction is due for completion approximately Sept. 17. In case of inclement weather and unforeseen utilities, completion date may change.

Put Your Hands Together for ...

The next “Put your hands together for ...” will run in the June 24 edition of the Rev-Up. Deadline for submissions is today 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 468-6386.

PACE offers AFMC-wide free professionalism presentations

As part of Profession of Arms Center of Excellence Character and Leadership initiative, a five-hour presentation of “Professionalism – Enhancing Human Capital” will be held at Robins Aug. 30 through 31 and Sept. 1. The presentations will examine how professionalism drives individual behavior and connects Air Force core values to the Air Force mission.

Though targeted at effective working relationships

within the Air Force, attendees are able to extend the lessons to personal relationships as well.

For more information, call Bryan Teel at 478-327-6990 or Rob Powell at 478-327-8589.

Legal Assistance hours

Walk-in legal assistance is no longer available at the Base Legal Office. The hours for service include: Notary/Power of Attorney services Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m.

All legal assistance requiring attorney consultations will be appointment only on Tuesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information visit <https://www.aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Embracing diversity by leading from the front

BY COL. GREG GILMOUR
315th Airlift Wing commander

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. (AFNS) – Often times when we hear terms like diversity and inclusion, we think of them more as buzz words or a way to hold someone accountable for not doing the right thing.

But what does diversity actually mean to us in the Air Force? To me, it’s simple: place the right people in the right positions to execute our mission.

I recently had the opportunity to reflect on this after I selected the incoming 315th Maintenance Group commander, who just happens to be a woman.

Looking over our organization I realized that in a male-dominated community, we’re certainly unique.

Soon, all three group commanders in the 315th Airlift Wing will be females as well as our vice wing commander and one squadron commander.

In the Air Force, women comprise 29 percent of the total force and, according to a recent study by Diversity Central, in the civilian sector women only hold 6 percent of chief executive roles in America.

So, this may leave a person to wonder, why do women hold two-thirds of the senior leader positions in the 315th AW?

I think the answer is simple. We placed the right people in the right positions to move our mission, regardless of the visible or invisible attributes that contribute to diversity within our ranks. Those attributes include things like gender, race, and age as well as education, religion or sexual orientation.

So, does that mean that the days of inequality are over and the glass ceiling has been shattered?

Certainly not, and we have a long way to go. But, if we recognize there are cultural and stereotypical biases in each one of us, and fight to overcome those biases, we’ll be well on our way to leveling the play-

ing field for all airmen.

We, as an Air Force, can continue the trend of promoting the best and brightest by leveraging the best talent we have and capitalizing on opportunities.

I can tell you that the process doesn’t start at the wing commander level. It starts with every Airman and every supervisor. I charge every one of you to personally evaluate your internal biases, regardless of how small, set them aside and always continue to push our Air Force forward.

I would love to see a day when statistics are no longer needed and the best individual is always pushed to the top, regardless of gender.

We have the world’s most powerful Air Force and the reason for that is not because of our weapon systems, it is because of our airmen.

So, take care of each other, embrace your core value of integrity first, and always recognize your best and brightest no matter what.

In Air Force News

Carter announces new Force of the Future initiatives

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced two new links of his Force of the Future initiative during remarks delivered at the Pentagon June 9.

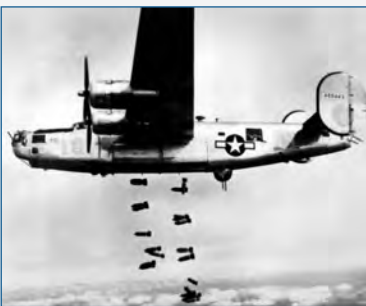
“The Force of the Future initiatives continue to showcase Secretary Carter and the (Defense Department’s) commitment to maintaining and growing a diverse and talented military and civilian force,” said Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James. “As a service, diversity of background is vitally important to ensuring we remain the strongest Air Force in the world.”

The announcement introduced the third and fourth links of Future of the Force. One focused on the DOD’s uniformed military side, particularly on giving the services room to make improvements to the officer promotion system, and the other targeted the DOD’s civilian workforce.

Beale takes next step in energy resilience

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Defense Logistics Agency and the Air Force released a request for information regarding the pursuit of energy resilience at Beale Air Force Base, California, on June 8.

This week in Air Force History



On June 16, 1941, The Consolidated B-24 Liberator, a four-engine bomber that could fly faster and farther than the similarly sized B-17, entered the Air Corps inventory.

The Air Force selected Beale AFB as the lead site for the Resilient Energy Demonstration Initiative program earlier this year, after Air Combat Command deemed it to have the necessary components to be successful in that capacity.

The RFI is a component of REDI and aims to identify and demonstrate potential installation energy resilience projects, and develop a sustainable and replicable process for implementing projects across the Air Force.

The RFI, which will remain open

for responses until July 15, asks energy developers or other potential respondents to suggest approaches for creating resilient energy systems. These systems could include energy generation, storage and microgrid controls technologies, and also require integrating existing authorities for government and privately financed energy projects.

Airmen Powered by Innovation projected to save over \$120M

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Air Force secretary, while championing change across the service, has made the Make Every Dollar Count campaign one of her top three priorities. At the heart of the campaign is the Airmen Powered by Innovation program.

Since 2014, API has received 6,791 ideas from airmen. Of those submissions, 192 have been approved by Air Force leadership and have accumulated \$121.3 million in projected savings. Several of the approved initiatives have allowed airmen to concentrate on their core missions, thus saving invaluable resources beyond budget figures.

“Harnessing airmen’s creativity has always been vital to the Air Force’s ability to improve our enterprise,” said Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James.



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. JONATHAN STEFFEN

Quick escape

South Korean air force military police and an explosive ordnance disposal member rappel during a demonstration of managing improvised explosive devices during a mock terrorism situation at an IED training center on a South Korean Air Force Education Training Command base, South Korea. The demonstration was part of combined joint IED disposal training, which allowed U.S. and South Korean EOD technicians to come together to share tactics and techniques.

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of a real-world incident,” said Col. Jarvis Baker, 78th Mission Support Group commander.

“Our folks have performed tremendously,” he added. “Their professionalism, dedication and passion in what they do has been evident by leadership from other organizations calling them out.”

Col. Dawn Lancaster, 78th ABW vice commander and Crisis Action Team commander at Robins during the first week of operations, agreed.

“Throughout this process I’ve been so proud of our people both on the ground in Louisville and those working behind the scenes here on base,” said Lancaster.

“Our people are making a difference. I know this first-hand after seeing for myself the great work being done on site. It’s amazing,” said Lancaster after her visit to the site Monday along with Col. Sarah Christ, incoming 78th ABW vice commander.

Not only is base leadership applauding their efforts but Team Robins members are receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from the 169th FW and numerous others including Lt. Gen. Lee Levy, Air Force Sustainment Center commander.

“We are truly exemplifying that Success Here equals Success There,” Lancaster added.

Five 78th Security Forces Squadron airmen were the first from Robins to arrive June 8. Rotating teams have since covered 24-hour shifts at two different crash sites; one secured by the 78th SFS, the other by the 169th Security Forces Squadron.

“As far as the incident itself, we’re making sure aircraft are secure as well as any personnel who live in this general area,” Tech Sgt. Jeremy Jackson, 78th SFS, said. “We’re making sure they understand what’s going on and ensuring they’re safe.”

The 5th CCG’s Hammer Adaptive Communications Element, Hammer ACE, deployed three personnel and convoyed with security forces as part of a Robins Incident Response Team. They arrived by mid-afternoon.

Within a half hour of their arrival at Louisville’s airport – the site of recovery operations – the 5th CCG provided secure and non-secure telephone and network services, enabling reach-back capabilities to the Robins Emergency Operations Center and Crisis Action Team. By June 10, the group had also deployed two potable water trailers.

Mission support was also provided by teams from the 78th Medical Group, bioenvironmental, chapel, 78th Force Support Squadron and 78th Civil Engineer Group.

The 78th CEG deployed its Mobile Emergency Operations Center, a sophisticated mobile command post capable of serving as a communications hub. From there, senior managers from the Robins EOC coordinate and direct resources into the field as needed.

“This allows us to set up an operation off-site where we can provide a common operating picture to multiple organizations at the same time,” said Baker, who serves as EOC director. “The first thing we did was provide security, and as things progressed, the 169th reached out to us to provide different support functions.”

Inside the MEOC, Tech. Sgt. Terri Adams, 78th CEG Emergency Management Flight NCOIC, stressed the command and control support role of Robins, assisting the 169th FW with acquiring needed resources.

“As emergency managers, we know when our job happens, it’s not a good day,” she said. “But we get to do our job. It’s great, and a good



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

Technical Sgt. Terri Adams, 78th Air Base Wing Civil Engineering Emergency Management Flight NCOIC, mans a work station inside Robins Air Force Base’s Mobile Emergency Operations Center in Louisville, Georgia, June 10.



learning experience.”

Other actions included visits from a chaplain and services personnel. A bioenvironmental team ensured it wasn’t dangerous for airmen to recover the wreckage.

“This is what these guys train to do, and we’re here to support them and make sure they’re taken care of,” Chaplain (Capt.) Matt Spencer said. “That’s something we’re excited to do and honored to be a part of.”

Capt. Nicole Campbell echoed his sentiment.

“We’re checking on people, seeing if they’re getting enough sleep, and making sure no one’s having a difficult reaction to what’s going on,” said Campbell, a 78th MDG mental health provider. “This is something we’ve been training for years and never get an opportunity to do.”

Staff Sgt. Joshua Kilgore, 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, sampled water and monitored it for potential contaminants. He also made recommendations for personal protective equipment.

“Our job is to ensure the site is clean and safe, and that there’s no exposure for the crews going in,” he said.

The 116th Air Control Wing deployed a Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen Trailer, preparing meals on site.

“It feels good to help out another service’s unit,” said Master Sgt. Patrick McMahon with the 116th ACW.

Editor’s note: *As of this week, Robins has taken command of both aircraft sites. An investigation into the crash is ongoing.*



Above left, Senior Airman Joseph Heiser, 78th Security Forces Squadron, guards an Entry Control Point in Louisville. Above right, Airman 1st Class William Lavender, 78th Air Base Wing bioenvironmental, tests a sample of potable drinking water from a water trailer delivered to the site by the 5th Combat Communications Group.



Airman 1st Class Dasmon Henley, left, and Senior Airman Caland Riley, 116th Air Control Wing Force Support Squadron service personnel, prepare the unit’s Deployable Ready Mobile Kitchen Trailer.

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models made. The first set records for takeoffs and landings in less than 600 feet. The trials took place at Wagner and Duke Field in Florida near Eglin Air Force Base. The plane would be rolled into the hangar when the Russian satellites would orbit overhead to keep the plane from being spotted.

To make all of the modifications from concept to test flights in a few short months, the secret mission was a tribute to what can be done during emergencies.

“This shows what we’re capable of when we’re under pressure,” Layfield said.

During its last run, an error was made with the upper

rockets and the plane crashed, breaking its right wing. The avionics were mostly recovered, and the plane that currently sits at Robins bears the same tail number of the one that crashed.

Many of the parts on the planes were borrowed from multiple sources and were not in the Air Force inventory, Layfield said, like the Navy rockets and the brakes.

The hostages were freed Jan. 21, 1981, after then President Ronald Reagan was inaugurated.

That ended the mission for the aircraft and the decision was to return one of the planes to its former use while the third plane with the tail number of the first plane 74-1686, ended up at the Museum of Aviation in 1987.

After a time, the YMC-130H model was brought from the museum to Robins, to be used as a battle-damage training plane.

Just a quick walk around the plane shows the subtle differences like the rocket mounts on either side of the fuselage.

Inside, there are strengthened structural modifications made to withstand the hard takeoffs and landings.

Master Sgt. David Ruehling got involved when he was put in charge of the 402nd AMXG readiness section. The unit creates damage on an aircraft to help train maintainers.

Ruehling recognized the plane’s significance and what significance it had in the Air Force. Without an intervention, the plane will certainly deteriorate. His hope is that the plane will get the recognition it’s worthy of.

“This definitely deserves a place in a museum,” he said.

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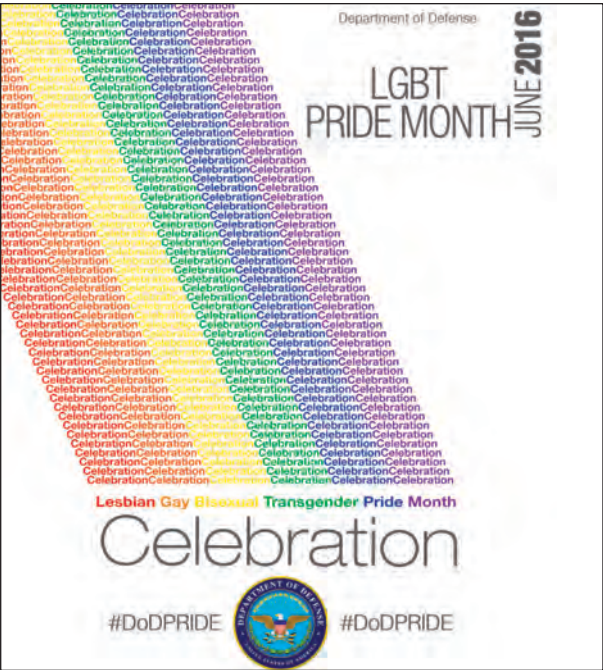
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Robins celebrates LGBT pride

BY STAFF REPORTS

Robins is joining the Department of Defense in celebrating LGBT month.

Robins will mark the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender month by hosting an awareness celebration and movie event. The movie, “The Imitation Game,” a movie about mathematician Alan Turing’s life and support to World War II, will be shown at the Base Theater on Thursday from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The event will also include a Q&A Panel discussion about personal stories.

The national LGBT observance, LGBT History Month celebrated in October, was declared a national history month by President Barack Obama in 2009. June became the designated LGBT Pride Month by presidential proclamation as of 2014.

The national observance was created to encourage openness and education about LGBT history and rights.

Since World War II, up to the repeal of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” in 2011, about 114,000 men and women who risked their lives for our country were discharged for no other reason than their sexual orientation, according to Robins’ Diversity Council’s LGBT subcommittee.

Over time, recognition and awareness promote inclusion and understanding across various subsets of culture and society.

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Thought for the Day

“There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.”

– Aldous Huxley



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Having a Ball

Museum opens Bomb Gunner Exhibit for media day

Courtesy photo

The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress is a four-engine heavy bomber developed in the 1930s for the United States Army Air Corps. The B-17 was primarily employed by the United States Army Air Forces in the daylight precision strategic bombing campaign of World War II against German industrial and military targets.

BY ANGELA WOOLEN
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Hang-**H**anging below an aircraft traveling over enemy territory was hardly a job for the faint of heart. But, inside a B-17 ball turret, with legs at a 90-degree angle – sometimes for six to seven hours – is exactly where gunners spent the entire ride.

During a media day at the Museum of Aviation, the restoration team for the B-17 let local media members get a taste of how small the space really was.

The turret was one of the first pieces of the plane to arrive at the museum, boxed up in a crate.

On a B-17, the turret is mounted below the belly of the aircraft. It looks like a human-sized hamster ball. Once inside it feels like one too.

The gunners were usually 5-feet, 6-inches or shorter, the shortest members of the B-17 crew, said Bill Paul, museum collections manager.

The B-17 was used primarily as a bomber during World War II. This particular one was given to the museum here and arrived last August.

“When it first came in, it was rough,” said Bob Denison, project manager of the B-17 restoration.

The museum has spent about \$1,800 – not counting labor and paint – to make it look nearly new, he said.

The gunner's job was to man the machine guns which were mounted to the ball gun turret. There was an oxygen mask and a tube to blow heated air into the compartment.

“If you were claustrophobic, you definitely didn't want to be there,” said Denison.

Basically in a fetal-like position, the gunner controlled two .50-caliber machine guns.

During bombing runs from England, the gunner would get into the turret over the English Channel and would stay there until the aircraft returned over the water.

“Of course at 30,000-feet, it got to 60 below [0 degrees], and they had a heated seat as long as they had electricity,” Denison said.

Because of its position on the aircraft, the gunner position had the lowest casualty rate on the B-17, Paul said.

The museum decided to show off the work on the turret to let the community know the restoration staff is making progress on the B-17 project, which will continue for a few more years.

DID YOU KNOW

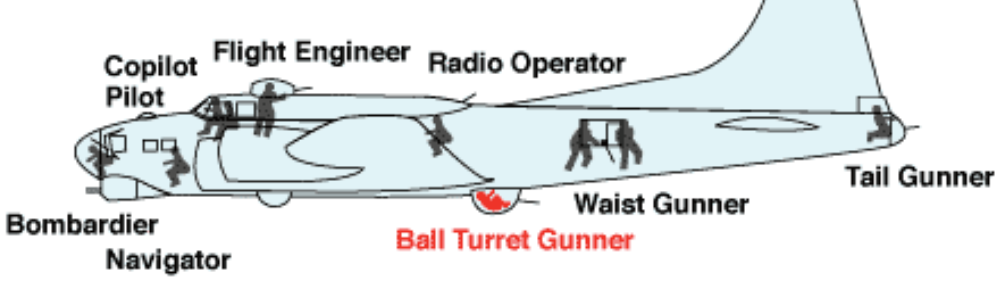
Most Flying Fortress crew members considered the ball turret the worst crew position on the aircraft. The confining sphere fastened to the underside of the aircraft required an agile occupant immune to claustrophobia and brave enough to be without a parachute close by.

The turret revolved a full 360 degrees, providing an extraordinary vantage point and covering the aircraft against attackers from below.

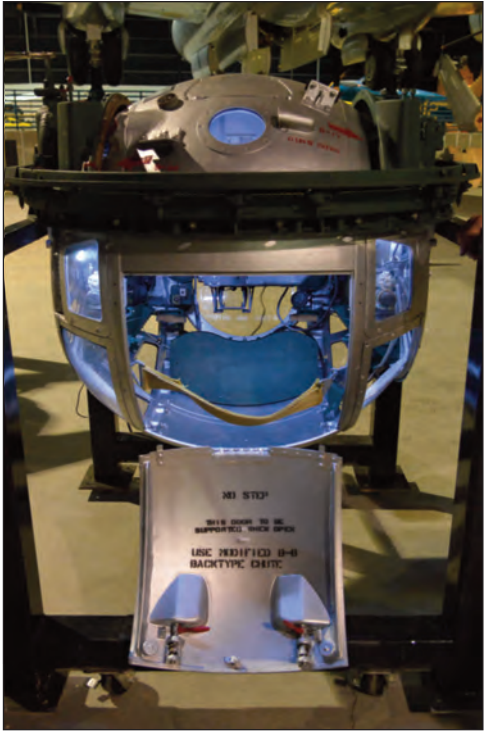
Ironically, thought of as being the most dangerous position in a B-17, it turned out to be one of the safest as far as suffering battle wounds.

The gunner, curled up in the ball in a fetal position with his back against the armor plated door, had less of his body exposed to enemy fire than other crew members.

B-17 FLYING FORTRESS CREW POSITIONS



Above, a drawing of the B-17 Flying Fortress shows the position of its crew members including the ball turret gunner. The gunner's job was to man the machine guns which were mounted to the ball gun turret. A ball turret gunner's duties and responsibilities on a B-17 Flying Fortress were to protect the aircraft from all enemy attacks coming from below, and to provide aerial reconnaissance of targets below and relay them to the crew and navigator.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

Above left, a World War II B-17 ball turret gunner prepares to enter the confining sphere fastened to the underside of the aircraft known as the ball turret. Above right, Angela Woolen, Robins Rev-Up staff writer, shows how tight the quarters were for the B-17 ball turret gunner.

A BETTER YOU

SPOTLIGHT ON PREVENTION

As temperatures soar, protect yourself from sun’s UV rays

BY AIR FORCE SAFETY CENTER
AND ROBINS HAWC

The Air Force Safety Center joins the National Safety Council in highlighting June as National Safety Month.

According to the NSC, the goal for National Safety Month is to raise awareness of what it takes to stay “SafeForLife,” and focus on reducing the leading causes of injury and death at work, on the roads and in our homes and communities.

“Safety awareness and mishap prevention in the Air Force is a job we must all accomplish every day, everywhere,” said Bill Parsons, Air Force chief of occupational safety. “A large part of awareness is risk management. When we continue to improve our risk management abilities, we enhance awareness which, in turn, prevents mishaps in all situations.”

“Safety is a habit you can live with,” said Maj. Gen. Andrew M. Mueller, Air Force chief of safety. “Whether it’s at work, at home or at play, we must make safe decisions for ourselves and those we care about.”

Here are some tips on how to be safe under the sun:

☀️ **When possible, avoid outdoor activities during midday**, when the sun’s rays are strongest.

☀️ **Cover up** with clothing and a wide-brimmed hat to protect exposed skin. When possible, long-sleeved shirts and long pants and skirts can provide protection from UV rays. Clothes made from tightly woven fabric offer the best protection. A wet T-shirt offers much less UV protection than a dry one, and darker colors may offer more protection than lighter colors. Some clothing certified under international standards come with information on its ultraviolet protection factor.

☀️ **Drink plenty** of cool, non-alcoholic fluids.

☀️ **Seek shade.** UV rays are strongest and most harmful during midday, so it’s best to plan indoor activities then. If this is not possible, seek shade under a tree, an umbrella, or a pop-up tent. Use these options to prevent sunburn, not to seek relief

It’s easy to protect yourself from UV exposure...



Seek shade as much as possible between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., which are peak times for sunlight. Avoid indoor tanning.



The sun’s ultraviolet rays can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. With June being Men’s Health Month take a look at how men fare in the sun:

Men tend to get more sun exposure than women. Men spend more time outside over their lifetimes than women, and they’re more likely to work outdoors than women. Women’s personal care products, like moisturizer and makeup, often contain sunscreen, while many products for men don’t.

About one-third of U.S. adults get sunburned each year. Sunburn, which can increase your risk of getting skin cancer, is common among white men, young adults, and men who tan indoors. When outside on a sunny day for more than an hour, only about 14 percent of men use sunscreen on both their face and other exposed skin.

after it’s happened.

☀️ **Get a hat.** Hats that shade the face, scalp, ears and neck are easy to use and give great protection. Baseball caps are popular, but don’t protect the ears and neck. If you choose a cap, be sure to protect exposed areas with sunscreen.

☀️ **Wear sunglasses.** They protect the eyes from

UV rays, which can lead to cataracts later in life. Look for sunglasses that wrap around and block as close to 100 percent of both UVA and UVB rays as possible.

☀️ **Apply sunscreen.** Use sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and UVA and UVB protection every time you go outside. For the best protection, apply sunscreen generously 30 minutes before going outdoors. Don’t forget to protect ears, noses, lips, and the tops of feet.

☀️ **Take sunscreen with you** to reapply during the day, especially after you swim or exercise. This applies to waterproof and water-resistant products as well.

☀️ **Follow the directions** on the package for using a sunscreen product on babies less than 6 months old. All products do not have the same ingredients; if your or your child’s skin reacts badly to one product, try another one or call a doctor. Your baby’s best defense against sunburn is avoiding the sun or staying in the shade.

☀️ **Turning pink?** Unprotected skin can be damaged by the sun’s UV rays in as little as 15 minutes. Yet it can take up to 12 hours for skin to show the full effect of sun exposure. So, if your child’s skin looks “a little pink” today, it may be burned tomorrow morning. To prevent further burning, get your child out of the sun.

☀️ **Children still need protection.** UV rays, not the temperature, do the damage. Clouds do not block UV rays, they filter them – and sometimes only slightly.

☀️ **Kids often get sunburned** when they’re outdoors unprotected for longer than expected. Remember to plan ahead, and keep sun protection handy – in your car, bag, or child’s backpack. This is also true for adults.

For more information contact the HAWC at 478-327-8480.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU



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UNIT: HMLA 773(-), MAG 49, 4th MAW

JOB TITLE: Administrative Clerk

TIME IN SERVICE: 9 years

HOMETOWN: Alma, Ga.

What does your work involve at Robins? “I am the legal chief for the unit. The day typically starts around 7:30 a.m., checking emails to see what tasks I need to complete for the day. Then the Marines in my shop attend our morning meeting to go over work for the day. After all the information has been passed by leadership, we tackle our assigned tasks.”

How does your work contribute to the Marine mission? “My job helps ensure the command has legal support for administrative separations, non-judicial punishment and courts martial. The legal process is a tool for the commander to enforce rule and articles governing the good order and discipline of the Marines under his charge.”

What do you enjoy most about your work? “I appreciate the mere fact that there is always something new to learn in this field. It’s forever changing and evolving.”

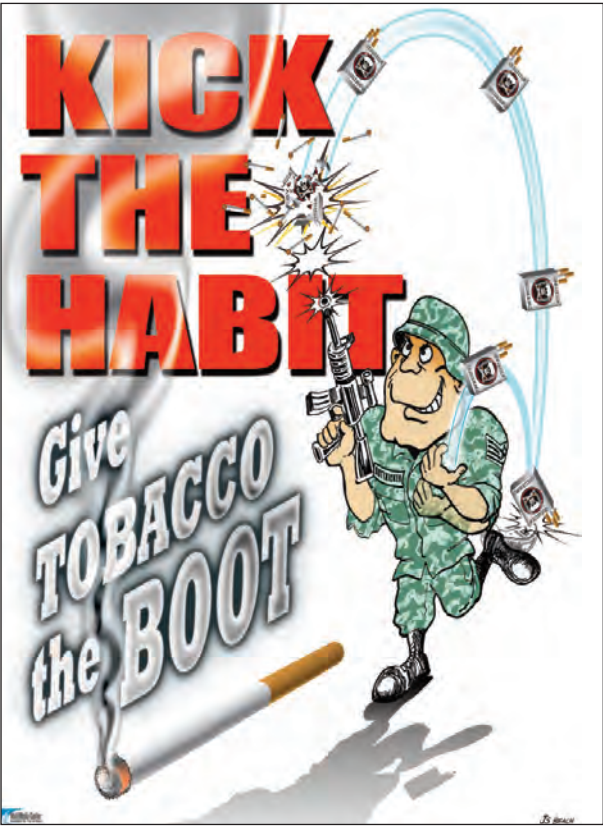
What is the best advice you've learned? “To always keep your head held high during good and bad times. I was advised of that by my very first staff noncommissioned officer in charge when my great grandmother had just died. It was at that point I realized that bad things happen every day. It’s how we handle the problem that makes us who we are.”

Who has been a big influence in your life? “My leadership and my family. They have guided me and taught me so much.”



HAPPENINGS/SERVICES

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Boss-N-Buddy and BFF's Night Today 4 to 7 p.m. DJ from 8:30 p.m. to midnight Heritage Club Lounge For details, call DSN 468-2670.		Dad brings three or four people, and he plays for free \$28 per person to include golf cart For details, call DSN 468-4103.		Youth Center Camp date is June 27 through July 1 Auditions are June 27 at 10 a.m. For details, call DSN 468-2110.		
Father's Day Special Sunday Heritage Club Lounge Burger and a Beer - \$6.95 For details, call DSN 468-2670.		Father's Day Mid – Year Bingo Blowout! Sunday 2:15 p.m. Heritage Club Bingo Room With eight \$200 games and guaranteed \$1,000 game and door prizes For details, call DSN 468-4515.		2016 Fall Soccer Register now through July 1 Monday through Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Youth Center For details, call DSN 468-2110.		
Father's Day Golf Special Sunday Pine Oaks Golf Course		Missoula Children's Theatre “Gulliver's Travels” Register now through Tuesday		Afterburner June Special 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Base Restaurant, Bldg.166 Honey Nut Latte For details, call DSN 472-7827.		





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“A Hawaiian vacation can do wonders for reviving the spirit,” said Stephanie Wilson, Robins Exchange general manager. “This trip is a fantastic chance for one lucky winner and a companion to create memories that will last a lifetime, and I encourage Robins Exchange shoppers to enter.”

Authorized shoppers can enter at shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes. The sweepstakes winner will be drawn on or about July 14.