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Courtesy photo

A disassembled F-15 Eagle sits in a workshop in Byron, waiting for crews to break down and examine its internal structure. The project aims to provide crucial data to organizations that fly and maintain the F-15.

INSET: Ben Rogers strips paint and primer off a longeron so it can be sent off for analysis.

Disassembly project to provide data to F-15 maintainers

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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In a small building in Byron, five people are working on a painstaking project that could significantly impact the future of the F-15 Eagle.

The crew from S&K Technologies is completely disassembling an F-15D fighter jet. The purpose of the project is to give the Air Force a detailed look at how the aging aircraft is holding up and to provide data needed to update future maintenance requirements.

The plane was turned over Feb. 11 and the teardown is expected to be completed in November. The plane has 6,300 flying hours. It was tapped for this project after coming to Robins for programmed depot maintenance and some mechanical issues were found that were not economical to repair.

Although what is left of the F-15 in the

building now barely resembles an aircraft, the project is listed as only 36-percent complete. The crew, however, is down to the real meat of the project, which is to break down and examine its internal structure.

The focus is to get down to those areas that are not seen even during PDM, said 2nd Lt. Amanda Alpaugh, an F-15 structural engineer in the 830th Aircraft Sustainment Group. She is the technical point of contact for the project.

"The teardown provides insight into any damage occurring in places that we don't normally inspect," she said. "It is a much more detailed look because we actually remove every single fastener on the critical parts."

Although a local crew is doing the teardown, it is actually an expansive, worldwide project involving other contractors and allied nations who also fly the F-15. Once a part is extracted, it goes through

several progressively detailed inspections. Any parts with cracks, corrosion or other damage will be scrutinized even further and may be sent to laboratories for even more detailed metallurgical analysis. Such analysis provides insight into when the damage occurred and what loads or conditions contributed to that.

"This is critical data because it allows us to adjust our PDM work package to ensure we inspect the right places at the right time and address the wear and tear before it becomes a problem," said Lieutenant Alpaugh.

The teardown is actually part of a larger overall project intended to ensure the future viability of F-15. A second teardown will be performed on an F-15C as soon as the current project is completed. Another effort, being conducted at Boeing, is a full-scale fatigue test on an F-15C.

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Col. Carl Buhler speaks during Wednesday's change of command ceremony.

ABW welcomes new commander

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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The new 78th Air Base Wing commander is coming off an assignment in which he saw firsthand how the work at Robins contributes to the warfighter and is saving lives.

In a change of command ceremony Wednesday, Col. Carl Buhler reflected on his experience over the past year as commander of the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Group in Southwest Asia. He commanded a team of 1,100 personnel responsible for sortie generation and aircraft/munitions maintenance.

After taking the guidon from the outgoing commander, Col. Warren Berry, Colonel Buhler said he witnessed the importance of the work done at Robins. He recalled a Taliban attack on a group of about 50 Soldiers in Afghanistan almost a year ago, in which nine U.S. Soldiers

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'My Site' gives users tools for networking

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Facebook and MySpace addicts probably know those social networking sites cannot be accessed on computers at Robins, but there is an alternative for those interested in professional networking.

Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007, also known as SharePoint or MOSS 2007, includes a feature called My Site, in which users can create their own page and include information about themselves that other users can see.

"My Site is a personal SharePoint site that gives the user a central location to manage and store documents and contacts," said Melony Davis, Standards Element chief in the 878th Communication Squadron. "It's similar to Facebook and MySpace in the sense that it is your personal site. However, it is a professional Air Force site and has to be created and maintained as such. Things you put on there should be appropriate to the work environment."

The base began a migration to MOSS 2007 last August, and now all organizations within the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center have

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WR-ALC seeks opportunities to 'FLIP'

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has achieved great success through the many years by teaming together for the good of the workforce and the Center.

In a spirit to continue and improve this relationship, we, the undersigned, have joined forces to develop a strategic plan to fully embrace the renewed focus on our people as captured in our motto: "People First, Mission Always."

We've assembled an eight-person team to help "Foster Leadership In People," or FLIP.

The team consists of both labor and management representatives from various units on Robins. The team is tasked with tackling the toughest challenges facing all Team Robins employees. They will identify and recommend actions to stimulate positive relationships between management and labor.

A comprehensive action plan has been constructed to address issues such as improving open and honest communication, training, recognition and benchmarking best practices from industry partners.

We selected the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group to conduct a six-month test phase, scheduled to begin in September.

The AMXG will implement a series of actions aimed to improve

labor/management working relationships and open the lines of communication to resolve problems at the lowest level. Once the test is complete, we'll take the lessons learned and implement the initiative across the center.

The future for WR-ALC is as bright as ever.

With your help, Team Robins will continue to put people first and will always be there to execute the mission.

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Commander
WR-ALC

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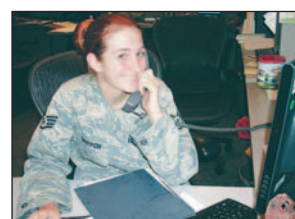
INSIGHT



Tactical showcase

All the latest and greatest technology showcased, 1B

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Looking sharp

Diamond Sharp award winner spotlighted, 3A

INNOVATION



IDEA awards workers cash

Group saves Air Force money, earns award of nearly \$10K, 2A

Money-saving idea nets trio \$10K

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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A little thinking and about a day's work earned three people in the 402nd Maintenance Wing an extra \$3,273 each.

James Broadnax, an aircraft sheet metal mechanic, Dirk May, an electrical worker, and Charles Ray, an aircraft supervisor, won an Innovative Development through Employee Awareness, or IDEA, award for finding a way to save fuel probes that were previously being condemned.

The three probes went in the 700-gallon auxiliary tanks on the F-15E Strike Eagle. The probes tell the pilot how much fuel is in the tank. Previously, when the probes were giving false readings, they were automatically condemned. The cost of the probes range from \$1,500 to \$3,000, depending on which of the three probes is being condemned.

"Everybody knew it was a waste of money but not really what to do about it," Mr. Broadnax said.

The three workers came up with a way to adjust and test the probes. It really didn't turn out to be that complicated, Mr. Broadnax said, and it only took about a day to figure it out.

They simply disassemble the outer cover of the probe, adjust a screw and then use a multi-tester to make sure that probe is adjusted properly so that it gives an accurate reading.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Dirk May, left, James Broadnax and Charles Ray (not pictured) of the 402nd Maintenance Wing shared in a \$9,817 award for an innovative idea.

The idea is expected to save the Air Force \$65,450 annually. The award is based on 15 percent of the estimated savings.

The IDEA program rewards Airmen for ideas that save the service money and resources. Anyone who has an idea that isn't within their job responsibility but saves can receive up to 15 percent of the estimated first-year savings. The award could range from \$200 to \$10,000.

F-15

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While the teardowns provide data into what damage has thus far occurred, the fatigue test simulates flight loads, providing data into what damage can be expected in the future.

So how many simulated hours are they pushing it to?

"Until it breaks," Lieutenant Alpaugh said. "Two previous fatigue tests, around 1975 and 1991, both proved the robustness of the F-15 structure; unfortunately, both tests were halted once the test objective was complete. There was no life-limiting damage found at the end of those tests, so we don't know how much further those test articles may have gone. This time, we want to go all the way."

Col. Stephen Niemantsverdriet, the F-15 system program manager, said the F-15C is planned to fly until 2025, and the F-15E until 2035 or beyond.

"The teardowns and (current) fatigue test will provide the data we need to



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Steve Hartley, site manager, examines the underbelly of an F-15 Eagle prior to disassembly.

ensure we know what to look for and when to expect it, so we can put the right preventative maintenance in place to assure the continued safety and viability of the aircraft," he said.

Steve Hartley, site manager on the project, said photos are taken of every part, and visual observa-

tions are noted and logged. The crew is guided by a list of parts that are to be extracted, disassembled and inspected.

It's tedious work, but something Mr. Hartley and his crew find fascinating.

"You've got to love it," he said. "I really do enjoy it."



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Col. Carl Buhler greets members of the 78th Air Base Wing shortly after taking command.

78th ABW

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and four Afghan nationals were killed. It remains the deadliest attack against U.S. troops since 2005.

But later Colonel Buhler talked to a survivor of that attack, who told him the entire unit would have died had it not been for the rapid response of air support, including the F-15 Strike Eagle.

"It only takes a quick look around this base to see the aircraft that played a role that day, that play a role every day," he said. "At the end of

the day, air power saves lives."

He said the 78th Air Base Wing is critical to the production of the air power brought to bear that day.

"I will work tirelessly to ensure this team meets its mission of actively supporting airpower," he said. "Just thinking about the honor that we collectively have, by supporting the delivery and sustainment of combat-ready air power as well as the myriad of organizations on Robins, chills me to the bone"

For the wing members in attendance at the ceremony, Colonel Buhler also gave a brief description of what

they can expect from him.

"I will make every decision with a mission purpose," he said. "I will make the decision with a keen understanding and a balance in three specific areas: one, the effect on the mission; two, the impact on personnel; and three, impact on efficiency."

Before relinquishing command, Colonel Berry shared a few final thoughts with members of the wing that he commanded since January 2008. He rattled off a list of awards and accomplishments for the wing during his tenure, but he did not take credit for those.

"Those are pretty amazing accomplishments and not one of them is mine," he said. "I was just lucky enough to be here in this time and this place to share in their success. Nothing you do is alone, and the 78th has been and is a remarkable team. You have made us all proud and you have made me proud."

Although members of the 78th ABW can expect some change, Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, said they should not be concerned, as Colonel Buhler and Colonel Berry have many similarities.

Diamond Sharp Award winner



Staff Sgt. Tara Marie Grippon
78th Logistics Readiness Squadron

DUTY TITLE:
Assistant NCO in charge,
executive support staff

BIRTHPLACE:
Hazelton, Pa.

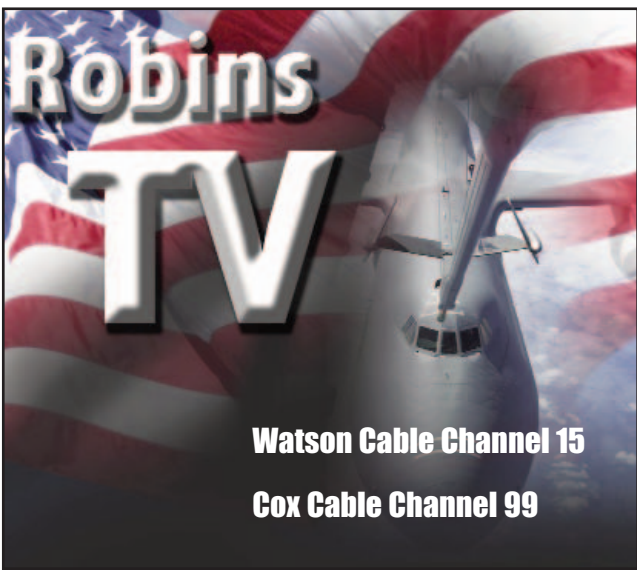
DUTY DESCRIPTION:
Responsible for coordina-
tion of performance reviews
of 250 squadron members.

HOBBIES:
Enjoys hanging out with
her friends and daughter,
and is also furthering her
education – she’s only one
class shy of her CCAF
degree.

FAMILY:
Daughter Tacy

About the award: The Team Robins First Sergeant’s Council Diamond Sharp Award program recognizes military personnel in the grades of E-1 to E-5 assigned to Robins. The program recognizes professionals for outstanding displays of professionalism, exceptional dress and appearance, customs and courtesies, and military bearing.

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Military justice

Courts-Martial

►A staff sergeant was convicted in a general court-martial for violating an Air Force recruiting regulation. He was found guilty of consuming alcoholic beverages with applicants, engaging in verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that created an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment with an applicant, and using his personal vehicle to transport an applicant.

The sergeant was found not guilty of developing a personal relationship with an applicant, making sexual advances toward an applicant, engaging in a sexual act with an applicant and committing sodomy with an applicant.

The sergeant received a sentence of reduction to the grade of E-4 and forfeiture of \$1,109 pay for eight months.

►An airman was convicted in a special court-martial of physically controlling a passenger vehicle while drunk, wrongful use of marijuana on several occasions and wrongful use of hydrocodone.

The airman received a sentence of reduction to the grade of E-1, 75 days of confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

Article 15s

►A senior airman wrongfully used marijuana. His punishment was reduction to the grade of E-1, forfei-

ture of \$699 pay for a month, 30 days restriction to Robins, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand.

Discharges

►A senior airman received an Honorable service characterization for conditions that interfere with military service, specifically a mental disorder.

►A senior airman received an Under Honorable Conditions (General) service characterization for misconduct, specifically drug abuse. This member was previously punished under Article 15, UCMJ for wrongful use of marijuana.

►An airman received an Under Honorable Conditions (General) service characterization for misconduct, specifically drug abuse. This member was previously punished under Article 15, UCMJ for wrongful distribution of hydrocodone.

►An airman received an Under Honorable Conditions (General) service characterization for Misconduct: Minor Disciplinary Infractions. This member failed to pay financial obligations, failed to report for duty on two occasions, used his government travel card for unauthorized purchases on two occasions, stole food from the Wynn Dining Facility and violated Security Forces duty procedures on two occasions.



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Commentary

"Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."

— William Shakespeare

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Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

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HAWC GROUNDS UNSIGHTLY:

I have been addressing some issues with the grounds maintenance of the Health and Wellness Center and Old Fitness Center with the HAWC director, but no action has been taken yet. I am not sure if you have been by there, but it is unsightly and has become a safety issue (bushes protruding in walkways). There is no grounds maintenance being done and the trash is overflowing. I suggested to that maybe the HAWC could get help from the base/wing organizations to help clean this

area up.

Could you please look into this and expand the grounds maintenance contract to cover this area or detail someone to help keep this area up? Anyway, I think the HAWC deserves a little better appearance outside, not to mention the safety issues. Thank you for your time.

COMMANDER RESPONDS:

Thank you for your interest in the appearance of the grounds on Robins. The HAWC

and Fitness Center staffs have been tackling the grounds issue for the past several weeks since grounds maintenance funds have been reduced, making it a challenge to maintain high-visibility areas such as the HAWC.

We also recently decided to remove the shrubs around that facility and replace with grass to reduce the maintenance costs for that area.

We will continue to monitor high-visibility areas and seek ways to stay within our budgetary constraints. Thank you for your patience

NCOs: Be the example, inspire the future

I remember my first duty section as an airman basic at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. We had 17 buck sergeants in the shop. These gentlemen were the heart and soul of the unit. I admired them for their wisdom and work ethic. They could answer all my questions and would take me out and show me how to perform the task. They inspired me to want to come to work and do my job to the best of my ability every day. Every time an NCO told me to do something, I was excited that I was being given a chance to excel.

I say this because some of our Airmen don't realize the significance of what they do each and every day and how it plays a critical role in fighting the current conflict. It doesn't matter if an Airman is a crew chief, gate guard or heavy-equipment operator; each Airman matters. If the Airmen running the dining facility grill think the job isn't important and serve an undercooked

burger to an aircraft mechanic, then that mechanic can't prep jets for flight to put bombs on target and the terror network thrives. As NCOs, it is our duty to communicate this to our junior Airmen. It is our responsibility to lead by example and show them we are in this fight with them.

At times, we get away from the basics of being strong NCOs. We supervise through e-mail and hope our team gets the message. Whatever happened to good old face-to-face communication? Sometimes Airmen need to see that fire in our eyes to understand the significance of what we are saying.

Another failure is when we don't follow up on tasks because we are too busy. We need to know about Airmen's families and the goals of team members. It is not as easy to lead those you know very little about.

NCOs are the heart of the Air Force body. The units go as we go. The NCO corps drives mis-

sion accomplishment, morale and the overall environment of the unit. The NCO corps fosters loyalty, mentorship and empowerment. Give our people what they need to do the job and cultivate that long term buy-in for supporting mission accomplishment.

We do a lot to take care of the Air Force team, but this can sometimes be overlooked by someone on the team who thinks it's not enough. Airmen should understand respect is earned, not given. If it is determined they do not care, then as good NCOs it is our responsibility to take charge of the situation. Once we determine they want to do the right thing, it's our duty to guide them, mentor them and ensure they have the tools to be successful Airmen. Always, reward them for doing an outstanding job.

Airman Leadership School and the NCO Academy lay the foundation for supervision but do not give us a definitive checklist of do's and don'ts of supervision.

We learn this from watching and emulating successful leaders; for young Airmen, that's you and me. We learn this from each other as we share information about issues concerning our units. It is our duty to pass along our knowledge and traditions to the next generation.

We, as NCOs, have a responsibility to show our Airmen our core values aren't just a slogan but our way of life. We have to be the example and not the "do as I say, not as I do" NCO. Our rank does bring a certain clout and we must use this extra muscle to fight for our people. On the other hand, we shouldn't be afraid to say "no", when needed, it still works.

Teach Airmen the right way to do business, and it will make life much easier for us all as we go about our mission of putting bombs on target and making the world a safer place for everyone.

—This commentary was written by Master Sgt. Terry Kelly 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Southwest Asia.

Remembering why we serve

In the summer of 2006, while assigned to the U.S. Air Force Academy, I met a young man who reinforced the reason why I serve.

I was about to enter an elevator when he and his mother, an instructor at the academy, walked in to ascend to the upper floors of the academic building. The mother introduced me to her son and I could already size him up as an upright young man who was a poster child for military service.

As I shook his hand, he informed me that he was about to graduate high school and was contemplating a life in uniform. I took the opportunity to try to recruit the young man into the Air Force and that's when I learned that he came from a proud military family as both his parents were serving or had served in the military.

His mother explained that her son wanted to join the Army as his

father did and I could tell he was excited about the opportunity of serving as well. However, by the expression on the mother's face, I could also tell she had concerns about her son's plans of service. She knew we were a nation at war and there was no doubt in her mind that her son would do his part.

As we stopped at the designated floor, I once again shook this young man's hand, reminded him that the Air Force was still hiring, but ultimately wished him the best of luck in his future endeavors. His smile and firm hand shake said it all.

On Sept. 5, 2007, the news spread that a child of an Air Force Academy instructor had been lost to an improvised explosive device attack in Iraq ... it was the young man I had met in the elevator almost a year earlier, killed in action at 19 years old.

Although very difficult for me, out of respect I attended the wake and stood in line to provide my condolences to the family. It was a closed casket. When it was my turn, the mother saw me and immediately screamed out "You know, you know" repeatedly as I embraced her and shared in her grief.

In the five-minute meeting inside the elevator she knew that I could tell what kind of man her son was and to what lengths he would go to serve his country. She knew that I knew that her son didn't serve for prestige, money, or medals, but did what thousands of young men and women across our nation do every day: serve the greater good.

To this day, the picture of Spc. Dane R. Balcon remains a permanent fixture on my desk to remind me that freedom is indeed not free, but has a price. That price is

paid in the air, land and sea by the men and women in uniform who serve our great country around the world making sacrifices every day to preserve our nation's values and our way of life.

While there may be various personal reasons why some serve, (finances, education, opportunity, travel, etc.), I believe we ultimately serve because of the belief that there is something bigger than ourselves that's worth defending. Call it patriotism, a way of life, freedom, the fact remains that those of us in uniform, regardless of specialty, serve for the greater good. That's what Specialist Balcon believed and that's what I believe as well.

So I ask you, why do you serve?

—This commentary was written by Lt. Col. Victor Moncrieffe, 31st Security Forces Squadron commander, Aviano Air Base, Italy



What is your favorite summertime memory?



Brittany Boven
WRALC/DPLC

"It was a July 4th when I was 12 or so. My family went to the beach and it was the first time I got to watch fireworks at the beach."



Clese Hollis
580th CBSS

"Our family reunion. Just getting together with family, cousins and spending time with grandparents."



Dennis Stuart
580th CBSS

"Trout fishing at Steamboat Springs, Colorado on a family camping trip."



Josh Dykes
580th CBSS

"Going to Panama City Beach with my family, aunts and uncles, and grandparents."

Motivational speaker aims to get crowds excited about VPP

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Voluntary Protection Program Office will host Jeff Bell, a dynamic motivational safety and VPP speaker, for a series of briefings July 17.

In his presentation titled "Brian's Story," Mr. Bell shares the true story of a totally preventable industrial accident that took the life of his son Brian.

Mr. Bell emphasizes with a father's intensity, the value of getting involved in occupational

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1 p.m.

safety efforts and the need to be willing to intervene with your co-workers.

The VPP Office is funding this opportunity as part of its efforts to improve the safety culture of the workforce; personnel from all levels are encouraged to attend.

Sessions will last about 75 minutes. Bus pickup will begin one hour prior to each session.

Pickup locations are: Bldg. 301, Bldg. 376 and Bldg 1555. — *Submitted by VPP Office*

MY SITE

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been converted except for the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, Ms. Davis said. The 542nd should be converted within a couple of more months.

To get to the site, users should go to the SharePoint site of their organization and look in the upper right hand corner of the browser and click on "My Site." That will take users to the page where they can input personal information – their resume, their job description, photos of themselves and anything else that might be relevant to their jobs.

It includes a "colleague tracker" feature, where they can keep up with others on base, especially those with whom the user might not have frequent contact.

My Site is one of three types of sites on MOSS 2007, Ms. Davis said. The others are organization sites and community sites.

Just like Facebook, users can designate information on their site that can only be viewed by certain people, said Tiffany Wright, SharePoint developer in the Standards Branch.

Ms. Davis said users can put



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Tiffany Wright, SharePoint developer, displays the My Site page she created for professional networking.

such information on their site as hobbies and interests that may relate to the workplace. They should avoid such subjects as religion and politics.

The information is on a server at Air Force Materiel Command, so My Site can be used as a backup for storing information in the event that it is lost on the office computer.

For those who are still learning MOSS 2007, Ms. Davis said the office will soon be putting out video tips to help people learn how to use the software. The videos will include one on setting up My Site.

June re-enlistments

Chief Master Sgt. Duren Harmon
Chief Master Sgt. William Lane
Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Wood
Senior Master Sgt. Gary Drapeau
Senior Master Sgt. Gary Hunkins
Senior Master Sgt. Teneuss Land
Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Lee
Senior Master Sgt. Jon Rucker
Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Schleich
Master Sgt. Jennifer Alexander
Master Sgt. Michael Barnes
Master Sgt. Michael Blanton
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Logistics support officials take the lead in transforming supply

For more than a decade, Air Force supply-chain leaders and their commercial industry peers have met with nearly identical objectives: finding ways to enhance the Air Force supply chain to improve support to the warfighter.

Recently, Air Force Global Logistics Support Center officials along with government and industry partners, met to respond to challenges that demand new and innovative approaches.

Maj. Gen. Gary T. McCoy, AFGLSC commander, hosted the three-day AFGLSC Visioning Conference recently, highlighted by keynote speaker Lt. Gen. Terry Gabreski, vice commander of Air Force Materiel Command, and executive-level speakers from IBM, Caterpillar and Toyota.

Industry leaders shared

their past, present and future supply-chain challenges and the strategies and solutions implemented to overcome them. These speakers attributed innovation and improvements to processes and business models as keys to eliminating these barriers to success.

General McCoy said continuous process improvement is a critical tool for industry and military organizations making incremental improvements. However, what Air Force officials need is generational improvement, drastic transformation that will allow them to make generational leaps to reach the efficiency and effectiveness of best-in-breed industry peers.

General Gabreski stressed one of the most important roles of the AFGLSC is to be the Air Force's supply chain inte-

grator, enhancing support to the warfighter in these extraordinary times. She also emphasized the vital need for AFGLSC officials to fulfill their mandate as the Air Force's single face to supply chain customers.

The conference also featured an interactive discussion with a panel of logistics leaders representing major commands throughout the Air Force.

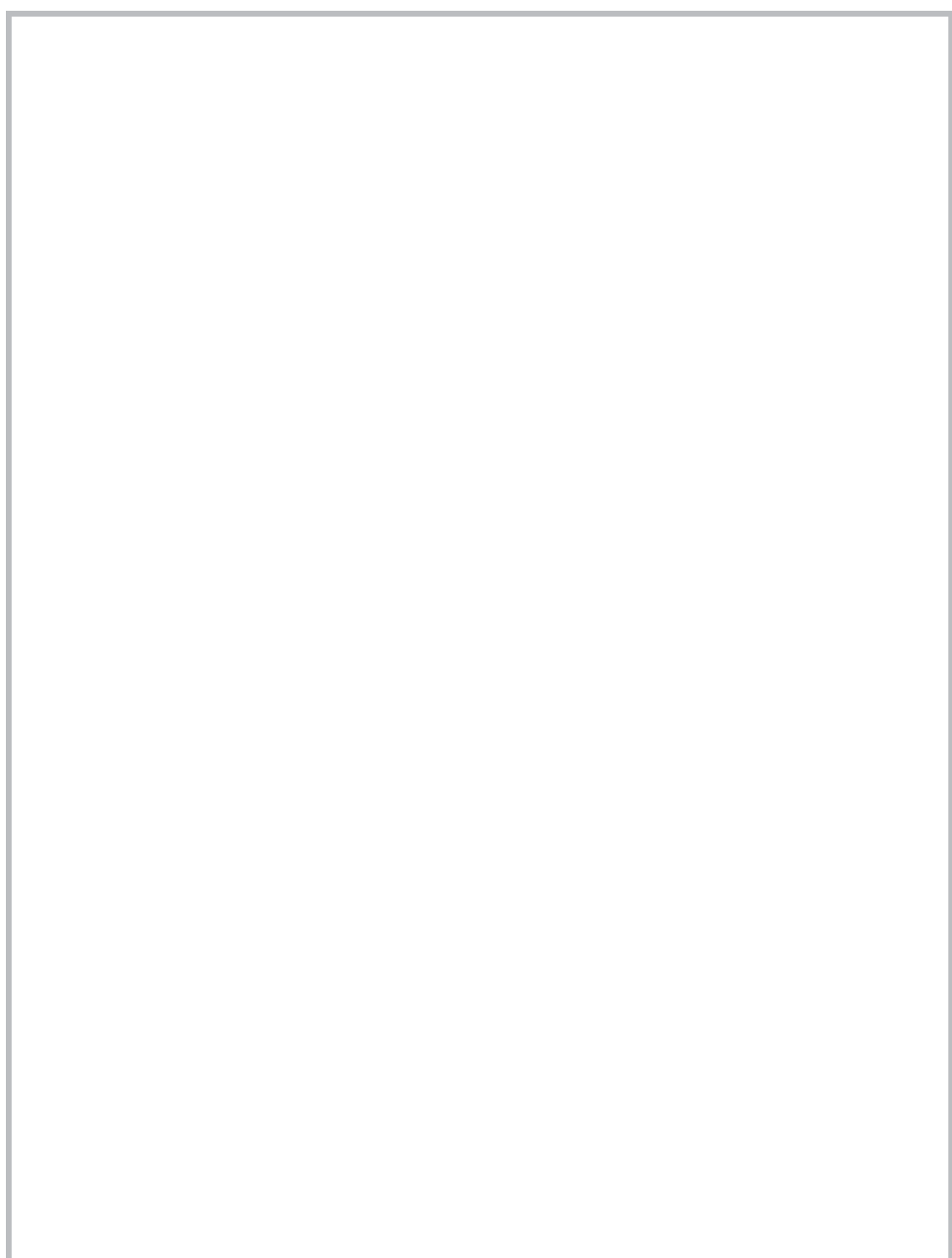
They praised AFGLSC's support and the open dialogue uncovered many challenges looming on the logistics horizon and how the supply chain enterprise must posture itself to be ready to succeed.

Despite the gravity of the challenges, the panel of Air Force logistics leaders forged a joint commitment to work with AFGLSC representatives on logistics transformation. General

McCoy marked this as an opportunity to "synchronize our efforts with other DOD supply chain stakeholders" because in the end it's about "collaborating in an unprecedented manner to support all of our brave men and women serving around the world."

"In any strategic meeting of this magnitude, supply-chain customers, peers and partners don't want to hear what we do right," General McCoy said. "They want to hear that we understand what we can do better, that we care how it affects them and that we are committed to fix it; because in the end, it's the difference between victory or defeat and life and death for the warfighter."

He said the goal is to move from a reactive way of business to a new era driven by being predictive. — *By Michael Lee, AFGLSC*



5th CCG hosts Tactical Technology Showcase



Visitors to the Tactical Technology Showcase were exposed to technologies such as weaponry, protective shelters, communications and surveillance and reconnaissance equipment. About 60 exhibitors participated in the event hosted by the 5th Combat Communications group.



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Rocky Senatore of Surefire demonstrates some flashlights for Jason Sanders and 1st Lt. Andrew Moran.

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From rugged laptop computers that can survive in harsh, desert environments to unmanned aerial reconnaissance vehicles that can fit in a car trunk, Team Robins members got a look at some of the latest in military technology last week.

The 5th Combat Communications Group hosted a Tactical Technology Showcase. It included about 60 vendors who set up in tents at the 5th CCG's Gator Air Base.

Rebecca Lyons of National Conference Services, which organized the event, said it wasn't intended so much as a sales event but for networking and education.

"It's so that people can see what's on the market," she said.

2nd Lt. John Visneski, who helped organize the event for the 5th CCG, said it started out as a communications technology fair to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the 5th CCG. Once word got around, a wider variety of vendors

expressed interest and it grew. The event featured such items as a tactical boat, an armored Hummer and the latest in body armor. It also included some low-tech items such as combat knives.

They were hoping for a crowd of about 500 and they ended up having 650 people attend, Lieutenant Visneski said.

"The main purpose was to show the tactical technologies that are available," he said, adding that wireless technology is becoming increasingly important to modern combat operations.

The event began with 5th CCG members performing a simulated attack for early arrivers.

Thomas Lewis, director of sales for Amrel Reliance Inc., was showing off some of the company's rugged laptop computers designed to withstand the abuses of field work. The computers, which start at \$4,300, are waterproof and shock proof.

"They are made to play in the nasty places of the world," he said.



Steve Denny demonstrates Tasers for his company, Taser Protect Life.

Robins robot roundup

Students use engineering, technology in robotics competition

STARBASE Robins culminated its 3rd annual JET Engineering Academy with a robotics competition and engineering design challenge July 2 at the Museum of Aviation.

According to Jacqueline McGhee, Northside Middle School counselor, JETS Academy features 30 Northside Middle students who are selected based on a combination of criteria, including special needs, test scores, state agencies, teacher recommendations and non-traditional family settings.

The students learn about pre-engineering and robotics in a fun, hands-on environment.

The robotics competition, part of the FIRST

LEGO League, challenges students to program their LEGO MindStorm Robots to meet certain missions each year with a specific theme.

"Students learn how we can use technology to help fight global warming and promote renewable energy solutions," said Andrew Dennis, a STARBASE Robins instructor.

The students in the STARBASE Robins JET Academy also learned how to use a computer-aided design program to make three-dimensional models on the computer and then were able to manufacture those models with the help of a 3-D printer.

"Our goal is to show students how engineering and

technology can help them find a job or how it relates to every day life," said Casey Dent, a STARBASE instructor.

STARBASE Robins is a Department of Defense educational program sponsored through a partnership with the Air Force Reserve Command, the Museum of Aviation, and the Museum of Aviation Foundation.

STARBASE Robins offers a hands-on science/math based curriculum to at-risk 4th grade students from schools in the surrounding communities. The program emphasizes the importance of goal setting, teamwork and communication in everyday life. — *Courtesy Museum of Aviation*



India Newton, Tiqira Lawson and Krystena Duggan— the Annie Girls team — watch their robot perform its tasks.



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Casey Agee sets up his robot for competition.

78th FSS BRIEFS

FRIDAY

A First Friday "Happy Birthday America" will be held at the Heritage Club and Horizons from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today. Food will include fried chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad and watermelon. A wine tasting will be held in the Daedalian room from 5 to 6 p.m. First Friday means great food, entertainment and drink specials. Cost is members free and non-members \$5. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

SUNDAY

A Super Sunday Brunch will be held July 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch will include breakfast and dinner entrees, omelet station, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar and more. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$14.95 for guests and \$7.95 for children (3 – 10 years old) and children 2 years and younger eat free. For more information call Horizons at 926-2670.

MONDAY

Attention active duty members and DOD civilians. Did you know that your child or children can attend the school age program at the Youth Center?

Do you also know that would include transportation to and from the following schools for children ages five – 12 years old attending the school age program only: Linwood Elementary, Lake Joy Primary, Lake Joy Elementary, Hilltop Elementary and Bonaire Elementary. Registration will be begin July 13 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information and registration call Tommy Henson at 926-1795 or 926-2110.

TUESDAY

The teen center will hold money matter classes on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., career launch classes on Wednesdays at 4 p.m., passport to Manhood classes on Thursdays at 4 p.m., Keystone meetings on Thursday at 5 p.m. and advisory council meetings every other Thursday at 5:45 p.m. For more information call the teen center at 327-6831.

UPCOMING

It's time to ride and bike across Robins July 18 starting at 7 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A yard sale will be held July 18 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Heritage Club, Bldg. 956. Set up starts at 7:30 a.m. and tables can be purchased in advance for \$7 per table (limit three per person). For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to Movies Under the Stars July 24 for a presentation of "The Bee Movie." The movie will start at dark behind the Heritage Club. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

ONGOING

Information Tickets and Travel has the following tickets:

► Atlanta Motor Speedway- Purchase a one day ticket for Sept. 5 for the NASCAR Nationwide Series Degree V12 300 and Sprint Cup Qualifying for \$26 or a one day tickets for the Labor Day Classic 500 on Sept. 6 for \$40. There will be a two-day package that will include both days for \$67.

► Tickets are available to see "The Color Purple" featuring Fantasia on Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$74.

► Summer Waves, Jekyll Island, Ga. for \$14.50 adults and children three years and younger are free; Wild Animal Safari located in Pine Mountain, Ga. for \$16 for adults, \$13 for children three – 13 years old and seniors 60 years and older and St. Augustine Alligator Farm for \$13 adults and children three – 11 years for \$6.50. For more information call the ITT office at 926-2945.

A summer sizzle customer appreciation will be held at the base restaurant through July 31. Pick up a scratch card with a purchase of \$4 or more for a chance to win prizes. Prizes include a flat screen TV, travel mug, free lunch and more. For more information call the base restaurant at 926-6972.

Cooling off



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Ariauna Dupree, 2, gets some assistance from her mother, Erica, while cooling down at the Heritage Club pool. The pool is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 7 p.m.

The Council of College and Military Educators is offering scholarships to United States service members and their spouses who are working towards the completion of higher education degrees. For more information visit <http://www.ccmeonline.org/nashville10.aspx?session=scholarships>. Application deadline for both scholarships is Sept. 1. For more information call the Education and Training Office at 327-7330.

The Instant Payback club drive has kicked off. New members will receive three months free dues and zero percent introductory rate for six months. All new members can register on-line at www.afclubs.net for a chance to win \$250 by completing the on-line survey. Receive discounts on every club meal purchase and cash back (2% on base/1% off base) on everything you buy with your MasterCard. The club drive

will end Aug. 15. Sponsored in part by Chase. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. To apply on line go to www.afclubs.net or call 1-800-569-1285 or visit Horizons.

Universal Orlando's Military Salutes a Universe of Thanks for serving our nation to active duty, retired, reserve, National Guard and eligible ID carrying (100 percent Permanently Disabled Veterans) has a special offer. Receive a complimentary two-park unlimited admission tickets (retail \$124.99) plus save up to \$35 for each two-park unlimited admission tickets for family and friends. Purchase tickets through Dec. 18, 2009. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

A new convenience is available at the main fitness center, Bldg. 826. A grab-n-go breakfast is available Monday – Friday for dorm residents only. Call Wynn Dining at 926-4766 one day in advance

between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to place a breakfast order of three choices (breakfast 1 - biscuit, bacon, egg, cheese, yogurt, fruit, OJ; breakfast 2 - biscuit, sausage, egg, cheese, yogurt, fruit, OJ and breakfast 3 - cereal, milk, yogurt, fruit, OJ). Breakfast orders will be ready for pick up at the main fitness center from 6 to 10 a.m. the following day. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2129.

The Afterburner, which proudly brews Starbucks coffee, is open Monday – Friday from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come in and enjoy a June special of a tall Verona coffee with midnight layer cake or strawberry shortcake for only \$4.25. Also in June, come in between 8 to 9 a.m. and receive 10 percent off any coffee purchase. Afterburner is located in the Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166 on Byron St. Afterburner offers a variety of hot and cold beverages, pastries and snacks. For more information call 222-7827 or 926-6972.

Editor's note: Have an opinion? If you have any suggestions for topics or would like to sound off on my top five, email kendahl.johnson@robins.af.mil.



BEST CRITIC RANKED MOVIES

One of life's small pleasures is going to an air conditioned movie theater in the summer months, buying a tub of buttered popcorn and enjoying 120 minutes of ridiculous surround sound and outrageous special effects. But not all good movies are the summer blockbusters. According to critics, some of this year's top movies are some of the smaller releases. Here's a look at the five movies, most which had very limited theatrical releases and little publicity, that earned the best aggregate score among internet movie critics:

5 Gomorrah (Metacritic Score - 87)
Power, money and blood: these are the values that the residents of the province of Naples and Caserta confront every day. They have practically no choice, and are forced to obey the rules of the "System," the Camorra. Only a lucky few can even think of leading a normal life. Five stories are woven together in this violent scenario in this foreign language film.

4 Tulpan (88)
Another foreign language film, this movie follows young dreamer Asa, who, following his Russian naval service, returns to his sister's nomadic brood on the desolate Hunger Steppe to begin a hardscrabble career as a shepherd.

3 Up (88)
Up is an animated comedy adventure from Walt Disney Studios about 78-year-old balloon salesman who finally fulfills his lifelong dream of a great adventure when he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America. But he discovers all too late that his biggest nightmare has stowed away on the trip: an overly optimistic 9-year-old Wilderness Explorer named Russell.

2 Goodbye Solo (89)
On the lonely roads of Winston-Salem, two men forge an improbable friendship that will change both of their lives forever. Through the unlikely but unforgettable friendship or a young Senegalese cab driver and tough Southern good 'ol boy, Goodbye Solo deftly explores the passing of a generation as well as the rapidly changing face of America.

1 The Hurt Locker (91)
This movie is an intense portrayal of elite soldiers who have one of the most dangerous jobs in the world: disarming bombs in the heat of combat. When a new sergeant takes over a highly trained bomb disposal team amidst violent conflict, he surprises his subordinates by recklessly plunging them into a deadly game of urban combat.

Source: www.metacritic.com

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. The following person has been approved as a leave recipient: **Brandon Brown, 579th SMXS.** POC is Alan Lunsford, 222-4171.

To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

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- Community Center926-2105
- Outdoor Rec926-4001
- Arts & Crafts926-5282
- Horizons926-2670
- Heritage Club926-7625
- Library327-8761
- HAWC327-8480
- Fitness Center926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex926-2128
- Youth Center926-2110
- ITT926-2945
- Bowling Center926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C.926-4103
- Pizza Depot926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at www.robinservices.com

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic
Catholic masses are at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish
Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian
St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant
The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

NOW PLAYING



**JULY 10
7:30 P.M.
UP
RATED PG**

Carl Fredrickson is a 78-year-old balloon salesman who finally fulfills his lifelong dream of a great adventure when he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America. But he discovers all too late that his biggest nightmare has stowed away on the trip – an overly optimistic 8-year-old wilderness explorer.



**JULY 11
3 P.M.
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2
RATED PG-13**

Night guard Larry, now a successful entrepreneur, returns to the Museum of Natural History to visit his friends, the exhibits that come to life at night, only to learn that they are being shipped off into deep storage at the Smithsonian Institution. Larry finds purpose again while helping his friends.



**JULY 11
7:30 P.M.
LAND OF THE LOST
PG-13**

Dr. Rick Marshall, a has-been scientist, along with research assistant, Holly, and survivalist, Will, find themselves sucked into a time warp. Marshall has no weapons, few skills and questionable smarts to survive in an alternate universe full of marauding dinosaurs and fantastic creatures from beyond.

Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919

► IN BRIEF

TROOPS TO TEACHERS BRIEFING

Bill Kirkland, Program Manager for the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program, will be at the Robins Education Center July 17 from 10 to 11 a.m. to take questions about Troops to Teachers, a cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense.

The program provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and who are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools.

The briefing will be in Bldg 905, Room 243; no reservations are necessary.

For more information, contact Danielle Molina at the Education Office, Cheryl Malcom at cheryl.malcom.ctr@robins.af.mil, 926-9952, or Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com.

LARGEST MILITARY EDUCATION FAIR

The summer of 2009 marks a milestone in voluntary education programs for military personnel as the Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support commemorates its 35th anniversary at the Department of Defense Worldwide Education Symposium July 27-31 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in downtown Atlanta.

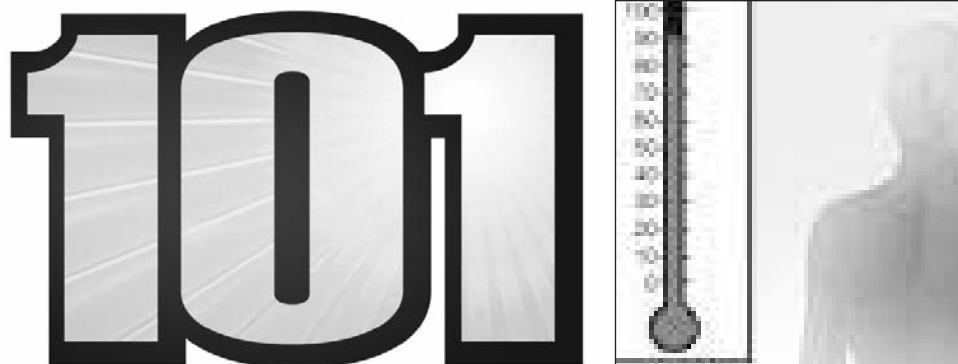
For the first time, the conference will feature the World's Largest Military Education Fair, and servicemembers from all branches of the Armed Forces are invited to attend. Military personnel in uniform will be admitted free to the education fair July 29 from 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be more than 160 colleges, universities and educational vendors on display. Adult family members with a military sponsor also are welcome to attend at no charge.

"The goal of the fair is to give the military unique access to the specialized Worldwide Education Symposium exhibits," said Master Chief Petty Officer Tim Zernick, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor. "In doing so, I hope it will motivate them to work toward attaining some form of higher education – either a college degree or technical certification – while at the same time improving their chances for advancement."

More than 2,000 military and civilian personnel and 160 exhibitors from across the country and around the world are expected to attend the symposium.

"Every servicemember who comes to the education fair will have a positive experience that shows them a pathway to achieving their potential," said Zernick. "This type of access only comes along once in a lifetime."

More details about DOD's Worldwide Education Symposium and information on registration are available at www.ww09atlanta.com.



CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER Heat-related illnesses

Heat strokes kill about 175 people nationwide every year. In most years, that is more than tornadoes, hurricanes, lightning, or flooding. It was the number one weather-related killer every year from 1998-2002.

Know the signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses and their treatments.

Heat rash is caused by excessive sweating during hot, humid weather. The symptoms include red clusters of spots that may look like pimples or small blisters.

Treatment involves keeping the affected area dry and talcum powder may be used to increase comfort.

Heat cramps are caused by excessive loss of salt and other nutrients from the body due to excessive sweating. Symptoms manifest as painful cramps of major muscle groups.

Treatment consists of providing cool water, shade, and monitoring the individual for signs of improvement.

Heat exhaustion is caused by excessive loss of salt and electrolytes from

the body. Symptoms include profuse sweating, headache, paleness, weakness, nausea, cool moist skin, tingling sensation in the extremities.

Treatment consists of providing water, shade, elevating the feet, and monitoring the individual while medical attention is sought.

Heat stroke occurs when the body's heat regulatory system stops working. Symptoms include headache, dizziness, delirium, weakness, nausea, red/hot skin, and unconsciousness.

The first step in treatment is to call 911. Move the victim to a cool shaded area, remove heavy clothing, and fan and mist the person with water until medical help arrives.

Methods to combat being a victim include dressing for the heat by wearing lightweight, light colored, loose-fitting clothes. It is also a good idea to wear hats. Drink plenty of water. One quart per hour is a good goal when working or playing in extreme heat.

Avoid caffeine, alcohol and drinks containing large

amounts of sugar. Use sunscreen. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool itself and causes a loss of body fluids. Eat small meals and eat more often.

Avoid high-protein foods, which increase metabolic heat.

When possible, stay indoors. If air-conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine. Keep areas well ventilated. Schedule outdoor activities during the cooler part of the day and avoid exercise or strenuous physical activity outside during hot or humid weather.

Monitor those at risk. Those at greatest risk are infants, children, elderly, obese, athletes, and people who are ill or on certain medications.

Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle. Over 213 children have died this way in the past 10 years. Call 911 and give first aid as needed if the person shows signs of shock, bluish lips and fingernails, decreased alertness, seizures, or loss of consciousness.

— 78th Air Base Wing
Safety Office