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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## Troops to receive full mid-month pay today

BY JIM GARAMONE  
American Forces Press Service

All servicemembers will receive their full mid-month pay they have earned in their paychecks today, Pentagon officials said.

"Basically, all active duty and reserve servicemembers will receive full mid-month pay," Pentagon spokesman Marine Col. Dave Lapan said. "It may be in two separate payments, but today everyone will receive their full allotted pay."

Confusion arose about the April 15 payday due to the threatened closure of the U.S. government last week.

Administration and congressional leaders came to an agreement late April 8.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service had posted "net pay advice" to some servicemembers, telling them what to expect in their accounts.

"Those net pay advice statements were made ... before we knew there was an agreement to fund the government," Lapan said. "When those were posted, they only showed partial payments. But, again, everyone will receive their full pay for the duty served, and it may be in more than one deposit."

Officials urge servicemembers to check their end-of-month leave and

earnings statements carefully. The normal end-of-month statements will be posted to accounts April 22.

The finance and accounting service has restored access to all leave and earnings statements, net pay advice or advice of pay for servicemembers on the myPay website.

"The most-current advice of pay will still only show the partial payments for April 1-8," the finance service posted on its website. "This will allow us to make sure we can still process pay for April 9-15 and take steps to ensure it is in bank accounts on the 15th," it said.

For more information, visit the myPay website.



## DBIDS goes live July 31

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Time is running out for those who haven't registered in DBIDS, or the Defense Biometric Identification System.

Those not registered by July 31 could soon find themselves turned away at the gates, and sent to immediately register at the Visitors' Center.

An estimated 70,000-plus people – including family members, retirees and others – have identification cards which allow them to enter Robins.

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## Team Robins displays 'cann' do attitude during Dover C-5 fix

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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Maintainers at Robins are sometimes asked to be cannibals.

In their world, cannibalization is a last-resort effort to help get aircraft in the field flying again when the need is urgent and parts are not available through normal channels.

The maintainers take parts off aircraft here for programmed depot maintenance and ship them to the field. Because PDM takes months to complete, they have time to replace the cannibalized parts.

It's not something done automatically. Every cannibalization request must meet certain requirements, including it not delay PDM, and be approved by the system program manager.

Numerous organizations at Robins joined forces recently to rapidly cannibalize a complex and enormous part and get it to a customer in just seven days.

The part was a rear cargo door for a C-5M Super Galaxy at Dover Air Force Base, Del., which had an important mission to fly March 23. The aircraft's original door had extensive corrosion, which made the airlifter unsafe to fly. However, there were no spare doors anywhere in the Air Force supply chain, and the earliest a contractor could provide a replacement was today.

Robins received the request March 12 and the door was ready for pick up March 19, giving Dover maintainers enough time to install and test it.

Robins workers not only had to "cann" the door, which is 38-foot long and weighs more than 1,500 pounds, but also make repairs to it since the door had arrived in damaged condition. It also had to be repainted, since it had already been depainted as part of the PDM process. Last, a crate had to be built to ship the massive part.

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
C-5 maintainers Hubert Watford and Sean Bohannon install an aft right cargo door.

## Aviation Hall welcomes new members

The Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame welcomed four new members during a ceremony Saturday in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

About 500 people attended the annual enshrinement banquet.

The 2011 inductees are:

▶Julius J. Alexander Jr. -- Alexander taught aviation and flying to inner-city students in Atlanta as a tool for academic improvement and self-esteem. He led a team which designed Aviation Career Education. He also founded the Aviation Career Enrichment Weekend Flight Academy flying school.

▶Patrick "Pat" Epps -- Epps served as a flight test engineer for Boeing and was an Air Force pilot. He also established Epps Air Service at DeKalb-Peachtree

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## You Matter: Don't suffer in silence

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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When Maj. Colin Burchfield speaks to groups he often asks those in the audience to raise their hand if they have been impacted by suicide.

"90 to 95 percent do so," said Burchfield, director of psychological health at Robins. "Yet, we don't talk about it. As long as we don't talk about it, we are not going to catch those early signs to prevent it."

The You Matter campaign began at Robins in January 2009 after the installation experienced eight suicides – four times the national average.

While that number has declined – in 2009 the base lost four people to suicide, and last year it lost three – Burchfield said the campaign is still in full swing. That's not only because the issue of suicide is never-ending but because officials believe the awareness level of suicide among members of Team Robins is still not where it should be.



The base recently hosted a discussion by the parents of a Robins Airman who committed suicide.

The Airman's parents talked about the impact their son's suicide has had on their lives, and the need for people to reach out for help.

Burchfield said if people here engage in similar, frank dialogues, it will go a long way toward helping raise the awareness level of suicide on Robins.

"You can quote statistics all day long, but when there's reality to it, it sends a powerful message," he said.

## Powering the base

BY TECH. SGT. VANN MILLER  
Robins Public Affairs

In recent months, there has been a lot of talk around Robins about cutting expenses.

But ask any member of the base energy office, and they will tell you looking at ways to save money is nothing new to them.

For more than two years, to help Robins cut expenses, they've actively been educating members of Team Robins about ways to conserve electrical energy and consume less power.

They realize it will take a team effort. They also realize it is becoming increasingly important, particularly in light of shrinking operating budgets.

"In these austere financial

times, we really need everyone's help," said Dave Bury, base energy manager. "We all need to be good stewards of taxpayers' dollars."

On average, it costs about \$2,500 per hour to electrically-power Robins. That's more than \$1 million per month.

"A better way to use energy is to use it efficiently, which avoids wasteful consumption," Bury said. "This will help Robins trim its high utility bills. Remember, your tax dollars are hard at work helping to pay for those bills."

To learn more about how you can help save energy at Robins, or if you'd like to contribute suggestions to the energy office, call 497-8663 or e-mail commanderkillawatt@robins.af.mil.

### THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 37  
Last DUI: 12 ACCS  
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

### AADD

To request a ride, call 222-0013.

### TWO-MINUTEREV

#### Volunteer Appreciation

Robins will host its 21st Annual Volunteer Appreciation event today from 1-3 p.m. at Horizons.

The event will honor all volunteers (active duty, civilians, military retirees, civilian retirees, and family members) who have provided volunteer services to Robins and the local community. For more information, call Dell Steplight at 468-1256.

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## UNIT PROFILE: 339th FLTS

### What it does

The mission of the 339th Flight Test Squadron is to certify aircraft as worthy to return to the warfighter. The squadron is responsible for conducting functional and flight tests on C-130 Hercules, C-5 Galaxy and F-15 Eagle aircraft after they undergo maintenance or modification is completed at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

### Why it matters

“No Place for Amateurs” is the motto of the 339th. That’s because the squadron’s mission is hazardous. It is often called upon to pick up battle-damaged aircraft, and will often test aircraft which have received complex modifications. Yet, the unit has had no mishaps, and has earned nine major safety awards in the last four years. It has some of the most experienced aircrews in the Air Force, and they take pride in ensuring the fleet is ready to return to the fight.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Capt. Carl Kleinebekel, one of four C-5 pilots in the unit, checks gauges in a C-5 cockpit.**

### By the numbers

- 44** Workers in the unit, about 67 percent full time, the others are traditional reservists
- 3** Airframes tested by the squadron — C-5, C-130, F-15
- 850** Sorties flown by test pilots in 2010.
- 4** Duration in hours for an average C-5 test flight. (C-130 averages 2.5 hours, F-15 is 1.5 hours.)
- 9** Major safety awards won by the unit since 2006.

### What they say



**Maj. James McAlevey**  
C-130 pilot

“You might be the last person to see an aircraft before sending it back to the warfighter, certifying it as fit to fly. It puts what we do in perspective. It’s a rewarding job.”



**SMSgt. Charles Jones**  
Life support technician

“Our job is to keep the aircrew safe. There is no doubt if we make a mistake, it could cost a pilot his or her life. We have to pay close attention to detail, especially when packing parachutes.”

## People Spotlight



**Allen Tillit**

**TITLE:** Weight and balance examiner, 402nd Maintenance Wing

**BACKGROUND:** Tillit has worked at Robins for 12 years. During his time here he has worked various jobs, including the C-17 functional test area and as a hydraulics mechanic on C-5s. He is retired from the Air Force, where he worked as an F-16 crew chief.

**HOMETOWN:** Miami, Fla.

“I weigh C-5s. A lot of aircraft come in here, and they add new equipment on them or take equipment off. We weigh them to ensure they are within the parameters of the technical order. The technical order will tell you what the weight is supposed to be, and if it exceeds that, you’ve got to figure out why. We have scales which go on jacks and give you the particular readings.”

“You get to meet a variety of people here. The people are the backbone. Without the help of others we couldn’t get our jobs done, and everyone’s got a job to do. You can’t do everything, so you’ve got to depend on others.”

*What are your hobbies?*

“I love the outdoors, and I love football, especially pro football. I’m a big Miami Dolphins fan.”

*What will you do if there isn’t an NFL season this year?*

“Cry.”



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Dennis and Julie Julius catch the BiRD in front of Bldg. 301.**

## Riders praise BiRD

**BY WAYNE CRENSHAW**  
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The Buses into Robins Daily shuttle system from Macon is steadily gaining riders, and those who are riding are frankly a little perplexed why even more people aren’t doing so.

The bus ride costs \$6 round trip, but the entire cost is reimbursed through the federally-funded Transportation Incentive Program. Once people are enrolled in the program they get vouchers, so in fact they never pay any money out of pocket at all.

Considering the price of gas these days, that could mean big savings, not just in fuel but wear and tear on a

vehicle.

But it’s not the money savings which makes Julie Julius enjoy riding BiRD so much. Julius and her husband, Dennis Julius, are program managers in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate and ride the bus just about every day. She said she would ride it even if she had to pay the cost herself.

“We love it, love it, love it,” she said. “We don’t have to deal with traffic, and we get dropped off in front of the building. In general, it’s just not as stressful.”

The Macon residents get on the bus at the Macon Centreplex and it takes

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## Robins team visit highlights best practices

**BY FAYE BANKS-ANDERSON**  
Robins Public Affairs

It’s interesting what you can find out just by asking.

During a recent visit to Delta’s Technical Operations Center in Atlanta, members of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center’s Workplace Safety and Health Team discovered what the two Centers are doing in the area of workplace safety is not that far apart.

Charged by Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Center commander, to improve and standardize the center’s current practices and processes in light of OSHA citations, team members were primarily interested in looking at Delta’s best practices for dust containment, decontamination processes and specialized housekeeping procedures.

“It was interesting the number of things we learned during our tour,”



U.S. Air Force photo by FAYE BANKS-ANDERSON

**Joshua Smith, Delta Technical Operations Center (right), explains tools the organization uses to Maurice Zammit, WR-ALC Workplace Safety and Health Team member. The team visited Delta to learn about its best practices.**

said Marcee Mickler, 402nd Process Control and Improvement Flight director. “Delta shared opportunities and successes we can bring back to the Center. (But) We also learned we are doing some things very similar to one another.”

Personal Protection Equipment buys at Delta are standardized; it has an Environmental Safety

and Occupational Health Board which approves all purchases. It also requires safety glasses be worn by all its employees who work in buildings with sanding/grinding operations, not just those performing that type of work.

Additionally, sanding booths at Delta have partially-quilted hanging doors. Adding the quilting

has the advantage of reducing noise levels and dust contamination – both important workplace safety and health issues.

However, like the Center, Delta determines what PPE its employees must wear when performing certain tasks, based on air samples and known hazards associated with processes.

Delta also uses HEPA vacuums along with its sanders, blow down booths as change rooms for worker decontamination efforts and PPE disposal, and tacky mats to minimize cross contamination. And, it does not have a standardized overarching housekeeping plan.

Team members agreed the visit was well worth the time, and said visits to more sites with benchmarking opportunities are being planned. Other visit participants included Toni Hurley, Maurice Zammit, Ray Fisher and James Hogan.



THERE’S NO EXCUSE FOR ENERGY MISUSE

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The effort was significant, partly because there are only four C-5Ms in the inventory, said Dave Nakayama, director of the 559th Maintenance Squadron, which performs C-5 PDM.

The “M” stands for modernized, which means the four aircraft are the most advanced C-5s in the inventory.

The Aerospace Sustainment Directorate C-5 program office processed the request and coordinated the effort, the 559th cann’ed the door, the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group repaired it, and the 402nd Maintenance Support Squadron scheduled the painting of the door. Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins, a subordinate organization of the Defense Logistics Agency, oversaw the packing of the part.

The door would normally have been trucked to Dover, but due to the urgency, Dover diverted a C-17 on a training mission to pick it up. The 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron Air Freight sec-

## “This Center does a whole lot more than just fix aircraft. “That’s an aspect a lot of people don’t know about.”

**Dave Nakayama**

Director, 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

tion oversaw the loading of the door onto the aircraft.

Supervisors, planners and others put in evening and weekend hours to complete the mission.

“It just shows how important teamwork is and how well we can do as a team,” Nakayama said. “From the big-picture standpoint, all the pieces came together.”

He said it also demonstrates how Robins plays a significant role in keeping aircraft flying, even when they aren’t here.

“This Center does a whole lot more than just fix aircraft,” he said. “That’s an aspect a lot of people don’t know about.”

Shirlyn Granville, C-5 program manager, processes all of the cannibalization requests for the giant aircraft. From her office here she has coordinated with Team Robins members to get grounded C-5s around the world flying again, including those in combat areas.

“When you get a cannibalization request, the plane is grounded, and field maintainers have looked everywhere and not been able to find the part, so all of them are urgent and hot,” said Granville. “The key on this one was there were so many organizations which had to work on it. The multi-function team was at its best.”

The efforts of those at Robins who worked the request were much appreciated by Dover officials. Col. Thomas J. Kauth, commander of the 436th Maintenance Group, sent an e-mail thanking the members of Team Robins for their work.

“Particular thanks to all those who worked extended shifts/hours to make this happen,” he wrote.

Although the job was finished in time for the plane to make its March 23 mission, the aircraft was delayed for other reasons and took off March 27. It has been flying mis-

sions to “new operations in Southern Europe/Northern Africa ever since,” according to Lt. Col. Brian Peters of the 436th.

“Robins really pulled out all the stops to give us this cargo door in just seven days,” Peters wrote in an e-mail to Nakayama. “All other sources were projecting at least 30 days of lead time. Your quick and comprehensive response put this aircraft back into the fight at least a month faster than other options.”

Col. Michael Gregg, the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate’s Galaxy Division chief, was also appreciative of everyone’s effort. The division provides worldwide program management and sustainment for the C-5 fleet.

“This fantastic effort from Team Robins is one forward step on our journey to become a world class organization and routinely exceed our customers’ expectations,” Gregg said.

## DBIDS

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To date, about 43,000 people have taken the five minutes to register, which involves simply visiting one of six registration sites and providing an electronic fingerprint.

Staff Sgt. Crystal Kesey, 78th Security Forces DBIDS program manager, said those still needing to register can avoid the last-

minute rush by registering now.

While the base had scheduled people for registration based on the first letter of their last name, those needing to register can now do so at any time, Kesey added.

For more information, call Kesey at 222-4208 (from off base) or 468-4208 (from on base) or Senior Airman Jeffrey Kelly at 222-1969 (from off base) or 468-1969 (from on base).

### DBIDS REGISTRATION LOCATIONS

Visitor Control Center at Watson Gate – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

78th Force Support Squadron/MPE Customer Service, Bldg. 767 – Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Air Force Reserve Command/MPE Customer Service, Bldg. 222 – Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Reservists and dependents only)

116th Security Forces Orderly Room, Bldg. 2094 – Monday to Friday from noon to 3:30 p.m. (Guardsmen only)

402nd Aircraft Maintenance Support Squadron, Bldg. 125, 2nd Floor – Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

402nd Electronics Maintenance Group, Bldg. 645, Room 2227-01 – Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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# ViewPoints

“Slow down and enjoy life. It's not only the scenery you miss by going too fast - you also miss the sense of where you are going and why.”  
— **Eddie Cantor**

## Who needs more education?

BY 2ND LT. JEREMY GRIFFIN  
46th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

*2011 is Air Force Materiel Command's "Year of the Community College of the Air Force." This is the second of a 12-part series of educational journeys which include CCAF.*

My educational journey began a few years prior to me joining the Air Force in Grand Junction, Colo. I was attending Mesa State College and majoring in geological sciences. My overall goal was to follow in the footsteps of my father and grandfather, working for them in the family business after graduation. After two years of college, I was burnt out with school and wanted a change. I looked into the different branches of the military and, in 1997, I enlisted in the Air Force.

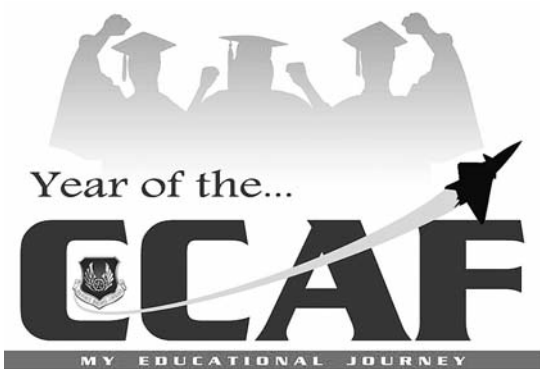
During basic training when we received the briefing on the Montgomery G.I. Bill, I was given the option to either accept or deny the benefit. I proudly said, “I don't want it; I plan to serve 20-plus years in the Air Force and have no need for any more education.”

I had no desire to ever go back to college, for any reason. I didn't see the need because I figured the Air Force was going to provide me with everything I would need in my career.

As an enlisted Airman, I enjoyed the roles and responsibilities afforded to me as a firefighter. I enjoyed completing my upgrade training and CDCs, which were still as close to school as I ever would want to get. It wasn't until my second duty station at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, where I would once again feel the desire to return to school.

I was a senior airman with a line number for staff sergeant when I arrived at Mountain Home, and during in-processing I was being shown around by an airman 1st class who told me about how he was going to college and how easy it was. He planted the seed which would later manifest into my educational journey.

Not long after my arrival, I was informed I would be attending Airman Leadership



School. I went, hesitantly, and again told myself “this is as close as I want to come to going back to school.” During ALS, the education office briefed us on what it had to offer, and told us the Air Force was now paying 100 percent of tuition costs, up to a certain amount.

After graduating from ALS, I spoke to the airman who had shown me around during my in-processing, and he again told me how easy it was and what I needed to do to get started. I made an appointment with one of the educational counselors, and when they had my transcripts from Mesa State, they told me I would only need six classes to complete my Community College of the Air Force degree, which is what most career fields require after you have completed Basic Training, upgrade training, and Airman Leadership School.

I researched CLEP testing, including what was required and how much it would cost. I couldn't believe it when I was told it was completely free, and you can take tests while on duty. So I thought, “This will cost me nothing besides a little time studying the CLEP manuals at the base library.”

Armed with that knowledge, I scheduled my first CLEP test and passed it. I scheduled another and passed it, then another, and another.

My last and final requirement was speech, and my options were to either CLEP it and wait six weeks to get the results, or take the class which lasted eight weeks. I knew I could always use help with my public speaking skills and opted for the class. It was all I needed to complete my associate's degree in fire science.

After completing my CCAF degree, I was surprised how painless it was and realized I missed the classroom atmosphere. I was thrilled to learn all credits from my CCAF degree were accepted toward my bachelor's degree, so I decided I should take another class to see if a bachelor's degree was something I might want to attempt.

I was able to complete a handful of classes toward my bachelor's degree before being tasked to deploy to Iraq in 2003. During those times, we didn't have access to education offices or computers, so my degree was put on hold.

In May 2005, following an assignment in Kunsan Air Base, Korea, I set a goal to finish my bachelor's degree within two years. I actually did it. I even had a 130-plus day deployment to Iraq, but with my determination and access to the internet and computers, I was able to complete the required classes.

Thinking back on my initial attitude toward education makes it hard to believe I am where I am today. The Air Force gave me the tools I needed to complete my degree and get back into the classroom, which gave me opportunities to excel and rise above my peers.

The fact I completed my CCAF as a staff sergeant made my supervisors recognize me as someone who is studious and who desires educational opportunities. It also led to advanced training opportunities, which in turn led to awards, a promotion, and acceptance into Officer Training School. Now, I am a second lieutenant.

Whenever I get a chance, I talk to the enlisted personnel I work with and tell them how easy it is to go to school and complete CCAF. After all, someone like me, who turned down the G.I. Bill in 1997, is now halfway through a master's degree. If I can do it, surely they can as well.

Learn more about the Community College of the Air Force at [www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf](http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf)

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### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submissions must be received by 4 p.m. Wednesday, the week prior to the requested Friday publication.

# On the Fly

## Mandatory safety brief

There will be a mandatory safety briefing for all riders of mopeds, motorcycles and scooters April 29 from 9 to 9:30 a.m. The briefing will be conducted at the motorcycle course training area in the Pave Paws (Bldg. 1400) parking lot.

The briefing will be followed by the annual See Me, Save Me ride, a two-hour ride through the base and surrounding communities.

## Road closure

The closure of the north end of Milledgeville Street has been extended to May 13.

The extension is due to construction delays resulting from bad weather and extra time needed to remove soil.

The closure is due to a project to replace old four-inch chilled water pipes between buildings 169 and 180 and replace them with eight-inch chilled water pipes. The additional chilled water supply will provide environmentally-controlled and conditioned space for aircraft work in Bldg. 180.

The impact on traffic is minimal as the affected portion is already closed to personal vehicles and through traffic.

## Academy graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates of Airey NCO Academy:  
Tech. Sgt. Brandon Anderson  
Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Fogleman

Tech. Sgt. Dawn Kidder  
Tech. Sgt. Brian McDonald\*  
Tech. Sgt. Denes Okerlund  
Tech. Sgt. Alfredo Ortiz  
Tech. Sgt. Momolu Sherman  
Tech. Sgt. Cameron Smith  
Tech. Sgt. Chad Smith  
Tech. Sgt. Anna Tracy  
\* *Distinguished graduate*

## Upcoming

The **Armed Services Blood Program** will conduct a blood drive today from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex.

The American Red Cross will also conduct a blood drive today from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 210 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Bldg. 640.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Kristen MacBride at 497-5262.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is offering **free resume writing classes** at the Base Theater today and Tuesday. Classes will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and again from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Robins will be implementing the Single Staffing Tool April 25. Current civilian employees will apply for all internal openings at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). The class will cover the new process.

Participants do not need to register for the resume classes in advance. For more information, call 468-1256.

The 78th Force Support Squadron and Hunt Communities are co-sponsoring **Family Fest, a free event Saturday** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Center.

In addition to an Easter

egg hunt organized by the Base Chapel, there will be mini-Olympics, a relay race, a dance contest, face painting, and many more activities for all ages.

For more information, call 468-2110.

The 78th Communications Directorate is hosting a **Wireless Expo Thursday** from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation.

The event will showcase a variety of wireless technologies, including mobile communications, device auditing, service providers and more.

For more information, contact Lisa Hammock at 468-8181.

The **Camellia Gardens Memorial Service**, which pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins, will take place May 26 at 10 a.m. in the tranquil garden across from Horizons.

Robins network users can visit <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/78abw/HC/default.aspx> to submit names for this year's ceremony.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Karimah Giles at 497-5816 or Master Sgt. Beaux Wilson at 472-5295.

## Etcetera

**Anyone having a claim against**, or indebtedness to, the estate of Staff Sgt. Felicia R. Rivers should contact 2nd Lt. Tiffany Jones at 468-4048.

A reminder to base drivers: **Passing is not allowed** when approach-



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

## Base responders put to test

A "protester" is detained by 78th Security Forces Squadron members during an exercise last week. Volunteers simulated a protest just outside the Martin Luther King gate to test the response of base personnel.

## Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	468-1256
Health and Wellness Education	Health and Wellness Center	497-8480
Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	497-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	497-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	468-2946
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	497-4584

**AFMC Wellness Support Center — [www.afmcwellness.com](http://www.afmcwellness.com)**

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ing stopped BiRD buses which are loading or unloading passengers.

Deadline to apply for the 2011 **Federal Managers Association scholarship awards** is Thursday.

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 will be given to three area high school seniors.

Application packages may be obtained by e-mailing [donnadlong@windstream.net](mailto:donnadlong@windstream.net). For more

details, call 472-0693.

The Directorate of Personnel's **Injury Compensation Office is closed** Fridays.

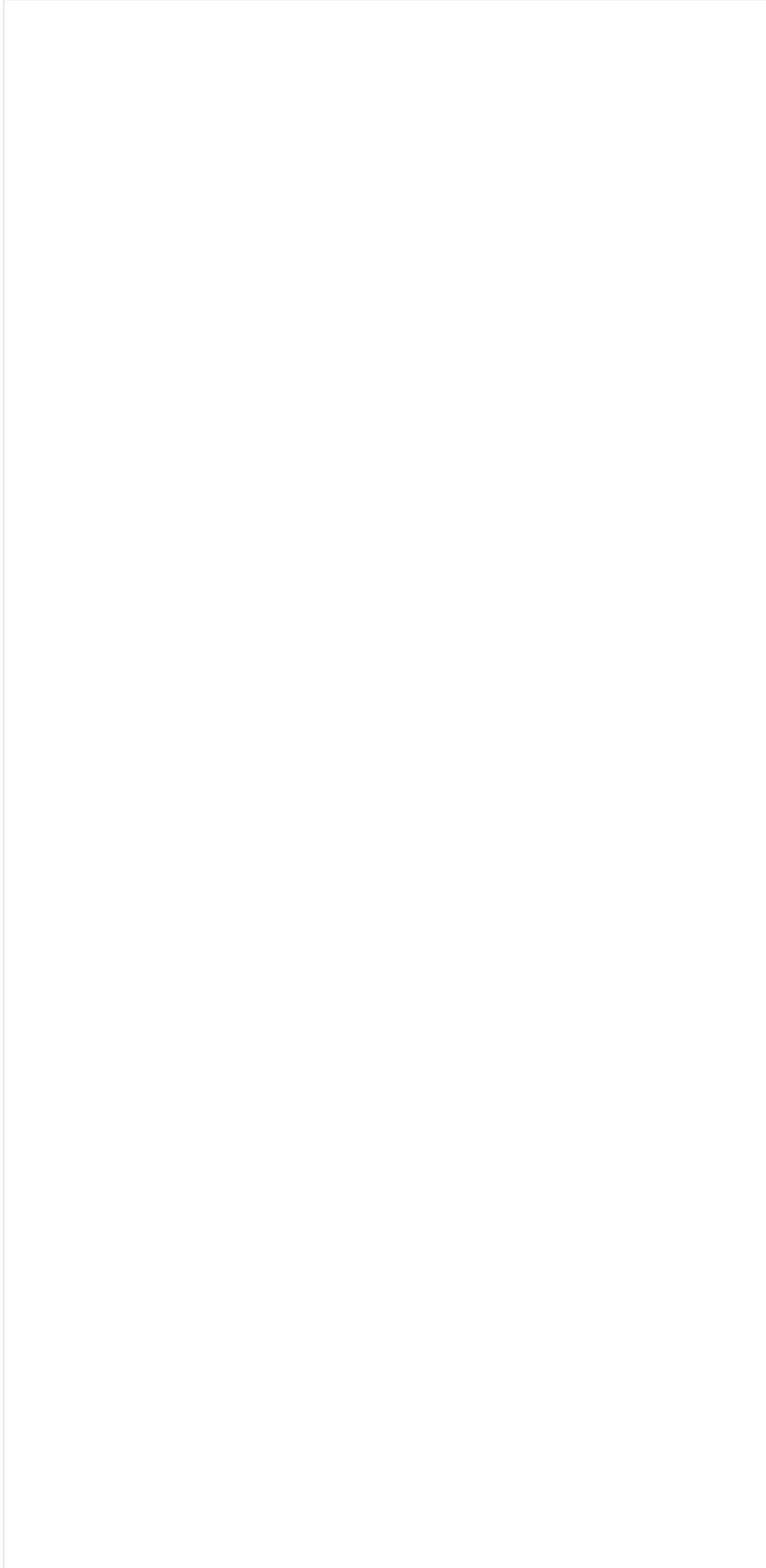
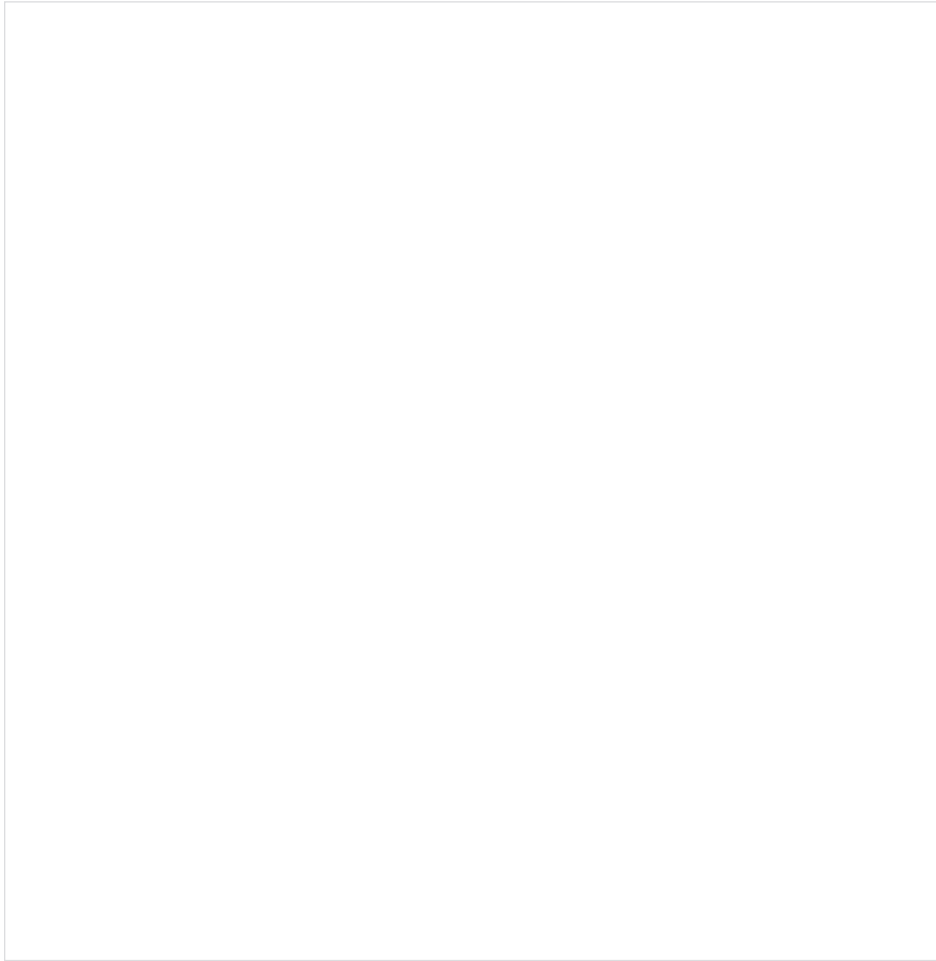
For more information, call 497-9801.



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## Road Rules

Master Sgt. Dennis Odom demonstrates a safety inspection to 5th Combat Communications Group motorcycle riders. The inspection was part of a skills and safety workshop, which was followed by a group ride. Team Robins' annual See Me, Save Me ride will be today beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Museum of Aviation.



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

# Defense Department celebrates Month of the Military Child

BY ELAINE SANCHEZ

American Forces Press Service

Children of U.S. servicemembers will be honored throughout the month of April for their contributions to their families' well-being and sacrifices on behalf of the nation, a DoD official said.

Each April, Americans pause to recognize the nation's 1.8 million military children during the Month of the Military Child, which marks its 25th anniversary this year.

"It's really exciting the Department of Defense, the White House and civic leaders recognize the sacrifices military children make," said Barbara Thompson, director of the Pentagon's office of family policy, children and youth. "It's particularly important during these times of conflict, when children are missing their parents and are sacrificing a lot, to say your sacrifice is recognized and we want to commend you for what you do for your family."

Throughout the month, military

installations will host programs and activities for military children, including fairs, picnics, carnivals and parades, Thompson said.

Military children's sacrifices and contributions have risen to the forefront in recent years, Thompson said, as people have become increasingly aware of the impact a decade of war is having on military families. Along with the typical military-related stressors of multiple moves and schools, children also have had to deal with long-term, multiple deployments and separations from one, or both, parents during the past 10-plus years.

Recent research suggests deployments and the length of time separated have an impact on children's academic success and psychological well-being.

Just as important as caring for children is caring for their parents, Thompson added.

"We know if the parent is taken care of, the children are taken care of," she said.

Thompson praised the introduc-

tion of programs such as the DOD's military family life consultants, who provide coaching and non-medical counseling to children, families and staff in schools and child development and youth programs.

Sports and camps offer other opportunities for children to thrive and grow, she said.

However, she said, Defense Department officials can't tackle all of these issues alone.

The nation took an important step forward in January, Thompson said, when President Barack Obama unveiled a government-wide plan to strengthen military family support.

Federal agencies committed to nearly 50 new programs and cooperative efforts to improve quality of life and well-being for military families.

Thompson also called for a strong "circle of support," in which schools, communities, health care providers and federal agencies come together to support military families.

"We know that it takes a village," she said.



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about 30 minutes to get here. She said the drivers are “wonderful” and will even look for them in the afternoon to make sure they aren’t missing the ride home.

“The Macon Transit Authority seems to be doing everything it can to accommodate the base and the riders,” she said.

Horace Blackshear, an equipment specialist in the ASD, has been riding the bus since January. He said he does not pay as much attention to gas prices these

days. When he asks others why they don’t ride the bus, the most common concern is they could have an emergency and have to leave.

“When you really think about it, how many emergencies do you have?” he said. “It’s just once in a blue moon.”

When he first started riding the bus only about seven people were riding, but now it’s up to about 15 each day.

“I don’t understand why more people don’t ride it,” he said. “I’m scratching my head.”

Terry Crawford, a supply specialist in 406th

Supply Chain Management Squadron, gets on the bus at the Westgate Shopping Center in Macon, where the Home Depot used to be. She lives in Lizella and figures she saves at least \$60 per week just in gas.

She said she has “plenty of volunteers” among her co-workers if she has an emergency and needs a ride.

“We’ve been trying to recruit more riders because we want to see it keep going,” she said.

To sign up for the Transportation Incentive Program or for more information about BiRD, call 468-0945.

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Airport in Atlanta. Epps Aviation is one of the top 10 independent fixed-base operations in the U.S.

►Albert H. “Goldie” Glenn -- Glenn is a former president and chief operating officer of Gulfstream. Glenn introduced industry-changing

concepts to aircraft manufacturing, such as interchangeable parts, warranties and preproduction maintenance reviews.

►James “Jim” Howard Rhyne -- Rhyne has a flying career which spans more than 50 years. In that time, he flew F-84s and F-100s for the Air Force, managed Gardens Aviation in Pine Mountain, flew the F-86L and AC-97 for the

Georgia Air National Guard and worked with Air America Inc., serving in southeast Asia.

This year’s honorees join 87 other aviation legends in the hall of fame.

The Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame exhibit is located on the 2nd floor of the Century of Flight Hangar.

— *courtesy Museum of Aviation.*





## BASE HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

#### The Afterburner

Today  
5 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Brewed coffee for \$1  
For details, call 472-7827.

#### National Volunteer Week

**Recognition Ceremony**  
Today  
1 p.m.  
Horizons  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Boss N' Buddy

Today  
4 to 5 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Free Family Fest

Saturday  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m.  
Youth Center  
For details, call 468-2110.

#### Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday  
2 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
Members \$10; guests \$15  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### 9 Pin No-Tap Tournament

Saturday  
6 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
Cost \$15  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### Money & Credit Management

Monday  
1 to 3 p.m.  
A&FRC, Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Bundles for Babies & Passport to Parenthood

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. to noon  
A&FRC, Bldg. 794  
For details, call 497-8389.

#### Teen College Dreams Seminar

Tuesday  
5 to 6 p.m.  
A&FRC, Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Swim Lessons

Registration begins Tuesday  
Outdoor Rec, Bldg. 914  
For details, call 468-4001.

#### UPCOMING

##### Earth Day BIG Bingo

April 22  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 468-4515

##### Easter Brunch

April 24  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Horizons  
For details, call 468-2670.

##### Family Night BINGO

April 25  
Doors open 5 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 468-4515.

##### Resume/Cover Letter Prep

April 26  
9 to 11 a.m.  
A&FRC, Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

##### Financial Beginnings

April 27  
9 to 11 a.m.  
A&FRC, Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

##### Kayak or canoe the Ocmulgee River

April 30  
Register by April 22  
Cost \$30 per person

#### Base Chapel Easter Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - Easter Cantata  
April 17 at 11 a.m.

Good Friday Service  
April 22 at noon.

Easter Sunrise Service  
April 24 at 6:30 a.m.  
*(No Sunday School, breakfast will follow in Chapel Annex)*

Easter Celebration Service  
April 24 at 11 a.m.

**All services will be in the Chapel Sanctuary**

For details, call 468-4001.

#### Heart Link/Spouse Immersion Tour

May 6  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
A&FRC, Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Free Birdwatching

May 7 (register by April 29)  
8 a.m. to noon  
For details, call 497-3974.

#### DHL Nitro Funny Car

May 11  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Bowling Center parking lot  
Chance to win race tickets  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### Monster Motor Mayhem

May 14  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Arts & Crafts Center  
Registration \$15  
For details, call 468-5282.

#### Tops In Blue

May 15  
7 p.m.  
For details, call 468-2105.



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## Mobile technology

Brittany Ramey, wireless sales representative, displays the Motorola Xoom to Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Hicks at the new Robins Base Exchange Mobile Center Kiosk. There will be a grand opening celebration Saturday for the kiosk. In addition to special promotional pricing on some of the newest 4G phones and tablets, shoppers can enter to win prizes.

## NOW PLAYING

Tickets - \$4.50 adult; \$2.50 children (up to 11 yrs)  
For details, call 926-2919.



TODAY  
7 P.M.  
THE ADJUSTMENT  
BUREAU  
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SATURDAY  
6:30 P.M.  
HALL PASS  
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## 78th FSS DIRECTORY

- ▶ FSS Administration . . . 468-3193
- ▶ Community Center . . . 468-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec . . . . . 468-4001
- ▶ Base Chapel . . . . . 468-2821
- ▶ Arts & Crafts . . . . . 468-5282
- ▶ Horizons . . . . . 468-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club . . . . . 468-2670
- ▶ Library . . . . . 497-8761
- ▶ HAWC . . . . . 497-8480
- ▶ Fitness Center . . . . . 468-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex . . 472-5350
- ▶ Youth Center . . . . . 468-2110
- ▶ ITT . . . . . 468-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center . . . . . 468-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. . . . . 468-4103
- ▶ Pizza Depot . . . . . 468-0188