



The 116th Air Control Wing continues to support NATO-led military operations in Libya. The 116th flies the E-8 Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar aircraft, or JSTARS, whose primary role is to track enemy ground targets.

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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## Security level raised

The on-going strife in the Middle East and the death of Osama bin Laden has prompted a change in the Force Protection Condition on base.

At the direction of U.S. Northern Command, which sets the baseline security level for all military installations in the United States, including Robins, the FPCON is now Bravo. The installations have been directed

to sustain Bravo measures until further notice.

FPCON levels are Normal (lowest), Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta (highest), and security is progressively more strict at each level. People are likely to encounter challenges such as having to park further away from buildings and delays entering and exiting the installation, and facil-

ities.

Although no specific threat has been assessed for military personal or facilities in the U.S., NORTHCOM elevated the FPCON level as a precaution against possible retaliation.

Personnel are urged to remain vigilant and report out-of-the-ordinary observations to their chain of command or law enforcement officials.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Staff Sgt. Damian Hebert inspects the nickel guard on the leading edge of a C-130J propeller blade.

## First C-130J arrives for depot maintenance

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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C-130s fly into Robins on a regular basis for programmed depot maintenance, but one which landed April 26 is special.

It's the first C-130J to come here for PDM. The J model is the newest C-130, which has been in continuous production for more than 50 years, a record for military aircraft.

A team of maintenance and program office personnel has worked since January 2010 to prepare for its arrival. It was a significant task in part because the plane is so much more advanced than any other C-130, with digital cockpit gauges and a heads up display, more powerful Rolls Royce engines, more cargo capacity, and six-blade composite propellers.

Beverly Soles, chief of the C-130J/C-27J branch in the Aerospace

Sustainment Directorate, called it a "major relief" to see the plane arrive.

"It was a concerted effort with basically a small group of people to get this plane here," she said, while standing outside the aircraft the day after it landed. "It means we have done the job we were supposed to, to get the 402nd Maintenance Wing ready to do the work."

The arrival of the aircraft is significant for another reason.

With the J model the C-130 maintenance section will for the first time use Maintenance Steering Group 3, which is based on the maintenance method of commercial airliners.

The primary purpose of MSG-3 is to avoid duplication of work done during field inspections, and thereby reduce the downtime of aircraft during PDM.

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## HERCS BATTLE MOTHER NATURE



Courtesy photo

This C-130 sustained damage during recent storms in Little Rock, Ark. A four-man team from the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's Tactical Airlift Division evaluated the damage.

## 3 transports damaged by tornado in Arkansas

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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A team of engineers from Robins spent the last week at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., assessing three C-130s damaged by a tornado.

The four-man team from the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's Tactical Airlift Division evaluated the damage to help officials decide whether to scrap or repair the aircraft.

All three aircraft had significant wing damage, along with some other damage, and the early cost estimate for repairs is \$2 million each, said Maj. Gary Goldsmith, tactical airlift chief engineer in ASD.

The decision on whether to scrap or repair the aircraft will be made by their owning organization, in this case, Air Force Mobility Command, Goldsmith said.

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## 4 airlifters help tame massive Mexican wildfires

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The venerable C-130 performs a wide array of missions, but one of its lesser known uses is fighting wildfires.

The aircraft, for which Robins does heavy maintenance and life cycle management, has been busy in recent days fighting wildfires in Mexico, just over the Texas border.

The firefighting C-130s use the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System, or MAFFS,

▶ see FIRE, 9

## Parking on the honor system

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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With empty parking spaces getting harder to find at Robins, particularly in the area around buildings 300 and 301, handicapped parking spaces are becoming an increasing topic of conversation.

Some people believe there are too few, others believe there are too many, and still others wonder why they see people getting out of cars in those spaces who show no signs of being handicapped.

Terry Landreth, traffic engineering office supervisor in the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, said there are many misconceptions about the base's handicapped parking policy.

The most important thing he



wants to emphasize is people should not abuse handicapped parking. He does not see a problem of people parking in handicapped spaces without a handicapped placard. He does, however, suspect some people may be parking in those spaces with placards meant for someone else, such as a spouse.

It's difficult for anyone to know that, he said. For example, someone with a heart condition could look and walk perfectly normal but it may be difficult for them to walk long distances.

Therefore, he said, it's really up to people to be honest and not take advantage of having a handicapped placard in a vehicle meant for someone else.

Many people also mistakenly believe the Americans With Disabilities Act sets a certain percentage of handicapped parking spaces. It only sets a minimum. Handicapped spaces must be provided for all who have a placard.

If handicapped drivers have trouble finding a space at their building, they should go to their building's parking monitor and request additional spaces.

Most handicapped parking spaces are open to anyone with a handicapped placard, but some are reserved for people

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## VERA/VSIP incentives survey now open

Robins civilian employees are being asked if they would be interested in applying for potential voluntary early retirement or separation programs.

The survey on the Directorate of Personnel homepage, which will be open through at least Monday, will help the command analyze how effective the incentives might be in reducing manpower to meet current and anticipated budget constraints. If results are positive, Air Force Materiel Command will seek authority for the incentives, which could be offered to employees



as early as this fall and include up to \$25,000, depending on various employment factors.

To participate in the survey, go to the secure Robins home page and click on "staff offices" at the top. Then, click the Directorate of Personnel link and look for the "VERA/VSIP survey" heading on the top left of the page.

### THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 20  
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— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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## UNIT PROFILE: 802nd MXSS

### What it does

The 802nd Maintenance Support Squadron's Chemical Analysis Flight conducts a wide range of chemical and physical property analyses for a variety of customers, both on and off base. Thousands of tests are conducted each year on samples such as hydraulics fluids, fuels, plating chemical solutions, paints, polymers, air, hazardous waste, digital flight data recordings, and special project materials.

### Why it matters

One reason is safety. Among other things, air is tested for harmful contaminants; samples are tested for the presence of asbestos, lead and other heavy metals which may pose a serious threat to the health of employees. Additionally, the lab performs tests on paints, adhesives and sealants for possible shelf-life extension, passing on significant cost savings to its customers.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Stanley Westphal, a chemist, prepares a dust sample for analysis of hazardous metals and chemicals. The flight supports Warner Robins Air Logistics Center organizations, associate units and off-base customers.**

### By the numbers

- 19** Chemists, engineers and technicians employed by the flight
- \$1** Approximate amount, in millions, saved every year by shelf-life extension
- 8,352** Analyses performed in 2010
- 503** Surface swipe tests performed for heavy metals since January
- 3** New workloads requested by customers in 2011

### What they say



**Benjamin Torrey**  
Chemist

"One thing I admire about the lab is the quality of instrumentation. The Air Force cares about the safety and protection of the warfighter, so we get the equipment to provide the best analytical support possible."



**Laura Preiss**  
Chemist

"I love this job because we get to do a wide variety of things and continually get new projects. We have specialties, but we get to branch out and are encouraged to improve our depth and breadth of knowledge."

## People Spotlight



**Thomas Rivers III**

**TITLE:** Aircraft electrician, F-15 rewiring flight

**BACKGROUND:** Rivers worked at Robins from 1979 to 1983, then returned here last January. In between he was a contractor and worked on F-15s in Saudi Arabia.

**HOMETOWN:** Middlesex, N.J.

"I was chief of quality control for F-15s in Saudi Arabia. It was great there, and the people were grand. They had a mindset of being honest and forthright, and I liked that."

"I love the aircraft business. I am hoping to move up and maybe get back into quality control eventually."

"I just enjoy what I do. It's a natural high for me. I'm supposed to be here at 2:30 (p.m.) but I get here at 1 o'clock every day. I just sit around and enjoy being here, and I read a little bit."

"I was born in New Jersey but my parents are from here. I'm a military brat."

"I love chess and cooking. I used to cook for a living many years ago. I like to cook Chinese and Italian."

## 402nd Safe-T-Gram quickly notifies workforce of fall protection changes

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

Just because something has been done one way for a long time, doesn't mean it can't or shouldn't be changed.

Such is the case of the Air Force standard for fall protection. For years it had been 10 feet. It was recently changed to four feet.

To help get the word out in the 402nd Maintenance Wing – where the standard is applicable to the largest number of people on Robins – the wing's safety office sent out a Safe-T-Gram to employees.

"Immediately adhering to the revised standard just makes sense," said James Hogan, Lead Safety specialist in the office.

"We wanted to ensure our people were quickly notified of the

change, so they can comply."

The new standard affects maintenance activities both on the flight line and in hangars, and requires fall protection to be used wherever there is a potential for a worker to fall four feet or more to the next lower level or, regardless of height, onto unguarded machinery or dangerous equipment.

Aircraft de-icing, washing and corrosion control; engine- and landing gear-related operations; defueling and refueling; isochronal/phase inspections; and hangar maintenance are examples of some of the areas and activities in which fall protection safeguards are commonplace.

"This change better protects workers from a potential fall," said Hogan. "It's especially important considering our goal is for our people to go home safe every day."



U.S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

**Will Bazela, with Capitol Safety Inc., demonstrates the four-man vacuum anchor, which can be used for meeting the four foot fall protection standard.**

## PARKING

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with special needs, such as those recovering from major surgery.

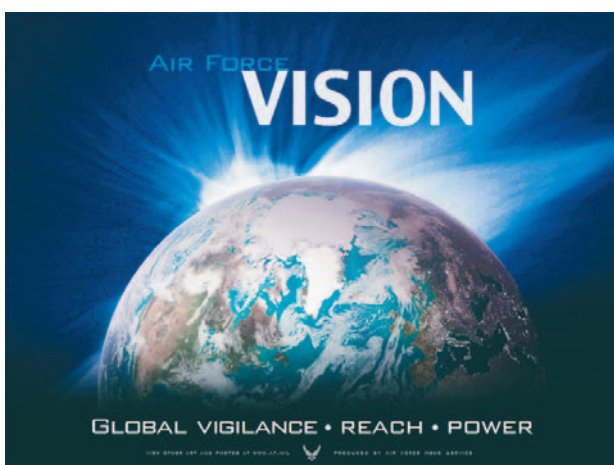
Those are supposed to be special cases. Some people request reserved spaces, but do not really show a special need, Landreth said. It more often turns out upon questioning they are simply frustrated with being unable to find a parking spot.

At one time the base did assign handicapped parking spaces to individuals, but that isn't practical now because much-needed spaces just sit empty while people are on leave.

Also, handicapped parking is continually monitored and if spaces are consistently open a decision can be made to reduce the number of spaces. However, Landreth said that doesn't seem to be the case at present.

Anyone with questions about handicapped parking on base can contact Landreth at 497-2910.

**Positive workplace relationships enable everyone to perform at their very best**



# Combat communicators sharpen skills at readiness school

BY ROBERT TALENTI

689th Combat Communications Wing

More than 25 Airmen from the 5th Combat Communications Group recently graduated from an intense three-week course designed to hone their combat skills.

Combat Readiness School course graduates learn a variety of combat skill sets to include convoy tactics, land navigation, ground base defense, communications reporting, and tactical team movement. These skills help the Airmen perform their technical communications, power production and air traffic control duties in hostile environments.

Course graduates are qualified to deploy anywhere in the world within 72 hours of being tasked.

Staff Sgt. Shane VanDewark, a CRS instructor, belted out the same message over and over to

ensure his words sunk in.

“Effective communication equals effective combat,” he said. “We have three main goals in conducting the course – provide our Airmen the tools to effectively operate in a combat environment, get them used to carrying their weapons, and teach them how to provide ground base defense.”

VanDewark said because he came up in a civil engineer squadron as a power production Airman, training others like him is unique and awesome.

“I’ve trained hundreds of students, and I get a lot of gratification knowing I’ve grown them into combat professionals in the areas of radio operations, protection of critical assets, and defending sites and wingmen,” he said. “In fact, they just held off a full site assault. This isn’t something they would have been able to do on day one.”



U.S. Air Force photo by ROBERT TALENTI

**Maj. Michael Radermacher, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron commander, takes a defensive fighting position during Combat Readiness School, an intense three-week course which transforms Airmen into combat communicators.**

# ViewPoints

“I’m a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.”  
 – Thomas Jefferson

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

## Reenergizing the American spirit

### Victory reason to rededicate support to warfighter

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

Most of us remember where we were when life-changing, historical events happened.

The news Sunday night of the death of Osama bin Laden will be one of those occasions.

I will remember exactly where I was when I first learned the world’s most wanted man and former leader of Al Qaeda was killed; I was channel surfing between one TV show and

another when I saw some footage of bin Laden splash across the screen.

I couldn’t believe what I was seeing, and then heard, but it became clear when President Obama addressed the nation.

Although it was late, I was glued to the news – much like I was on 9-11. Then, as now, I thirsted for more information. I wanted to know how it happened and what others were feeling. Answers to those questions were quick to come as

additional news reports described the operation and showed people pouring into the streets to celebrate by the White House, in New York, and elsewhere.

It warmed my heart.

Then, as now, my heart was also filled with pride, as I learned the details of what our special forces, our intelligence community, our president, and others had done.

While it won’t bring back any of the thousands of people who

were killed on 9-11, or who have been killed since then, it makes me rededicate my support to the Airmen, Soldiers, Marines and Sailors who are in harms way.

Hopefully, everyone at Robins will also rededicate themselves to going above and beyond to get aircraft, parts or people out the door.

We won Sunday night. Let’s take the victory and use it to remind us what it is to win – to do everything we possibly can to support our warfighters.

## Commander’s Action Line

The action line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to work and live.

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the responsible organization. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes.

Please include your name and a way of reaching

you, so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will also not be processed.

Commander’s Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

For more information, visit <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. To contact the Commander’s Action Line, call **468-2886** or e-mail [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil).

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▶ Military Pay	468-4022
▶ Civil Engineering	468-5657
▶ Public Affairs	468-2137
▶ Safety Office	468-6271
▶ Fraud, Waste & Abuse	468-2393
▶ Housing Office	468-3776
▶ Chaplain	468-2821
▶ IDEA	497-7281

### ENERGY CONSERVATION

I would like to know why some of the lights in the parking lots cannot be turned off to conserve energy? I understand some must stay lit for safety reasons, but believe many could be turned off.

I would also like to know why the interior and exterior lights are left on in the structure adjacent to the Air National Guard building, just north of Bldg. 90, on Perimeter Road? The building does not appear to be occupied.

### COLONEL BUHLER RESPONDS:

Thank you for your note. We continue to encourage everyone on Robins to make us aware of

opportunities to save energy, particularly during this time of shrinking budgets.

Concerning your first question, the Robins Energy Office has been actively engaged in reducing the use of parking lot lighting and street/exterior building lighting, especially when the lighting is not required for the mission, force protection, safety, or emergency egress reasons.

As a part of this effort, a project was designed to wirelessly control the high mast lights from several locations and to easily power down those high mast lights when the light is not needed.

Thanks to the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, the high mast lighting control project was funded in fiscal 2010. Construction started October 18, with an estimated completion date of May 22.

The second question addresses the interior/exterior lighting of the new C-130/C-17 aircraft hangar which is under construction. The exterior lights are controlled with photo cells, so they come on at night. Eight of the interior lights are designated as emergency egress lights, and are required by life safety code to be left on 24/7.

Until construction is complete, the contractor will be reminded to

turn off the remainder of the interior lights, except those for emergency egress, when the hangar is unoccupied.

Once the construction is complete, the Energy Office will ask the 402nd Maintenance Wing facility manager to ensure all interior lighting is turned off when not needed.

In closing, personnel from the Installation Energy Office periodically drive the base at night looking for similar incidences. We encourage leaders at all levels to put teams together to do the same.

If you have further questions, our point of contact is Dave Bury, 78th CEG, at 497-4532.

# On the Fly

## Award winner

Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Tiffany Jackson, 78th Force Support Squadron, who has been named AFMC's Honor Guard Member of the Year. She will now represent the command at the Air Force-level competition.

- Teacher of the Year: *Emily Heath*, Perry High School
- Special Team of the Year Award: *Technical Data Home Office, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center*
- Major General Thomas H. Chapman Outstanding Senior Logistics Officer of the Year: *David Nakayama*

## Upcoming

There will be a **Caring For People forum** Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Horizons.

For more information, call 497-7695.

The Robins Top 3 will host this year's **master sergeant promotion release celebration May 19** at 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom.

Everyone is invited to come out and congratulate the new promotees.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Matthew Hurless at 497-7977 or Master Sgt. Kelli Burns at 497-8079.

The annual **WR-ALC/CC Golf Tournament** will be May 20 at 8 a.m.

Players will have a chance to win a truck and other prizes with a hole in one. All participants will receive \$50 gift cards.

For more information or to sign up, call 472-3470.

There will be a **Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and 78th Air Base Wing enlisted call** May 20 at 3 p.m. in the Heritage Club.

Immediately following the enlisted call, about 4 p.m., Boss-N-Buddy night will begin in the ballroom. All other commands and

wings on the base are invited.

Registration is now open for the **2nd Annual Tour de Moose Bike Ride** on May 21. The event offers 7-, 15-, 30- and 45-mile rides around the base.

The event is open to all ages and all types of bike riders.

For more details, visit [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or [www.museumofaviation.org](http://www.museumofaviation.org), or contact Mary Lynn Harrison at 478-923-6600.

The Robins Chiefs Group will hold its **annual 5K run and one-mile fun walk** May 27 near the Robins Fitness Center.

Same-day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. There is no entry fee to participate, but runners are encouraged to secure sponsors.

For more information, visit the Robins Chiefs Group website at [www.robinschiefsgroup.org](http://www.robinschiefsgroup.org), or send an email to [info@robinschiefsgroup.org](mailto:info@robinschiefsgroup.org).

## 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.

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

Applicants must be an enlisted military member (active duty, reserve, National Guard or retired) or the dependent of an



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## Moving Tribute

Richard Sexton finds the name of his best friend, Gerald Wrazen, who died in the Vietnam War. The Moving Wall, a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., was on display through Sunday at Veterans High School. Its visit here was supported by more than 175 base volunteers.

## 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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enlisted military member assigned to or retired from Robins.

Any enlisted rank or branch of service is eligible.

For more information, visit the Robins Chiefs

Group's website at [www.robinschiefsgroup.org](http://www.robinschiefsgroup.org) or send an email to [info@robinschiefsgroup.org](mailto:info@robinschiefsgroup.org).

Deadline for package submittal for the **Robins Airlift Tanker Associa-**

**tion's 2011 college scholarships** is May 23.

For more information, including scholarship qualifications and submission requirements, contact Lt. Col. Paul Peterson at [paul.peterson.10@us.af.mil](mailto:paul.peterson.10@us.af.mil).

## Camellia Gardens ceremony set for May 26

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

The service is a 35-year tradition rooted in a partnership among Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society, and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce. The three teamed up in 1976 to establish and dedicate the garden, which memorializes the dead by celebrating life. At the garden's entrance, the names are displayed of the 1,600-plus deceased military and civilian members of Robins who have been honored.

Nominations for individuals to be memorialized are being sought.

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

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



U.S. Air Force file photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

**1st Lt. Karl Kappler, 689th Combat Communications Wing, and 2nd Lt. Karl Hurdle, 116th Air Control Wing, deliver a wreath during last year's Camellia Gardens Memorial Service.**

THINK OPSEC:

IF YOU DON'T  
WANT IT READ.....

SHRED INSTEAD

## HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

#### First Friday

Today  
5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m.  
Horizons  
For details, call 468-2670.

#### Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday  
2 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Mother's Day Bowling

Sunday  
Bowling Center  
Moms bowl for \$1 a game  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### Mother's Day Brunch

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

#### DHL Nitro Funny Car

Wednesday  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Bowling Center parking lot

For details, call 468-2112.

#### Karaoke

Thursday  
8 to 11 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### UPCOMING

##### Tops In Blue

May 15  
7 p.m.  
Warner Robins Civic Center  
For details, call 468-2105.

##### Gallery Contest

May 16 to 20  
Arts & Crafts Center  
For details, call 468-5282.

##### Tubing in Helen, GA

June 11  
8 a.m.  
Cost is \$35  
Register by May 23.

##### Pizza Depot

**Birthdays Celebration**  
June 7  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For details, call 468-0188.

#### ONGOING

##### May Special

Mondays and Tuesdays  
Base Restaurant  
BBQ sandwich, 99 cents  
For details, call 468-6972.

##### May Golf Special

Pine Oaks Golf Course  
18 holes with cart  
\$25 after 1 p.m.  
For details, call 468-4103.

##### Ground School

Through June 29  
Aero Club  
For details, call 468-4867.

##### Wild Adventures Passes

\$30 – One day  
\$41 – Two days  
\$67 – Season  
For details, call 468-2945.

##### Swim Lessons

Classes Tuesday to Thursday  
For details, call 468-4001.



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## See me, Save Me

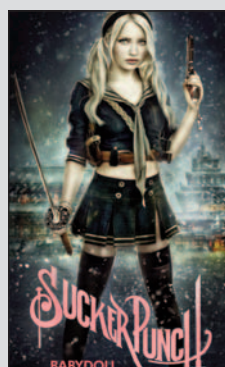
Motorcyclists participate April 29 in the 3rd annual See Me, Save Me Ride. The See Me, Save Me campaign is an effort by motorcyclists to educate four-wheel drivers with whom they share the road to look for them during their commute. Approximately 425 riders participated in the event, nearly double the number who participated in 2010.

## BASE THEATER — NOW PLAYING

Due to a decrease in patronage, the Base Theater will no longer show movies after May 14.



FRIDAY  
7 P.M.  
THE LINCOLN  
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SATURDAY  
6:30 P.M.  
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7 P.M.  
DIARY OF A  
WIMPY KID 2  
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MAY 14  
6:30 P.M.  
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### TICKETS

**\$4.50**  
**adult;**  
**\$2.25**  
**children**  
**(up to 11 yrs)**

For details,  
call 468-2919.

### 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
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- ▶ Tickets and Travel . . . 468-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center . . . . . 468-2112
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. . . . . 468-4103
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## J MODEL

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The C-130J will also involve another change in how depot-level maintenance is done.

Instead of undergoing traditional programmed depot maintenance, the C-130J will be put through the Progressive Maintenance Program. With standard PDM, all C-130s basically get the same things done. With PMP, however, maintainers will use a more tailored approach, examining exactly what each aircraft needs and not spending time on things it may not need.

The aircraft was built for the PMP process, Soles said.

Its computerized flight data recorder allows maintainers to plug in a laptop and instantly see faults which occurred while the plane was flying. It will help them better target what work needs to be performed.

Soles said the hope is with the successful implementation of PMP and MSG-3, the legacy side will eventually incorporate the techniques of those methods with high velocity maintenance. HVM adds the element of better support for mechanics, allowing them to spend more time working on the aircraft rather than tracking down parts and

equipment.

“What is being worked now is to come up with a single concept for the C-130,” she said.

Robert Lasseigne, chief of the C-130J Aircraft Sustainment Section in ASD, said the C-130J which arrived last week is a weather reconnaissance plane from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Most of the high-tech weather tracking equipment it normally carries was removed prior to coming here.

He said mechanics here received special training to work on the J model, and pilots in the 339th Flight Test Squadron also received special training so they can fly it. In fact, a 339th crew transported it

here from Keesler.

Maj. Gary Goldsmith, the 339th pilot who commanded that mission, said the J model is “completely different” from other C-130s. Among other things, the heads up display “... gives you better situational awareness. It allows you to search for other traffic,” he said.

The planes will come in at a rate of almost one a month for the next year, then the pace will steadily increase. The Air Force currently has 89 J models.

Andre Tucker, C-130 maintenance supervisor, said mechanics set to work on the aircraft are excited about it. Five are now in Little Rock, Ark., getting J model training.

## STORM

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Two of the aircraft, both 1962 models, are already slated for retirement later this year.

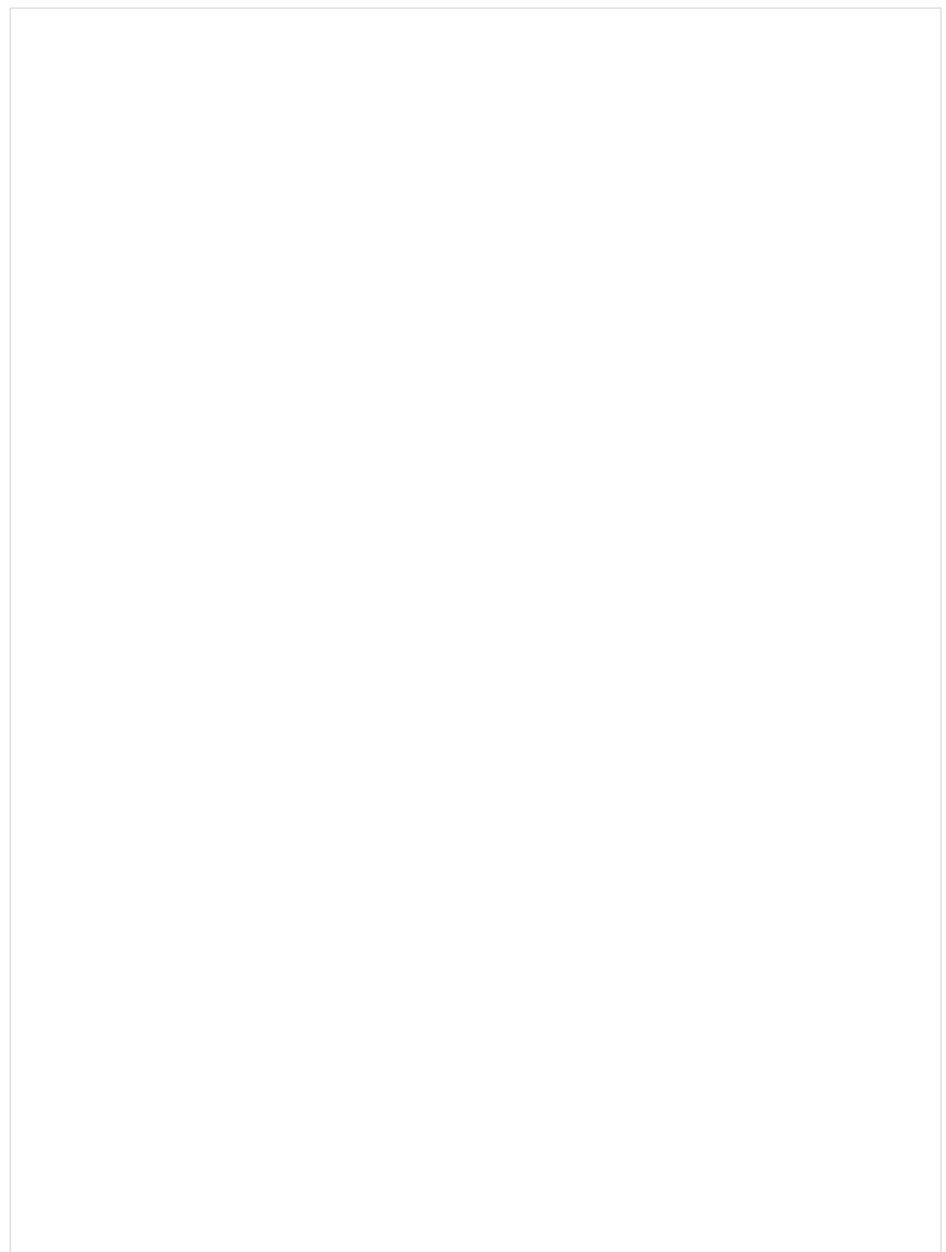
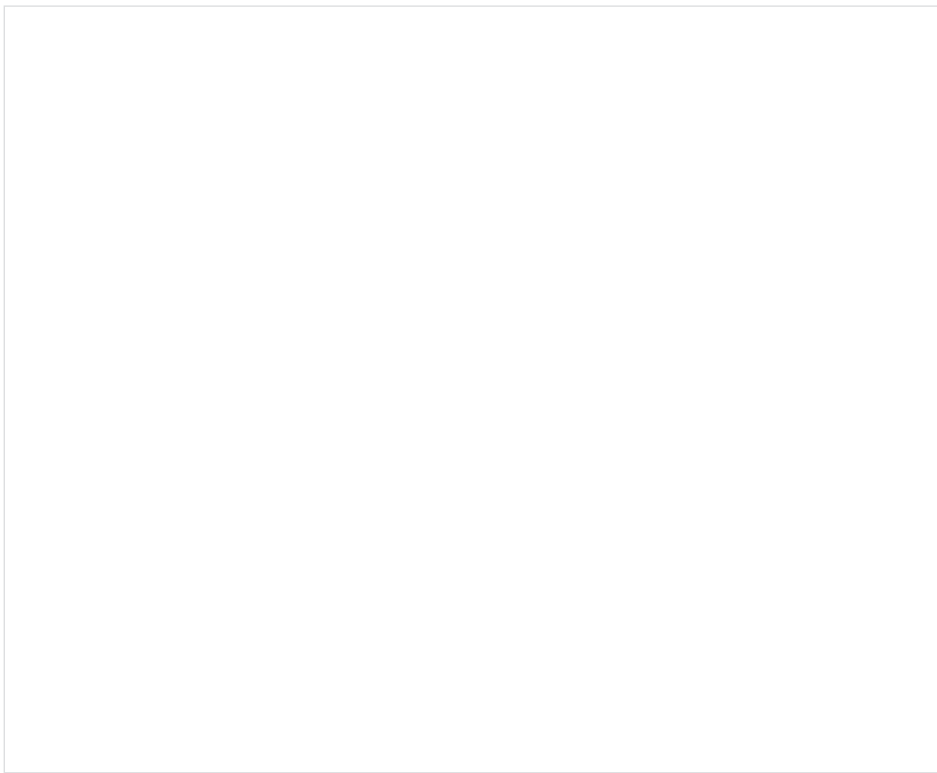
The team, which includ-

ed Peter Christiansen, 1st Lt. Raquel Salim, Stephen Seiler and Ed Minter, was slated to travel to the base April 27. However, it was delayed a day after an even more intense string of storms clobbered the Southeast.

The team stayed at Little Rock through Tuesday.

The tornado struck Little Rock April 25. In addition to the aircraft, it damaged more than 100 homes on base and many buildings.

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## FIRE

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which can be taken on and off the aircraft as needed, said Karl Biermacher, engineering supervisor in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's C-130 section.

Robins role with MAFFS is to ensure the airworthiness of the system, he said. The systems are taken off the planes before coming here for maintenance.

There are only eight MAFF systems in use at four units around the country. Those are the 302nd Airlift Wing at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., the Air National Guard's 153rd Airlift Wing at Cheyenne, Wyo., the 46th Airlift Wing from Naval Air Station Point Mugu, Calif., and the 145th Airlift Wing from Charlotte Air National Guard Base, N.C.

C-130s flying the fire-fighting missions fly military missions, but are pulled away and fitted with MAFFS if needed.

Each MAFFS aircraft can drop up to 3,000 gallons of suppressant or fire retardant on each sortie.

At the request of the Mexican government and U.S. State Department, U.S. Northern Command has deployed two C-130s to assist Mexico's efforts against the wildfires which have burned more than 245,000 acres. The C-130s are from the 302nd Airlift Wing, and are under the command and control of U.S. Northern Command during the operation.

Aircraft from the 145th AW and the 153rd AW also participated but returned after the arrival April 26 of the C-130s from the 302nd.

Since April 17 the aircraft have flown 44 missions and dropped 132,000 gallons of fire retardant.

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