



Robins Air Force Base spans more than 8,400 acres, and has 2,200 acres of protected wetlands. The base has more than 56 miles of paved roads and 15 miles of unpaved roads.

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New maintenance model means better warfighter support

Full MSG-3 implementation signals end to legacy PDM

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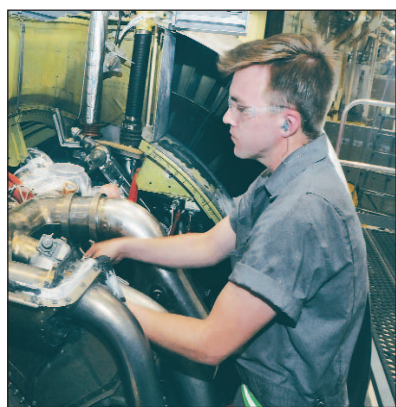
Had you taken a walk around the Robins flightline in October 2009, you could have counted a record 17 C-5s parked here.

For those who don't know, that's a bad thing. It meant nearly one of every seven C-5s in the Air Force inventory was here for work and unavailable to the airlift community.

Today, there are 10 C-5s on the flightline, the lowest in three years.

"That's a good thing," said Dave Nakayama, director of the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, which does C-5 programmed depot maintenance. "It means seven more airplanes, on average, are back in the hands of the warfighters instead of in PDM."

The C-5 fleet currently has its highest mission-capable rate in six years and its highest aircraft-availability rate in seven years. The difference between the two is some-



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Isaiah Wood, C-5 mechanic, works on a C-5 engine.

times an aircraft may be available but is unable to perform a particular mission.

Nakayama credited the improvement to a spectrum of initiatives overseen by the C-5 program office in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate, as well as numerous improvements by the 402nd Maintenance Wing on the PDM production line.

One of those improvements is the implementation of Maintenance Steering Group 3.

It's a different way of doing maintenance which looks at all inspections performed on aircraft,

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

L-R, Derek Seay, Dennis Pickett and Richard Isom work on the replacement aft fuselage after the old one was damaged by a bird strike and ensuing fire.

Eagle grounded by bird strike

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Anyone who doubts birds pose a danger to aircraft should pay a visit to one of the F-15 hangars here.

Mechanics there are engaged in a major and unusual repair resulting from a bird strike last August.

An F-15E from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.,

was participating in an exercise near Shaw AFB, S.C., when a bird struck the left engine, causing a major fire.

Engineers from the F-15 program office in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate, led by Daniel Murphy, and maintenance planners from the 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, led by Bill Lyons, traveled to Shaw and determined the aircraft was too

damaged to be flown.

A team from the 402nd Maintenance Wing's Expeditionary Depot Maintenance Flight, which travels the world repairing heavily-damaged aircraft maintained here, then went to Shaw. They partially disassembled the plane so it could be put on a truck and transported to Robins.

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

David Trescott, 778th Civil Engineer Squadron's base project manager, talks about the new C-130 hangar.

New maintenance hangar opens today

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The ribbon will be cut today on an 86,000 sq. ft., \$24.1 million maintenance hangar which has been six years in the making.

While it will be a few days before the first wrench is turned in the facility because equipment and other materials must be moved in

and set up, when it's fully operational the hangar will help with the Center's growing C-130 workload. It can house either four C-130s or one C-130 and one C-17.

The MILCON (Military Construction) project was requested in 2005, and work on the hangar began in December 2009. It included removing more than 1,600 dump-truck loads of dirt

from the site to ensure the building is level with the flightline.

The hangar was completed April 29, about a month ahead of schedule.

David Trescott, the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron's base project manager, noted a unique feature of the building is it has two 7.5-ton

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Round Robins Express II hits the road

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Round Robins Express, the sequel, debuted Thursday.

Prompted by requests from organizations in buildings where parking is scarce, the base is reviving its parking lot shuttle system, calling it Round Robins Express II.

John Pugh, 78th Mission Support Group deputy director, said the free service will use essentially the same two routes as before.

Although the service had little ridership when it ended earlier this year, it is being revived as a result of the base being in Force Protection Condition Bravo.

The FPCON change elim-



inated parking near certain buildings and forced more vehicles to compete for the remaining parking spaces.

The move to Bravo is a directive from U.S. Northern Command and applies to all military bases in the country.

RRE II has two routes, a Red route and a Blue route.

The buses will leave in 15-minute intervals from the Air National Guard parking area, west of Bldg. 2336, and drop workers off at designated stops near major maintenance and support areas.

The Blue route will prima-

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Temperature rising ... check your air flow

BY TECH. SGT. VANN MILLER

Robins Public Affairs

Summer is not quite here, but with temperatures already in the 90s you know it's not far away.

Energy-conscious workers and supervisors can help prepare for the rising temperatures by doing one simple thing now – improving the workflow in their workplaces.

David Sherborne, an engineer in the Base Energy Office, said much of the environmental discomfort people feel during summer is caused by humidity.

"In an office environment we tend to want to adjust the temperature when we feel some discomfort," Sherborne said. "That is not a real solution. Not only can it be ineffective from an energy stand-



point, it may actually make matters worse."

He said the environmental controls in many older facilities on the installation aren't as efficient as those in modern buildings. Therefore, lowering the temperature may make it comfortable for workers in one area of the building and extremely cold for those in another area.

"As we look for ways to save

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THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 27
Last DUI: 16 ACCS

— courtesy 78th Security Forces

AADD

To request a ride, call 222-0013.

TWO-MINUTEREV

TOPS IN BLUE CANCELLED

The Tops In Blue performance scheduled for Saturday at the Warner Robins Civic Center has been cancelled.

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UNIT PROFILE: 689th CCW

What it does

The mission of the 689th Combat Communications Wing is to deliver tactical communications and air traffic control services to joint and coalition war fighters supporting combat, homeland defense and humanitarian relief operations, anytime, anywhere. The wing is composed of the 3rd Combat Communications Group or '3rd Herd' at Tinker AFB, Okla., and the 5th Combat Communications Group, or 5th MOB, here.

Why it matters

Combat communication Airmen deploy tactical communications, computer systems, navigational aids, air traffic control services and organic power production/HVAC anywhere in the world in support of the Air Force, DOD, and other U.S. commitments. The elements of the 689th CCW are self-sustaining and able to independently operate from the initial phases of an expeditionary or "bare base" mission until relieved by additional forces.



U.S. Air Force photo by ROBERT TALENTI

Members of the 689th CCW Guardian Challenge Security Forces team load ammunition rounds in preparation for a competitive tactics event.

By the numbers

1,500+ Personnel assigned to the unit

300+ Airmen from the unit currently deployed

850 Airmen deployed since 2009

1,000+ Crickets and worms eaten annually during combat readiness training

1 Air Force Meritorious Unit award received by the wing

What they say



Senior Amn. Jamius Virgil
Cyber transport journeyman

"As a cyber transport Airman, my duties have definitely broadened my view on several Air Force processes and senior leader focuses. The amount of exposure to these areas will be extremely useful in my Air Force career."



Master Sgt. Paige Allen
Transmissions systems craftsman

"Working in the Air Force's only combat communication wing is so rewarding. It brings a lot of interesting challenges and I learn so much everyday."

People Spotlight



Mark Maynard

TITLE: Aircraft sheet metal mechanic, 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

BACKGROUND: Maynard has worked at Robins for 18 years and on every weapons system here. He currently works on C-5s. He has also worked in Saudi Arabia.

HOMETOWN: Warner Robins

"I worked in Saudi Arabia for three and half years. It was amazing. We had Pakistanis, Filipinos, Americans and Saudis there. Basically, I ran our little maintenance group because I could speak Arabic and English."

"I've worked on Russian aircraft – their version of the C-5 – and in Saudi Arabia, but here it's the pride of supporting the American military. I made more money overseas, but this is the job of my dreams. Money is not everything."

"My dad brought me to an air show here when I was young, I saw the C-141, and it was my dream to work on those planes."

"I go scuba diving at least once a year. I have dove from the Red Sea to Thailand and have seen the most beautiful scenery."

THINK TWICE, ENERGY HAS A PRICE.

THINK OPSEC:
YOUR TRASH
COULD BE AN
ADVERSARY'S
TREASURE



Faster, healthier stripping process 'takes off' in sheet metal flight

BY FAYE
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Robins Public Affairs



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Jeremy Wood, 573rd Commodities Maintenance Sheet Metal Manufacturing Flight chief, shows off a stripped C-130 Combat Talon II radome which went through the new process.

which is better suited for that type of operation.

“Our workers prefer the chemical stripping process. The less they have to sand the better,” said Wood, who noted his team has completed work on four radomes since late March.

Team members include Ricky Holland, Bill Henderson, Jerome Jackson, Paul Bevan, Tony Thompson, Chad Lemoine, Jerry Clark, Gary Andrews, Keith Floyd, Don Crews, Willie Bowman, Tom DuPriest, Ray Minter, Michael Powers and Larry Wilmore.

Wood credits the mechanics, engineers, planners and schedulers with coming up with the improved process and getting it approved through the Special Operations System Program Office.

“We’ve all made a difference,” he said.

Reducing an 80-hour sanding process to strip a radome to about a 12-hour chemical-stripping process is a success story. Not only does it help get the asset back to the warfighter quicker, but it also contributes to a safer and healthier work environment.

The change came as a result of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration citations levied on the Center, which prompted workers in the 573rd Commodities Maintenance Sheet Metal Manufacturing Flight to begin looking for a new sanding process for the C-130 Combat Talon II radome.

“The (OSHA) findings forced us to find alternatives to get the job done,” said Jeremy Wood, flight chief. “What we’ve come up with makes it safer all around.”

Some immediate benefits for workers include less hand vibration and reduced dust generation, he said.

Previously, two workers used an orbital sander for about 72 hours and then sanded by hand for another eight hours to remove the paint from the radome – all before beginning to repair it.

Now, paint is chemically stripped off the radome. The work is also completed in a separate location in Bldg. 180

Workplace safety, health logo contest

The Occupational Safety and Health Office, in cooperation with AFGE Local 987, is running a logo contest through May 20. The logo should depict a workplace safety and health theme.

The contest is open to all Robins employees; one entry per person. Logos should be original, memorable and uncluttered.

If enough entries are received and a winner is selected, the winning recipient will receive a polo shirt with the logo printed on it.

The winning logo will also be used on the new Center Occupational Safety and Health Coin – which will become the trademark for the safety and health program.

Send entries to:
wralc.sh.workflow@robins.af.mil



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Senior Airman Byron Edwards, 78th Security Forces Squadron, directs traffic at the Watson gate.

Guards have the blues

Team Robins personnel and visitors who’ve entered the base in recent days have likely noticed something different at the Main gate entrance.

Military members manning the Watson Boulevard gate are wearing the Air Force’s distinctive blue uniform every day instead of the service’s battle dress uniform.

“It’s to create a better image ... a more recognizable image,” said Capt. Jonathon Murray, 78th Security Forces operations officer.

Military guards are enthused about the change.

“They understand they’re often the first impression for many people of Robins Air Force Base,” Murray said. “They see it as an opportunity to ensure that impression is a positive one.”

ViewPoints

“You know that children are growing up when they start asking questions that have answers.”

– **John Plomp**

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

2011 — Year of Motorcycle Safety

This year, we are asking every commander, every rider, and the rest of our Air Force family to get focused and committed to motorcycle safety.

Riding motorcycles is an exhilarating form of transportation and recreation which also has a higher number of inherent risks. Airmen, both military and civilian, who choose to ride motorcycles, must do everything they can to mitigate these risks every time they ride.

Both of us are avid, life-long, motorcycle riders and can speak from experience. Each rider must exercise special caution, know his/her limitations, and make the

right decisions when it comes to speed, reckless riding, and alcohol use. Proper use of personnel protective equipment can save lives, so always dress for the crash and not the ride. Treat riding as you would any combat mission by checking your equipment, gear, training, and attitude.

Motorcycle fatalities are up over 150 percent since January 2011, compared to the same period last year. The Air Force has already suffered one permanent total disability and five fatal motorcycle mishaps. All had two common causal factors: no automobiles were involved, and the

rider lost control of his motorcycle. All were preventable tragedies and devastating to our units, communities, and our Air Force family.

Commanders and supervisors, your leadership is crucial. Motorcycle safety mentorship must include face-to-face time with your riders. Senior leaders and senior riders must be in front of this program to ensure wing-level activities foster positive riding attitudes, behaviors, and build necessary riding experience.

All military members must complete an approved motorcycle safety rider course to operate a

motorcycle on a roadway. AF-led joint bases must provide free basic rider course training to all service-members.

We want each of you to have a wonderful riding season, so watch out for yourself and your fellow Airmen. Each rider is ultimately accountable for his or her individual safety decisions, and we're counting on you to maintain safety focus.

– *Adapted from a safety memorandum from Gen. Philip Breedlove, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, and Terry Yonkers, Assistant Secretary for Installations, Environment and Logistics.*

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.

LACK OF DBIDS INFORMATION

As a retiree, I don't receive all the information active duty and civilian workforce members receive. I first learned of the DBIDS program when my wife returned from a visit to the commissary and was informed by a gate guard of the new requirement to “register our ID cards” so not to be denied access to the base.

I asked an active duty acquaintance about the program, and he forwarded an e-mail from his commander. The schedule of dates and times in the e-mail was most unclear, but it appears there are few opportunities for working retirees to register other than during normal working hours.

Some of us are in jobs which don't permit time off during normal working hours. My spouse is an elementary school teacher, and I work in public safety - both of us would have to have a “substitute” in order to leave our jobs.

Are there times in the evenings or on weekends when people can come to the base to register? Do dependent children have to be registered? Is there any special documentation needed to register? Can you place a clickable link in a prominent place on the Robins homepage to provide clear information on, including when and where to go?

COLONEL BUHLER RESPONDS:

Thank you for bringing this to

my attention. Your note provides me with an opportunity to share DBIDS information with others who may have similar concerns. I contacted Lt. Col. Thomas Morea, 78th Security Forces Squadron commander, concerning your comments. All individuals who have a DoD ID card -- including retirees, dependents 10 years of age and older, active duty members, and civilian employees -- must register in DBIDS, and do so in person. They only need their current ID card(s); nothing else is required.

If an individual has more than one DoD ID card, such as a retiree and Civil Service ID card, both will need to be registered at the same time.

▶ Security Forces	468-2187
▶ FSS (Services)	468-5491
▶ Equal Opportunity	468-2131
▶ Employee Relations	497-8253
▶ 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

To assist in registration, our Visitor Control Center, adjacent to Gate 3 on Watson Blvd., has extended hours from 7:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week.

For a list of all DBIDS registration options, visit the Robins public web site at www.robins.af.mil and click on the DBIDS link at the bottom of the page.

Additionally, officers at each gate continue to inform personnel of the new DBIDS procedures and are trained to remind those who have not yet registered to do so. Personnel are also encouraged to look to the Rev-Up for DBIDS information and updates leading up to the implementation date.

On the Fly

Robins PCs will upgrade to Windows 7

Robins is increasing security by updating all Department of Defense computers to the Microsoft Windows 7 Operating System. Planned migration from Vista to Windows 7 will start basewide Monday, with a completion target date of Dec. 1.

For more information about the migration and the Windows 7 OS, Robins-2k network users should click on the Blue Star on their desktop and select the Windows 7 Training icon.

Travelers asked to use AF lodging

Air Force lodging facilities are experiencing a steady decrease in revenue. This is due, in part, to fewer military and civilian TDYs, but also to travelers electing to use off-base accommodations.

The Joint Federal Travel Regulation/Joint Travel Regulation asks that travelers choose Air Force accommodations – when available, adequate, and barring mission needs to the contrary – as their first lodging option.

Additionally, military and civilians traveling TDY to Air Force installations should select the installation as their TDY location (versus a city) when requesting orders through the Defense Travel

System. All DTS approving officials should exercise diligence when reviewing orders to verify TDYs to installations are appropriately entered in the DTS.

For more information, contact Mandy Smith-Nethercott at DSN 986-0908 or via e-mail at amanda.smith-nethercott@wpafb.af.mil.

Upcoming

The Robins Top 3 will host this year's master sergeant **promotion release celebration** Thursday 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 ball-

room. All other commands and wings on the base are invited.

Registration is open for the 2nd Annual **Tour de Moose Bike Ride** 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 or 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, but runners are encouraged to secure sponsors.

For more information, visit the Robins Chiefs Group website at www.robinschiefsgroup.org, or send an email to info@robinschiefsgroup.org.

Etcetera

Anyone having a claim against, or indebtedness to, the estate of Senior Airman Amanda Gamache should contact 2nd Lt. Andrea DeMelo at 472-8133.

Deadline for package submissions for the **Robins Airlift Tanker Association 2011 college scholarships** is May 23.

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Paul Peterson



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Don't cut corners

Traffic cutting through the parking lot behind Bldg. 215 has created unsafe conditions for regular users of the lot. While security changes and construction have altered traffic flow and parking on base, motorists are reminded they must continue to follow the rules of the road, including obeying traffic signs, for their safety and that of pedestrians.

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

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at paul.peterson.10@us.af.mil.

The Robins Skeet Range is hosting a **10-week team skeet compe-**

tion, beginning June 2.

Teams will be made up of four shooters. Competition will take place Thursdays. Make-ups and advance shooting will be per-

mitted.

There will be a meeting May 25 to discuss the rules. For more information, contact James Kaari at 497-9889.

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including field inspections, and seeks to avoid duplication of work.

On April 8, the last plane undergoing a PDM under the legacy system lifted off from Robins. The remaining C-5s are undergoing MSG-3 PDM, as will all C-5s which come here in the future.

Jeff Bridger, chief of ASD's C-5 Program Management Branch, said his office's Aircraft Availability Improvement Program has also contributed to more C-5s being in the hands of the warfighter.

"It's the conglomeration of a lot of efforts coming to fruition," he said.

As a part of MSG-3 implementation, a close study was done of all maintenance inspections performed

through the life of the aircraft, including isochronal field inspections and PDM inspections.

Isochronal inspections, which include major and minor inspections done between PDM, are somewhat similar to PDM but on a smaller scale.

The study found duplicate work on the two inspections. To streamline the process, MSG-3 shifts some work done in isochronal inspections to PDM and vice versa.

The shift not only improves efficiency, it means for some models the aircraft go from needing PDM every six to every eight years.

The overall result is a better sustained, more capable C-5 fleet to fulfill our nation's airlift requirements, wherever and whenever they might be.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Craig Pearce and Luke Beard, sheet metal mechanics, drill holes in a C-5 wing box.

AIR FLOW

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money and use energy more efficiently, we need to get away from circumstances which cause some office workers to wear sweaters in the middle of the summer," Sherborne said.

In many office areas,

employees will discover if they allow the air to circulate, it will provide just the right amount of relief, he said.

The solution may sound low tech, but it's been proven to be highly effective, he added.

"People tend to have the mindset that energy efficiency is going to take

some high-priced technology or major modifications before we see any changes. That's simply not the case," Sherborne said. "Minor adjustments in the way we conduct ourselves and relate to our environment can go a long way when multiplied by the thousands of workers at Robins."

HANGAR

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cranes mounted to the ceiling, along with a fall-protection system. The fall-protection system will

allow mechanics working on aircraft wings to easily attach themselves to harnesses hooked to overhead cables.

The hangar will be used primarily for work on center wing boxes and

the C-130J models. It was designed to accommodate about 120 mechanics and 20 administrative personnel.

The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m.

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rily serve the flightline area, even going onto the flightline to get employees close to their workplaces. The Blue Route shuttle will run from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

The Red route will have stops around buildings 300 and 301, as well as the Air Force Reserve Command headquarters building. The Red Route bus will run from 7 to 9 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Leadership will closely evaluate the program and make adjustments as needed. Employees are still encouraged to use the existing mass transportation programs, which help reduce air emissions and parking shortage. The existing carpool and vanpool programs provide qualified participants financial compensation and rewards.

Qualified employees can benefit from the Transportation Incentive Program, which reimburses them for the expense of participating in vanpools and for riding Buses into Robins Daily. For more information, contact the TIP program manager at 468-0945.

Carpoolers can benefit from the Clean Air Campaign by enrolling in the Rewards Program at www.cleanaircampaign.org. For more information about the program, call 497-8287.

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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY?
CALL 468-EYES



HAPPENINGS

ON TAP

APAHM 5K Run

Today
8 to 10 a.m.
Fitness Center
For details, call 497-4560.

Taste of Asia

Today
11 a.m. to noon
Base Exchange
For details, call 497-4560.

Youth Center Danceout

Saturday
2 p.m.
Base Theater
For details, call 468-2110.

Texas Hold 'Em

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

Gallery Contest

Monday to Friday
Arts & Crafts Center
For details, call 468-5282.

UPCOMING

APAHM Fashion Show

May 20
11 a.m. to noon
Base Exchange
For details, call 497-4560.

APAHM Dinner Party

May 25
7 to 9 p.m.
Heritage Club
Cost is \$20
For details, call 497-4560.

Pizza Depot Birthday Celebration

June 7
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For details, call 468-0188.

Tubing in Helen, GA

June 11
8 a.m.
Register by May 23

For details, call 468-4001.

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.

9-Hole Golf

Tournament Package
Cost \$13 includes green fees, cart and range balls
For details, call 468-4103.

Host a Golf Tournament

Monday through Thursday
Receive \$2 off per person
For details, call 468-4103.

Golf Lessons

\$45 per hour;
\$100 for three-lesson set
For details, call 468-4103.

Ground School

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

Club Scholarships

Applications due July 1
For details, call 468-5492.

Wild Adventures Passes

\$30, one day; \$41, two days
\$67 – Season
For details, call 468-2945.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Month-Long Celebration

Solly White (left), Sonia Thompson, Roy Punzalan and Nivia Langstraat cut a cake May 6 at the Base Exchange for the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month kickoff. Other events here in May will recognize the achievements of Asian-Pacific Americans throughout history.

Registration for Swim lessons begin Now. Classes will be held Tuesday - Thursday \$30 Baby/Toddler \$40 Youth/Adult \$100 Lifeguard class

Heritage Pool Passes Available May 3
Single E-4 & below • \$20
Family E-4 & below • \$45
Single E-5 & up • \$30
Family E-5 & up • \$55

May 25 & 26 Community Water Safety Class 9 - 11 a.m. 18 and older \$2 17 years and younger FREE

May 30 - June 3 Family Swim 7 - 9 p.m. \$2 per family

May 31 Splish Splash Schools Out Pool Party \$2 entry Noon - 7 p.m. Music, Games, & Prizes

Horizons Pool will not open this year

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



FRIDAY
7 P.M.
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID 2
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SATURDAY
6:30 P.M.
HOP
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The Base Theater will not show movies after Saturday.

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- ▶ FSS Administration . . . 468-3193
- ▶ Community Center . . . 468-2105
- ▶ Outdoor Rec 468-4001
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- ▶ Arts & Crafts 468-5282
- ▶ Horizons 468-2670
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- ▶ Library 497-8761
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- ▶ Fitness Center 468-2128
- ▶ Fitness Center Annex . . 472-5350
- ▶ Youth Center 468-2110
- ▶ Tickets and Travel . . . 468-2945
- ▶ Bowling Center 468-2112
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EAGLE

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Actual repair work on the aircraft began in January and is expected to be complete by December.

It involves doing something which hasn't been done at Robins in at least 15 years - removing and replacing the rear half of the fighter.

"This repair is not typical at all," said Ed Fuller, 561st AMXS F-15 planner overseeing the project.

Replacement of the aft fuselage is done so rarely that one of the first tasks was to refurbish a key piece of equipment – the undercarriage on which the fuselage would rest upon removal and replacement. It needed significant work because it sat idle for

so long.

The replacement aft fuselage - the last one for the E-model in the Air Force inventory - had sat in a warehouse at Robins for almost 20 years. By coincidence, about the same time the accident happened, the Defense Logistics Agency was requesting to send the part to the Air Force "Boneyard" in Arizona because it needed the warehouse space.

Maj. Kristoffer Smith-Rodriguez, deputy chief of ASD's USAF F-15 Branch, credited Laura Stovall of the program office with saving the Air Force \$8 million on the repair. She learned about the request to scrap the fuselage, and happened to know about the aircraft damaged by the bird strike. She worked to secure the



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Derek Seay, sheet metal mechanic, uses a ruler to measure damage to the F-15 aft fuselage, resulting a bird strike and ensuing fire.

part from the Defense Logistics Agency at no cost to the Air Force.

There was, however, a significant problem. Fuller said the new fuselage was

built for 229 engines, while the aircraft previously had 220 engines. Also, the home base had 220 engines on all its aircraft, so putting 229s on it would

have created an "oddball," which would have been a problem for the home base maintainers.

They made some modifications to the fuselage so 220 engines could be put back on the aircraft. Integral to these efforts was a program office engineering team comprised of Julian Stevenson, John Stephens, Mickey Meeks, Khudeja Khan and Spencer Bonner.

Sheet-metal mechanic Dennis Pickett, team leader on the repair, said he had last replaced an aft fuselage about 20 years ago. However, he expressed full confidence in his group's ability to complete the job. He said the team has a technical order which provides step-by-step instructions.

"If you follow the TO, it

shouldn't lead you wrong," he said.

Fuller also said he is confident in the success of the repair.

"I have volunteered to ride in the back seat when they do the test flight," he said. "I know that wouldn't be allowed, but I would do it."

As a side note, the damaged aircraft had only recently gone through programmed depot maintenance at Robins, which includes refurbishing the fire extinguishing bottles in the engine compartment.

The Hydrostat Shop here, which works on the bottles, can take pride in knowing their bottles worked perfectly, extinguishing the blaze and allowing the pilot to land safely.