

The C-5 has 28 tires which are filled to 170 psi. The C-5 Wheel and Tire Shop here has serviced or replaced 364 tires safely in fiscal 2011.

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ROBINS REV-UP

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HVM improves maintainers' readiness for C-130s

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Mobley, HVM team lead. Now that number is 75 percent.

In a recent meeting with local media, Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Center commander, cited the improved readiness for the aircraft as a key reason why the time it takes to complete C-130 programmed depot maintenance is decreasing.

While full implementation of HVM is a gradual build up, the supportability analysis element has proved so successful in testing it is already in widespread use. In some cases, aircraft are inspected in the field before arrival for PDM to learn their needs. However, even

without a hands-on preinspection, much is learned about the aircraft prior to PDM just through contact with the operational base.

If it seems a no-brainer that all parts and necessary equipment should be here and on hand when an aircraft arrives, it's not as simple as it sounds.

Consider taking your F-150 to the local Ford dealer. You would expect the dealer to have the basic parts needed for the truck, but it wouldn't have every part for every model.

Also, if you are really con-

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U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

The first C-130 to undergo High Velocity Maintenance taxied onto the flightline July 31, 2010. Since then, HVM has been a key factor in decreasing C-130 programmed depot maintenance time.

Removing Paint ... in a Flash

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Ernest Carter, 573rd Commodities Maintenance Squadron machine operator, maneuvers the robotic flashjet to depaint a C-17 radome.



A flashjet removes paint from a C-17 radome. The environment-friendly machine uses a stripping head to burn paint off. Then, a vacuum subsystem removes the burnt paint.



DBIDS registration deadline suspended

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WHAT TO KNOW

The July 31 deadline for registration in the Defense Biometric Identification System has been suspended due to connectivity problems with the system.

A new deadline will be established once those issues have been resolved.

DBIDS registration was initiated at Robins in February. Since then, the 78th Security Forces Squadron has registered a large portion of the more than 70,000 personnel associated with the installation.

Lt. Col. Roger Johnson, 78th Mission Support Group commander, said the problems related with registration are not lost on base leadership.

"We are experiencing connectivity issues with DBIDS and have not done a great job getting the word out," he said. "I apologize for any inconveniences these issues have caused employees and their families."

The commander said the problems have been persistent and have caused unpredictable delays and downtime, but that base personnel are working dili-

People can register at the Military Personnel Flight Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and at the Visitor Control Center (Watson Gate) Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 7:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Contact information for registration is as follows: Visitor Control Center (Bldg. 219) registration - (478) 222-1969, (478) 926-4208, and (478) 222-1998; MPF (Bldg. 767) registration - (478) 327-9481.

If you have additional questions about DBIDS, the DBIDS Program Manager can be reached at DSN 472-1979 (commercial 222-1979) or DSN 472-1969 (commercial 222-1969).

gently to rectify the situation.

"As a result, we've suspended the July 31 registration deadline pending resolution," Johnson said.

▶ see DBIDS, 3

Energy Day nets big savings

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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energy-reduction message may be getting through, the day resulted in a 21-percent reduction in energy costs from last year's July 4 energy day.

The effort also resulted in a \$15,000 savings from the previous year, which is particularly good considering the day was hotter this year.

"It shows there is a lot of opportunity out there for energy savings," said Art Howard, ener-

gy conservation program manager in the Robins Energy Office. "It shows when people pay attention, it can have a direct impact."

The office has been constantly promoting the importance of all Team Robins members shutting down "energy vampires" when leaving for the day, and especially for the weekend. These include computer monitors, desk lights, and pretty much everything else except computers.

THINK SAFETY



Days without a DUI: 13
Last DUI: 52 CBCS
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

AADD
To request a ride, call
222-0013.



Safety slogan of the week:
"Safety isn't the only thing – it's everything."

The Occupational Medicine physician assists employers in identifying hazards, detecting exposures, protecting the work force and educating people regarding workplace hazards.

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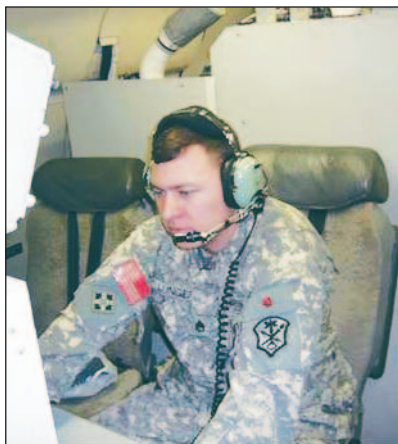
UNIT PROFILE: 138th Military Intelligence Company

What it does

The 138th Military Intelligence Company trains and certifies Soldiers as E8-C crewmembers who conduct global command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions. At any given time, two-thirds of the unit's mission-ready crew members are at forward operating locations supporting contingency and combat operations while those at home station are supporting Army and Air Force training and homeland security operations.

Why it matters

Soldiers on the E8-C JSTARS aircraft are the link to Army and Marine brigade-level combat units on the ground. They are responsible for vital intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance information by passing the identification of ground moving target indicators – numbers and locations of enemy forces – to those units. Ground commanders are then able to better understand and be aware of potentially hostile elements near or around them.



Courtesy photo
Staff Sgt. Eugene Lunger performs his duties as an Airborne Targeting Sensor supervisor.

By the numbers

90

Soldiers currently assigned to Army JSTARS.

2

Soldiers who integrate with Air Force crews onboard one E8-C aircraft.

4

Retired Soldiers who serve as instructors for in-flight operations training.

8-10

Months it takes Soldiers to train to be deputy mission crew commanders and airborne target surveillance supervisors.

What they say



Sgt. First Class Keith McIntosh
Platoon Sergeant

"The most fulfilling thing about my job as the Platoon Sergeant and Deployment Manager is being there for the deploying Soldier, on this end as well as on their end, for reach-back support to ensure they have everything needed to do the mission they're called up to do."



Chief Warrant Officer Two Eric Seals
Deputy Mission Crew commander

"As a deputy mission crew commander I am able to give the Air Force a better understanding of how the Army operates and its specific needs. I like the challenge of JSTARS, working with the Army and Air Force in the only unit like this."

In the Spotlight



Jenny Smith

TITLE: Production operation analyst, Group Control Center, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group

BACKGROUND: Smith began work at Robins in 2004 as an industrial management specialist in the Palace Acquire Intern Program. She has been in her current position since 2007.

HOMETOWN: Goldsboro, N.C.

"I analyze all the production workload coming in and out of the organization. We build the budget for the entire EMXG. Any kind of workload we have coming in, I build a budget, and determine how many people are required to accomplish that workload."

"I completed my bachelor's degree in business administration at Georgia College & State University in 2003, then returned and earned my master's degree in business in 2007."

"More than anything about my job, I love the people. This has been one of the best organizations I have worked in. I love number crunching and analysis."

"I recently married and have a very handsome and intelligent 6-year-old son. I enjoy being a supportive mom while he plays soccer, basketball and T-ball."

"I enjoy photography, attending photography classes in Atlanta and locally, and taking photos at my son's sporting events."

Wet sanding technique to save time, reduce hazards

BY FAYE BANKS-ANDERSON

78th Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

Instead of recreating the wheel, Mario Largaespada thought it would be better to borrow from it.

In his previous career in the fiberglass industry, Largaespada, 573rd Commodities Maintenance Squadron paint shop supervisor, saw mechanics using wet sanding techniques that could be used here.

"I thought, 'Why create another dust hazard?'" said Largaespada, who is teaming with Ben Hatcher and Ray Minter to implement the new process.

"It's not high-tech," said Hatcher, production engineer. "We're just adding one more layer of contamination control to one of the ways paint is removed from airplane parts."

Minter, depaint supervisor, explained that the current process requires dabbing the aircraft area with chemicals to remove excess paint not removed during normal depainting.

However, by using water and a sander, the new process can help



reduce the use of methylene chloride.

If the wet sanding process is approved for use on aircraft parts, other potential exposures could be eliminated, helping more workers in the future.

Other advantages include a better product and minimal wet sanding time needed.

One employee in his area who has already worked the process was quite impressed, said Minter. He couldn't believe how much quicker his task was and the significant dust reduction.

"We're looking for the safest, best way to do our jobs," said Largaespada.

Heart Link class, tour introduce new spouses to AF life

Spouses new to military life are encouraged to sign up for the Aug. 12 Heart Link class and Spouse Immersion Tour.

The quarterly, day-long event organized by the Airman & Family Readiness Center, introduces military spouses to the Air Force and the base's many helping agencies.

The class will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the A&FRC in Bldg 794. After an introduction to various support agencies from around the installation, spouses will experience some flight kitchen cuisine, and then receive a community tour.

The tour will include visits to the C-5 and F-15 areas on the flightline and showcase Team Robins' contributions to airpower. It will also include stops at various off-base points of interest, including Warner Robins City Hall, where Mayor Chuck Shaheen and Col.



U.S. Air Force file photo by DAVID DONATO

Joanna Garcia, left, and Kelly Armitage check out the cockpit of an F-15 during a recent spouse immersion tour. The event introduces military spouses to the Air Force and the base's many helping agencies.

Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing and installation commander, will meet the group and provide their perspectives on the importance of community and base support to military families. The tour will end at the A&FRC at about 4:15 p.m.

Royce Williams, A&FRC community readiness consultant, said military spouses can register by calling the A&FRC at DSN 468-1256 or commercial

926-1256.

Mindful that an all-day event may create daycare challenges, officials encourage supervisors to give military members time off so their spouses may participate. Spouses may also call the Family Child Care Office at DSN 468-6741 or commercial 926-6741 to see whether they qualify for Air Force Aid Society-sponsored programs.

— Staff report

Maintainers retrieve ‘stab’ from Arizona

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Earlier this year, a Robins test-flight crew made the unusual move of flying a C-5 directly from a maintenance depot to the retirement yard in Arizona.

The retired plane flown to Arizona had been here for programmed depot maintenance, but maintainers discovered it had a main-frame crack that would have been a major repair. Due to the age of the aircraft, the decision was made to retire it.

Last week, depot maintainers here got part of that plane back.

It had been planned all along to retrieve the horizontal stabilizer, more commonly called the “stab,” from the retired aircraft. Maintainers here needed it to complete the important task of replacing stabs on six C-5s.

The stab is the huge horizontal part of the C-5’s tail. The stab alone is bigger than an F-15.

A Robins depot field team flew to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz., to retrieve the part. The base is the home of what is commonly called “The Boneyard,” where all retired military aircraft are sent.

Retrieving the stab is



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Ray Schulten cuts the heads off titanium fasteners on a C-5 horizontal stab being rebuilt during programmed depot maintenance.

part of an important task to replace all C-5 stabs for safety reasons.

Robins has been rebuilding the stabs during programmed depot maintenance. However, six aircraft have to be done separately because those aren’t due for PDM in time to beat the December 2012 deadline to have all the stabs replaced.

The planes will be grounded if the stabs are not replaced by the deadline.

Those aircraft will start coming in later this year just to have the stab work done, said J.R. Robbins, C-5 stab shop supervisor.

The part retrieved from Davis-Monthan is important to the opera-



U.S. Air Force photo by ISAAC CRUZ

A Robins depot field team retrieves the horizontal stabilizer from a C-5 which was recently retired to the “Boneyard” at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz.

tion because it will be rebuilt and ready to go when the first C-5 arrives. Then that plane’s stab will be rebuilt and ready to go when the next one arrives.

The action will allow

the planes to be out of commission for only 10 days, said Dave Nakayama, director of the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, which oversees all C-5 work.

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cerned about limiting the downtime for the truck, you might get the mechanic to “HVM” it by informing him ahead of time exactly what is wrong with it. That way, even if it is a simple job, he could have every part and tool set up and ready when it rolls into the garage.

Considering C-130s have many more parts than a pickup truck, and are vastly more complex, it’s impossible without supportability analysis to have everything immediately on hand for every aircraft. Each aircraft has different problems and, in some cases, parts may even have to be manufactured.

The basic concept of HVM is not only to have everything on hand needed for PDM, said Mobley, but to have a detailed work schedule laid out so the correct parts and tools are available to the mechanic at the right

time. It’s all aimed toward keeping the mechanics working on the plane rather than tracking down the things they need.

“What we are doing for every one of these tasks, is breaking it down to say ‘To do this task, here is everything you need to do it,’” Mobley said.

The four tenets of high velocity maintenance are knowing the condition of the aircraft, supportability, standard work and man-loading.

Preinspections aid in knowing the condition of the aircraft before it arrives and planning for its needs. Supportability is having everything in place to meet those needs. Standard work is having tasks mapped out in a step-by-step process so each task is done the same way and therefore more efficiently.

Man-loading is being able to have as many mechanics as possible working on the plane rather than spending time chasing down parts and supplies.

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“Once we completely resolve the issues, we will establish a new deadline that is both fair and realistic to those who have been unable to register.

“In the meantime, we encourage our customers who have not already done so to register at their

convenience,” he added. “Although connectivity times can’t currently be guaranteed, experience shows that we get the best results Mondays through Fridays between 7 and 9 a.m.”

To help reduce inconvenience, customer registration times on the weekends have been added when better connectivity has also been reported.



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

USE YOUR WITS.
SAVE OUR WATTS.

ViewPoints

“It is unwise to be too sure of one’s own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err.”

– *Mahatma Gandhi*

Make responsible choices

BY LT. COL. ERIC TURNBULL

Commander, AFROTC Det. 750
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Drinking and driving not only affects those who choose to get behind the wheel, it affects family members, friends and strangers. Making the wrong choice or allowing someone to make the wrong choice can dramatically change many people’s lives.

This happened to my family on July 3, 1981.

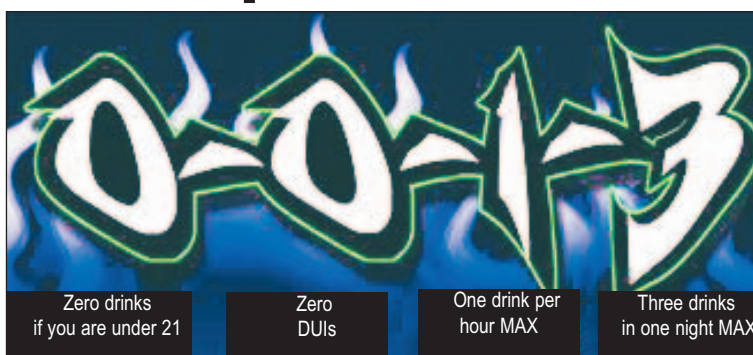
Our phone rang around 10:30 p.m. It was our neighbor, Mrs. Gregg. She said, “The boys have been in an accident, and they’re in the hospital.” The boys she was referring to were her 17-year-old son Rick, 16-year-old son, Paul, and my 15-year-old brother, Dan.

Our family quickly jumped in the car and went to the hospital. On the way, we saw flashing lights and were detoured by the police because the road ahead was closed.

Sensing something very bad, we took an alternate route to the hospital and went directly to the emergency room. After waiting what seemed like an eternity, a doctor emerged to give us the prognosis. I only remember the first two words that came out of his mouth as he talked about my brother’s condition.

“He’s drunk.”

After a few hours, during which the surgeons worked to save my brother’s life, we were ushered to another waiting room, this time outside of the intensive care unit. Following surgery, they wheeled Dan into intensive



U.S. Air Force graphic

care.

I only saw him for a few seconds before he disappeared behind the ICU doors.

He laid there unconscious, with a tube down his throat and blood streaming down his eyes like tears. A priest was called to administer him his last rites. At that moment, I felt truly helpless. I knew that I might never get to speak to him again, and I thought of all the things left unsaid between us.

In situations like that you ask, “Why did it happen?” and you pray for a miracle. My parents were eventually allowed into the ICU to see him. When they came out, my older brother, sister and I asked how he was doing.

I don’t remember what they said. I just remember that it was the first time I ever saw my dad cry.

My brother somehow survived, but his life and ours would change forever. His injuries included a collapsed lung, broken knee, elbow, collarbone and ribs. The doctors had to remove his gall bladder, and he developed an infection that caused him to permanently lose part of his eyesight and hearing.

He spent the next four and a

half months in the hospital, followed by many more months of rehab. He underwent numerous orthopedic and plastic surgeries. My mom had to give up her career to help him recover. The stress led to our family attending counseling.

Today, 30 years after the accident, my brother still feels the effects of that night. He has physical disabilities that lessen his quality of life and affect his ability to work. While my brother was the most severely hurt, the other people involved in the accident also sustained serious injuries that affect them today.

The decision by Rick to drive after drinking, the decision by his brother, Paul, and my brother, Dan, to allow him to drive after drinking and to get in the car with him, will haunt them the rest of their lives.

The three people in the other car involved in the accident had no say in Rick’s decision to drink and drive or Paul and Dan’s decision to let him drive, but they were affected just the same.

Drinking and driving is more than just a matter of personal choice and responsibility.

Decisions made by others can

forever change your life and those closest to you.

The Air Force has a program called Culture of Responsible Choices (CoRC). The concept is simple: Responsible decision-making. It consists of a four-tiered approach to reduce irresponsible behavior.

The four tiers are leadership, individual, and base and community-level involvement.

Involvement by any or all of these parties leads to a reduction in irresponsible behavior. One dimension of CoRC is the “0-0-1-3” campaign. It stands for zero underage drinking, zero DUI’s, one drink per hour, and no more than three drinks in a night. The goal of “0-0-1-3” is zero alcohol-related incidents. It stresses responsible drinking and decision-making.

For those who realize they violated the 0-0-1-3 concepts, there are options. Robins has an Airman Against Drunk Driving program where volunteers will pick up intoxicated individuals ... no questions asked. It’s open to all military, DoD civilian employees and contractors with a DoD ID. The service is available 24 hours a day and is free. The phone number is easy to remember: (478) 222-0013.

My brother and his friends violated the “0-0-1-3” concepts. They, along with three strangers, paid a price for their poor decisions. If we all take an active role in stressing the importance of this program, we can create a culture which prevents someone from drinking and driving.

Lives depend on it ... maybe someone close to you.

COMMANDER’S ACTION LINE

To give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to work and live, call 468-2886 or e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil.

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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

New ALC/CV in place

Col. John Kubinec is the new Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander.

Prior to assuming his current position, he commanded the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Group in Southwest Asia.

As Center vice commander, he is responsible for worldwide logistics support for C-130 and C-5 transport aircraft, and F-15 fighter aircraft and U-2 reconnaissance aircraft. He is also responsible for support to remotely-piloted vehicles, Air Force helicopters, air-to-air missiles, surface motor vehicles and high-technology airborne electronics, avionics and electronic warfare requirements.

His other responsibilities include comprehensive logistics support and sustainment for the E-8C Joint STARS and the C-17 transport aircraft.



Kubinec

those situations or have your own compelling story, "Mobbed" wants to hear from you.

The new hidden-camera series, hosted by Howie Mandel, features the use of a flash mob to make big announcements to an unsuspecting person, and is currently looking for unique military-based stories worthy of a mob.

"Mobbed," which is a new FOX series, showcases a life-changing announcement, news or event on each episode. Airmen who are chosen for the show should inform the base public affairs office, at 468-2137, which will vet the Airman's participation through their chain of command to ensure the Airman's status is in good standing.

Send submissions to mobbedtv@gmail.com. Include your name, contact info, occupation, current photos, summary of your story, and how your story would be good for the show and worthy of a mob. Write MILITARY STORY in the subject line of your e-mail.

For more detailed information on the show, visit www.fox.com/mobbed.

Central Georgia Marine Corps League Detachment #1373 will meet Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at Flint Energies off Highway 96, between Sun Trust Bank and Houston County High School.

Bring your DD-214 or retired I.D. card and \$35. A short application will be provided. For more information, call John Harmon at 472-0853.

Casting Call

Are you returning home in August or September and have not told your family of your return? Did you get married before you were deployed but have yet to let your family know? Has it been years since you've seen a loved one and are looking to reunite? If you fit one of

Team Robins Network 56 will be the host for this year's staff **sergeant promotion release celebration** Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club Ballroom.

Come out and support this occasion. Points of contact for the event are Tech. Sgt. Samuel Orr at 468-6514; Tech. Sgt. John Besselman at 497-5187 and Staff Sgt. Kelly Salinas at 468-9990.

CivilianJobs.com will host a **Career Expo** Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Warner Robins Courtyard Marriott at 589 Carl Vinson Parkway. Early candidate registration begins at 9 a.m.; floor exhibits open at 10 a.m. All military and prior military may preregister online at www.CivilianJobs.com and be matched with companies based on career and geographical preferences. National and regional opportunities include: management, medical, driving, engineering, sales, administrative, aviation, customer service, law enforcement, logistics, maintenance and more. For more information call, (678) 819-4132.

Et cetera

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to **the estate of Senior Master Sgt. William Caskey** should contact Maj. Donald Carty at 747-5731.

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to **the estate of Master Sgt. David Shardon Pate** should contact 2nd Lt. Lawrence Morris at 241-3613.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Congratulations selects

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Davis, left, 78th Mission Support Group superintendent, congratulates newly-selected senior noncommissioned officers July 21 following the Team Robins Senior NCO Recognition Ceremony at the Museum of Aviation. Sixty-two newly-selected master sergeants were recognized at the ceremony. The keynote speaker was retired Chief Master Sgt. Orlando Justice, former Robins NCO Academy commandant.

Air Force workers can find help here

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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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Volunteer registration for Airmen Against Drunk Driving is now handled through Facebook to allow retirees who do not have access to the base network to volunteer.

Those wishing to sign

up can visit www.facebook.com/Robinsaadd and select "Like" at the top of the page. Select "Events" on the left side of the page, and select the date on which you would like to volunteer. Then, select

"I'm Attending" at the top of the page for that date.

The **Robins Army & Air Force Exchange Service station** now accepts the Wright Express fleet card at the pump.

Robins works to get new lean, mean fire trucks for Air Force

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Air Force bases later this year will begin using a new type of smaller, “more lethal” fire truck – and it came about with the close involvement of Robins personnel.

Program management of all Air Force fire trucks is done through the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate’s Support Equipment and Vehicles Division. For the past two and a half years, program office personnel have worked with Defense Logistics Agency contracting officers to ink a contract for the new trucks, called Rapid Intervention Vehicles.

Robins will get one of the first trucks in October or November, with 203



Courtesy graphic/ Pierce Manufacturing

The P-34 Rapid Intervention Vehicle will be the first firefighting vehicle in the Air Force fleet to use new ultra-high-pressure firefighting technology.

eventually to be produced and delivered to bases around the world. The Robins truck will be stationed on the flightline.

The trucks will cost about \$160,000 each, and employ advanced technology that will enable the same firefighting capability as a full-size fire truck costing \$750,000.

The trucks are designed for the specific purpose of being the first on the scene if an aircraft goes down.

“You can get in really quick, and get into places where we could never take a larger fire truck,” said Vinnie DuPree, program manager for fire trucks.

The trucks are on a Ford F-550 chassis and spray water with ultra-high-pressure technology. Matthew Meredith, fire truck engineer, said the Air Force is the first to use the technology on a fire truck. It has been extensively tested and found to be effective, he said.

It sprays water from the truck’s 400-gallon tank at 1,300 pounds per square inch.

“It produces a smaller water droplet, allowing us to use less water to more effect,” Meredith said. “It is three and a half times as effective as a normal spray.”

The truck also has a 40-gallon foam tank.

The total cost of the acquisition is estimated at \$33 million. Pierce Manufacturing of Bradenton, Fla., has a contract to produce the first 90 trucks.

A contract for the remaining 113 trucks is expected to be awarded within the next two months. In comparison to the cost of the full-size truck, the contract is expected to save the Air Force more than \$100 million.

THINK OPSEC:

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

SHRED INSTEAD

Last out. Lights out. Save energy.

AIR FORCE/ROBINS CELEBRATION ANNOUNCED

The Museum of Aviation will be the site of a celebration Sept. 17 marking the Air Force's 64th birthday and Robins' 70th anniversary.

Sen. Saxby Chambliss will be the guest speaker.

The celebration will include dinner, dancing and entertainment by Warner Robins native Bobbie Eakes, an actress and singer.

There will also be an appearance by the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve.

Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost for the event is \$30.

Ticket POCs

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78th FSS - Kimberly Grant 468-2110
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GRC - TSgt Brad Houchins 468-0493
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GRW - Tammy Garcia 472-4947
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Visiting team gets inside look at the art of combat communications

BY ROBERT TALENTI

689th Combat Communications Wing

Haithe Anderson, Air Force Space Command Museum program manager, arrived at Robins July 19 with a team of three civilian artists.

The visit is one of two Air Force Space Command-hosted U.S. Air Force Art Program visits. One visit is to the 689th Combat Communications Wing here, the other is to cyberspace units at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

“The artists volunteer their time and talents and are here to produce cyberspace art products capturing this critical AFSPC mission,” Anderson said.

“Combat communications takes cyberspace to the tactical edge, and this mission provides a lot of visual images for the artists to work with.

“They’re all very excited to be here and to produce artwork that is donated to the U.S. Air Force Art Program at the Pentagon,” she added.

The art program team members included Peter Ring Sr., a photo realistic aviation artist; Christopher Peterson, an illustrator; and Michael Kane, a mural illustration artist.

“It has been a fantastic experience at Robins and a challenge to absorb the amount of information we’ve seen in two short days,” Kane said. “Their (combat communications Airmen) spirit will inspire me to honor them through my work.”

Peterson agreed, and said the visit was enlightening. “Our visit helps us understand the importance of the men and women who maintain and deliv-



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Above, U.S. Air Force Art Team members, Peter Ring Sr. (left) and Michael Kane (center) are briefed on the TPN-19 Radar by Airmen 1st Class Zachary Cannon, radar maintenance apprentice, Elizabeth Bobenmoyer, airfield systems apprentice and William Kelley, airfield systems apprentice, from the 52nd Combat Communications Squadron. The art team visited the 689th Combat Communications Wing at Robins July 19 and 20.

Below, from left, Master Sgt. Charles Starnes, 53rd Combat Communications Squadron RF transmissions NCOIC, and Staff Sgt. Brian Dexter, 51st Combat Communications Squadron RF transmissions maintainer, demonstrate the PHOENIX tactical satellite terminal-configured Humvee to the artists.

WHAT TO KNOW

The artists' Cyber Artwork is scheduled to be delivered to the Pentagon in October 2012.

For more information or to view previous art products, visit www.afapo.hq.af.mil.

er combat communications equipment to the field,” he said. “It was enlightening to learn how important cyberops are to combat communications.”

Ring had praise for the combat communications Airmen he interacted with during the visit.

“The Airmen represent leadership, pride, resourcefulness, and dedication to complete whatever task is in front of them,” he said.



Courtesy photo

Back to School safety

Summer vacations are coming to an end and students are preparing for a new school year.

It is important to make sure your children are up to date on their immunizations, are eating healthy, and are safe traveling back and forth to school.

According to the Federal Citizen Information Center, the top five reasons children miss school are colds, stomach flu, ear infection, pink eye and sore throat.

The single most important thing children can do to prevent illness is wash their hands thoroughly and frequently.

School age-children gradually become less prone to common illnesses and recover more quickly. However, routine exams and screening will help to identify potential problems before they become serious health issues.

School buses will be busy picking children up; so, there could be increased pedestrian traffic and school speed zones will be back in effect.

The Federal Citizen Information Center points out children should never

play in the street while waiting for the bus and should move immediately to the sidewalk and out of traffic.

If you drive your child to school, make sure everyone wears a seatbelt at all times; children under 13 should ride in the rear seat of vehicles.

Remember that many mishaps occur while novice teen drivers are going to and from school. You may want to limit the number of teen passengers to prevent driver distraction.

BOTTOM LINE:

The safety of school children depends on drivers slowing down in designated school zones when children are present and stopping when a school bus is loading. It is a fact that most school bus fatalities occur when the bus is stopped, and the child is not on the bus. In today's automobiles, external flashing lights have a hard time competing with the cocoon we create with cell phones, GPSs, text messages and stereos.

— Courtesy Air Force Safety Center

HAPPENINGS

ON TAP
Troops to Teachers
Transition Class
Today
Bldg. 905, Room 122
For details, call 497-7312.

Family Fitness –
HAWC joins EFMP
Saturday
10 to 11 a.m.
A&FRC
Zumba, self-defense
and more
For details, call 468-1256.

Texas Hold 'Em
Saturday and Aug. 6, 13,
20 and 27
Sign-up 1:30 p.m.
Games start 2 p.m.
Heritage Club lounge
\$10 for club members
\$15 for guests
For details, call 472-7864.

The Club Closet
Saturday
5 to 8 p.m.
Youth Center
Entry fee \$1
For details, call 468-2110.

Pre-Separation Briefings
Thursday and Aug. 11, 18

and 25,
1 to 2 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

Robins Idol
Amateur Solo Karaoke
Thursday, Aug. 11, 18 and
25, Sept. 1, 8, 15 and 22
7 to 9 p.m.
Heritage Club lounge
Must be 18 years and older
For details, call 468-2105.

UPCOMING
AFMC Fun Daze Event
Aug. 5
5 to 8 p.m.
Heritage Club ballroom
Family fun, entertainment
and children's activities
Open to Horizons and
Heritage Club members
and their guests.
For details, call 472-7864.

Movies in the Pool
Aug. 5
8 p.m.
Heritage Club Pool
Free admission
For details, call 468-4001.

**Give Parents A Break/
Kids Night Out**

Aug. 5,
5 to 10 p.m.
Youth Center
Cost \$15
For details, call 468-2110.

Give Parents A Break
Aug. 5
6 to 10 p.m.
CDC East and School Age
For details, call 468-5805.

Home Buying Seminar
Aug. 9
9 to 11 am.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

ONGOING
Men's Locker Room
Closed for Renovation
Now through Jan. 2
Fitness Center
Temporary shower trailer
is available.
For details, call 468-2128.

ITT Discounted
Summer Tickets
Six Flags \$35
White Water \$30
For details, call 468-2945.

Atlanta Falcons Tickets
\$77 lower level
\$40 upper level
Four tickets per family
For details, call 468-2945.

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

Youth Soccer Coaches
Accepting applications for
volunteer coaches.
No experience required;
training provided.
For details, call 497-6836.



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Summer treasure

Clara Murray, left, and Brianna Bailey decorate treasure chests at the base library as part of the summer reading program. The theme of this year's program was A Midsummer Knight's Read.



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Picture This: Safety photo contest

Robins is sponsoring a photo contest focused on worker safety and health.

The contest, sponsored by the Center Occupational Safety and Health Office, seeks to raise awareness about employee safety and health – whether on the job, at home or anywhere else. It is open to employees ages 18 and older and will run through Aug. 12.

The winning photo, which should convey a clear safety and health message, will be published in the Rev-Up and on the base website.

The winning photographer will receive an eagle statue, and a congratulatory letter from Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander. The photo will also be hung in the general's front office and the winner's work location.

Participants may submit up to three original photographs (in .jpg file format; no larger than 3 MB). Each submission must include the participant's name, day-time phone and e-mail address.

Photographs must not depict any uncontrolled hazard, or any unsafe procedure or practice. They should also not



endorse or be perceived to endorse a commercial product or service; infringe upon any copyright; invade any right of privacy; contain any defamatory, libelous or slanderous material; or violate any other right of any person or entity, and are not otherwise contrary to law.

Photographs in which a person is recognizable must be accompanied by a release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, a release by the subject's parent or guardian.

Photos will be judged by the 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office and the Workplace Safety and Health Team.

Photographs will not be returned.

For more information, e-mail wralc.sh.workflow@robins.af.mil.