

# Happy holidays from our family to yours



The 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group machine shop manufactures the fitting which is the main piece of support structure in the C-5 T-tail. The fittings are made from an aluminum billet weighing about 500 pounds. Once the fitting is completed, it only weighs about 75 pounds. That's a lot of machining.

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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## Teamwork leads to 'Excellent' LCAP, ESOHCAMP results

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It was an "Excellent" showing.

The results from the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Logistics Compliance Assessment Program and Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program inspections Dec. 5 through 9 spoke volumes.

The Center received an overall Excellent rating; the 402nd Maintenance Wing, Excellent; 78th Air Base Wing, Excellent;

and 638th Supply Chain Management Group, Excellent.

"Wow," said Timothy Gray, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command Inspector General LCAP team chief, to a packed audience. With your compliance, your programs and your integration, I'm totally blown away."

Gray noted this was his 13th visit to Robins, emphasizing, "I've been doing this for a long time – and this is the best I have ever seen the organization."

More than 300 inspections were performed throughout the 402nd MXW, 78th ABW, and

*"That was phenomenal. You all should be proud of how far you have come in the last few years ..."*

**Timothy Gray**  
Logistics Compliance Assessment Program team chief

the 638th SCMG – part of the 448th Supply Chain Management Wing. Observations also included 'over-the-shoulder' evaluations, and quality verification inspections. Throughout the one-hour inspection outbrief conducted Monday at the Heritage Club, the atmosphere

was energetic and lively, as cheers erupted in congratulations over the successes of logistics, supply chain and maintenance professionals from across the installation.

This was the first time LCAP coincided with safety and environmental inspections at Robins. The inspection types were integrated for the first time to reduce mission impact on organizations, reduce cost, and provide additional feedback across installations.

Col. Evan Miller, 402nd MXW commander, indicated that during his time with AFMC he has never seen an inspection

go this well. The wing experienced hundreds of graded events and shop visits.

"We have a great partnership across the base, which was evident in their commitment to us doing well," said Miller.

"Everyone here at Robins, including our union partners, is committed. Success breeds success – going from 46 percent on-time delivery of our aircraft last year to 100 percent this year.

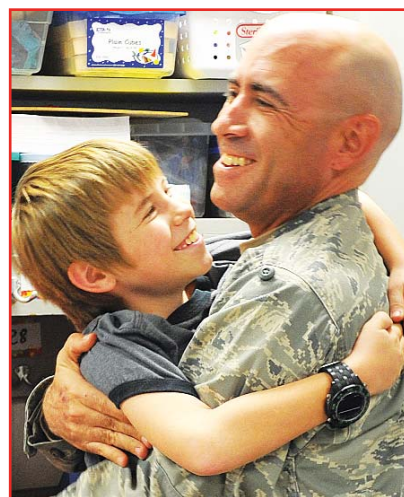
"This inspection validates that we are on the right path," he added. "The teamwork that's

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## 'I'll be home for Christmas ...'



Two Warner Robins students got an emotional surprise when they walked into their classrooms Dec. 9. Capt. Nathan List returned home early from Iraq to surprise his son James, 9, at Shirley Hills Elementary School, and 12-year-old daughter Chloe at Warner Robins Middle School. List, who has been deployed since before July 4, was not expected home until after Christmas. With President Obama's acceleration of the drawdown of troops, the Air Force Reserve Command captain made it home three weeks earlier than originally planned. He and his wife, Lisa, first surprised Chloe at Warner Robins Middle, then went to Shirley Hills Elementary to surprise James.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

## MC-130W Dragon Spear visits Robins

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A special recognition ceremony took place on the flight line Dec. 2, honoring the efforts made by members of the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, now the 402nd Expeditionary Maintenance Depot team.

The occasion took place in front of an MC-130W Dragon Spear, which arrived for the day with its crew, the 73rd Special Operations Squadron, from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.

A group of 15 team members received a coin and letter of appreciation from Jeff Stanley, Special Operations Forces/Personnel Recovery Division chief.

The Robins team assisted U.S. Special Operations Command Detachment 1 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. from April 2009 to April 2010 with two prototypes that would become the MC-130W.

The aircraft is a modified C-130H that is a highly-specialized and sophisticated weapons system, able to provide close air support missions for America's Special Forces.

"It's not often that active-duty Air Force are actually hand-building aircraft," said Lt. Col. James "Phil" Smith, Special Operations Forces/Personnel Recovery Fixed Wing branch deputy.

"Those two prototypes were so successful that Air Force Special Operations Command and USSOCOM both wanted more of them."

A production contract was signed to build 12 of the aircraft. Along with an advanced situational awareness suite, the aircraft's Precision Strike package includes precision-

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## C-5 full crown skins being replaced

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Maintainers in the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron are carrying out a unique mission at Robins.

For the first time, 20 full crown skin replacements are being done on a C-5C. In the past, only a portion of each skin would be removed and replaced.

Crown skins are the outer layers of an aircraft, held together by fasteners. There can be

between 4,000 to 7,000 fasteners per skin, depending on its size.

Due to the scope of the work, special scaffolds were built.

"We've never changed multiple skins like this," Jeffrey Cranford, 559th AMXS aircraft supervisor, said. "When we would do a segment, we'd take about a 3-foot piece out, replace it and put a splice on it, but now we're changing the entire skin."

It's taking between eight to 10 days for each skin to be

replaced, but it's not the only maintenance being done. Flap tracks are being changed and repairs to aileron hinges are also being done.

In addition to the C-5C's regularly scheduled depot maintenance, the crown skin package has added 26,000 man hours.

Twenty eight day and swing-shift maintainers working 10-hour shifts are performing the work. It takes about a day and a half to remove fasteners, and several days to pull the skin

down, drill holes, and complete installation.

Wilbur Mathews, 559th AMXS work leader, gave kudos to his hard-working team.

"The crew makes this happen," Mathews said. "No matter what you asked them to do, these mechanics did it with no issues or problems," he said. "And Senior mechanics have stepped up to lead apprentices."

Ninety-five percent of the work has been completed to date.

### THINK SAFETY

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This is the last edition of the Robins Rev-Up for 2011. We will publish again Jan. 6, 2012.

# Page Two

## 78th Civil Engineer Group Horizontal Shop steps it up

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It's been a year of work in progress for the "Dirt Boyz" of the 78th Civil Engineer Group Horizontal Shop.

The 78th Air Base Wing's Voluntary Protection Program shop performed a site assessment of the team in mid-November.

The results – a well-earned move from green to silver status.

There are several levels of VPP recognition: green, bronze, silver and

gold.

Who are the "Dirt Boyz?"

They're the heavy equipment operators you see across the base involved in road work, from moving concrete barriers to digging holes.

The team used to be in Bldg. 1555 in a small office area with equipment housed in a back lot.

After moving to a compound area in Bldg. 1342, they remodeled the building and cleaned up the area outside.



"There was a lot of work accomplished," said Debbie Crawford, 78th CEG's VPP program manager. "I can only describe it as truly amazing and fantastic. They did an outstanding job."

The shop received silver status in November.

The VPP team visited five buildings, several sheds and storage areas, and were given before and after photos of the shop's VPP journey.

All buildings were cleaned and

maintained, parking spaces were created for each vehicle and equipment in rooms – such as gas-powered equipment – were properly labeled and identified.

Each building also had eye wash stations located outside.

"Operators can now easily find what they need," said Crawford.

Visual management efforts also included VPP banners inside storage buildings and a VPP employee involvement board where employees could write suggestions and concerns.

## 78TH FSS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY HOURS

### OPEN

- ▶ Arts & Crafts Center, Dec. 27 through 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ▶ Auto Hobby Shop, Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Base Library
  - Dec. 19 through 22 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Dec. 27 through 29 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Dec. 30 from noon to 5 p.m.
- ▶ Base Restaurant
  - Fast Food Dec. 19 and 20 (normal hours of operation) Dec. 21, 22 and Dec. 27 through 30 until 12:30 p.m.
  - Cafeteria Dec. 19 and 20 (normal hours of operation) Dec. 21, 22 and Dec. 27 through 29 until 12:30 p.m.
  - Afterburner Dec. 19 and 20 until 1 p.m., Dec. 21 and Dec. 27 through 29 until 12:30 p.m.
  - Mobile Routes 1, 2 & 4 (normal hours of operation) Dec. 19 through 22 and Dec. 27 through 30
    - Snack Bars 91, 645, 640, 125, 300 Hallway & Foyer, 301, 140 & 210 Dec. 19 through 21 and Dec. 27 through 30 till 1 p.m.; Snack Bar 91 Nights Dec. 19 and 20 and Dec. 27 through 29 till 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 21 and Dec. 27 through 29 till 8 p.m. and Dec. 21 and 30 till 7 p.m.
  - ▶ Bowling Center, open
    - Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
    - Dec. 24 from 11 to 6 p.m.
    - Dec. 26 from 1 to 8 p.m.
    - Dec. 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (open bowling); 5 – 8 p.m. (private party) and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (New Year's Party)
      - Jan. 2 from 1 to 8 p.m.

- ▶ CDC East, Dec. 23 from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ▶ Fitness Center
  - Dec. 23 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Dec. 27 through 30 from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Dec. 31 through Jan. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Flight Kitchen remains open (boxed meals)
- ▶ Golf Course, Dec. 23 (normal hours), Dec. 24 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Jan. 1 (normal hours)
  - ▶ Heritage Club, Dec. 27 through 30
  - ▶ Lodging, normal hours of operation
  - ▶ Outdoor Recreation/Equipment Rental, Dec. 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - ▶ Rasile Indoor Pool, Dec. 23 and Jan. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 24 and 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dec. 27 through 30 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - ▶ Wood Hobby Shop, Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - ▶ Wynn Dining Facility
    - Dec. 25 from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Christmas meal with guests and 2 to 4 p.m. Christmas dinner for Airman only)

### CLOSED

- ▶ Aero Club, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
- ▶ Airman and Family Readiness Center, Dec. 23, 26 & Jan. 2
- ▶ Airman Leadership School, Dec. 23, 26 & Jan. 2
- ▶ Arts & Crafts Center, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
- ▶ Auto Hobby Center, Dec. 23 through 26 and Jan. 1 & 2
- ▶ Base Library, Dec. 23 through 26 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 2
- ▶ Base Restaurant
  - Cafeteria, Dec. 23, 26, 30 and Jan. 2
  - Fast Food, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2

- Afterburner, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
- All Mobile routes, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
  - Route 3 Dec. 22 and 30
  - Route 5 and 6 Dec. 19 through 23 and Dec. 27 through 30)
  - Snack Bars 91 Nights and 125 Dec. 22
  - All Snack Bars Dec. 23 and 26 and Jan. 2
  - Vending, Dec. 23 and 26 and Dec. 30 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ BINGO, Dec. 23 through 26 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 2
  - ▶ Bowling Center, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
  - ▶ CDC West, Dec. 23
  - ▶ CDC East and West, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ Equipment Rental/Outdoor Recreation Center, Dec. 26 & Jan. 2
  - ▶ Fairways Grille, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 & 2
  - ▶ FAMCAMP, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ Family Child Care, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ Fitness Center, Dec. 25 through 26
  - ▶ Fitness Center Annex, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ Food Service Office, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ Flight Line Dining, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ Golf Course, Dec. 25
  - ▶ Heritage Club, Dec. 23 through 26 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 2
  - ▶ Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ Horizons, Dec. 18 through Jan. 2
  - ▶ Human Resource Office, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ Information, Tickets and Travel, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ Marketing, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ Military Education & Training Office, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
  - ▶ Military Personnel Flight, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2

- ▶ Pizza Depot, Dec. 23 through 26 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 2
- ▶ Professional Development Center, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
- ▶ Rasile Indoor Pool, Dec. 25 and 26
- ▶ Resource Management Office, Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2
- ▶ Skeet Range, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2
- ▶ U.S. Veterinarian Services, Dec. 23, 26 and Dec. 30 (Inventory) and Jan. 2
- ▶ Wood Hobby shop, Dec. 23 through 26 and Jan. 1, 2
- ▶ Youth Center, Dec. 23 through 26 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 2



### Editor's note:

Dec. 23 is an energy day. The Christmas Holiday will be Dec. 26 (four-day weekend)  
Jan. 1 is on a Sunday, and the holiday will be observed Jan. 2.

## C-17 Sustainment Team wins Defense Logistics award for C-17 Support

The U.S. Air Force Globemaster Division and Boeing, located in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, were named the “Best Logistics Strategy” award winners at the 8th annual Defense Logistics Awards ceremony Nov. 30.

The Defense Logistics award was established to honor, recognize and promote logisticians in the U.S. Department of Defense and the defense industry that have made a significant contribution to military logistics.

These logisticians support interoperability and transformation through various logistics initiatives, programs and processes, according to the Defense Logistics conference website.

Through the C-17 Globemaster III Integrated Sustainment Program, the Air Force has partnered with Boeing for C-17 sustainment since the delivery of the first aircraft in 1993, transitioning to a system-level performance based logistics contract in 1998.

Today, the GISP is headquartered in a Combined Program Office at Robins supporting a 237 C-17 worldwide “virtual fleet” – 212 in the U.S. Air Force, including active duty, Guard and Reserve units, and 25 with inter-



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national customers including United Kingdom’s Royal Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force, Royal Canadian Air Force, Qatar Emiri Air Force, United Arab Emirates Air Force and Air Defense and the 12-member Strategic Airlift Capability initiative of NATO and Partnership for Peace nations.

The GISP “virtual fleet” arrangement ensures mission readiness by providing all C-17 users the benefits of access to an extensive support network for parts availability worldwide and economies of scale when purchasing materials.

“The C-17 Virtual Fleet has been a “game changing” concept of operations for C-17 sup-

port,” according to Trevor Burke, team leader - Strategic Airlift Capability of NATO. “The C-17 Virtual Fleet is all about affordability, extreme affordability – like none before.”

This marks the second time in a month the C-17 Globemaster CPO was recognized for program excellence. On the 6th the C-17 Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership program was selected as the winner of the Program Excellence Award in the Sustainment category. Sponsored by Aviation Week, this award recognizes innovation and leadership in managing the aerospace and defense industry’s top programs.

– 78th Air Base Wing  
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## RESULTS

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occurring here is some of the best I’ve ever seen, and it’s really setting conditions for us to continue to improve. It can only be done with great teamwork, great leadership and professionalism and expertise of all the people who go to work every day and get the work done.”

Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th ABW commander, reiterated that much of this year’s inspection team visited Robins in 2009 and 2010.

“The feedback we received from many of the inspectors was they were not expecting what they saw,” said Butikofer. “The pride that has gone into this is just phenomenal. These inspection results just help solidify that feeling.

“We are keeping our promise to deliver quality products on time,” he added, echoing Col. Miller. “We had independent inspections here to show that. The community can take pride that we’re serious about making sure the installation stays viable for the Air Force and our nation.”

The 638th SCMG had more than 300 individual inspections from a team of 13 from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Hill and Tinker.

Bonnie Jones, 638th SCMG group director, added that people are our greatest resource.

“It’s the people who are out there in our organizations working together,” said Jones. “It’s through their dedication to what we do every day that we achieved this.

She pointed out that through discussions with IG inspectors, since the team visited in 2009, the group had made significant improvements in managing sustainment programs, manifested by the low number of identi-

fied deficiencies.

Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon re-emphasized the Center’s successes of horizontal integration and everyone working together from maintainers to union partners.

“Thirty-three years, five months, 12 days,” said McMahon at the conclusion of Monday’s outbrief. “I have never, never been through an IG outbrief like that. Today is not just about the Air Logistics Center, it is about Team Robins. The grades you saw today are about all of us working together to make things happen that make this a world-class place supporting our Department of Defense.”

He added, “It is one base, one team, one grade. In over 33 years serving our nation, I have never been more proud of an entire team who have gathered together, who have

worked through some of the toughest conditions, and have demonstrated to this command, to our Air Force, to our DoD, just how good we really are. I would be happy to go to war with you at any time.”

On ESOHCAMP inspections, no grades are given. However, inspectors noted the Center’s positive, can-do attitude among workers, who demonstrated knowledge and proper use of personal protective equipment for tasks observed.

Less than 20 findings were observed in one week, with zero significant findings reported. Michael Trimeloni, part of AFMC’s inspection team, said the results of Robins’ environmental management system is in conformance with ISO 140001. He also noted its strong management support with participation across the base with



## Honoring service

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Above, Staff Sgt. David Ankenbauer, Airman 1st Class Miranda Aragon and Master Sgt. Shannon Blanton, 78th Security Forces Squadron members, participate in a wreath laying ceremony at Andersonville National Cemetery Saturday.

At right, Blanton takes a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by those honored at the ceremony.

Below, 78th SFS members helped place wreaths in the northwest section of the cemetery.



# ViewPoints

“It's not the hours you put in your work that counts, it's the work you put in the hours.”  
— **Sam Ewing**

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## 2011 a time of successes, 2012 will bring change

BY GEN.  
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Air Force Materiel Command Commander

As the holidays draw close and the year winds down, we have an opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months and think ahead about what's to come.

I would like to thank our team of more than 85,000 hard-working Airmen – military and civilian. As a result of your talents and professionalism, we have seen many successes this year across all of our mission areas.

In January, the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center reached full operational capability, demonstrating the center's ability to help ensure our nuclear weapons are safe, secure and effective. In

March, Air Force senior leaders personally congratulated the team responsible for the source selection of the new KC-46A tanker – the Air Force's top acquisition priority.

In August, the KC-135 Stratotanker Programmed Depot Maintenance Team at Tinker was recognized by the Department of Defense for outstanding achievements in weapon system and military equipment maintenance. At Edwards, the test team is putting the Joint Strike Fighter through its paces and is logging more sorties



Hoffman

than originally planned to ensure this fighter is ready to enter the operational Air Force.

The Air Force Research Laboratory has too many accomplishments to list, but rapid deployment of technology to the warfighter and certification of our fleets to operate on alternative fuels are both significant.

These accomplishments are representative of many other successes across the command and are a direct reflection of the contributions each and every one of you make to the Air Force Materiel Command mission.

The new year will bring many changes for AFMC and the Air Force. But no matter what the future holds, I know your dedication and commitment to the mis-

sion will remain strong.

During this holiday season, please remember there are some 31,000 Airmen – military and civilian – deployed from units across the Air Force.

From AFMC, more than 1,300 men and women are deployed.

Think of them, but also think about yourself as safety never takes a holiday. Winter activities bring increased risks and hazards, so travel and celebrate with care. Sound risk management and thoughtful planning will help ensure a safe season for all.

Jacki and I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a very happy new year.

We are proud to serve with you in the world's most respected air and space force.

## Center commander issues seasons greetings

BY MAJ. GEN.  
**ROBERT MCMAHON**

WR-ALC Commander

My season's greetings to you last year came during the early weeks of my arrival here. As I was settling into my new home, my message was inspired by that great old song that goes, “There's no place like home for the holidays.”

This year, I am once again reminded of that heart-warming lyric.

Reading the news stories covering the final chapters of our operations in Iraq, it brings a smile to my face to know many of our Airmen will be home soon. And just in time for the holidays. So the spirit of that uplifting tune will carry a very special truth this season for our returning heroes and their families.

It's just perfect.

During the time of year that a deployed loved one's absence hurts the most, the family members left behind will receive their fondest of holiday wishes. And this most precious of holiday seasons, where the warmth of family and friends is most cherished and appreciated, will be a time of joyous reunions and the comfort of knowing their beloved is home safe and sound. What a wonderful gift for each of these families to receive.

The members of Team Robins

can take some measure of pleasure in these happy homecomings.

The return home of these brave warriors and the equipment and materials needed for them to perform their duty is greatly dependent on the vital work of our center.

So, as we enjoy the pleasures of the yuletide with those close to us, we can take pride in knowing we played a part in ensuring those Norman Rockwell-like scenes that are unfolding at the homes of our reunited military families.

I'm sure those families would want to join me in congratulating you on another year of excellence in the air logistics world. Our 70th year at Robins has been one for the books, and your continued superior performance for our nation is deserving of the highest accolades and appreciation.

Thank you.

We are always right to remember those whose efforts we support – our warfighters. While we are pleased some are returning home, there are still a great many standing guard for us around the globe. Please, keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers, and be thankful their dedication to duty keeps every American secure and free.

I also ask that you make safety a constant focus during your holiday activities. Properly plan and take every precaution to avoid putting you or your loved ones at risk.



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**Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, WR-ALC commander, and wife, Hope.**

Perhaps more than any recent year, the new year ahead of us will pose many unique challenges. As I have told you, I have every confidence in our team. I want you all to enjoy your time off and this special season; then, return to work ready

to succeed in every endeavor and to continue our sterling record of mission success.

To all the members of our Robins family, Hope and I wish you a very happy and safe holiday season.

# On the Fly

## 116th CES Airman wins AFMC award

Senior Airman Columbus Cook has been named 2011 Civil Engineer Manager of the Year.



Cook

The honor is part of Air Force Materiel Command's Air Force Civil Engineer and Environmental Awards Program.

Cook is a member of the Georgia Air National Guard's 116th Civil Engineering Squadron.

He participated in the Military Personnel Appropriation man-days program, which helps support the short-term needs of the active duty force by placing Air Force Reserve and ANG members on an active-duty tour.

Cook has worked in the 78th Civil Engineer Group since March 2009 wearing two hats – one from the design side, the other from team management.

During his time with the 78th, Cook helped produce conceptual designs, even designing a sketch to retrofit an existing building as a recycling center.

"That small idea ended up being a project that got funded," said Cook, a current student at Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta.

The project is in a waiting phase at the moment,

awaiting final word from the contractor to begin construction.

When complete, the building behind the Hobby Shop will be a welcome and convenient addition for anyone wishing to drop off recyclables.

As part of his job, Cook leads a team of surveyors who perform space utilization across the base for more than 14 million square feet of facilities.

When he found out he won the award, he said, "It means quite a bit. It's nice that my supervisor thought enough of me to consider me for the award."

Supervisor Craig Henry, 78th CEG Environmental Sustainment chief, said Cook was a valuable addition to the team.

"His professionalism and skill, coupled with a solid work ethic, have proven key in his successes," said Henry. "He has provided our Space Utilization Survey team steady leadership.

"His meticulous design of the future Qualified Recycling Center as well as other projects, such as the Airman's Attic and G-Ramp, have saved thousands of dollars in design costs."

— Jenny Gordon

## Be wary of suspicious packages

The threat of terrorism has become a fact of life in this day and age. It varies in scale from global to localized threats and

may be directed at installations or individuals.

Whether real or perceived, threats of terrorism pose serious safety concerns and have the potential to disrupt normal operations.

This time of the year it's paramount that every person heighten his or her sense of awareness when receiving and opening packages.

For more information concerning suspicious mail and packages, please contact your unit Antiterrorism Representative or the Installation Antiterrorism office at 468-4749/5732.

## Upcoming

There will be a **mass flu vaccination in the Atrium of Robins Clinic** today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is open to all military, family members, retirees and civilian employees.

Active Duty members who don't get the flu vaccine by Jan. 1 will become delinquent (PIMR RED) and be non-worldwide qualified.

**Central Georgia Marine Corps League Detachment #1373** will meet Jan. 2 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.



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## A taste of home

Volunteers bag cookies Dec. 7 during the Robins Cookie Caper. Members of Robins Officers Spouses Club, Robins First Sergeants and numerous other base organizations donated cookies and their time to prepare about 500 bags to be distributed to single Airmen who reside in the dorms for a little taste of home for the holidays.

## Air Force workers can find help here

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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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**CivilianJobs.com will host a Career Expo Jan. 19** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Club.

Early candidate registration begins at 9 a.m.; floor exhibits open at 10 a.m.

Military and prior mili-

tary may pre-register at [www.CivilianJobs.com](http://www.CivilianJobs.com). Veterans and prior military who are non-ID Card holders will be granted access to attend the job fair if their name is on the entry authorization list.

Veterans who are not

ID card holders must pre-register online and email full name, date of birth, state of driver's license and driver's license number by Jan. 4 to [dgilliam@civilianjobs.com](mailto:dgilliam@civilianjobs.com).

For more information call, (678) 819-4153.

## Premarital Interpersonal Choices and Knowledge

At one time or another, we have heard someone quote the old saying, "love is blind."

It might've been in response to that miserably mismatched couple; or when your best friend took back her husband or wife for the hundredth time; or when you finally saw the previously overlooked red flags of your ex.

It was this quest which led to the development of the PICK Program (also known as How Not to Marry a Jerk or Jerkette). PICK is an educational course used to improve dating relationships and partner selection. The core of

the course revolves around the importance of keeping your head and heart in balance. Singles of all ages would be helped if they had a relationship GPS in their dating relationships and ultimately in the life changing journey of choosing a partner in marriage.

In the past several decades, there has been an enormous amount of information from self-help books, seminars and research on the subjects of dating, romance and marital satisfaction.

However, there was a great need to have the material organized into a practical and easy-to-use plan which portrays the balance between getting to really know the person you are dating while staying healthy in the connections of your growing relationship.

For more information, call the Family Advocacy Program at 327-8398.

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## A heritage-rich room



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Crawford Battle, a retired structural engineer, discusses his work with F-15s at Robins with Col. Gerald Swift, F-15 Eagle Division chief. The Crawford Battle Room, a heritage room in Bldg. 300, was dedicated Dec. 7. One wall in the room was dedicated solely to him. Battle, who left government service in 2007, was known as the technical expert on the F-15 weapon system. He was involved in the aircraft's original development. The heritage room includes walls of photographs, letters and memorabilia, and a history of the evolution of the base's F-15 program. Through several months of work, the room's highlights include foreign military sales, operations and engineering. Swift pointed out that it was important to connect everyday people who have made contributions to the program.

"For the next 25 years we will be populating this room because the F-15 will be around for 25 years or more," said Swift. "There is a lot to be added."

# KEEP'EM FLYING AFSO21

# ANG leadership and congressman view JSTARS up close and personal

BY MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS  
116th ACW Public Affairs

Lt. Gen Harry Wyatt III, Air National Guard director, Maj. Gen. Jim Butterworth, Adjutant General of Georgia, and Congressman Austin Scott, viewed first-hand the capabilities of the JSTARS platform during a Dec. 5 orientation flight.

The group observed training scenarios at each battle station as Lt. Col. Thomas Grabowski, 116th Operations Support Squadron commander, briefed on the current capabilities of the weapon system as well as opportunities for future expansion of the platform.

“One of the things the Air Force is trying to do is decide how we move forward with the JSTARS capabilities,” said Wyatt. “It seems everywhere you go, whatever conflict there is in the world, the first capability Combatant Commanders ask for is JSTARS.”

Scott, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, indicated he wanted to make sure his colleagues in Washington understand how valuable JSTARS is.

“Any of the intelligence and surveillance platforms certainly bring a lot to the fight,” said Scott. “That’s what gives us a big advantage over our adversaries in battle. JSTARS gives us the capability of doing a lot



U.S. Air Force photos by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

Lt. Col. Thomas Grabowski, left, 116th Operations Support Squadron commander, briefs Maj. Gen. Jim Butterworth, Adjutant General of Georgia, Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt III, Air National Guard director, and Congressman Austin Scott, on the mission and capabilities of the E-8 Joint STARS during an orientation flight aboard the aircraft Dec. 5. During the training sortie, JSTARS crew members demonstrated real-world scenarios to show the versatility of the weapon system.

of things that smaller platforms aren’t, and we can add some additional equipment to do even more.”

While looking at ways to use the aircraft for continuing operations in hotspots around the world, much discussion centered around possibilities for more domestic use of the JSTARS platform as well.

“As director of the Air National Guard, I’m interested in the capabilities this system brings to homeland defense and help with natural disasters,” said Wyatt. “We may be bringing ground troops home from Iraq and Afghanistan, but I think the demand for the JSTARS capability is not going to subside. I think if anything it’s going to



JSTARS crewmembers are welcomed home by Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt III, Air National Guard director, center, as they step off a jet after a four-month deployment in Southeast Asia. Wyatt had just finished an orientation flight aboard the E-8 Joint STARS aircraft and landed in time to greet the deployers.

increase.”

The flight was capped off with an unexpected, but welcome surprise, when the onboard phone rang with a message that a group of JSTARS Airmen were returning

to Robins from a deployment in Southeast Asia.

Wyatt and the rest of the Georgia ANG leaders landed in time to greet the returning Airman and their families.

## DRAGON

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guided munitions, and the ability to drop 250-pound bombs from its wing tips, or shoot 30 mm close air-support guns. Two MX-20, hi-def, optical sensors, are also used for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

“It was USSOCOM’s number one fire-power need,” explained Smith. “It was very urgent as we don’t have enough gunships. This fills that capability gap. This aircraft - from concept to combat - happened in 18 months. That’s pretty phenomenal considering weapons development today. We had a proven concept that was killing the enemy.”

“While the job we do here at the depot is very important to sustain the aircraft, another thing that Robins does is develop and deliver new combat capability,” he added.

The CLSS team, made up of 25 to 30 personnel, added 2,000 to 3,000 wiring connections and bundles, and conducted multiple structural modifications and avionics upgrades while at Eglin.

“Our team’s effort was the onset of the production line,” said Bill Wheaton, lead team chief from Robins at the time. “Everyone who touched it had a contribution that was remarkable. Out of engineers, sheet metal mechanics, electrical systems technicians and crew chiefs, everybody came together as a cohesive team.”

The MC-130W includes a crew of six: pilot, co-pilot, flight engineer, navigators and loadmasters.

Maj. Aric Holly, 73rd SOS pilot and commander of last week’s Dragon Spear, reiterated the aircraft’s tremendous capabilities and high demand for missions.

“It’s definitely a challenging mission set,” said Holly. “It boils down to being able to deliver precise fire power to meet the needs of ground forces. A lot of work done by the people here at Robins has made that a reality.”

Co-pilot Capt. David Sleeper agreed. “The technology helps us communicate concisely with forces, and have a good awareness of what they’re trying to do, and how we are trying to support them,” he said.

Among other features of the MC-130W, were structural improvements with the addition of a Universal Aerial Refueling Receptacle Slipway Installation, allowing it to conduct in-flight refueling as a receiver. Refueling pods also allow for the ability to fuel special operations helicopters and the CV-22 Osprey.

The 73rd SOS is one of eight flying squadrons within the 27th Special Operations Wing.

Lt. Col. Smith added that although 12 MC-130W Dragon Spears are in existence, work will continue as the battle landscape changes.

“We will modify this aircraft to keep ahead of the enemy,” he said.

## HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

#### Boss N' Buddy

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

#### Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday  
Sign-up at 1:30 p.m.  
Games starts at 2 p.m.  
Members \$10, Guests \$15  
Heritage Club Lounge  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Jr. Golf Sign Up

Saturday  
4 to 5 p.m.  
5- to 18-years old  
For details, call 468-4103.

#### The Littlest Angel Youth Production

Saturday  
7 p.m.  
Cost \$14  
Youth Center  
For details, call 468-2110.

#### Right Start

Sunday  
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### WWE "TLC" PPV

Sunday  
8 p.m.  
Heritage Club Lounge

Members Free and guests \$5  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Money & Credit Management

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

#### Bundles for Babies Passport to Parenthood

Tuesday  
8 a.m. to noon  
Bldg. 794  
Call 327-8380 to sign up  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Congressional Award Meeting

Wednesday  
5 p.m.  
Youth Center  
For details, call 468-2110.

#### Bowling Movie Days

Wednesday and Dec. 28  
\$6 per person  
Includes three games, rental shoes, movie and popcorn  
Call bowling center for movie titles  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### Christmas Tree Bingo

Thursday  
7:15 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 468-4515.

### UPCOMING

#### Coats for Kids

Torch and Keystone Clubs accepting donations until Dec. 23.  
Youth Center  
For details, call 468-2110.

#### Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Now through Dec. 24  
Starring Radio City Rockettes  
Grand Ole Opry House, Nashville, Tenn.  
Tickets start \$31 per person  
For details, call 468-2945.

#### New Year's Big Bingo

Dec. 30  
7:15 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 468-4515.

#### Bowling New Year's Eve Party

Dec. 31  
Starts 9 p.m.  
\$30 adults  
\$15 children  
Reserve early  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### Office Bowling Christmas Party

1 to 5 p.m.  
\$6 per person, three games and shoes included  
For details, call 468-2112.

### ONGOING

#### Spring Soccer

Register through Jan. 13  
Monday through Friday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
\$40 for active players;  
\$55 for new players  
**Start Smart Soccer**  
\$20 for returning players;  
\$35 for new players  
Youth Center  
For details, call 468-2110.

#### NASCAR Daytona 500

Tickets now on sale at ITT  
\$27 to \$199  
For details, call 468-2945.



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## Making presents bright

Airman 1st Class Khrysta Neal, right, 52nd Combat Communications Squadron, has gifts wrapped by USO representative Becky Anderson and Margie Geise, USO volunteer. The USO is one of several organizations from Robins that will be volunteering to wrap customers' gifts through the holidays.

### ROBINS Air Force Base Chapel



### Holiday Calendar

#### Protestant Holiday Calendar

Dec. 24 - Candle Light Service 7 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Service & Activities:  
• Bowling Center - 6 p.m.  
• Movie in the Annex - 8:30 p.m.  
• Service - 11 p.m.  
• New Year Breakfast  
Jan. 1 Worship Service 11 a.m.

#### Catholic Holiday Calendar

Sunday - Religious Education Break  
Dec. 24 - Children's Mass 5 p.m.  
Dec. 24 - Caroling Before Mass 11:30 p.m.  
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass midnight  
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass 9:30 a.m.  
Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve Mass 5 p.m.  
Jan. 1 - Mass 9:30 a.m.  
For more information call 497-3781 or 468-2821.

### 78th FSS DIRECTORY

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

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## Fire officials give fire safety tips for season's decorating, cooking

For most, the holiday season represents a time for family festivities and good cheer. But what few consider is the holiday season brings an increased risk of fires.

According to Robins Fire Department officials, many families engage in holiday activities which correspond to some leading home fire causes across the nation.

"As everyone gets busier during the holidays, we often become rushed, distracted or tired," Tom Kennedy, Robins Fire Department assistant fire chief, said. "That's when home fires are more likely to occur."

Fortunately, with a little added awareness and precautions taken with holiday cooking and decorating, the season can remain festive and safe for everyone.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries in the U.S.

Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling food. Since most cooking fires involve grease or oil, keep anything which can catch fire away from the



stove. Turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen, even if it's for a short period of time.

If you're simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer.

The fire department also suggests creating a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet from where food and drinks are prepared.

Candles are widely used during the holidays, and December is the peak month for home candle fires.

When using traditional candles, keep

them 12 inches from anything flammable, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed.

National Fire Protection Association statistics show more than half of candle fires start because candles were too close to flammable items.

The fire department encourages using flameless candles.

According to NFPA, U.S. fire departments respond to about 250 structure fires caused by Christmas trees annually. Nearly half are caused by electrical problems, and one in four resulted from a heat source too close to the tree.

"The holidays can quickly turn from joyful to tragic," said Kennedy. "By taking simple precautions, people can avoid potential fire hazards, and make this time of year a happy one."

### CHRISTMAS SAFETY TIPS

- Ensure artificial trees are labeled and certi-

fied by the manufacturer as fire retardant.

- Ensure fresh trees' green needles don't fall off when touched. Before placing it in the stand, cut 1 to 2 inches from the base of the trunk; put water in the stand daily.

- Don't put the tree in front of an exit, and make sure it's at least 3 feet from any heat source.

- Use lights which have an independent testing laboratory label, and check whether they are designed for indoor or outdoor use.

- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords, or loose bulbs connections. Connect no more than three stands of mini-string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.

- Always turn off tree lights before leaving the home or going to bed.

- After Christmas, get rid of the tree.

- Take outdoor electrical lights down after the holidays to prevent hazards and to make them last longer.

— Robins Fire Department

# Keep Public Health office in mind when planning next holiday fundraiser

BY JENNY GORDON

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With the holiday season upon us, there are a few important reminders Team Robins should keep in mind before hosting a fundraising event or inviting the base population for a food giveaway.

“A good rule of thumb is that when you start planning, Public Health needs to be in the process from the very beginning,” said Tech Sgt. Rose Wedderburn, Community Health NCO in charge.

When organizations contact Public Health is a major concern. Often the office is the last to know about a food fundraiser or giveaway – when in fact it should be the first.

This is important because public health specialists need time to ask important questions about where ingredients originate from, track and investigate food sources as necessary, learn how food will be cooked and where and how it will be handled once on location.

All of those questions need answers, and it’s an essential component when addressing safety, or if the need should ever arise, in tracking down an outbreak as a result of a foodborne illness.

“All it takes is for one person to bring something in and infect a large population across the installation,” said Pat Tooley, 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron lead health specialist.

“We’re not looking specifically at office Christmas parties, birthdays or baby showers, nothing like that. We’re talking about when food is offered to the public – whether free or with a charge – that’s what we

are concerned about,” she said. “If you plan on having a bake sale at the BX, we need to know about it without running into it accidentally.”

The most popular times of the year for food-related activities are summer and the holiday season.

With that, many times food is prepared and cooked in temporary-staging facilities, which must be inspected and must meet sanitary guidelines prior to an event.

“It’s strictly to make sure food is safe and won’t be compromised,” said Tooley. “The biggest offenders plan their events during the holidays because everyone wants to either make money or to share. That’s OK as long as we know about it.”

And yes, Public Health does have authority to cancel an event if a certain type of food is brought in that’s not approved. Contact should be made with their office at least 30 days in advance of an event.

A food handler’s course is taught upon request, and questions can also be answered by a simple phone call.

For example, in preparation for Summer Bash, many groups participated in preparing food for guests on base and from the community.

Several sit-down classroom sessions were conducted to educate how to properly protect, display and handle food and how to clean work areas.

As part of the planning process, interested groups should first fill out a temporary food service form which asks basic questions such as when the event will occur, time it will take to prepare food, to clean up and the event’s location.

Details must be provided on the food to be served and where it came from, as well as explanations of

how food preparation techniques will be conducted.

You will also need to be prepared to answer what type of equipment will

be used to prepare food, and how it will be stored before and after preparation and cooking.

Food prepared at home to be offered en masse is not allowed, as well as the preparation of wild meats.

If food is to be used as a fundraising activity, it must be prepared at a location on base.

Also, since many cultural celebrations are conducted, it’s essential to give Public Health a heads-up so they can make sure that food sources are properly inspected and approved.

For example, an exotic spice could be investigated as a safety precaution to make sure it’s approved and coming from a reputable place.

Another important reminder for groups who wish to hold food fundraisers across the installation is that their activity must first be approved by Betty Varnadoe, 78th Force Support Squadron Resource Management Flight chief.

**Editor’s note: To take a food handler’s course and for additional information, contact Tech Sgt. Rose Wedderburn or Airman 1st Class Carl Corbett at 497-8019 in Bldg. 700.**

be food safe.



clean. separate.  
cook. chill.

## THINK OPSEC:

YOUR TRASH COULD BE AN ADVERSARY’S TREASURE