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NEWS

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Team Robins exercise begins Wednesday

Robins will conduct an exercise beginning Wednesday and running through Feb. 3.

The major objectives are to exercise the following:

- ▶Emergency management,
- ▶Installation deployment plan,
- ▶Natural disaster response,
- ▶Major aircraft accident response, and
- ▶Phase II training and evaluations at Warrior Air Base.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Paul Jordan at 497-4871.

Upcoming Leadership Classes

The following classes are scheduled for January:

▶Jorge Gonzalez will present "Measure & Review/Standard of Work: Right Metrics, True North, Annual Targets, Oversight & Review, Collaborate & Discuss, Adjust and Act" Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate conference room in Bldg. 301.

▶Max Wyche will present "External Awareness & Partnering" Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

Personal electronic devices unauthorized for use on government computer systems

Personal electronic devices are not authorized to be connected to government resources. That includes cell phones, e-readers, MP3 players, cameras and thumb drives – even for the sole purpose of charging them.

The devices can infect the Air Force network, thereby exposing it to an unacceptable security threat.

Some devices such as spinning disk external hard drives – though authorized for use – require a number of security precautions as well as formal approval and registration by the organizational information assurance officer.

Precautions include drive encryption, password and pin use, and device labeling. A device can only be connected to a government system after meeting all regulatory requirements.

All violations of network security policies are now reported to Robins Senior Leadership weekly and AFMC/A3 monthly. These reports are rolled up to the Air Force level to determine trends and influence future policy decisions.

AFI 33-100 AFMCSUP I (3 February 2010), "User Responsibilities and Guidance for Information Systems" details accepted and unaccepted practices when using information systems.

Do not connect any unauthorized devices to government computer systems without prior coordination and approval.

The base information assurance manager and team have procedures to facilitate valid requirements. Requests should be worked through organizational IAOs.

Reference the Blue Star or call DSN 468-HELP (4357) for assistance identifying or contacting an organizational IAO.

Banner '12 start for VPP in 402nd MXW

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Established in 2011 as a way to interact with shops across the installation, the 402nd Maintenance Wing's Voluntary Protection Program Wing Steering Committee gave well-earned recognition to two squadrons Jan. 9.

"VPP is alive and well," said Doug Keene, 402nd MXW deputy director, whose team initially met last June. "2012 is going to be our year, and we

have come off of some tough years. We are looking at exceptional performance of our wing."

One of the tasks of the 12-member team is to visit shops unannounced, where they perform a VPP cultural assessment, learn about a particular area's safety journey, and provide information and opportunities for discussion.

A tough safety culture scorecard, with 10 being the highest score, includes assessing such elements as management leadership and employee involvement,

work site analysis, hazard prevention and control, as well as safety and health training.

For the first quarter, the team gave a nod to the 402nd Maintenance Support Squadron's industrial services, consisting of its installation and maintenance flights, and the 567th Electronics Maintenance Squadron.

Both tied with a score of 7.7, and were presented this week with "Outstanding VPP Performer" banners for their efforts.

In the 402nd MXSS in Bldg. 321, the two flights include more than 160 employees. The installation flight consists of seven industrial project shops whose mechanics and technicians work in the areas of welding, electrical, sheet metal, millwright, pipe, paint and carpentry.

The maintenance flight includes four industrial equipment maintenance shops, encompassing electronics, motor, and preventative and corrective maintenance. These

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

G.P. Hendricks, First Baptist Church minister, speaks about the impact Martin Luther King, Jr. had upon his life during a celebration in the Base Chapel Tuesday.

Legacy, teachings of King celebrated

BY JENNY GORDON
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A commemorative service honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Base Chapel.

The chapel choir lifted the audience of about 100 in songs of praise during the one-hour service.

A video presentation was also shown, highlighting several marches and demonstrations King participated in during the 1950s and 1960s, as well as his famous "I Have a Dream" address, delivered in 1963 from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in

Washington, D.C.

King's nonviolent social movement to end racial inequality and discrimination inspired generations following his assassination in 1968.

As a child growing up in rural North Carolina, Minister G.P. Hendricks of First Baptist Church of Warner Robins remembers King's photos at school and church. As a young preacher, he believed that, like King, one should strive to make the world a better place for everyone.

"We are living in the reality of what was his dream," said Hendricks. "Let's all

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Robins to add jobs as part of Saudi defense package

BY JENNY GORDON
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The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia signed a \$29.4 billion foreign military sales agreement in late December for the purchase of 84 F-15SA advanced fighter aircraft.

The sale also includes upgrades to its current fleet of 70 F-15S aircraft, as well as munitions, spare parts, training, maintenance and logistics support.

The F-15 System Program Office at Robins will benefit from the sale – the largest foreign military sales contract in U.S. history – by adding 80 jobs to the F-15SA program when fully staffed by the end of 2012.

"2012 is going to be an extremely busy and exciting year for Team Robins and the Air Force," said Col. Robert Stambaugh, F-15SA Security Assistance Program Manager. "This program solidifies Robins' role as a leader in foreign military sales throughout the Department of Defense."

A total of 29 Air Force, Navy and various joint organizations will be supporting what is officially known as the RSAF F-15 Fleet Modernization Program.

Of the \$29.4 billion defense package, Stambaugh anticipated that \$10 billion will be executed out of Robins.

Work will continue as it has over the past 30 years from the F-15 SPO, with management of the modification of current F-15S aircraft done from here, as well as sustain-

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Robins Air Show promises fun for entire family

BY JENNY GORDON
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Performers and static displays are coming together for the Robins Air Force Base Air Show.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make an air show a success – and this year's event is no different.

From contract finalizations and budget considerations, to logistics and equipment needs, units across base and the surrounding community are joining arms to ensure a smooth and safe April 28 and 29 weekend.

"The Robins air show will be an opportunity to showcase military airpower," said Lt. Col. Dwayne Gray, 78th Operations Support Squadron

director of operations. "The community loves Robins, so the Air Force will gear this show to tell the history and capabilities of the base."

He added, "We also want to educate and inspire the youth of Middle Georgia. We hope it will lead to recruiting the best and brightest for civilian service or enlisting in the National Guard, Reserves or active duty."

Headlining the free air show are the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron. A special site visit was conducted by two of the squadron's officers in November. The team will showcase its fleet of seven F/A-18 Hornets, and its C-130 Hercules, affectionately known as "Fat Albert."



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Blue Angel aircraft #7 made a stop at Robins in November. The U.S. Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron will headline the Robins Air Show in April.

One of the primary missions of the Blue Angels is recruitment and education, and the team will visit local

high schools during their stay here.

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UNIT PROFILE: AMXG Purging Station/Fuel Pit

What it does

The Purging Station/Fuel Pit removes fuel and purges fuel systems on aircraft. The process makes the aircraft fire safe for maintenance. The unit accomplishes the process on all input aircraft. It also services the aircraft with fuel once the maintenance cycle is completed. The unit's goal is to safely return the aircraft to the warfighter in an expedient manner.

Why it matters

The Air Force mission is dependent on air support. It is imperative the unit support the mission by providing quality aircraft on a timely basis. The Purging Station/ Fuel Pit plays an important role in meeting schedules while maintaining a proven safety record.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
David Witte and Dexter Jefferson, aircraft mechanics, connect a refuel cart to purge an F-15.

By the numbers

4 Weapon systems supported.

14 Average number of fueling/purging operations per week.

175 Number of aircraft scheduled for fiscal 2012.

15 Number of people assigned to the unit.

What they say



Kenny Seymore
Aircraft mechanic

"I've been doing this for 13 years. I enjoy the job. What we do makes the aircraft safer for people working on it."



Scott Tolbert
Aircraft mechanic

"It's interesting working with the different airframes that do different operations. We're the first stop when an aircraft arrives, and we see them again before they fly."

In the Spotlight



Pfc. Cheyenne Paddock

TITLE: Operations specialist, Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773, Marine Aircraft Group 49, Detachment A

BACKGROUND: Paddock graduated from Calallen High School in Texas, and has been at Robins for six months.

HOMETOWN: Corpus Christi, Texas

"I love being a Marine! My job is as an aviation operations specialist, where I write flight schedules. I also make sure the pilots, crew chiefs and aerial observers have their qualifications."

"What I enjoy most about my job is the interaction with other Marines, and seeing the look on their faces after they have just flown."

"I joined to make a difference. When I put on this uniform every morning, I know what I am doing is important, and I will always do it to the best of my ability."

"I spent my life travelling the world and moving every four years due to my father's 30 years in the U.S. Navy. I am happy with the decisions I have made in life and look forward to what the future has in store for me."



(from left), Robins Chapel Choir members **Kinnie Russell, Alicia Ross and Nellie Mathis-Williams**, sing at the Martin Luther King, Jr. service.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP
Members of the crowd listen to music during the ceremony. During the ceremony, a video was shown highlighting several marches and protests King participated in.

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be reminded that our lives have been made better because of what Dr. King did, not just for black people, but for mankind."

Staff Sgt. Samirah Gonzalez from the 51st Combat Support Squadron shared how King's vision impacted her life.

"Knowing what he fought for encourages me to work hard in all aspects of my life, and to teach my children that it's important to never forget where they came from," she said. "With hard work, dedication and sacrifice, anything is possible."

"Without his dream and actions, we wouldn't be able to have such a diverse population in the U.S. armed forces, schools or anywhere,"

she added. "Nor would we have equal opportunity to achieve greatness."

Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing commander, noted King's life of service and sacrifice.

"His testament remains as compelling today as it was more than 40 years ago," said Butikofer. "King devoted his life to building the foundation of American ideals of liberty and justice for all citizens. He commands respect because he challenged ideals and conveyed a peaceful yet forceful message that has resonated into the core beliefs of every American."

Following the observance, King's message was a reminder of work still left to be done.

"His legacy for me enforces the need to treat everyone equally, and to give everyone opportunity based on their efforts,

instead of their race," said Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Alexander, 78th Medical Group superintendent.

In continuing to keep King's dream alive, it was his life of service that encourages another Team Robins member.

"I'm always inspired to do more. We have to really get out and serve," said Florine Floyd, 402nd Maintenance Support Group's Contract Surveillance Management Office director. "That's one of the things I try to focus on."

Elizabeth Taylor, 402nd MXSG security specialist, agreed.

"Hearing his speech again today – every time I hear it, I get chills," said Taylor. "We should treat everyone how we want to be treated, to go through life treating people equally and to not look down on others. We're all human beings."

Urgent Care Referral Policy undergoes changes

Starting Feb. 1, the option to call and leave a message to notify the 78th Medical Group clinic staff that you have been to or are going to urgent care will no longer be available.

For after-hours medical concerns TRICARE beneficiaries are required to contact the on-call medical provider; they will receive either home-care instructions or authorization to go to an urgent care facility. The decision is made by the on-call provider. During duty hours, all beneficiaries must call Central Appointments at commercial 327-7850 for an appointment or place a telephone consult to their Family Health Provider or Team. The change in policy is necessary to remain compliant with TRICARE regulations.

TRICARE regulations require that beneficiaries receive prior authorization before receiving acute care at an Urgent Care or Med Stop facility.

Furthermore, if a necessary approval is not obtained before receiving care, the claim for the service will be processed under the Point-of-Service option, resulting in higher out-of-pocket costs.

Many times a patient's acute care needs and concerns can be treated with

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WHAT TO KNOW

To contact the after-hours, on-call provider call commercial 327-7850. An on-call provider can be reached Mondays through Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m., and on weekends Fridays from 4 p.m. until Mondays at 7 a.m.

home- or self-care care options.

The 78th MDG has providers on call to answer acute medical concerns or issues. After contacting the on-call provider or FHT, he or she may determine it is necessary for the patient to seek medical attention at a local urgent care facility or provide home care. The on-call provider will provide authorization, a recommendation to see a specific urgent care center, and send a referral to TRICARE the next duty day.

If there are concerns about payment and TRICARE policies, visit The TRICARE Service Center located in Bldg. 700 or www.humana-military.com or www.TRICARE.mil. Stop by or call with further questions concerning your health care and benefits.

— Courtesy
78th Medical Group

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'Oh Happy Day'

CDC West cuts ribbon on new playground



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

From left, Thomas Henson, Child Development Center West director, Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Davis, 78th Mission Support Group superintendent, help children in the 2- and 3-year-old classes cut the ribbon on their new playground Jan. 11.



Two-year old Paxton Nicely enjoys a turn on the new slide at CDC West.

ViewPoints

“Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn't people feel as free to delight in whatever sunlight remains to them?”

— Rose Kennedy

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My educational journey: No excuses

BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. GARY HUNKINS

Airman & Family Readiness Center NCOIC

When I joined the Air Force in April 1985, my goal was to do four years and return back home with a college degree.

My older brother had already set the example for me when he joined the Air Force a decade earlier. His four-year enlistment led to him achieving a four-year degree. So, if it worked for my big brother, it should work for me.

That initial game plan didn't pan out. Getting married, starting a family and working long hours were just some of the things I planted in my mind as valid “excuses” for not going further in my educational journey.

It wasn't until my second enlistment that I decided I'd at least chip away one class at a time, toward my Community College of the Air Force degree.

I took my first class at the beginning of my second enlistment in 1989. My second class came almost three years later. Yes, once again my “excuses” delayed my educational journey.

It took another 16 years of “excuses,” but I finally received my first CCAF degree in Avionics Systems Technology. At that time in my career, I was a first sergeant.

Only needing one additional class, my new special duty career field allowed me the opportunity to be awarded a Human Resources Management CCAF degree. OK,



so now I had two associate degrees under my belt. At that point in my career (and age), I was doing pretty well for myself ... or so I thought.

During my entire career, my wife has been extremely supportive of not just my Air Force career, but also my educational journey. She constantly has reminded me she was there to support me. She knew that deep down I knew I wouldn't be satisfied until I had my four-year degree in my hands.

In 2007, the Air Force provided me no excuse for not seriously pursuing my bachelor's degree.

The Air University Associate-To-Baccalaureate Cooperative Program was established.

The program was designed to help enlist personnel with a CCAF degree obtain a bachelor's degree related to their Air Force specialty. What sold me was that regardless of the credits I previously earned with my CCAF degree, I was guaranteed that at the

very most, I would only need 60 semester hours to complete my degree.

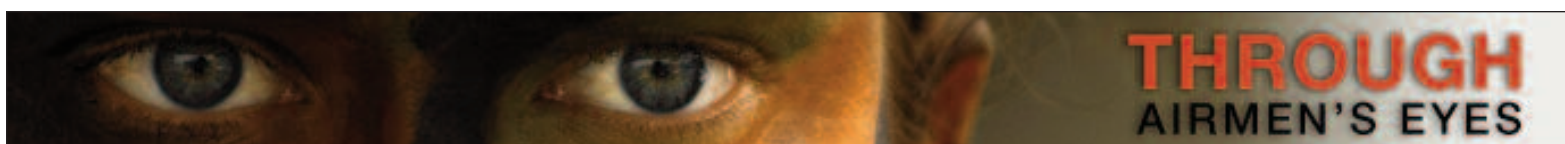
So, there I was logging on to the Air Force Virtual Education Center and reviewing all the degrees and their respective schools being offered to me.

There it was, right in front of me, for the taking. No excuses! The ease of finding an applicable degree to my Air Force career, along with the guarantee of 100 percent of my CCAF degree credits being applied toward a bachelor's degree, made this path to my educational journey a no brainer.

Within two months of first hearing about the program, I was enrolled in a university and taking my first class. Through the support of my family, perseverance, dedication and, most importantly, no more “excuses,” I achieved my goal that I set out to do back when Ronald Reagan was in office. In May, I received my bachelor's degree in Human Resource Development (magna cum laude) from Southwestern College.

With all of this said and done, here I am today. It may have taken me a while to realize the reasons for putting off my educational journey were not valid at all.

My “excuses” were just that. I have no more excuses as I continue on with my next educational journey. As I now pursue a master's degree in Business Administration, I encourage those I talk with not to let any excuses keep them from continuing on with their educational journey.



Master Sergeant continues wife's dream

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS TREVOR RHYNES

86th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR

BASE, Germany (AFNS) – “She was my best friend for 27 years,” said Master Sgt. Lee “Pepper” Spaulding, of the 24th Intelligence Squadron, 693rd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group. “Jenny made me a better man. This is what she would have wanted done, so this is why I'm doing it.”

It started in 2004 while Spaulding was deployed to Southwest Asia. His wife, Jenny, started making simple stockings to send in place of care packages.

“I was deployed with about 50 people and Jenny sent more than 100 stockings,” he said. “Our job was to give them out to the people around us.”

After Spaulding came back from deployment, his wife decided to expand their project. With help from members of his unit, the Spauldings were able to fund Jennywings Holiday Stockings.

“We made enough for Airman deployed from our unit and decided to send some to Naval Medical Center

Portsmouth, Va.,” he said.

For the Spauldings, reaching a fraction of service members was not enough. They were ready to spread their holiday cheer across the world.

“My wife wanted to come here to do the stockings,” Spaulding said of Ramstein Air Base. “This is where all of the wounded come through, and she wanted to support as many of them as possible.”

However, Jenny wasn't able to see her goal accomplished. In April 2009, she lost her battle with bone cancer.

“Six months after she passed away, I got orders to come here,” Spaulding said. “Coming here was truly a unique opportunity that I had to take.”

Spaulding took to the sewing machine and continued his wife's dream.

“A big reason I continue doing this is because it's how I work out my grief,” he said.

“Continuing this project is what she would have wanted me to do.”

Spaulding began working on the stockings as soon as he was settled here. With the help of a long-time friend, he was able to expand the project.

“I have volunteered for

“I have volunteered for what feels like my entire life and this is one of the most rewarding projects for me. Being able to support our service members, injured and deployed, really does mean a lot to me.”

Linda Towne,
Ramstein Base Exchange supervisor

what feels like my entire life and this is one of the most rewarding projects for me,” said Linda Towne, a Ramstein Base Exchange supervisor. “Being able to support our service members, injured and deployed, really does mean a lot to me.”

As far as production of the stockings goes, there have been a lot of improvements.

“Last year we did about 200 stockings, which included our group, a unit in Hawaii, the wounded warrior Christmas party put together by the United Service Organization, and the Combat Aeromedical Staging Facility,” Spaulding said.

With more than 500 stockings already made this year, Spaulding and his partner sought the help of Ramstein Air Base Airmen and family members.

“This year we have

invited the community to help,” Towne said. “We work long hours, have doubled last year's stockings and added down-range hospitals. Next year, given the willingness of volunteers, we hope to double this year's numbers as well.”

The difference between a conventional care package and these stockings is simple – the look.

“These are easy,” Spaulding said. “When you walk into some places and there is a big box of care packages, it could look intimidating. We made the stockings small, giving us the option to tailor them to the person receiving it.”

Once all the stockings are made, they are sent out to a variety of agencies and locations. Jennywings Holiday Stockings works with Soldiers Angels, the USO, a hospital located at Bagram Air Base,

Afghanistan, as well as deployed service members downrange.

For Senior Airman Steve Johnson, also with the 24th IS, receiving a stocking broke up the everyday routine that comes with being deployed.

“I received a Jennywings stocking last Christmas while in Iraq,” Johnson said. “When I received it, it momentarily stopped time and put me in the holiday spirit. Small things like this remind us that there are people back home who are thinking about us.”

Providing service members with a morale boost during the holiday season is something that Spaulding hopes to continue for a long time.

“I plan on doing this for years, eventually retiring here for a while,” Spaulding said. “But while I'm here, I'm going to be doing this.”

— This commentary is part of the “Through Airmen's Eyes” series on AF.mil. These stories and commentaries focus on a single Airman, highlighting his or her Air Force story.

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.

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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.

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On the Fly

New AFRC leadership

Chief Master Sgt. Kathleen Buckner has been selected for the Air Force Reserve Command's top enlisted position.



Buckner

Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, Jr., chief of the Air Force Reserve and AFRC commander, made the selection last month.

"We're looking forward to Chief Buckner coming on board and sharing her distinctive wealth of experience. She'll play a crucial leadership role through a historical period in this command," said Stenner.

Before being selected, Buckner served as the command chief master sergeant for the 349th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, Calif. She replaces Chief Master Sgt. Dwight Badgett, who was recently selected as the senior enlisted advisor for Joint Task Force North, Fort Bliss, Texas. Stenner said Badgett's new assignment at Joint Task Force North is "a resounding testament to his service and leadership."

Buckner will advise Stenner on readiness, training, utilization, morale, professional development and quality of life for all enlisted members in the Air Force Reserve. She will also be the functional manager for

all Reserve first sergeants, the senior noncommissioned officers responsible for the morale, welfare and conduct of enlisted members at the squadron level throughout the command.

A native of Gary, Ind., she enlisted in the Air Force in 1987. While on active duty, she served at various levels in the operations resource management field and was an Airman Leadership School instructor.

Since leaving active duty in 1997, she has served as both a traditional Reservist and a full-time Air Reserve technician.

Upcoming

The Transportation Incentive Program will conduct two town hall meetings Monday at the Base Theater, Bldg. 909.

The first briefing will start at 9 a.m. and the second will start at 1 p.m.

After each briefing, a question and answer session will be conducted.

The meetings are open to all current participants – drivers, and riders – as well as anyone who may be interested in joining the program but would like more information.

The Transportation Incentive Program offers financial benefits to those who commute via mass transportation.

For more information, call 468-4453.

Register now for the **Special Operations Warrior Foundation 5K Fitness Challenge**. The run takes place Feb. 4 at

the Robins 5K trail.

Proceeds benefit the foundation, which gives scholarships to children of deceased or injured special ops members.

For more information, contact Capt. Cynthia Newberry at 497-8380 or cgccharity5k@gmail.com.

The Robins Air Force Base Tax Center will open Jan. 30 for the 2011 filing season. The center's final date of operation will be April 19.

Business hours will be Mondays through Thursdays from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

The tax center has moved and is now located in Bldg. 995 (formerly Robins Elementary School).

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Jenny Adams at 472-0555.

Central Georgia Marine Corps League Detachment #1373 will meet Feb. 6 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.

The Air Force Institute of Technology will conduct the Critical Chain Project Management Foundational Concepts Course, a three-day course, at Robins Feb. 7 through 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Mission Partners

Maj. Mark Jarrett, right, and 1st Lt. Brian Hall, seated, 461st Air Control Wing aircrew members, brief Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing commander; and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Davis, 78th Mission Support Group superintendent, Jan. 9 on the mission and capabilities of the E-8 Joint STARS while Col. Troy Stone, 461st Operations Group commander, looks on. Butikofer and other members of the 78th ABW leadership team toured the aircraft during a 461st ACW immersion tour.

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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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course, which targets program managers, managers, supervisors, planners, schedulers, subject-matter-experts, suppliers and customers, is to enhance student capabilities

in managing projects and production by using CCPM and other transformation tools.

To register, visit <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/afitnow>.

The course is open to all military and DoD civilians. Contractors will be considered on a case by case basis. For more information, call John Shoenfelt at 497-3405.

UNION DUES NOTICE

Notice to AFGE employees concerning union dues

Employees desiring to initiate an authorization for dues withholding may obtain an SF 1187 from any AFGE steward or official. The effective date will be the first full pay period after receipt of the SF 1187 by the Civilian Pay Section.

Employees wishing to discontinue their dues withholding may obtain SF 1188s from the Civilian Pay Section or the Labor Relations Office. Discontinuance of dues withholding will be effective as follows:

(1) For an employee who began dues withholding allotments before Jan. 11, 1979: Beginning the first full pay period following Sept. 1 provided the SF 1187 is received by the Civilian Pay Section prior to Sept. 1.

(2) For an employee who started dues withholding on or after Jan. 11, 1979: Beginning the first full pay period following the particular anniversary date (the anniversary date is the starting date of the first pay period for which dues were deducted from the employee's pay).

The Civilian Pay Section referenced above is now the Civilian Payroll Liaison Office (78 CPTS/FMF). Standard Forms 1188 may be obtained from the Civilian Payroll Liaison Office, DSN 472-2358, located in Bldg. 301, East Wing, Bay F or the Labor Relations Office (WRALC/DPLD), DSN 497-9979, located in Bldg. 376, room 430.

UNION REPRESENTATION RIGHTS

Section 7114, Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, provides certain rights to bargaining unit employees being questioned by management during an investigation. These rights are also spelled out in Article 5, Section 5.03 of the Master Labor Agreement between AFMC and AFGE; Article 16, Section c, of the Nonappropriated Funds Labor Agreement; and Article 7, Section 5, of the Command Labor Agreement between AFMC and IAFF (firefighters).

If a supervisor is questioning an employee and the employee believes discipline may result from the interview, the employee is entitled to be represented by the union if specifically requested by the employee. The following three ingredients must all be present for this right to be exercised:

- a. The supervisor or management official must be asking questions,
- b. The employee must have a reasonable basis to believe discipline could result,
- c. And, the employee must request union representation.

This does not entitle employees to representation when normal day-to-day matters are being discussed or questions are not asked. A counseling session to be entered on AF Form 971, Supervisor's Employee Brief, and the delivery of a proposed disciplinary action would be two examples of instances when the right does not arise.

If you have a question concerning representation rights under investigatory interview circumstances, call your servicing Employee Relations specialist, the Labor Relations Office at DSN 497-9979, or DP Customer Service at DSN 472-0601.

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VPP

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shops provide technical installation and repair of 146 depot maintenance areas and over 3,400 items of depot industrial plant equipment for the entire maintenance wing.

A site visit was conducted Oct. 12. Russ Mills, 402nd MXW VPP Wing Steering Committee member, commented on the industrial flights' VPP journey and transformation.

"The key to these flights' successful performance is the employees and supervisors knowledge, attitudes and overall enthusiasm about safety, occupational health and VPP," Mills said. "That really stood out to the assessment team, as well as the 'employee-owned' workplace envi-

ronment, which included personalized safety and occupational health signage, and the overall cleanliness and house-keeping standards of the shops.

"All team members agreed it was evident that this organization has worked hard to enhance their safety, occupational health and compliance culture. These flights achieved VPP Gold Safe-Site rating in February 2010, and have worked hard toward sustainment," he added.

Members of the 567th EMXS in Bldg. 645, a VPP Gold Safe Site and 2009 ALC Pinnacle VPP Award winner, also enjoyed congratulations following a site visit Oct. 26.

The flight includes a workforce of 64 people, whose responsibilities include repairing B-1B test station components, C-5 and C-17 signal actuator remote components, and C-17 avionics test station

components.

Its mission is to overhaul, repair, modify, analyze and test a wide range of avionics and electronic equipment supporting electronic warfare, communication, navigation and engineering monitoring systems.

"Everyone is very aware of VPP and believes in the program," said Willie White, 402nd EMXG VPP Wing Steering Committee member. "They do an excellent job of keeping it alive, while also making work a family atmosphere. They are very supportive of one another."

White added that safety training is conducted not only for work, but also home. Among training workers receive is CPR and how to use automated external defibrillators, which helped save the life of a worker who was experiencing a heart attack several months ago.

Although the work may be different, the two squadrons maintain the same high standards when it comes to workplace safety and health. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's VPP promotes worksite-based safety and health, and sets performance-based criteria for a managed health and safety system.

The 402nd EMXG plans to apply by April to become an OSHA Star Site; the 402nd MXSG has already submitted its application.

According to OSHA, Star Site recognition is reserved for those who have demonstrated exemplary achievement in the prevention and control of occupational safety and health hazards and in the development, implementation and continuous improvement of safety and health management systems.

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ment of the new F-15SA and existing Saudi fleet, noted Stambaugh.

Manufactured by Boeing, the F-15SA will have the latest generation of computing power, communications, radar technology, infrared sensors and electronic warfare systems. In addition to the F-15 SPO, the electronic warfare and precision attack program offices at Robins will support the effort.

"We will be buying the electronic warfare systems for the conversion of the airplanes, and buying refurbishment kits for the (low altitude navigation and targeting infrared for night) LAN-TIRN navigation pods, and additional sniper tar-

geting pods needed to outfit their larger fleet," added Stambaugh.

Initial delivery of the first aircraft will be in 2015, with modification kit installations to be performed in the Kingdom starting in 2016. The program will continue until 2020.

Under the agreement, Saudi airmen will attend Air Force technical training at various installations, a partnership which has continued for more than 25 years. Since 2007, more than 1,000 RSAF students have benefitted from training programs, including pilot, navigator, logistics, maintenance and explosive ordnance disposal training.

The letter of offer and acceptance agreement was finalized in Riyadh on Dec. 24.

AIRSHOW

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This year's show will include lots to do for families. Whether it's inflatable "bouncy castles" for young children, aircraft simulators for teens, or displays for adults, there will be something for everyone.

Aircraft making an appearance include the F-15, C-23, C-27, C-130, JSTARS E-8C, C-17 and C-5. Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773, Marine Aircraft Group 49, Detachment A, will also display two UH-1 and two AH-1 helicopters.

Scheduled performers to date include Melissa Pemberton of Melissa Aerobatics, flying with

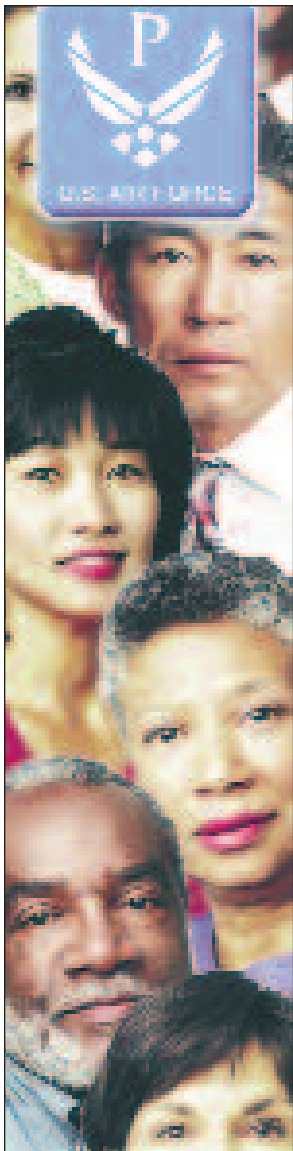
an Edge 540; Skip Stewart with a special Pitts S-2S; Ace Maker Airshows; Liberty Jump Team; Kyle Franklin with an L-21 Super Cub, and the Sky Soldiers.

An F-22 Raptor, the Air Force's newest fighter aircraft, may also perform during the show.

Gates will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with aerial events kicking off at noon each day.

Transportation details are still being worked out, but the public will be bused in from three pick-up points at Anchor Glass, Middle Georgia Regional Airport and Warner Robins High School.

More information will be released as it becomes available.



HAPPENINGS

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Boss N' Buddy
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 4 to 5 p.m.
 Heritage Club Lounge
 For details, call 472-7864.

Jr. Golf Academy
 Saturday
 Pine Oaks Golf Course
 2 to 3 p.m.
 \$5 per child
 Sign up by noon today.
 For details, call 468-4103.

Football Frenzy
 Sundays
 Doors open at noon
 Heritage Club Lounge
 For details, call 472-7864.

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

Writing a Business Plan
 Tuesday
 1 to 3 p.m.
 Bldg. 794
 For details, call 468-1256.

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

Credit Management
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 2 to 3 p.m.
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 For details, call 468-1256.

Navigating USAJobs
 Thursday
 9 to 11 a.m.
 Bldg. 794
 For details, call 468-1256.

UPCOMING
Private Pilot Ground School
 Feb. 6 through March 28
 Aero Club
 Sign up early; seats limited
 For details, call 468-4867.

Tops In Blue "Rhythm Nation"
 Feb. 14
 7 p.m.
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
 WR Civic Center
 For details, call 468-5492.

ONGOING
Twilight Golf January Special
 \$20 after 2 p.m.
 18 holes, cart included
 For details, call 468-4103.

NASCAR Daytona 500
 Tickets now on sale at ITT

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 Daily
 7 to 10 a.m.
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- ▶ Arts & Crafts468-5282
- ▶ Horizons468-2670
- ▶ Heritage Club468-2670
- ▶ Library497-8761
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- ▶ Fitness Center . . .468-2128
- ▶ Fitness Annex472-5350
- ▶ Youth Center468-2110
- ▶ Tickets, Travel . . .468-2945
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