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## Virtual Flag provides unique training for JSTARS crews

BY JENNY GORDON

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The 461st and 116th Air Control Wings at Robins participated in a week-long Virtual Flag exercise in late March designed to provide realistic warfighter training in a simulated environment.

Hosting the exercise was the Air Force Distributed Mission Operations Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Virtual Flag simulations are quarterly, linking operational and tactical training of various weapons systems platforms across the armed services. A crew

of 13 who fly with the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System here participated from home station in the exercise, joined by about 27 other units from across the U.S. and England.

"You have these different platforms that are sometimes not available to go to an actual flying exercise," said Maj. Jon Prindle, 16th Air Command and Control Squadron, who served as the exercise mission crew commander. "Virtual Flag reduced some of those costs, yet is available for a variety of units to participate in whatever scenario (DMOC) designs."

Capt. Michael Povilus, a 16th ACCS air battle manager and VF senior director, agreed. "Since it's all virtual, you can go anywhere," said Povilus. "You bring all these people together so you can train the way we would as if in-theater."

Stationed in a room used to simulate a live aircraft, the exercise included sophisticated communication techniques, including virtual teleconferencing, to conduct briefings with senior leaders and other players.



U.S. Air Force photo by ANGIE PARISE

Maj. Jon Prindle and Capt. Michael Povilus, with the 16th Air Command and Control Squadron, review radar activity during a Virtual Flag simulator exercise.

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## NEWS

### YOU CAN USE

#### Blood drives today

The Armed Services Blood Program will conduct a blood drive today from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex basketball courts in Bldg. 301.

The American Red Cross will also conduct a blood drive today from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 210 and from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 640.

The ASBP plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families in both peace and war. The American Red Cross collects blood in support of civilian agencies and for national disasters.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Kristen MacBride at 497-5262. Register to donate at [www.militarydonor.com](http://www.militarydonor.com).

#### AFAF campaign update

As of March 30, the Robins 2012 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign had raised \$67,431. This year's installation goal is \$85,361. The campaign ends April 13.

The AFAF includes four charities: the LeMay Foundation, Air Force Enlisted Village, Air Force Villages Charitable Foundation and the Air Force Aid Society, which provides assistance through the Airmen & Family Readiness Center.

To learn more, contact your unit project officer or key worker.

In 2011, the Robins AFAS office awarded \$124,560 in emergency, community programs and education loans and grants.



# IT'S A DIRTY JOB ...

U.S. Air Force photos by ROBERT TALENTI

Above, Staff Sgt. Till Schantz, 5th Combat Communications Group combat readiness instructor, leads Reynolds Wolf, CNN meteorologist and correspondent; Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Rybold and Tech. Sgt. Patricio Escanilla, in high crawl mud pit tactics March 28. Wolf was part of a three-person CNN team which visited the 689th Combat Communications Wing to experience what it's like to be a combat communications Airman for a day.

Right, Col. Joseph Scherrer, 689th Combat Communications Wing commander, thanks a wet and winded Reynolds Wolf for his efforts to tell the Combat Communications story.

See more photos from CNN's visit which also included the 116th and 461st Air Control Wings' Joint STARS area and the 78th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog section on page 8.



## AFMC leaders plan toward summer stand-up of new centers

BY RON FRY

AFMC Public Affairs

### WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio

Implementation details of Air Force Materiel Command's restructure were refined when commanders and senior civilians from across AFMC gathered here March 27 - 29 for their annual Senior Leader Conference.

The focus of the conference was detailed planning on the command initiative to reduce its number of centers from 12 to five. The restructure was announced in November 2011 as a major part of AFMC's response to a Department of Defense challenge to find efficiencies and save tax dollars.

Leaders discussed everything from the stand-up of new centers this summer to how various support functions such as contracting, financial management and personnel services will be aligned to center and non-center locations.

"Last year at this time, we held a historic meeting that resulted in the decision to restructure," said Gen. Donald Hoffman, AFMC commander. "Following Secretary of the Air Force Donley's approval, intense planning and hard work ensued, but much more work still lies ahead."

"The restructure will bring us closer to the organization envisioned

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## Lots for families to see at this year's air show

BY JENNY GORDON

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There will be no shortage of things to see and learn at the Robins Air Show April 28-29.

The list of show exhibitors promises something for everyone. Families can look forward to a host of interactive and informational displays including the Museum of Aviation's F-15 cockpit simulator, Perry Tennis Association's mobile tennis court, and a Lincoln Electric welding truck from AirGas USA.

A host of community groups

will be on hand, including the 78th Civil Engineer Group's Earth Day Committee, Rolling Thunder Chapter 3, Middle Georgia Mounted Search and Rescue, Houston County Habitat for Humanity, LegalShield, Network 56, Robins Enlisted Spouses Club, Angel Flight Soars, Cricket Communications, Houston County Council on Aging and Meals on Wheels, Perry Flight School, Feed the City, American Red Cross of Central Georgia, Civil Air Patrol, Byron Police Department and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, EcoTrek, Robins Retiree

Activities Office, 21st Century Partnership, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Safety mobile command post, as well as various armed forces recruiting agencies and colleges and universities.

Indoor and outdoor exhibits will be on site. Gates will open at 10 a.m. and the show starts at 11:30 a.m. each day.

To learn more, visit [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil). There you will find information on parking, FAQs, links to air show performers, aircraft fact sheets, a listing of static displays, photos and more.



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Lt. Col. Dwayne Gray, 78th Operations Support Squadron director of operations and this year's Air Show director, speaks to fourth grade students Friday at Kay Road Elementary School in Byron. Gray talked about special attractions at this year's open house.

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## Robins continuing the business of safety

BY JENNY GORDON

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Ask anyone involved with the business of safety and health at Robins and the answers will sound similar. The response: Change is taking place and we are continuing in a positive direction.

“The culture of safety and health for people on base is going to benefit greatly with the activities we have right now,” said Dave Decker, with the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office. “We have leadership involvement, as well as a partnership with our friends in the union.”

Currently, there are plans to implement a system approach to safety using the Team Robins Occupational Health and Safety Management System model, an American National Standards Institute health and safety management system which will provide a standard for continuous process improvement.

While a Workplace Safety and Health Team was created in March 2011 to address Occupational Safety and Health Administration citations issued to the center, another team stood up last November to begin executing a management system for safety.

This new Safety Management System Implementation Team will move toward an Occupational Health and Safety Management System Working Group, which will work under a new Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Council at Robins.

This teamwork approach among mission partners, who met numerous times over many months, included people from maintenance, base safety, bioenvironmental engineering and other environmental representatives, as well as union employees.

“What that horizontal integration did for us in safety and health is partnering with AFGE Local 987,” noted Decker. “They are one of the biggest parts of our successes.”

This partnership has resulted in everyone working together – from employees on the shop floor who took ‘ownership’ of safety – all the way to senior leadership.

The resurgence of the Voluntary Protection Program has also contributed to a shift in culture and how one approaches safety across the installation, added Decker.

With its small office staff in Bldg. 707, the installation safety office can’t be everywhere. Managing safety will be its primary role. Decker explained that one focus will be to have first-line supervisors be more hands on by observing people performing their duties.

“We have to get more involvement. We can’t continue to improve unless we see how things are being done on a regular basis,” he stressed. “That will help us with safety and injury prevention. We want to keep things simple with standard processes.”

Implementing the Team Robins Occupational Health and Safety Management System will take years here; however, there is already progress within the 402nd Maintenance Wing. Scott Edge, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group chief engineer, will lead a small team to establish the management model first within the corrosion control flight in the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Support Squadron.

“It will provide a system to manage safety versus having small piecemeal programs,” said Edge. “We will have a business plan to allow us to manage it as an enterprise.”

Edge estimated it will take about six months for the prototype project to be completed.

Another big step was taken in January when the Safety Management System Implementation Team conducted a gap analysis with consultants from the Georgia Tech Research Institute and Mainstream GS. Hundreds of interviews were completed to gain an overall picture of the current state of safety systems across the installation.

The idea here is to have a formal safety and health manage-

ment system that will unify, standardize and enhance existing safety and health processes for all workers. Results shared from the survey zeroed in on about 14 different areas.

Team members prioritized the results; it will first focus on culture, ergonomics and dust containment, before tackling others.

Working together is a major focus when it comes to safety.

Decker emphasized that through continued partnerships, he hopes employees feel they can approach leadership to share any concerns.

Through enhancing an online hazard reporting tool, employees or their supervisors can electronically submit any type of health or safety issue, which the safety office will investigate with a 24-hour response time.

“From a safety standpoint – one injury is too many,” said Decker. “We hope employees will use this, or if nothing else, come visit our office to point it out to us.”

“The first opportunity to correct any type of hazard should be with the employee and supervisor.

Before people go out to OSHA, we hope they feel comfortable bringing their issues to us. We should all be one team,” he said.

## Lean class develops center leaders

BY JENNY GORDON

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Developing Lean leaders is one of many topics addressed as part of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center’s Leadership Development Program.

“For Robins to stay competitive we have to have leaders; we can’t just have supervisors and managers,” said Karl Griffin, Training and Professional Development Division LDP instructor. “We need people who are willing to get out of their comfort zones and be more of a service to their people. This program is another way to grow our leaders.”

The six-month program, which began in January, includes five different classes of students who meet throughout the week. One group in the Wednesday class received certificates March 21 for completing the lean leadership portion of the course. The occasion was even marked with a light-hearted graduation ceremony complete with music, provided by class instructor Anthony Murphy.

“It is taking theory and putting it into practice,” said Murphy of the program.

Along with 40 hours of training on Lean leadership, students also learn ethics, change management, communication and presentation skills, servant leadership, and strategic planning and thinking.

Lively discussion throughout the last few weeks culminated in a final week of presentations on thinking and problem solving using A3, which is part of the center’s Transformation Plan of Care. After learning Lean fundamentals, students



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**Kevin Smagh, center Financial Management director, talks about Lean Leadership to a Leadership Development Program class.**

spoke on how they applied those principles in their own workplace.

Capt. Holly Jaenz, Precision Attack Element chief, said that as a result of taking the class, she wanted to further her knowledge by completing Six Sigma green belt training by the end of the fiscal year, and enrolling in the Emerging Leaders Program.

“When I started this I didn’t know anything about Lean,” she said. “I know now that just going to class will not teach me what I need to know. I want to be involved in leading and facilitating some of these process improvement events.”

James Lee, a C-130 production supervisor in the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, added he wanted to get more people on his crew involved in Lean.

“What I’d like to do is improve some processes in my shop, and have better training for our mechanics,” said Lee.

One way to achieve that goal is to implement a rotating schedule to allow team members to learn other areas.

Senior leaders were invit-

ed to last week’s presentations, including Ellen Griffith, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group director.

“I was terribly impressed,” she said. “This presents such a great framework for doing problem solving. It gives you a very simple construct to work through an issue, that makes sure you’re really getting to the root cause of a problem.”

Kevin Smagh, center Financial Management director, shared that students can also take advantage of cost training, which is part of the center’s focus on leading the Department of Defense in cost management.

“It will provide you the opportunity, with the problems you are solving, to put a face on the cost aspect,” he said. “The idea is not to save money so much as to be aware of the cost aspect of the process you’re improving.”

“It’s a new day at Robins to be able to talk about solving problems and have people in your leadership positions do that proactively when given the tools to do it,” he added.

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– Marcel Proust

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# Your momma wears combat boots

BY COL. MICHAEL UNDERKOFER

514th Air Mobility Wing commander

**JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKE-HURST, N.J.** – On the small-town playground of my childhood, the comeback quip of last resort after being physically or verbally pummeled was “well, your momma wears combat boots.”

It was the juvenile equivalent of today’s profane four-letter bombs but with bigger consequences. If used, the surrounding crowd within earshot would in unison let out an “aahhh, you’re going to get it.”

Not many dared to use this double-whammy epithet. First, after a rough and tumble fight, most didn’t have thechutzpa to disparage someone’s mother. Even the schoolyard bully recognized that this was not polite. By doing so the user might get pummeled further and would probably get a mouth washing with a bar a soap when he or she got home.

Second, to ascribe warrior status to a real woman was something really unheard of too. After all, in most boys’ eyes in my hometown, mothers and grandmothers were dotting, white pearl- and sensible shoe-wearing pecan pie bakers, certainly not warriors.

The only combat boot-wearing women my pre-pubescent friends knew, and possibly admired, were Hippolyta and Wonder Woman. The former was the warrior queen in Greek mythology whose magical belt was recovered by the uber-man and demigod Hercules during his 12 labors.

The latter woman-warrior was equally as proficient in hand-to-hand combat and was known to fight for just causes. For example, she joined other comic book heroes in the Justice League to help defeat the Axis powers.

Both Hippolyta and Wonder Woman were Amazons. Both were fictional. Therefore, both were considered okay by my friends.

I always found my buddies’ youthful prohibition against real women wearing combat boots in stark contrast to my hometown’s and my families’ real history.

Ignorance is powerful but education is even more so.

Women in my hometown were more than just pecan pie bakers. Since colonial times, they’ve been leaders and advocates, confronting wars and difficult issues head on. In 1774, a group of 51 women vowed to give up tea and boycott other British products in response to new taxes levied by Parliament.



At their tea party, these North Carolina women resolved to stand firm in their efforts “until such time that all acts which tend to enslave our native country shall be repealed.” They bravely signed a well-reasoned and well-structured document for the Crown to see, choosing not to hide behind Indian costumes as others had done at the more famous Boston Tea Party.

In doing so, these women created the first instance of organized political action by women in the colonies. They didn’t stop there.

While not serving directly on the battlefield, many played key roles supporting the War for Independence. The same was true throughout the colonies. But in some places, though, women were on the frontlines at gun emplacements, reloading canons and muskets, or tending to the wounded.

Bravery didn’t die with those women. It’s continued generation after generation in both political activism and in combat. In reality, they’ve all worn combat boots even if not formally acknowledged.

It’s possible that some of the women in my family were involved in early American conflicts, but sadly that history is lost. I do, however, know and relish the service of recent family members.

A great aunt wore combat boots in World War II Europe. She earned a Bronze Star long before women were officially allowed to serve in combat. She later transferred from the Army to the Air Force when the new air-centric service was founded. At the time of her retirement, she was chief of her medical corps and the senior ranking woman in the

Air Force.

My mother wore her combat boots in the Cold War, working hard to provide top-flight medical care to injured servicemen and women, sometimes in really austere conditions.

Unfortunately, she served when women had to be discharged when they became pregnant. If allowed to serve longer, I’m sure she would have had as equally a distinguished career as my aunt.

Finally, my wife wore her combat boots in the air above and on the ground in the jungles of Central America, the deserts of Southwest Asia and in other places which can’t be mentioned.

She ended her career as an instructor at Air University, helping the next generation of leaders understand the history of airpower and ponder its future applications.

Three combat boot-wearing women from three generations worked hard to defend and strengthen our country. As we like to say in our family, not all women wear pearls and sensible shoes to work, some wear dog tags and combat boots.

Just as I tell the stories of the women warriors in my family, I encourage you to tell the stories about yours, especially to your kids and grandkids. They will cherish them.

Every day women in our country put on combat boots and serve in the air, on the ground and on the seas. While we may define and re-define what it means to serve in combat, make no mistake, women have always served in harm’s way. The war today clearly demonstrates the vulnerability of all of us and the evolving nature of warfare. We couldn’t fight it as well as we have without the contributions of our women warriors.

Other women may not have formally served in the military, but nonetheless were not afraid to stand up to fight against injustice. Without their service, we would not have gained our independence, defeated tyranny in many wars, built the weapons of war and protected our homeland. Their stories are worth re-telling too, so future generations can become just as resolute to support just causes.

Throughout the year, tell the stories of women warriors and political activists, but tell them even more loudly during Women’s History Month. Let’s be proud to say on the playground of adulthood, “well, my momma wore combat boots.”

I know I am.

## 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 live, learn, work and play.

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

Please include your name and a way of reaching

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

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

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

need a better temporary fix, such as gravel brought in, to resolve the issue.

### COL. BUTIKOFER RESPONDS:

Thank you for writing. We recognize the standup of the C-130 maintenance mission in Hangar 2390, before the parking lot was completed, has created short-term challenges. To help, the 78th Civil Engineer Group and the 402nd Maintenance Wing have partnered to improve the temporary situation. The shuttle service to the hangar will drop personnel off directly onto the apron, which will provide workers a more

clear and safe path to the building. Meanwhile, 78th CE will grade the temporary access roads, when conditions permit, to ensure safe vehicle traffic. These steps will help until the 146-space parking lot and permanent access road are in place.

Those construction projects began last month and are scheduled for completion by July 12.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Brett Williams, 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 468-8811, or Chris Barkley, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, at 472-2425.

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# On the Fly

## AFMC book celebrates anniversary

Air Force Materiel Command officials have released the command's limited-edition anniversary book, highlighting AFMC's 20 years of providing expeditionary capabilities to the warfighter.

The book highlights not only the command's four core mission areas of science and technology, acquisition management, test and evaluation and sustainment but also features profiles of Airmen executing these missions day to day. The 144-page book also features interviews with former AFMC commanders, a historical look at the command's development and little-known facts about AFMC bases.

Copies of the book will be distributed to AFMC units on Robins in the coming days.

## Upcoming

The **Middle Georgia Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America** will meet April 13 at 6 p.m. at Horizons. The guest speaker will be Cheryl Taylor. Her subject will be "Choose Robins Region." This is a Robins Region Chamber of Commerce campaign to encourage consumers and businesses to do their shopping and hire services in the Robins region. It's

also an excellent opportunity to meet fellow officers and swap "war stories."

The cost is \$18 per person. For reservations, contact Bill Goodwin at 929-3362 or wsgoodwin@cox.net. RSVP by Sunday at 6 p.m.

## Robins will host its 5th annual motorcycle awareness ride April 20.

A preseason annual safety briefing for those with base access will begin at 8 a.m. at the Motorcycle Safety Training Range.

The police-escorted ride, which is part of the "See Me, Save Me" campaign, will follow at about 9 a.m. around the base and then out into surrounding communities. It will travel through Warner Robins, Pery, Fort Valley and Byron, and end at the Museum of Aviation.

Interested riders without base access should meet in the Museum of Aviation parking lot and will be allowed to join the ride as it exits the base.

The ride is designed to educate automobile and motorcycle drivers alike about mutual respect and awareness on roadways.

For more information on the ride, call John Ainsworth, Installation Safety Office, at 468-6271.

## The following leadership classes are scheduled for April:

►Rick McClelland will

present "Continual Learning" Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

►Barry Bunn will present "Mentoring, Recognition, and Problem Solving" April 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's conference room in Bldg. 301.

►Col. Evan Miller will present "Promote Collaboration & Teamwork, Problem Solving" April 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

►Deryl Israel will present "WR-ALC Leadership Academy Framework" April 25 from 7 to 9 a.m. in the Aircraft Maintenance Group large conference room in Bldg. 125.

►Max Wyche will present "External Awareness & Partnering" April 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

## Et cetera

**The following leave recipients have been approved** through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

*Ashley Dagley* of HQ AFRC. POC is Jan Brister, who can be reached at 497-1323.

*Brent Hefty* of HQ AFRC. POC is Jack Culpepper, who can be reached at 497-1323.

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## Pinwheels for prevention

(From left.) Lt. Scott McSwain, Warner Robins Police Department; Col. David Southerland, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander; and Diana Rocchio, Houston County District Attorney's office, place pinwheels on the front lawn of the Houston County Superior Courthouse in Perry March 30. The Pinwheels for Prevention Ceremony was part of the National Child Abuse Prevention Month kickoff, which also included a proclamation signing. The pinwheel is the national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention.

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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

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**Central Georgia Marine Corps League Detachment #1373** will meet April 26 at 7 p.m. at Flint Energies off Ga.

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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in 1992 when Air Force leaders merged the former Air Force Logistics Command and Air Force Systems Command to form AFMC," the general said. The intent of the merger was to create a single command to manage the entire life cycle of Air Force aircraft and other systems.

Extensive planning has gone on for several months and command officials are nearing the point where Congressional reporting requirements will be complete and they will transition from planning to the early stages of implementation of the five-center structure in order to achieve initial operational capability Oct. 1.

Plans call for the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center at Wright-Patterson, the Air Force Sustainment Center at Tinker AFB, Okla., and the Air Force

Test Center at Edwards AFB, Calif., to be activated this summer. The other two centers that comprise the new structure, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB, N.M., and Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson, will remain essentially as they are today.

Soon after the activations, AFMC's current centers at Wright-Patterson, Hanscom, Eglin, Robins, Tinker, Hill, Edwards, Arnold and Scott AFBs will be deactivated and their subordinate units will be attached to the new centers. In some cases, organizational names will change.

However, the standup of the new centers will hinge on three important milestones: Senate confirmation of key lead-



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ership positions, the delivery of two Congressionally-mandated reports on the restructure, and Headquarters Air Force approval of AFMC's formal organizational change request. The Senate has already confirmed Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger as AFMC's next commander and Lt. Gen. C.D. Moore II as the commander of the new Life Cycle Management Center. Two other command positions are pending confirmation. Command officials emphasized stand-ups will only occur after Congressional reporting is complete and the change request is approved.

Command officials said the stand-ups are the beginning of restructure implementation and should not be confused with initial operational capability in October. Once new center frameworks are stood up, command officials will begin linking subordinate units to their respective centers, attaching more and more functions as they build toward IOC in October and eventual full operational

capability in mid-2013.

The restructure plan will cut overhead costs and redundant layers of staff. It is expected to generate Air Force savings of \$109 million annually while improving AFMC's overall management and lines of communication, and standardizing many processes. Throughout the transition, command planners continue to be led by a very deliberate, focused governance process that includes weekly updates to an executive steering group.

As AFMC moves toward implementation, it will use all personnel management options available to mitigate impacts on civilian employees. The command has already offered two rounds of the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment, or VERA/VSIP, program and will offer a third round where needed across the command. Also, command officials remain engaged with civilian employee unions to keep them updated on the restructure.

## VIRTUAL

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“We focused on our operations and intelligence sections,” explained Prindle, an Air Force veteran of nearly 20 years. “In this scenario, we were looking for specific types of movement. It’s interesting what we’re able to accomplish in tracking different things.”

For example, deciphering movement on the earth’s surface can be extremely challenging since thousands of things can be moving at any one time. “Making sense of all that information is very difficult,” he said. “We hone in on anything that can threaten friendly forces, then sift through it to send to the good guys to target and investigate.”

“The biggest job is trying to tell the big picture,” said Prindle.

Each day the Robins crew, which also included controllers, surveillance personnel, sensor operator, air weapons officers, and radar trackers, would receive a set of challenges to solve for that day. Some days would last up to 14 hours.

“You are basically in a task-saturated level of operations every day,” said Povilus. “It’s quite a challenge, yet very satisfying when you work with various partners through debriefs to talk about those challenges. We have a great idea now how we would solve some problems due to the training we received.”

A first for the exercises was Prindle serving as its package commander for command and control for the first two days. This proved challenging in the beginning, yet helped set the tone for the hundreds of other participants the rest of the week.

“I think that was a testament to the training here at JSTARS, because most of our team are new and relatively inexperienced in this platform – myself included,” said Povilus. “We were assigned such a big task as a team, led by Prindle. We made it go very well, and set a very high standard for the rest of the exercise and external players.”

Northrop Grumman, the Total Systems Support Responsibility prime contractor, provided planning support, execution documents and secured DMO network connectivity with external players to the Mission and Maintenance Trainer here. This support led to the training of 62 Joint STARS crewmembers, logging 392 Ready Aircrew Program events. The completed exercises resulted in more than 15 hours of effective Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence training, and mission rehearsal for the wings’ Joint STARS mission crew operators.

Both Prindle and Povilus, along with positive feedback given on this VF scenario, agreed that the exercises forced them to think differently, re-examining plans in order to execute them better.

“Everybody has a plan until it changes, then you have to react and update that plan,” continued Prindle. “This was a planning exercise, an execution to practice our skills, and have the unique opportunity to debrief directly with different players we normally never hear from.”

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Air Battle Manager and VF senior director

cross-section of B-52s from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., and E-3s from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., to C-17As from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., and space platforms from Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.

“As soon as you encounter the enemy or any abnormal situation –

which is what happens every time we fly or do this kind of scenario – the plan has to adjust,” said Prindle. “We’re actually talking to these players to gain an understanding of what they need from us and what they can do to help us. That’s not an opportunity you get every day.”

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U.S. Air Force photo by ROBERT TALENTI

Ferre Dollar, CNN photographer, captures Reynolds Wolf, CNN meteorologist and correspondent, building a 52nd Combat Communications Squadron equipment pallet March 28. Members from the squadron provided hands-on experiences that showcased the physical, technical and mental readiness of combat communicators.



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



U.S. Air Force photo by CHRISTINE MINER

Above, Brig. Gen. William Welsh, 116th Air Control Wing commander, left, is interviewed by Wolf in the cockpit of an E-8C Joint STARS aircraft March 27. JSTARS was one of several units the news organization visited during its recent visit to Robins.

Left, Staff Sgt. Rocky Foreman, 78th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog handler, talks to Wolf about his partner Azak and their mission.



## HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

#### First Friday

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

#### Texas Hold 'Em

Saturday  
Sign-up 1:30 p.m.  
Games start 2 p.m.  
Heritage Lounge  
\$15 club members  
\$20 guests  
For details, call 472-7864.

#### Easter Sunday Brunch at Horizons

Sunday  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
\$15.95 club members  
\$18.95 guests  
\$8.95 children 6 to 10  
Open to all ranks and grades  
For details, call 468-2670.

### UPCOMING

#### Canoe Trip on Ocmulgee River

Sign-up by today  
April 28  
\$25 per person  
For details, call 468-4001.

#### Hot Air Balloon Ride

Sign-up by today  
May 5  
\$230 per person

Outdoor Recreation  
For details, call 468-4001.

#### Warrior Dash

Sign-up by today  
May 19  
\$95 per person  
For details, call 468-4001.

#### Battle of Resaca

Sign-up by today  
May 20  
\$35 per person  
For details, call 468-4001.

#### Beach Kings Volleyball

Sign-up by Monday  
Wednesday through April 13  
Fitness Center  
For details, call 468-2128.

#### Write a Winning Resume

Monday  
9 to 11 a.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### Starting A Small Business

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

#### USAJobs Resume Writing

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

#### Purple Up! For Military Kids

April 13  
Wear Purple to honor youth impacted by deployment.

#### Heart Link for new spouses

April 20  
Sign-up by April 15  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

#### ONGOING Complimentary Car Safety Check

Every Wednesday  
in April from 1 to 6 p.m.  
Auto Hobby Shop  
For details, call 468-2049.

#### Information, Tickets & Travel

Georgia Aquarium and Wild Adventure Tickets  
Bldg. 956  
For details, call 468-2945.

#### Spring Runners Club

Through April 27  
Fitness Center  
For details, call 468-2128.

#### Summer Leagues Now Forming

Bowling Center  
For details, call 468-2112.

#### New Family Dining

Horizons  
Fridays, Saturdays only  
5 to 8 p.m.  
For details, call 468-2670.

#### New Lunch Buffet

Horizons  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
\$9.95; members receive 20 percent off;  
Thursdays and Fridays  
\$10.95; members receive 20 percent off  
For details, call 468-2670.



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## National Library Week

Blanchella Casey, base librarian, reads to children at the Base Library in Bldg. 905. The library is celebrating National Library Week Sunday through April 14 and will feature a special activity each day. For a complete list of activities, call the library at 497-8762 or visit [www.robinservices.com](http://www.robinservices.com).



Great Rewards and Discounts to Support Our Deployed Families and Single Airmen

The PLAYpass program has been extended through December 2012. To get your PLAYpass, stop by the 78th Force Support Squadron Marketing Office in Bldg. 983, at the corner of Tenth and Warner Robins streets, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more details, call Venus Mansourzadeh at 468-5492.

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- ▶ Fitness Center . . .468-2128
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## TRICARE new dental coverage

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Inc. is now accepting new enrollment applications for the TRICARE Dental Program.

As the TDP contractor, MetLife will provide dental benefits to more than 2 million active-duty family members, Selected and Individual Ready Reservists, and their families.

MetLife's TDP website (<https://mybenefits.metlife.com/tricare>) is now live to support enrollees with information.

All TDP enrollees will receive welcome packages with their new enrollment cards.

MetLife will begin providing dental coverage to beneficiaries May 1. If your TDP premiums are currently being paid by Electronic Funds Transfer, you will need to reauthorize the EFT payment with MetLife before April 20, to avoid any interruption in coverage. If your payment is presently an automatic deduction as noted on our LES there will be no need to do anything. A separate mailing should be sent to you with



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information outlining how to reauthorize payment methods. You can contact Met Life at 1-855-638-8371 to reauthorize or to speak with a customer service representative with other questions.

TDP enrollees will have access to MetLife's network of more than 164,000 dentist locations. The TDP will have a \$1,300 annual benefit

maximum and a \$1,750 lifetime orthodontic maximum - both increases from the previous contract with a slightly lower premium. It also offers expanded coverage, including an additional cleaning for pregnant women, and survivor benefits for eligible family members.

— *Courtesy*  
*78th Dental Squadron*

