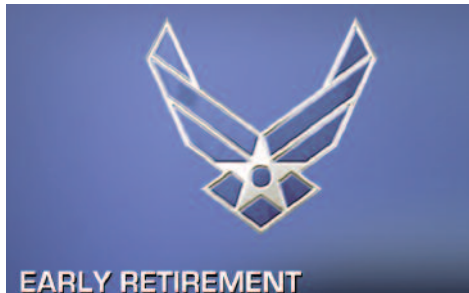


## Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Every 2 minutes, someone in the United States is sexually assaulted.

Each year, there are about **213,000** victims of sexual assault.

## TERA Application



## Motorcycle safety



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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## NEWS

### YOU CAN USE

#### Air Show Dos and Don'ts

DO:

►Carpool: There are very few entrances to Robins. On-base parking will be limited to I.D. holders. Off-base parking will be free with buses providing transportation to and from the shows. Traffic flow into the base will be easier if friends and family carpool.

►Bring sunscreen: Temperatures on the flight line are typically higher than normal. Take extra precautions with small children.

►Bring a camera and a pen: Many of the performers make themselves available for autographs and pictures during and after the show.

►Bring ear plugs: Loud noises on the flight line can damage your ears. Hearing protection is recommended.

►Bring folding chairs: Seating on the flight line will be limited. Visitors who will want to sit to watch longer demonstrations, especially children and elderly, will want to bring lightweight, portable seating to the show.

►Use handicapped parking: Handicapped parking will be available for vehicles with proper identification.

DON'T:

►Smoke on the flight line: The entire ramp is a designated non-smoking area. Additional non-smoking areas will be designated by the base fire chief.

►Plan to park on base and walk to the venue. Foot traffic north of the Aero Club is not authorized and will be turned around. All on-base parking will be bused to the venue.

►Bring dogs or other animals, bicycles, roller-blades, skateboards, alcohol, fireworks, food or beverages in glass containers, or weapons of any kind.

►Overindulge in alcohol: Applicable laws will be enforced. Alcohol consumption can also increase the chance of heat stroke or dehydration on a hot day.

►Arrive too late: Limited parking and shuttle service to the flight line will require visitors to arrive early to see all the action.

#### PROHIBITED ITEMS:

To keep a safe environment for all attending the air show, the following list of items will not be allowed to enter Robins:

►Knives, box cutters razors, or any other sharp items

►Firearms, blunt objects, or other objects considered a weapon

►Coolers, backpacks, briefcases, large bags or packages

►Alcoholic beverages

►Drugs and drug paraphernalia

►Glass containers

►Pets (Animals assisting handicapped will be allowed)

►Bicycles, skateboards and roller blades

►Multi-purpose tools (i.e. Gerber/Leatherman)

►Handheld laser pointers

►Wagons (Radio Flyer-type, metal)

►Canopies and tents.

The following items will be allowed to enter Robins, but will be subject to search prior to entering:

►Small handbags (i.e. purse)

►Diaper bags (when accompanied by young children)

►Strollers

►Wheelchairs and electric carts for handicapped

►Lawn/folding chairs.

**Editor's note:** See page 2 for more air show news.

## RIGHT ON TIME



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP  
Top to bottom, Jonathan Hampton, Mike Pickens and Sam Wiggins, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, work to attach the main vertical beam into a new C-130 center wing box.



Top, A C-5 undergoes PDM at Robins.

Bottom, Dwain Nix, 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hydraulics mechanic, performs an inspection on C-5 landing gear components.

## Team efforts lead to 97.7 percent on-time rate at fiscal 2012 midpoint

BY JENNY GORDON

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In October, the first month of fiscal 2012, the 402nd Maintenance Wing delivered all aircraft on time, beginning the year with zero late aircraft and zero unplanned carryovers.

Fast forward to April 2012 – midway into the fiscal year – and Robins is currently in a position it can be proud of – 97.7 percent on-time delivery performance for all aircraft.

“To be at 97.7 percent on time instills a sense of pride,” said Col. Evan Miller, 402nd MXW commander. “I attribute that success to a collective

commitment by the entire installation, with everyone on base invested in our due date performance.”

That collaboration includes key support roles from the 78th Air Base Wing, Aerospace Sustainment Directorate, Air Force Global Logistics Support Center and Defense Logistics Agency.

Horizontal integration, born under Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon's leadership in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's Mission Control Room, has been critically important to the success of aircraft delivery. Also included is the concept of True North metrics: Quality – zero defects;

Cost – zero waste; Delivery – 100 percent on time; and Safety – zero work-related injuries or illnesses; as well as the continuous drive to produce and deliver every aircraft on time or early every time.

As of March 31, there have been 88 aircraft completed, with 86 of those delivered on time or early. That total includes the delivery of 10 C-5s, 18 C-17s, 31 C-130s and 29 F-15s.

Aircraft depot maintenance is not an easy task. At the end of a long chain of events lies maintenance, which in turn must rely on many sources to

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## AFMC commander talks warfighter input, tactical refinements

BY MONICA MORALES

AFMC Public Affairs

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** – Positive warfighter feedback and a shorter to-do list were among the predominant characteristics of a recent trip made by command senior leaders to the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility, said Gen. Donald Hoffman during a March 26 interview.

“I can't say that I got any negative feedback about AFMC overall,” the commander of Air Force Materiel Command said.

From his office within the AFMC headquarters building, Hoffman recounted the warfighter insights and lessons learned that he and a team of AFMC senior leaders noted during a six-day trip in mid-March that took them to large bases in three different countries. It included stops in Southwest Asia and

the Kyrgyz Republic.

This annual trip is designed for the command's leaders to acquire feedback directly from warfighters to determine how the command can better accomplish its supply and sustainment operations.

Hoffman once again emphasized the importance of the command's role in keeping warfighters equipped with the support needed to continue their operations, including the personal dedication to work warfighters' problems first before tackling routine matters. This dedication from the command is critical to warfighters, he said, given the 24-hours-a-day, seven-day-a-week operational tempo in theater.

“If we have any role to play in getting answers or solutions to the deployed warfighters, we need to have a mechanism that wraps around their schedule, not ours,” Hoffman said.

Much like last year's trip, this year's also included a view through the lens of Hoffman's role as the Air Force's lead integrator for agile combat support. As such, he bears responsibility for an extended portfolio that includes base operations support and training, in addition to the traditional AFMC missions of research, acquisition, test and sustainment.

Excerpts from the interview follow:

**Q: What kind of feedback did you receive from AFMC's warfighter customers in the AOR?**

A: I received overwhelmingly positive feedback. There was generalized feedback about, of course, supplies and spares taking days to get there, but [these locations] are days away. Even if the parts are readily available and get on the next plane, it is still

► see HOFFMAN, 6

## THINK SAFETY

Days without a DUI: 27

Last DUI: 567th EMXS

— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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## Early retirement offered to select enlisted Airmen

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** – Air Force officials announced an application window for targeted early retirements for enlisted Airmen.

Eligible Airmen will have 15 to 19 years of service in fiscal 2012 and be in the grades of staff sergeant through master sergeant in over-manned career fields.

The Temporary Early Retirement Authority application window will be open through April 30 in order to shape the force to meet current and future mission requirements. Approvals will occur after the application window is closed.

About 250 Airmen will be approved under TERA based on grade, years of service, eligible Air Force specialty code, and other objective criteria based on the needs of the Air Force. Those who apply and are approved for early retirement will have a Sept. 1 retirement date. Airmen approved for TERA will have their retired pay reduced by 1/12th of 1 percent for each full month by which the number of months of active service are less than 240 as of

the date of the member's retirement. The Air Force Personnel Center's fiscal 2012 enlisted TERA program page, located at [https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/21836](https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/21836), will contain additional information on retirement eligibility.

"As we continue to size and shape our force, we must have the right balance of skills to meet Air Force missions," said Maj. Gen. Sharon Dunbar, the director of Force Management Policy, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters U. S. Air Force. "TERA allows us to use a voluntary program to shape the force where we have over-ages in Air Force specialties."

The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve do not plan on conducting force management actions in fiscal 2012. However, all components are working together to ensure the total force is prepared for manpower reductions in fiscal 2013.

For more information, visit <http://www.afreserve.com/> or <http://www.goang.com/careers>.

## CCAF Spotlight



**Staff Sgt. Nicholas Jackson**

**Unit:** 78th Force Support Squadron

**Time in service:** 9 years

**HOMETOWN:** Chattanooga, Tenn.

**CCAF DEGREE TITLE:** Instructor of Technology and Military Science

*During 2012, the Community College of the Air Force is celebrating its 40th anniversary of providing outstanding educational opportunities to our enlisted force. Visit our Facebook page to learn how you can get involved in this historic year. [www.facebook.com/ccaffb](http://www.facebook.com/ccaffb)*

**How did you go about pursuing your CCAF degree?**

By taking one course at a time and trying to better myself both personally and professionally. Education is key. While the CCAF is important and a must have in order to progress in rank, you need to consider bachelor's and master's degrees as well. Don't procrastinate. Get it done!

**What are your educational plans now that you have completed your CCAF?**

To finish my last two classes through Columbia Southern University, receive my bachelor's degree in Information Technology, and apply for Officer Training School.

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make everything happen for the mechanic to turn a wrench and get the job done.

Doug Keene, 402nd MXW vice director, echoed Miller's comments on the strong commitment from Team Robins

over the past year. During his tenure, the current collaborative environment has been the best he has ever seen.

"What's going to be the best thing for the Air Force is dramatically increasing the velocity of these airplanes with high quality, and continuing to keep our people safe. That is where the real value is," said Keene, a 25-year veteran of Robins. "We have common goals across the center, and we are the strongest in implementing continuous process improvement tools."

Under AFMC's five-center restructure, Keene said there will be more standardization and opportunities to increase processes already in place at Robins.

An example of some of those CPI tools includes the Maintenance Requirements Supportability Value Stream Analysis event that took place in March. That process now takes a more detailed approach to existing tenets of high velocity maintenance.

It not only improves up-front planning by gaining greater knowledge of an aircraft's condition prior to arrival, but also defines its requirements in greater detail and performs in-depth supportability analysis. MRSP teams, which include those at strategic, operational and tactical levels, will vary,

but will include experts from across Robins – one more illustration of horizontal integration.

Another example includes how items are routed to or repaired by the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group. Coordinated efforts among support groups such as DLA, GLSC and others enable parts-scheduling functions to now be managed more effectively through horizontal integration.

"When everyone is focused on one thing, it makes it easy

to speak the same language and not be confused with what the goal is to get aircraft back on schedule," said Col. Randy Burke, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group commander. "Our focus is to put out a safe, quality product because people's lives rely on the work our mechanics do. They never lose sight of that."

In fiscal 2011, the 402nd MXW experienced 46.9 percent on-time delivery, beginning the year with 25 unplanned carry-over aircraft.

Once those planes were delivered and fiscal 2012 began with zero late aircraft, the next several months saw momentum continue to build, said Miller.

He pointed out the overall Excellent ratings achieved from the Logistics Compliance Assessment Program and Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program inspections conducted last December.

"Not only were our inspection results outstanding, we continued to deliver airplanes on time, and our safety incidents continued to go down," he said. "As you enjoy success, you want more and more of it. We are meeting many of our goals today and setting aggressive ones for the future."

**"We have common goals across the center, and are the strongest in implementing continuous process improvement tools."**

**Doug Keene**  
402nd Maintenance Wing vice director



## Air show needs volunteers

Volunteers are still needed to assist with the 2012 Robins Air Show April 28 and 29.

If you would like to help with transportation or security assistance during the two-day family event, contact James "Hollywood" Hanchett at [James.Hanchett@ang.af.mil](mailto:James.Hanchett@ang.af.mil).

A total of 90 people are needed to help transport the public from designated parking areas. There is also a need for 50 military-only personnel to assist security forces.

Provide your name, email address, work and cell numbers, and it will be passed to the appropriate department. No information will be shared outside of official channels.

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) and click on the Air Show poster.

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# ViewPoints

“Don't be too timid and squeamish about your actions. All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better.”

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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## Robins Motorcycle Safety Program

### 78TH AIR BASE WING SAFETY OFFICE

In the past two weeks the Air Force has lost two riders to motorcycle mishaps. It's lost a total of three since the start of fiscal 2012.

Early in a normal season riders take their motorcycles out for their first ride. But with the unusually warm weather, those who are starting now need to ensure they're careful and follow some basic precautions.

Even experienced riders should reacclimate to riding conditions after some down time.

A rider's skills quickly deteriorate if they aren't riding on a daily basis. It's that slight deterioration which often gets motorcyclists in trouble. Failing to properly bring his or her motorcycle back to a pristine riding condition further puts a rider at risk.

**Here are some basics to remember before venturing out after a winter shutdown:**

1. Perform pre-operational maintenance on your ride.
2. Inspect the tires and wheels to ensure tire pressure is correct. A slight difference in tire pressures can make a big difference in the way the bike performs.
3. Start out riding cautiously and slowly.
4. Make your first ride a short one, and then continue to build your seat time.
5. If possible, find an abandoned parking lot or area where you can practice turning and braking. The Robins Air Force Base Motorcycle Safety Training Range is available anytime there's not a class going on. The range is maintained, so stop by and practice those important skills riders need on the road.

Don't be afraid to talk to the less experienced about riding

techniques; it only helps them become better riders.

So let's ensure that our minds, our bikes, and our gear are ready to begin the riding season. We want you around to perform your job to help ensure the mission of the greatest Air Force in the world is completed. All of you are an important piece of the Air Force mission.

### Providing riders with education, tools for safety

The Robins Air Force Base Motorcycle Safety Program provides base personnel with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, Basic Rider, Experienced Rider and Military Sport Bike Class courses for free.

All personnel who wish to ride a motorcycle on base are required to have the MSF class.

The BRC is designed for beginning riders – riders with less than six months riding time – and is either a two-day course during the week or a two-and-a-half day course on the weekend.

The ERC is designed for riders who have more than six months riding and is a one-day course.

The MSRC is a one-day course for those who have completed the BRC and ERC and ride sport bikes.

Classes are taught one week a month.

There are a limited number of BRC and ERC classes taught on weekends.

All classes taught during the week begin at 7:30 a.m. For a weekend BRC the first day would be Friday evening at 6 p.m. and then all day Saturday, winding up Sunday by 1 p.m.

A weekend ERC class would be on Saturday. To sign up for

class you can go to the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office in Bldg. 707 or visit the Robins public website at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil) and select the Motorcycle Safety tab.

If an individual signs up for a class but can't make it, he or she should contact the Base Safety Office at DSN 468-6271 or commercial (478) 926-6271 to cancel the class at the earliest possible time.

Riders are required to have the commander's briefing accomplished prior to attending and to bring a copy of the briefing to the class.

If the commander's briefing is not completed, the rider will be turned away from the class and a no-show letter will be sent to the commander.

It's strongly urged that riders take the ERC and MSRC classes once every three years.

That allows enough time for a rider to increase skills and allows a rider to stop bad habits before they become a problem.

**The required gear to ride on Robins or any military base is as follows:**

*Minimum of a Department of Transportation-approved helmet.*

*Eye Protection of at least ANSI-87 or better.*

*Sturdy footwear above the ankle.*

*Long Pants.*

*Full Fingered Gloves.*

*Upper outer garments must be long sleeved and brightly colored; during hours of darkness it must have reflective qualities.*

*If wearing a backpack the backpack must have reflective qualities.*



### “SEE ME, SAVE ME” RIDE

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, Perry, 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 about 15 minutes later.

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, base Safety Office, at 468-6271.

For a current schedule of motorcycle training courses visit <http://www.robins.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=13379>

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## Choosing to Act: Action over Indifference

BY STAFF SGT.  
ALISON MICHELA

54th Combat Communications Squadron

Sunday through April 22 marks National Holocaust Remembrance Week. This year we commemorate ordinary people who stood against opposition and chose to intervene and help rescue Jews. Sergeant Anton Schmid was one individual who had the power to make a difference.

Anton Schmid was an Austrian-born husband and father who, in 1941, was drafted into the German Army. Soon thereafter he was stationed in Vilna, a railway station in the notorious Jewish ghetto. It was there he observed the persecution and murders of thousands of Jews.

He bore witness to starvation, disease, street executions, maltreatment, and deportation of Jewish men, women and children to concentration and extermination camps.

Repulsed by Nazism, Schmid chose to act.

His efforts were selfless and heroic. Schmid smuggled Jews away from Vilna using military vehicles and facilitated the transport of members of the resistance movement to safe havens. He provided hundreds of Jews with false identification papers, saving them from deportation and certain death. He also employed Jews in his unit, and even risked his own life by smuggling food into the ghettos.

As time passed, his efforts grew bolder. He provided refuge to members of the Jewish Zionist movement in Vilna, and later befriended Mordechai Tenenbaum-Tamarof, an activist and leader of the Jewish Underground.

On New Year's Eve 1941, Schmid hosted the leaders of the Jewish underground in his home, and took the opportunity to once again denounce Nazism. He continued to pro-

### WHAT TO KNOW

A free Holocaust Observance will be conducted Thursday at the Base Chapel annex at 9 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Deborah Adler. Adler was born in Israel in 1949 to a mother who survived several concentration camps as a slave laborer – the last one the most notorious, Auschwitz – and a father who escaped to Israel in 1937 and joined the British Army, where he saw action in Europe and North Africa.

After the war, her father illegally entered Palestine and joined the IDF, where he fought during the Independence War and Suez Canal War in 1956.

For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Rosscar Bagorio, at 468-9806 or (619) 370-8419.

vide critical information and transportation which allowed them to stay a step ahead of the Nazis.

As word spread of his efforts, Schmid was warned he

was in grave danger; he was wanted for treason.

In a letter to his wife, Schmid stated, “You know how it is with my soft heart. I ... had to help them.”

Schmid paid for his humanity with his life. In early 1942, he was arrested and court-martialed for high-treason. After being found guilty, he was executed on April 13, 1942.

Anton Schmid's selfless acts of heroism saved hundreds of lives in Vilna, but for every person rescued, many more were killed. Let us take a moment this month to not only honor the memory of Holocaust victims, but also remember those men and women who bravely chose action over indifference despite the risks.

*“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world”.*

—Anne Frank

## 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://www.mil.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).



Robins is reconnecting with the military retiree community, working to keep them informed of the many events offered at Robins throughout the year.

To join the contact list, visit <http://rao-robins.org/Contact.htm>, fill out the requested information, and click submit. For more information, call (478) 327-4707.

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▶ Military Pay	468-4022
▶ Civil Engineers	468-5657
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▶ Chaplain	468-2821
▶ IDEA	497-7281

# On the Fly

## Airman's Attic volunteers needed

The Airman's Attic, a donation center focused on providing household goods and clothing to families of E-1 through E-5 and O-1 and O-2s spanning all military branches of service, is open for business.

Located in Bldg. 660, the center is open Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help man the center. For more information, call 472-0177 or 472-0168.

## Upcoming

**The next installation-level exercises are Ardent Sentry 2012 and TR 12-3** which will run concurrently. Ardent Sentry – a USNORTH-COM managed multi-agency Tier II exercise with heavy Air Force Materiel Command and Robins Air Force base involvement – will run May 2 through 9, and TR 12-3 will run from May 2 through 11.

During the exercise, there will be multiple emergency management exercises, so the base populace can expect to perform shelter-in-place and accountability drills to meet the scenarios.

Some scenarios will drive an escalation of

force protection conditions which will result in gate closures for a specified period of time and cause delays at the gates.

Also, on May 7 and 8 about 50 AFMC personnel will be training at Warrior Air Base.

The "deployed" warriors will undergo targeted wartime skills training which includes Self Aid and Buddy Care, Chemical Warfare, Weapons Familiarization, Land Mobile Radio and Law of Armed Conflict. Base personnel need to be aware that there may be possible delays at other support functions, such as medical facilities and force support squadron support functions. For that reason, base personnel should try to keep on/off base appointments to a minimum during the exercise period.

For more information, contact Chris LaFrance at 468-4735 or Master Sgt. Jordan at 497-4871.

## Academy graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates of Airey NCO Academy:

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Bland  
 Tech. Sgt. Michael Canterbury  
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 Tech. Sgt. Brandi Hilltrahan  
 Tech. Sgt. Carlos Isaac  
 Tech. Sgt. Derek Johnson  
 Tech. Sgt. Sean Kirkland

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Knowles  
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 Tech. Sgt. Tonya Nettles  
 Tech. Sgt. Tracy Robinson  
 Tech. Sgt. Terrance West  
 Tech. Sgt. Dian Wilson  
 Tech. Sgt. Donta Wilson  
 Tech. Sgt. Jesse Winn  
 \* Distinguished graduate

The following **leadership classes are scheduled for April:**

►Barry Bunn will present "Mentoring, Recognition, and Problem Solving" Wednesday 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" Thursday 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.

## 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.



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## SAAM Self-Defense Class

Staff Sgt. Ryan Payne and Senior Airman Betty Roberson, 78th Security Forces Squadron, demonstrate a technique to break a hold from behind April 2 during a Sexual Assault Awareness Month Self-Defense class.

### Air Force workers can find help here

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Health and Wellness Education	Health and Wellness Center	497-8480
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Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	497-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	468-2946
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	497-4584

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# Enlisted corps honors AFMC commander with Order of the Sword

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## WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio

– Taking part in an evening filled with pageantry and steeped in military tradition, Air Force Materiel Command Commander Gen. Donald Hoffman was inducted into the AFMC Order of the Sword during a ceremony March 30 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

“This honor tonight certainly is humbling for me, and I’m privileged to work with such a professional force,” said General Hoffman. “I humbly accept their recognition, and I really appreciate the honor.”

The Order of the Sword is the highest honor Air Force noncommissioned officers can give to an individual who has made significant contributions to the enlisted corps.

Acting as chief master sergeant of the mess, AFMC Command Chief Master Sgt. Eric Jaren cited numerous reasons, contributed by those who had previously worked with the general, as to why General Hoffman was so deserving of the honor.

“You are a great officer, but that’s not why we’re here,” Chief Jaren said. “We’re here because you are a great commander who has invested in our training, our facilities and our capabilities – in short, in our futures and in our lives.”

He also shared with the mess a congratulatory letter to General Hoffman from Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy.

“By your actions, commitment and care for the enlisted force, you have proven yourself a commendable leader worthy of this tribute,” Chief Jaren said as he read Chief Roy’s letter.

The Order of the Sword ceremony includes the presentation of a proclamation signed by key participants of the ceremony and a scroll containing the signatures of AFMC Airmen in attendance. The scroll attests to the firm belief of the general’s patriotic service and leadership. The final presentation made to General Hoffman was of a personal sword.

**Editor’s note:** For the full story, visit [www.afmc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123296434](http://www.afmc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123296434)



U.S. Air Force photo by BEN STRASSER

Gen. Donald Hoffman, AFMC commander (left), is joined by the Order of the Sword sergeant at arms Master Sgt. Eric Price and AFMC Command Chief Master Sgt. Eric Jaren, during the presentation of the general’s personal sword March 30 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

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going to take days to get there to some of these remote locations.

### Q: What is AFMC doing well to support the warfighter?

A: The warfighters really appreciate the Global Logistics Support Center’s 24/7 on-call staffing elements. Whether it’s a wide-bodied mobility aircraft, a fighter, or a bomber aircraft, there’s always a voice at the other end of the line 24/7 to take that call and then work the problem.

This operates very similarly to the Verizon network commercial. The people that make calls don’t care about the network that’s behind it, represented by the guy wearing black-framed glasses with an army of people behind him. That networked army of people represents AFMC’s job, to have that back-stopping workforce there that delivers on what they need. The warfighters’ job is to identify and quantify the need correctly – and sometimes they don’t characterize the need quite right, and that creates confusion downstream. If the warfighters, no-kidding, identify their bona fide need, our job is to grab that and run with it to make that happen. They were very satisfied with that.

In terms of on-site engineering support, we have a couple of lieutenants over there from the air logistics centers that do engineering dispositions on site. So, as they work on an aircraft and they find holes that are too big or a small crack or some other thing not covered by the technical order guidance, you have to get an engineering assessment of that. And so, for the relatively minor ones, you don’t want that disappearing in the system and coming back a week later – you want the solution while the airplane is opened up, so it can be on the schedule the next day.

These engineers are empowered to make some decisions on their own. If it exceeds their knowledge and authority, they know exactly who to call back home – even on weekends and evenings – and fax or send pictures to describe the problem. Then they get an improved engineering solution to immediately continue on with repair of that aircraft.

This has been going on for a couple of years. They love it. Those engineers are in centralized locations over in the theater, and there’s a hunger for them to be in even more remote sites. But it’s working pretty well right now where they are. They do travel if necessary, and they do remotely address problems, even if they’re not directly on site.

### Q: How long is the to-do list you

### came back with?

A: The to-do list for this trip was much shorter, partly because this was a much shorter trip. We made it to three locations, and they were relatively large bases. We did come back with some small tactical things to further examine.

Some things are under the purview of AFMC, some things are under the purview of agile combat support lead integrator, and some are just items we need to coordinate with others to get to the ground truth of what’s happening. This is not only for our understanding, but also sometimes there’s just a lack of communication. The folks over there don’t know their chain of command has made a decision about how or where something gets repaired, and they don’t understand the logic behind it. Sometimes it’s just a communication challenge.

### Q: What message(s) did you deliver to our customers there?

A: During an All Call and meetings over breakfasts and lunches with Airmen, we talk about what’s going on in D.C. Deployed Airmen are very focused on what’s going on there, so I talk about the big picture – where we are in the national debt and deficit, that it’s an election year, and how the debate in Washington is shaping solutions to that major problem. We already had the first installment of the Budget Control Act – \$487 billion for the

Department of Defense – and unless Congress crafts some path forward, there will be additional cuts.

So, I put that in perspective to them, but always closing on the note that they don’t have to worry about that. That’s us in the background providing that network. Their job is just to do their deployed tasks, and ask for help when they need it.

### Q: How many AFMC people were you able to talk to, and what were their jobs?

A: I met with dozens of AFMC people at each location, and they have a variety of jobs. I mentioned the engineers, there were also supply chain specialists and maintainers. There are AFMC Airmen there doing public affairs; they are flying; doing civil engineering and communication – the entire spectrum of work.

### Q: Is there any specific message you would like to share with the command regarding this trip?

A: As we sit here and grind through our daily routines, it’s easy to forget about the sacrifices our deployed members and their families are making under difficult conditions. How they respond to that and how they represent America over there is very uplifting, and it really recharges my batteries every time I go there. For those of us back home, our number one priority remains the same ... support the warfighter.

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whether it's an organizational name change, change in office location, or change in your reporting chain-of-command," said Col. Timothy Nelson, who has worked with AFMC regarding the transition.

Nelson, 78th ABW Communications Directorate director, is also leading an information technology sub-team which is creating an IT organization for the AFSC to perform policy and oversight roles.

He's also tasked with identifying redundancies in IT systems and infrastructure. For example, Robins and Tinker use different software systems.

"We're analyzing 973 software systems to determine what we can eliminate or combine," he said. That includes systems from wings which will fall under the new sustainment center.

"Robins has probably made the most progress in consolidating and streamlining. We're using a lot of our processes here, and will migrate those to the other wings," he added. "All in all, Robins is in excellent shape to make all these transitions, and the reason is due to the leadership of wing commanders and senior leaders that we have in place."

The main ideas that will be worked on during the next few months include consolidation, standardization and

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**Wendy Johnston**

*Warner Robins Air Logistics Center  
Plans and Programs director*

eliminating redundancies.

In practical terms, jobs won't change, Nelson said. Responsibilities will change and reporting changes will occur once stand-ups occur in.

As part of AFMC's five-center transition, including the new AFSC at Tinker, the command's acquisition mission will be led by a new Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Test missions will also be consolidated under a new Air Force Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.; the Air Force Research Laboratory, headquartered at Wright-Patterson, will continue in its present role; and AFMC's nuclear support mission will continue to be led by the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

The new AFLCMC will include all program executive offices and former Aerospace Sustainment

Directorate program offices.

Once the Robins ASD stands down, respective divisions will each report to an established directorate in various locations.

"Basically, below that very top-level and changes in staff, nothing will change for most people," explained Wendy Johnston, center Plans and Programs director, who is handling the overall transition at Robins. "The LCMC below division level, at the ASDs, won't experience many differences in day-to-day operations, except for who the division reports to."

For example, the C-5, C-17 and Tactical Air divisions will report to a Mobility Directorate, the F-15 division will report to a Fighters/Bombers Directorate, and C2ISR and JSTARS program offices will report to a Battle Management Directorate.

"The goal is to streamline everything so offices have direct reporting to their bosses. It should make communication better," said Nelson.

According to AFMC, exact dates for stand-ups will not occur until after Congressional-mandated reports are completed, and AFMC's formal organizational change request is approved by Headquarters Air Force.

Key leadership positions recently included the March 26 Senate confirmation of Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, who will become the next AFMC commander. Lt. Gen. C.D. Moore II was also confirmed as commander of the new AFLCMC.



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## Base wins Robins Cup Tourney



Above, The youngest Airman at Robins, Airman Colt Harshbarger from the 461st Maintenance Squadron, partners with Maj. Gen Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, during the Robins Cup Golf Tournament April 6. McMahon was captain of the Robins team which played against a group of community members.

Left, McMahon and Harshbarger, along with community team members Eddie Wiggins, and Zell Blackmon, pose for a group photo.

## HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

**9-Pin No-Tap Tournament**  
Saturday  
6 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
For details, call 468-2112.

**Spring Fling at Base Restaurant**  
Monday through May 11  
Make purchase of \$4 or more and receive scratch off for a chance to win prizes  
For details, call 468-6972.

### UPCOMING

**Heart Link for new spouses**  
April 20  
Sign-up by Monday  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

**Boss N' Buddy**  
April 20  
4 to 5 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
Members free  
Guests \$5  
For details, call 472-7864.

**AFMC Family Fun Daze**  
April 20  
5 to 7 p.m.  
Horizons  
Games, music, food and giveaways  
For details, call 472-7864.

**4-Person Scramble**  
April 21  
Golf Course  
\$50 per player  
\$200 per team  
For details, call 468-4103.

**PING Demo Day**  
April 25  
2 to 6 p.m.  
Golf Course  
For details, call 468-4103.

**Pizza Depot 24th Birthday Party**  
June 5  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### SERVICES DIRECTORY

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

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Heritage Club  
For details, call 468-0188.

**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**  
Fridays, Saturdays only  
5 to 8 p.m.  
Horizons  
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.

**Breakfast at the golf course**  
Daily  
7 to 10 a.m.  
Fairways Grille  
For details, call 923-1717.

**FSS Gift Cards**  
\$5 to \$1,500  
No expiration dates  
Pick up cards at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bowling Center, Horizons, ITT and Outdoor Recreation.

**FSS Wireless Hot Spots**  
Participating facilities include the golf course, Base Restaurant, Afterburner, Heritage Club, Horizons, Library and Bowling Center.

**Remote Control Bowling Ball**  
Now available for Wounded Warrior Program and those with special needs.

# AFAF Campaign ends today

As of April 6, the Robins 2012 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign had raised \$75,722.

This year's campaign kicked off March 5. The theme was "Commitment to Caring, with an installation goal of \$85,361.

The AFAF includes four charities: the LeMay Foundation, Air Force Enlisted Village, the Air Force Villages Charitable

Foundation, and the Air Force Aid Society – the official charity of the Air Force – which provides assistance through the Robins Airmen & Family Readiness Center.

A campaign celebration will be conducted Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. in the Base Chapel.

– Staff Reports



## Robins pharmacy offers updated services

**BY TECH. SGT MICHELE OLDS**

Clinical Pharmacy Services NCOIC

Have you been to the Robins Pharmacy lately?

Many changes have been made to the pharmacy in the last year. The Pharmacy is now offering a 90-day supply on most maintenance medications and many controlled medications can have refills to the original prescription.

In addition, 244 new drugs have been added to the formulary to ensure the pharmacy has the medications you need. If your medication isn't available, the pharmacy staff will offer to call your doctor to change your prescription to something on our formulary.

Also, please keep in mind the pharmacy stops filling new civilian prescriptions at 4 p.m. due to high volume in the afternoons.

The exception to the rule is prescriptions for pain medications, antibiotics or acute needs.

Patients are welcome

to drop off non-emergency prescriptions after 4 p.m. Prescriptions dropped off after 4 p.m. will be ready after 9 a.m. the next duty day.

The best and most cost-effective option for patients is to use the Robins pharmacy.

"We're making great strides toward our goal to be the 'Pharmacy of Choice' for our patients and providers," said Lt. Col. Neil Holder, Diagnostics and Therapeutics Flight commander.

Below is an outline of current copayment prices.

►**Network Retail Pharmacy (Rite Aid, Walmart, etc.) (up to 30-day supply)**

Generic – \$5.

Brand Name – \$12.

Non-Formulary – \$25.

►**TRICARE**

►**Pharmacy Home Delivery (up to 90-day supply)**

Generic – \$0.

Brand Name – \$9.

Non-Formulary – \$25.

►**Robins Pharmacy (up to 90-day supply)**

937 drugs/dosages – \$0.

## Medic's message

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### ROBINS PHARMACY TOP 10 NEED-TO-KNOW FACTS

#10- You can find us online at [www.robins.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=8025](http://www.robins.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=8025).

#9- We are now on Facebook – "Like" Robins AFB Pharmacy.

#8- You can refill your prescriptions when 75 percent of the days' supply has elapsed (for example three weeks before you run out of a 90-day supply).

#7- To refill your prescriptions, call (478) 327-8150 or visit [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com). If you call before noon on a duty day, your refills will be ready after 3 p.m. the next duty day. Walk up refill requests will be processed as if called in.

#6- We keep all filled prescriptions on hand for five duty days before they are put back in stock.

#5- Our busiest days are Wednesdays and Fridays. Slower days are Mondays and Thursdays.

#4- When your PCM puts in a refill or renewal for your medication, it has to be activated at the pharmacy before we can fill it.

#3- Our formulary has grown by over 31 percent since March 2011 and is still growing. Ask a pharmacy staff member for the latest copy of the formulary.

#2- You can always get up-to-date-closure information on our refill line, Facebook page, or signs posted in the pharmacy waiting area.

And the #1 "Need to Know" Fact is ... Generally the time with the shortest wait times is from 7:30 to 10 a.m.

– Courtesy Master. Sgt. Ryan Olds, Diagnostics and Therapeutics Flight NCOIC

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