



# ROBINS REV-UP

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## READY TO ROLL

*Base unit  
prepped  
to assist in  
disaster relief*

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When the call comes, the 5th Combat Communications Group at Robins stands ready to get the job done.

Members of the 51st Combat Communications Squadron received word June 27 their assistance may be needed with wildfire relief efforts in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Within 24 hours, the unit had packed five flatbed tractor trailers filled with 123,000 pounds of satellite communications; voice, data and networking equipment; and other items, for the three- to five-day trip.

The squadron, which falls under the 5th CCG (known as the 5th MOB), includes more than 150 personnel trained to respond at a moment's notice to not only any military tasking anywhere in the world, but also natural disasters and other contingencies around the globe.

The unit responded with aid to the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina, and to the Caribbean following the earthquake in Haiti.

A team of 20 to 30 individuals were on call last week through Monday.

"This is where the rubber meets the road," said Tech Sgt. Jay Pirnie, 51st CCS radio frequency transmission systems supervisor. "What the 5th CCG is able to provide to that fight is information dissemination."

The group's rapid-response

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Senior Airman William Wilson, 51st Combat Communications Squadron power production technician, throws a strap over a pallet June 28. The 51st CCS is on-call to support firefighting operations in Colorado with nearly 123,000 pounds of communications equipment.

U.S. Air Force photo by ROBERT TALENTI

## Two local engineers win AF awards

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Two Team Robins members are recipients of 2012 Air Force Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Outstanding Scientist/Engineer awards.

They are 1st Lt. Daniel Welsh, Military-Junior category; and Walter Crook, Civilian-Mid-Career category.

Welsh, an AC/EC-130 structural engineer in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's

Special Operations Forces and Personnel Recovery Division, entered active duty in

September 2008. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, he is an engineer for non-standard structural repair and modification efforts of 25 AC-130 and seven EC-130J aircraft. He also augments the cadre of aircraft battle damage repair engineers who are trained for no-notice worldwide



Crook



Welsh

deployments.

Crook is the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Wing's MRSP (Maintenance Requirements Supportability Process) engineering support chief. A graduate of Mercer University, he is responsible for tactical and operational support of C-130 aircraft at Robins for scheduled/unscheduled depot level maintenance and modifications.

Winners were announced by Dr. Mark Maybury, chief scientist of the Air Force, and Dr. Steven Walker, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering.

The awards banquet will be conducted Aug. 23 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Guest speaker will be Michael Wynne, former Secretary of the Air Force.

### NEWS

#### YOU CAN USE

##### Warner Robins area public transit meeting

Warner Robins Area Transportation officials are looking for public input on a transit feasibility study being conducted for the Warner Robins metropolitan area.

There will be an information meeting Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Middle Georgia Technical College, 80 Cohen Walker Drive.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to ask questions and offer comments on the need for public transit in the Warner Robins metro area.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, which is the second in a series of meetings on the study.

Meeting topics will include a summary of a public transit survey conducted during the last two months, potential transit service options, and possible transit routing alternatives.

There will be a formal presentation at the beginning of the meeting, followed by a discussion period to answer questions and address concerns interested people may have. Public comment will help evaluate transit service options and possible transit routes.

Another public meeting will be scheduled later this summer to discuss recommended transit service options and routes.

## Contracting pros can now get online training

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** – When officials launch the Air Force Contracting Learning Center SharePoint site Thursday, it will provide contracting professionals with a single entry point for continuous learning.

Contracting professionals must accumulate 80 continuous learning points every two years, and the learning center at [https://cs.eis.af.mil/airforcecontracting/training\\_repository/default.aspx](https://cs.eis.af.mil/airforcecontracting/training_repository/default.aspx) will help them meet that requirement.

Air Force Materiel Command's interest in leading the effort escalated following a reorganization announcement in November. The command is consolidating its centers from 12 to five as part of its response to a Department of Defense challenge to find efficiencies and save tax dollars.

"As we move forward, we must train and develop our people to fully implement the Better

Buying Power initiatives," said Col. Roger Westermeyer, AFMC Contracting deputy director.

"This requires a firm understanding of contracting processes and principles as well as industry business practices. The Air Force Contracting Learning Center will help us get there."

Content will be viewable in three ways: by process, Federal Acquisition Regulation part, and topic.

The process view aligns with the new Contract Information

Management System, providing buyers access to learning material at their computers while they are in a particular procurement phase. The concept is to instantly connect buyers to knowledge or subject matter experts while buyers are performing their jobs.

"The learning center will allow people at all levels, from unit training monitors to senior contracting officials, to examine existing training materials and

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## Robins team named Air Battle Management Crew of Year

BY JENNY GORDON  
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The 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron's Combat Crew Two, 461st Air Control Wing is the Air Force Association 2012 Air Battle Management Crew of the Year.

"In a war where excellence was the standard, the 16th ACCS Crew 2 stood out," said Col. Dean Worley, 461st ACW commander. "They brought order to the battlespace chaos and ensured 10 times faster bombs on target, ensuring the destruction of Gaddafi's forces and liberation of the Libyan people."

Crew Two distinguished itself by fusing ground moving target indication data with precision air power for 110 days in the Libyan Joint Operations Area during opera-

tions Odyssey Dawn and Unified Protector.

"Within minutes of our first on station, we struck armor and artillery pointed toward towns," said Lt. Col. Mark Webb, Crew Two mission crew commander. "Within weeks, one of the largest armies in the Middle East was fighting on equal terms against its citizens. On every flight we overcame fog, friction and change to assure UN resolutions were enforced and civilians were protected."

The award will be presented in September at AFA's annual National Aerospace Awards and Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition in National Harbor, Md.

Each year AFA honors outstanding achievements throughout the Air Force, government, academia and the aerospace industry.

### THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE AWARD

Lt. Col. Mark Webb, Maj. James Pittman, Capt. Sean Forsman, Capt. Michael Orzel, Capt. Joseph Smith, Capt. Johnny Carlisle, Capt. Robert Smith, Capt. Jeremy Comstock, Capt. Marcus Gibson, Capt. Michael Brantley, Capt. Tyler Lohrenz, Capt. Edwin Yu, Capt. Joseph Buckman-Ellis, Capt. David Hernandez, Capt. Corin Potor, Capt. Robert Guidry, Senior Master Sgt. Johnny Rapier, Master Sgt. Timothy Bernal, Master Sgt. Kayla Stout, Staff Sgt. Nathan Keller, Staff Sgt. Marvin Rottenberg, Staff Sgt. Justin Cuccarese, Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rusch, Staff Sgt. Brett Dansby, Senior Airman Sarah Mattausch and Airman 1st Class Ashley Marler.



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## New base recycling center opens Tuesday

Robins' journey to stay green takes its next step Tuesday when its new Qualified Recycling Program facility, in Bldg. 986 behind the Base Exchange and Auto Hobby Shop, opens its doors.

The grand opening will follow a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8 a.m.

"This will become a one-stop shop when it comes to recycling everyday materials," said Darryl Mercer, 78th Civil Engineer Group Qualified Recycling Program operations manager. "We are trying to make it convenient for everyone to recycle."

The 2,700-square-foot facility will include 16



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

**Darryl Mercer, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, positions a sign at the new recycling center.**

windows along one side where you can drive up, slide a window open and drop recyclables inside. All windows will be labeled to indicate the type of item to be dropped off.

There will also be a dedicated handicapped-accessible window where all designated types of

recyclables can be dropped off.

Consumers from the Happy Hour Service Center in Warner Robins will pick up items three times per week.

Construction on the project began in January.

The recycling effort on base has produced more

than 595 tons of material so far this year, and has generated nearly \$100,000 in revenue from various commodities. Plastics are the most popular items recycled.

Scrap metal recycling also takes place behind Bldg. 1555 for unusable, non-Capital Fund commodities.

Mercer added that educating the community on recycling will be a priority, and everyone is welcome to drop off recyclable items such as aluminum and metal cans, glass and plastic bottles, newspapers, office paper and cardboard.

The center will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## Federal food drive in full swing

The Office of Personnel Management kicked off the fourth annual Feds Feed Families Food Drive on June 1.

OPM is again requesting the Defense Department's support of the drive during July and August by providing logistical support and donating non-perishable food.

Feds Feed Families is a voluntary effort undertaken by federal employees to bring non-perishable food items to their offices for distribution to local food banks.

The 2011 food drive was over-



whelmingly successful. Food donations across the federal government totaled 5.7 million pounds – almost three times the goal of 2 million pounds. DoD alone contributed more than 2 million pounds of food, significantly exceeding its goal of 733,800 pounds.

For 2012, the agencies have been asked to set their own goals, and DoD has set its goal at 1.5 million pounds of food for distribution to local food banks nationwide.

That number is more than twice last year's goal, and represents an average of about two pounds of food per civilian employee.

### What to know:

**For information on Robins' Feds Feed Families efforts, contact 1st Lt. Alicia Harvey at DSN 241-1888 or Master Sgt. Richard Sheppard at DSN 241-1888.**

Following the 2011 distribution by component, this year's break out is as follows: U.S. Army, 562,000 pounds; U.S. Navy, 396,000 pounds; U.S. Air Force, 348,000 pounds; OSD/Joint Staff/Agencies and Activities, 194,000 pounds.

### 2013 CDCs available online in September

The Airman Advancement Division's online library – e-WAPS Online Reference Library Database, or e-WORLD will soon have 2013 promotion cycle study reference material available.

Airmen will be able to access the latest reference material by September.

Past career development courses are also available for those still studying for the 2012 promotion cycle.

"For Airmen testing out-of-cycle, having access to past versions of the CDCs ensures they have appropriate study material for the cycle they're competing in," said Dwayne Hafer of Air Education and Training Command's Airman Advancement Division.

The database, which was created in February, is a site where Airmen can download their CDC volumes. So far, more than 110,000 CDC volumes have been downloaded from more than 350 military locations worldwide.

Airmen can access e-WORLD from a military network computer at <http://cdc.aetc.af.mil>. Once downloaded to their desktop, Airmen can e-mail the documents or burn them to a CD. The CDC documents are formatted for use on mobile devices.

Airmen in upgrade training still need to contact their unit training manager to obtain access to their CDCs. E-WORLD is not an alternative to the Air University online library for Airmen in upgrade training, Hafer said.

– Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs



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# AIR FORCE



## Weapons loaders become first nuclear certified crew in AFRC

The Air Force Reserve reached a milestone in June, when members of the 707th Maintenance Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., became the command's first certified nuclear weapons load crew on the B-52H Stratofortress.

The 707th MXS is a classic associate unit with the 2nd Bomb Wing, and supports the 343rd Bomb Squadron, which is an AFRC nuclear and conventional certified bomb unit.

To read more, visit [www.afrc.af.mil](http://www.afrc.af.mil).

## Guard members aid flood-stricken Floridians

The Florida National Guard is supporting relief efforts in several counties affected by widespread flooding after Tropical Storm Debby dumped large amounts of rain during its slow journey across the state.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott, Adjutant General Air Force Maj. Gen. Emmett R. Titshaw Jr. and other senior state officials journeyed to several counties to survey the damage and talk to residents.

"We just left the shelter here that has the citizens of Live Oak who lost their homes, who essentially lost everything," Titshaw said. "Talking to some of the people, it was very gratifying to hear they were rescued by the Florida National Guard. It's the reason we do what we do."

To read more, visit [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov).

## Propulsion flight improves maintenance process on C-130s

Members of the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Propulsion Flight in Southwest Asia have

implemented a new process that reduces the propeller maintenance repair cycle time for the C-130 Hercules.

"We are really excited about this process because the new two- and three-day flow processes we implemented have increased our (average time on wing) from 585 hours in September to more than 2,000 hours now," said Master Sgt. Shawn Davis, the 379th Propulsion Centralized Repair Facility flight chief. "This means much less time on the ground and more aircraft in the air accomplishing the mission."

This is a vast improvement from when the process took between four and five days.

The flight consists of 16 men and women from six different bases, both active duty and Guard.

To read more, visit [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

## New CV pins on 3rd star, brings wealth of experience to AFSPC

Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., welcomed its newest vice commander as he pinned on his third star during a ceremony here recently.

Lieutenant General John Hyten made his return to AFSPC after serving as Director of Space Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, in Washington D.C. General William Shelton, commander of AFPSC, opened the ceremony by explaining how three-star generals are selected.

"You don't get to be a three star via promotion board," said Gen. Shelton. "It's a specific job. It's the right timing, the right individual and you are hand-picked by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. That selection is confirmed by the Secretary of the Air Force. Then you go through a senate confirma-



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. WILLIAM COLEMAN  
Airman 1st Class Benjamin Schwartz, left, and Staff Sgt. Jeffrey White, both from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., cover an E-3 Sentry's engines June 19 during Green Flag-West 12-8 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The E-3 Sentry is an airborne warning and control system that provides situational awareness of friendly, neutral and hostile activity, and command and control of combat forces.

tion process."

To read more, visit [www.afspc.af.mil](http://www.afspc.af.mil).

## Looking at the challenges, benefits of military moves

The frequent relocations common to military life may be challenging to families, but they also are one way children become resilient and adaptable, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey made the comments during the National Military Child Education Coalition's 14th national training seminar.

He was joined by his wife, Deanie, and retired Army Col. Jack Jacobs, who asked the couple broad questions about today's military.

The Dempseys have moved 22 times in 36 years.

To read more, visit [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov).

## Combined force detains Taliban leader

An Afghan and coalition security force detained a Taliban leader during an operation in Afghanistan's Kandahar province June 28.

The detained Taliban leader, an improvised explosive device specialist, directed insurgents in attacks against Afghan and coalition forces, officials said.

The security force also detained multiple suspected insurgents and seized several small-arms weapons and ammunition, officials said.

To read more, visit [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov).

## CAP cadets get taste of pararescue career field

The 306th Rescue Squadron hosted more than 20 Civil Air Patrol cadets June 13 through 23 during its advanced pararescue orientation course at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

The 10-day course challenges CAP cadets both mentally and physically, as they are constantly evaluated on the stringent requirements of the pararescue, combat rescue officer, and survival, evasion, resistance and escape career fields.

To read more, visit [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).



NEWS FROM AROUND THE

## Team Robins keeps flying during runway construction



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

A C-130 on approach for landing flies over the area of the Robins runway undergoing concrete slab replacement. The 12,001-foot-long runway has been reduced to 8,000 feet of operational length during the construction.



Workers remove concrete slabs from the Runway 33 touchdown zone. Weather permitting, construction is slated for completion next week.



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Submissions should be of broad interest to the base populace. For information, call Lanorris Askew at 472-0806.

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# On the Fly

## Air Force workers can find help here

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Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	327-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	327-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	926-2946
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	327-4584

AFMC Wellness Support Center — [www.afmcwellness.com](http://www.afmcwellness.com)

It's that time of year again. **The 78th Medical Group will provide Healthy Start Screenings** for Tricare beneficiaries entering Georgia schools for the first time.

Screenings are for students from Pre-K to 12th grade and will be conducted Saturday and July 21 from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 700A. No appointments are necessary.

Children will have vision, hearing and dental exams – all of which are required by the Georgia school system.

In addition, height, weight, blood pressure and scoliosis screenings will be performed. Immunizations will be available, so bring a copy of your child's latest shot record.

Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and may be completed at the event. These are the only services which will be performed at the school screenings.

If a sports physical is needed, contact 327-7850 to schedule an appointment.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Joseph Prunty or Senior Airman April Cooper at 327-8220.

**The 78th Civil Engineer Squadron's Entomology Section has started adult mosquito fogging** of family housing, dormitories, Officer Circle, FAM Camp and the wastewater plant.

The fogging will take place every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. through late September. Fogging has been implemented due to warmer nighttime temperatures and the increasing mosquito counts, which are provided by the installation Public Health Office.

## Upcoming

**The Airman and Family Readiness Center is hosting a deployed families event** July 14 to Cordele, where families can enjoy a ride on the Sam Shortline Excursion Train.

Transportation, a train ticket and lunch will be provided.

Buses will leave the Heritage Club parking lot at 7 a.m. and will return at 6 p.m.

Deadline to sign up is today.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Ronald Megginson at 497-7506 or Master Sgt. Michelle Main at 497-7691.

For more information on Sam Shortline, visit [www.samshortline.com](http://www.samshortline.com).

**The 2012 SNCO Recognition Ceremony will be conducted July 26.** A social will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the event at 6:30 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Tickets are \$25. Deadline for ticket purchase is July 23. Contact your unit POC.

For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Phylisa McCarthy at 497-0263.

The Robins Air Force Base Military Education and Training Office will host an **Education Fair in the Heritage Club Ballroom Aug. 1** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Robins personnel, retirees, and family members interested in learning more about available educational opportunities are invited to attend.

Representatives from approximately 30 colleges and universities from throughout the U.S. will be on hand to provide information on their programs.

If you have any questions, please call 497-7312.

## Et cetera

The following leave recipient has been approved through the **Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:**

*Janine Jackson* of the 78th MDSS.

Point of contact is Tammy Holland, who can be reached at 497-8390.





U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Brig. Gen. Merle Hart, special assistant to the Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, and his wife Julieann, wave to the crowd Sunday during the Perry Independence Parade.

## PARADING AROUND

# 30th Annual Independence Day Concert draws more than 20,000



Above, The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve performs at the concert at McConnell-Talbert Stadium in Warner Robins.

Left, A youngster pays his respects during the national anthem.

Below, headliner Josh Turner performs for the audience.



Master Sgt. Brian Jenner, with The Band of the U.S. Reserve Pipe Band, performs for the crowd.





## PROS

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extract relevant information instead of developing new content,”

Westermeyer said. “This will eliminate the need for local units to expend resources developing training because the learning center will provide it for them.”

More content will be migrated to the learning center in incremental phases, which is often referred to as spiral development.

For instance, at the initial rollout the contingency contracting section of the learning center will contain material on the mobilization phase of deployment. Additional training material will be added later for buildup, sustainment and redeploy-

ment phases.

According to Westermeyer, the need for a centralized learning center rose from an increased demand for training while, at the same, time resources to develop and maintain training material have decreased.

“About 40 percent of the Air Force’s contracting workforce has less than five years of experience,” he explained. “Meanwhile, contracting staffs at all levels throughout the Air Force are shrinking, and we face the potential of more budget and personnel cuts.

“By consolidating contracting training content into one location we can be more efficient and effective in providing quality standardized training content to the workforce,” he said.

# DAU to host interactive presentation

The Defense Acquisition University is hosting an interactive presentation on Intellectual Property/Data Rights on Wednesday from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Middle Georgia Technical College auditorium at 80 Cohen Walker Drive.

This presentation will use a three-part briefing framework addressing policy history and updates; the mechanics of Intellectual Property rights in DoD contracts (USG Data Rights Licenses under DFARS Part 227, Data Rights Spectrum for Technical Data, Data Rights Licenses Unique to the USG, and others); and lessons learned and pitfalls.

### Administrative notes:

- The briefing/interchange is good for three Continuous Learning Points.
- Seating is limited to the first 300 attendees, so come early and car pool, if possible.
- This is a government-only presentation; no contractors.
- There is no sign-up. However, attendees will be offered the opportunity to sign-in on

organizational rosters to validate attendance for the three continuous learning points.

- The presentation is expected to last three hours.

The presentation will have greater meaning and context if attendees complete or browse the new continuous learning module CLE068, IP and Data Rights (visit [www.dau.mil](http://www.dau.mil), then click [icatalog/continuouslearning/cle\\_068](http://icatalog/continuouslearning/cle_068)).

For further information, the director of the DAU Logistics & Sustainment Center has an excellent thumbnail sketch of the topic area, and the new continuous learning module can also be found at <https://dap.dau.mil/career/log/blogs/archive/2012/06/18/new-intellectual-property-and-data-rights-training.aspx>.

The MGTC auditorium is on the side of A Building, closest to the parking lot. For directions, visit [www.dau.mil](http://www.dau.mil), then click [Locations/South/Warner\\_Robins\\_GA/Directions\\_and\\_Map/Middle\\_GeorgiaTechnical\\_College\\_Campus\\_Layout](#).





U.S. Air Force photos by ROBERT TALENTI

Senior Airman Madjassah Moussa, 51st Combat Communications Squadron heating, ventilation and air conditioning technician, marshals the movement of a pallet to a flatbed truck.

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capabilities provide communications needed for command and control anytime, anywhere.

“We can basically set up an entire base on an empty field in a matter of days,” said Senior Airman Kevin Summers, who works with 51st CBCS radio frequency transmissions.

For this mission, the team would provide such capabilities as ground radio communication between firefighters and various agencies, and air-to-ground communication for planes flying overhead performing water drops.

Training hard on a daily basis and knowing the job makes the ability to respond within 72 hours seem like second nature. Take, for instance, the idea of packing pallets on multiple trucks in just under one day.

What allows the 5th CCG to react swiftly is repetition through training in building pallets.

“Everyone knows what piece of equipment needs to go in which box,” explained Pirnie. “It’s the amount of repetition, job and system knowledge that all of the airmen, staff sergeants, tech sergeants and other enlisted of the 51st CBCS and 5th CCG carry with them. That’s part of the warrior mentality – we’re capable of deploying quickly and are able to do it efficiently.”

Once on site and all services are operational, it only takes a few crew members to keep things running smoothly.

“This opens up manpower for any other tasking,” said Pirnie.

Although stationed at Robins, the 5th CCG falls under Air Force Space Command, headquartered at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs.

Four Air Force C-130s were dispatched last week to provide fire suppression capabilities in Colorado.

Those planes are equipped with Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems, which can discharge 3,000 gallons of fire retardant or water, weighing 28,000 pounds, in less than five seconds.

According to U.S. Northern

Command (the Department of Defense organization which provides civil support), all eight C-130 aircraft from Reserve and National Guard units in Wyoming, California, North Carolina and Colorado were activated beginning June 30 to assist with firefighting efforts. This was the first time all eight have been used since 2008.

The U.S. Forest Service, which owns the MAFFS equipment, has dropped more than 170,000 gallons of fire retardant on the Waldo Canyon and Flagstaff fires in Colorado, Arapaho fire in Wyoming and White Draw fire in South Dakota as of July 1, according to USNORTHCOM.



Right, Senior Airman Jarvis Griffin, a 51st Combat Communications Squadron Airman carries dunnage used for shipping pallets. The unit packed about 123,000 pounds of equipment for the most recent contingency.



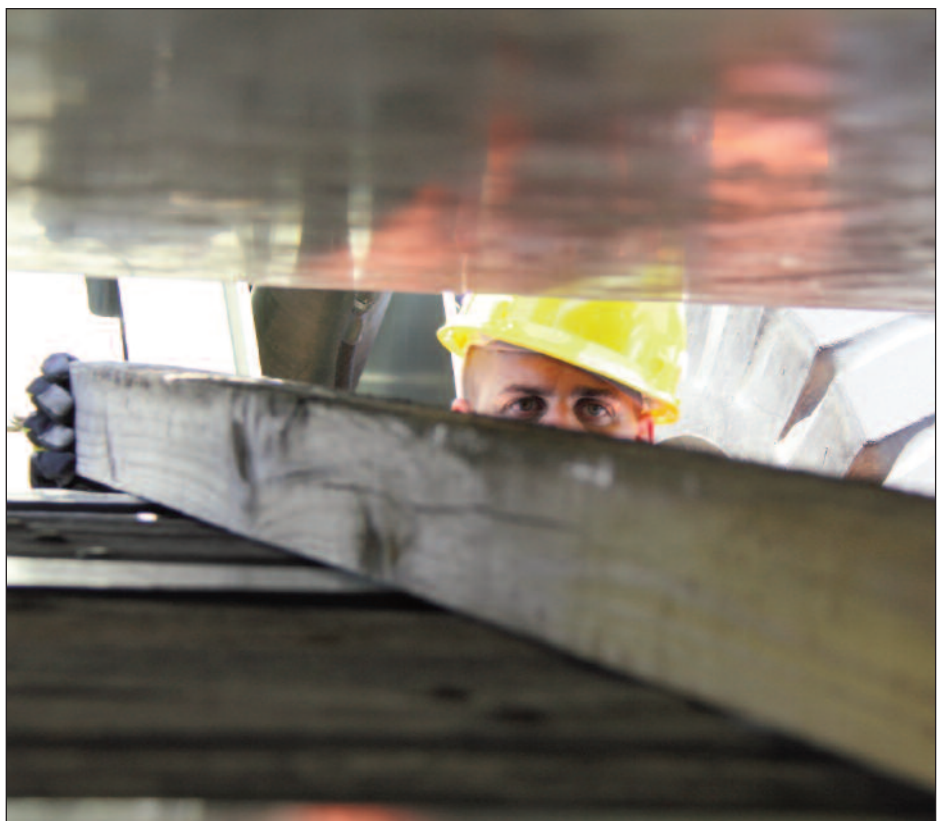
Senior Airman Benjamin Moore, 51st Combat Communications Squadron power production technician, uses a forklift to move communications equipment.



Airmen from the 51st Combat Communications Squadron load pallets on a flatbed truck.



Four flatbed trucks loaded with communications equipment stand ready.



An Airman places dunnage between a pallet and a truck bed.



## HAPPENINGS

### ON TAP

**First Friday**  
Today  
5 to 6 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 472-7864.

**Texas Hold 'Em**  
Saturday  
Sign-ups start 1:30 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
Members \$15  
Guests \$20  
For details, call 472-7864.

**Dept. of Labor/TAP/VA Workshop**  
Monday through Thursday  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

**Golf 4 Kids**  
Monday through July 13  
10 to 11:30 a.m.  
7 to 13 years  
\$99 per child  
For details, call 468-4013.

**Volunteer Resources**  
Wednesday  
10 to 11 a.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

**Missoula Children's Theater**  
"The Secret Garden"  
July 16 through 20  
Youth Center  
Sign-up by Wednesday  
For details, call 468-2110.

**Bowling Movie Days**  
Every Wednesday in July  
2 p.m.  
\$6 per person  
For details, call 468-2112.

### UPCOMING

**Kids Kraft Day**  
July 17  
10 to 11:30 a.m.  
or 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
Arts & Crafts Center  
\$5 per session  
Pre-register by July 14  
For details, call 468-5282.

**Interview with Confidence**  
July 16  
9 to 11 a.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

**Bundles for Babies & Passport to Parenthood**  
July 17

8 a.m. to noon  
Bldg. 794  
For details and to sign-up,  
call 468-1256.

**Starting a Small Business**  
July 17  
1 to 3 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details, call 468-1256.

**Military Challenge Competition**  
July 18  
7 a.m.  
Fitness Center  
Sign-up by July 16  
For details, call 468-2128.

**Runaway Bar BINGO**  
July 18  
6 p.m.  
Heritage Club  
For details, call 468-4515.

**30 & Over Summer Basketball Tournament**  
July 20 through 22  
6 p.m.  
Fitness Center  
Sign-up by July 18 at 4 p.m.  
For details, call 468-2128.

**Heart Link**  
July 20  
8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
Please register by July 17  
For details, call 468-1256.

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