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Joseph Newton sands a C-5 engine pylon in the Paint Depaint Facility.

Air recirculation system in Robins paint depaint facility earns special recognition

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An air recirculation system used to give workers clean air to breathe in the paint depaint facility in Bldg. 59 at Robins recently received special recognition for its environmental and safety benefits.

The project was recognized in early July as part of the "You Have the Power" campaign under the Federal Energy Management program with the Department of Energy. The campaign began in 1997, with 20 federal agencies participating in the drive.

Jerry Thovson, base project manager in the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron's Design and Construction Management Branch, said the pro-

gram helps the agencies reach milestones in energy savings.

"(The campaign) helps federal agencies reach their energy goals by raising awareness about energy efficiency of federal agencies and recognizing innovative energy and water-saving practices and technologies," he said.

The 225,000-square-foot paint depaint facility, which is located just inside Gate 2 at Green Street, is comprised of two 65,000-square-foot bays used for the paint and depaint process of C-5 Galaxy, C-17 Globemaster III, and other similar-sized aircraft.

Mr. Thovson said the facility's paint bay is now in full operation and has processed five air-

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Making history



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A construction worker at the World War II Hangar at the Museum of Aviation works on a ceiling beam in the early morning light.

Museum of Aviation's World War II Hangar on target for mid 2008 grand opening

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The Museum of Aviation's plans for a new World War II Hangar have recently produced tangible results that can be seen from Ga. Highway 247.

Construction began moving on the 60,000-square-foot hangar, which is to be located just north of the museum's Century of Flight Hangar, with a ceremonial ground breaking in September.

In a matter of a few months, site work was completed and by June of this year, framing for the wall sheets were in place.

The \$4 million hangar, which was designed and built

by JMA Architects in Perry, Ga., and Piedmont Construction Group of Macon, is expected to be completed by mid-2008, and the Museum of Aviation and the Museum of Aviation Foundation couldn't be happier.

Marilyn Ashmore, Capital Campaign director for the Museum of Aviation Foundation, said the hangar will open doors for growth at the museum.

"We presently have 51 acres at the museum and we have four buildings," she said. "All of them currently have exhibits and aircraft and don't have much room for bringing in additional planes from out-

doors. So we really needed to build new buildings and a couple of years ago decided that we would."

The sprawling hangar will house about 16 World War II aircraft and several displays including the Flying Tigers, the 14th Air Force, the P-40 Warhawk, the Tuskegee Army, and the story of the hump pilots from the war era.

About three aircraft from each of the museum's existing buildings and about three to four aircraft from the museum's outside displays will join to create the new hangar's aircraft

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Operations Air Force cadets land at Robins

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During the last few weeks members of Team Robins have been imparting knowledge on a group of college students who hold the future of the Air Force in their hands.

Robins is hosting 27 Air Force Senior ROTC cadets through August 1 as part of the Operations Air Force program.

The cadets, who all just completed their freshman year of college and are from schools across the nation, are here as part of the internship program's first installment, Operations NCO.

"It's basically a chance to get hands-on experience early on," said Capt. Kevin Chivington, commandant of cadets at Embry Riddle's Daytona Beach campus and the escort officer for the cadets.

The internship program allows the cadets to develop an



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Cadets Cody Herman, Rachel Fesmire and Patrick Flynn listen as Senior Airman Samuel Finch, F-15 Depot technician, explains testing of a low-volt power supply for an F-15.

appreciation for the enlisted force.

"We learned how to work with NCOs, how to treat them and how to work together, because that's how the mission is achieved. It shows us how to make ourselves better officers," said Cadet John Devine from

Mississippi State University.

The objectives of the program include becoming acquainted with everyday tasks, activities and perceptions of Air Force officers and enlisted personnel, getting educated on the

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Sealing the deal



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Maj. Gen. Tom Owen, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, shakes hands with Tammy Parkerson, contracting officer for the support equipment commodity council, at the Third Party Logistics contract signing ceremony Monday. Representatives from four businesses the 583rd Combat Sustainment Squadron contracted with to improve its acquisition process look on. They are David Ledford, Boneal president, H.R. Washburn, ATAP president, Allen Hines, AGT president and Sam Boyle, TKC Aerospace, Inc., CEO.

The first-of-its-kind contract will revolutionize the way Air Force Materiel Command will support its supply management initiatives. These new processes will reduce administrative time, costs and ultimately will better support the warfighter.

THINK SAFETY

To request a ride, call 222-0013, 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

Total rides given this year: 419

Days without a DUI: 12

Last DUI: 78th Civil Engineer Squadron - courtesy 78th SFS Reports and Analysis Section

THE TWO-MINUTEREV

MPF Customer Service Closure

Due to the move from Bldg. 905 to Bldg. 767, the 78th Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Element will be closed Aug. 6 through 10 and will not be able to issue CAC or ID cards. Please schedule appointments to issue or renew ID cards around this unavoidable downtime. For emergencies, call 327-7336.

Military Appreciation

The Macon Music will hold "Military Appreciation Night" Aug. 6 at Luther Williams Field. "Buy one ticket, get one free" vouchers are available to all military members and dependents at the MPF, Bldg. 767 and the A&FR, Bldg. 794. Present voucher at Music box office for special ticket price. One ticket costs \$5, get second one free. Don't miss this special event.

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