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# MONTH OF THE MILITARY FAMILY

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## U.S. AIR FORCE, CANADIANS

### WORK TOGETHER

The 19th Airlift Wing trained with the Royal Canadian Air Force in a cold weather joint force exercise in Toronto, Canada.

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# 3-D printing takes wounded warriors to a new dimension

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFNS) -- One wounded warrior wanted to amble around the hotel pool during his honeymoon without strapping on prosthetic legs. Another wanted ice skates to fit snugly onto his prosthetic feet so he'd receive the sensory feedback he'd come to expect when engaging in his favorite pastime. And yet another wanted to hold a fishing rod while enjoying full use of the hook where his hand used to be.

These requests for custom prosthetic attachments were fulfilled by the 3-D Medical Applications Center, or 3DMAC, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. There, a small staff of engineers and technicians use advanced digital technology and additive manufacturing, also known as 3-D printing, to design and produce personalized devices quickly and cost-efficiently.

"We've made more than 100 unique devices to enable activities that able-bodied people often take for granted," said Peter Liacouras, the center's director of services who holds a doctorate in biomedical engineering.

The devices make it easier for amputees to engage in leisure activities they enjoy, Liacouras said, as well as routine things such as drinking a glass of wine or brushing teeth. Returning to their everyday lives helps wounded warriors overcome the physical and emotional trauma of limb loss, health care experts say.

Part of Walter Reed Bethesda's radiology department, 3DMAC is located in a small suite of offices and computer rooms tucked behind double doors at the end of a long hallway. Although it's an unassuming-looking place, what's happening inside is state-of-the-art. Among the center's many projects are surgical models to produce custom implants used in dentistry and oral surgery; skull plates for blast injuries; and other models to help surgeons prepare to perform intricate procedures, and to train the next generation of dental and medical professionals.

"We also have several research projects going on," Liacouras said. They include 3-D surveying and mapping of the human face to create a digital archive of facial anatomy. This archive could be used to fabricate implants for reconstruction if a service member became disfigured in a blast injury. "The face is the most complicated region to reconstruct and, of course, it's what everyone sees every day," Liacouras said.

So 3-D printed cellphone and cup holders that attach to wheelchairs or other assistive devices "may sound like they're on the lower scale of what we do, in terms of



Peter Liacouras, director of the 3-D Medical Applications Center, sits behind his desk at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Liacouras is part of a small team of engineers and technicians that use advanced digital technology and additive manufacturing to design and produce personalized devices for amputees.

importance," Liacouras said. "But they're not, because they mean a lot to wounded warriors."

The center fabricates by request from the Defense Department and Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers. When a request is received, Liacouras usually searches the web to see if the item already exists and can be purchased and adapted. If not, 3-D printing "enables us to create custom devices, making them patient-specific," he said. The items are made from plastic or titanium.

The center's first assistive technology project was "shorty feet" for the honeymoon-bound bilateral amputee, in 2002. "Wearing full prosthetic legs can be cumbersome and also, the full prosthesis for pool wear are very expensive and not necessarily 100 percent waterproof," Liacouras said.

He and his team used computer-assisted design to plan the shorty feet, then printed a plastic prototype

for a fit test. They made the permanent pair in titanium alloy.

"They attach to sockets that attach to the stumps," Liacouras said. "Think of it like walking on your knees."

And though Liacouras admits "we didn't fully understand the need at first," the center has produced more than 70 pairs to date.

"They've really taken off," he said, noting wounded warriors like to use them instead of full prosthetic legs if they need to get up after going to bed, and also to play with young children at the little ones' level. Physical therapists use them to help new patients feel more comfortable and confident about getting up and moving again.

"Whatever our wounded warriors need, we'll create," Liacouras said.

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# COMBAT AIRLIFTER OF THE WEEK

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Staff Sgt. George Clark

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## Recent accidents call for safety reminder for drivers

The 19 SFS Defenders have recently experienced an alarming increase of vehicle accidents at our gates. We would like to remind everyone to increase their awareness while on the road. The holiday season is upon us and traffic will significantly increase once it is in full swing, meaning the chance for accidents will also increase.

When entering the installation, be sure to stop before retrieving your identification, and be sure to put it away before continuing onto base.

Four of our recent accidents were, in part, due to the driver's fumbling to put away their identification while driving. This distracted driving resulted in them striking our security measures around the gate.

We are also experiencing multiple construction zones, both near the gate as well as within the main areas on base. These zones can pose significant hazards to drivers as well as construction workers and we have had several close calls. In such zones, be sure to remain within the speed limit and that all functions of the car such as windshield wipers, defrosters, lights, etc., are in working order.

We want to ensure that everyone arrives safely to their destination and place safety as a top priority, and we know you do as well.

## MSG CORNER

■ CMSgt Williams Drive is closed between Avenue A East and Avenue A West until late October. Avenue A East is still accessible from the east and Avenue A West from the west. The intersection of Thomas Avenue and CMSgt Williams Drive is closed.

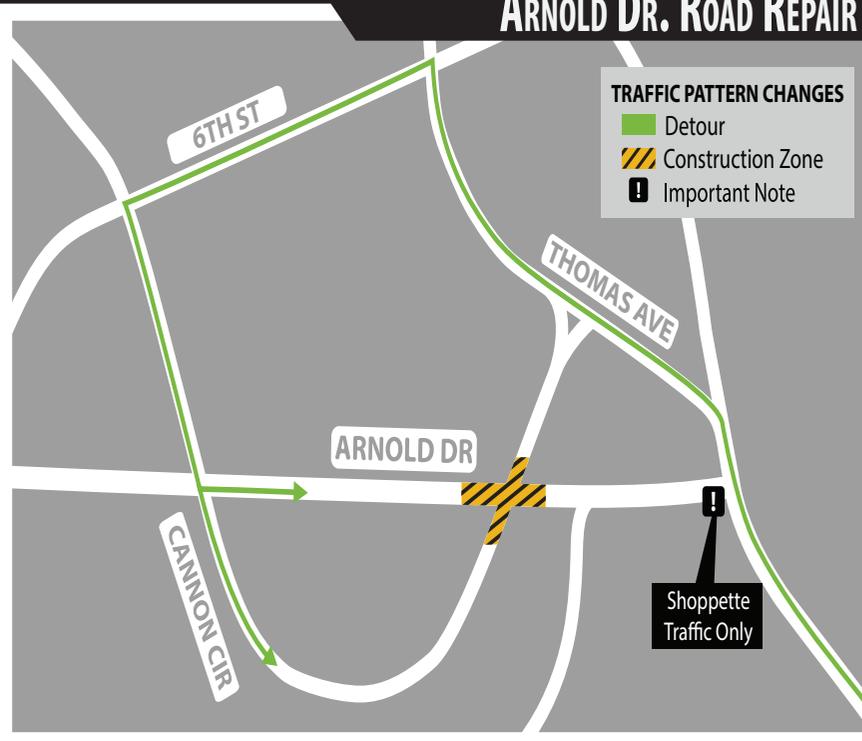
■ Arnold Drive between Cannon Drive and 6th Street is closed and will remain closed for approximately four weeks for repairs. Through traffic traveling west on Arnold Drive will detour at Cannon Drive to CMSgt Williams Drive. Customers traveling west will still be able to access the Clinic and First Arkansas Bank and Trust parking lots.

■ The Warfit Track is currently closed for repairs. Alternate locations include the indoor track at the Fitness Center, the outdoor track (across from Burger King) or around base using the running map located on the rocking at the rock web page <https://www.rockinatherock.com/fitness/>

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### Royal Air Force commander visits Airman in Bagram

Air Cdre James Hunter, Royal Air Force pilot, speaks with members of the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron during his visit Oct. 28, 2017, at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Hunter toured a C-130 Hercules assigned to the 61st Airlift Squadron from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. and saw firsthand how members of the 774th EAS supports the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing's mission delivering airpower and enabling a successful train, advise, and assist campaign in Afghanistan.

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From left, Lt. Col. Angela Ochoa, 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron commander, greets Air Cdre James Hunter, Royal Air Force pilot, during his visit Oct. 28, 2017, at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Hunter toured a C-130 Hercules assigned to the 61st Airlift Squadron from Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. and saw firsthand how members of the 774th EAS supports the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing's mission delivering airpower and enabling a successful train, advise, and assist campaign in Afghanistan.



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# 314th tail flash displays historical link

By Staff Sgt. Dana J. Cable  
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Team Little Rock will soon start to notice new colors flying in the air and parked on the taxiway as the 314th Airlift Wing has designed a new flash that now officially dons on one of its C-130Js.

After more than a year of planning and coordination, a C-130 assigned to the 314th AW now displays a new completed tail flash.

"The 314th AW 75th anniversary was this year and the new tail flash heraldry incorporates unique elements of both the wing's World War II and Korean War combat airlift history," said Mark Wilderman, former 314th AW historian.

Two of those unique elements being the Douglas C-47 Skytrain and the C-119 Flying Boxcar aircraft silhouettes on the left side of the tail flash. On the right side are two airdrop parachute silhouettes.

"The two parachutes represent the wing's primary mission to provide the world's best combat airlift training, as well as the wing's primary historical mission of the aerial delivery of combat troops and equipment," Wilderman said.

The 314th tail flash is trading in the old orange background, and replacing it with blue and yellow, the primary 314th AW colors.

The blue color alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, while yellow denotes the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel.

The words "The Rock" are still the forefront of the tail flash, with the addition of a sword in the background.

"The sword symbolizes both the wing's commitment to the United States defense and our integral role in Air Education and Training Command," Wilderman said.

The tail flashes will be changed over time whenever an aircraft is due for corrosion control maintenance, according to Tech. Sgt. Adrian Saucedo, 19th Maintenance Squadron NCO in charge of corrosion control.

For this first tail flash the corrosion control flight printed out vinyl stickers to be placed on the tail flash. In the future, they will be painted on.

With the new tail flash design approved, corrosion control Airmen were able to complete the tail flash in a week's time.

"The guys downstairs busted their butts this week and knocked it out," Saucedo said. "They didn't complain once, they just got it done."



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DANA J. CABLE

Airmen from the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron corrosion control flight finish applying vinyl decals to the 314th Airlift Wing C-130J tail flash Oct. 26, 2017, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The new tail flash design is similar to the Team Little Rock tail flashes, but possesses elements unique to the 314th AW.

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# Reveille, Retreat time change

**By Airman 1st Class Grace Nichols**  
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The times for the playing of reveille and retreat over the base giant voice system will change Nov. 10, 2017.

Reveille signals the start of the duty day, and retreat marks the end of the duty day and precedes the playing of the national anthem.

“We are adjusting our bugle calls to match times more commonly seen at other bases,” said Col. Gerald Donohue, 19th Airlift Wing and installation Commander. “In addition, we anticipate it easing traffic flow as the new times avoid peak periods. These calls remind us of our rich military heritage and instill in us a sense of pride and appreciation for that legacy.”

The time changes are as follow:

Revelry: 6:30 a.m., formerly 7 a.m.

Retreat: 5 p.m., formerly 4:30 p.m.

According to AFPAM 34-1202, 14.10.1, because “To the Colors” is played during reveille and the national anthem during retreat, these actions should be taken when the music sounds:

**Service members in uniform (including physical training uniform):** stop, stand at attention and salute. Those in the process of taking the physical fitness test are exempted from rendering courtesies.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. HARRY BREXEL

U.S. service members salute the American flag during a retreat ceremony at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The four military members represented each branch of the U.S. military and assembled to show solidarity.

**Service members out of uniform or veterans:** stop, stand at attention, salute.

**Civilians:** place right hand, with a hat if wearing one, over their heart.

**Personnel in Vehicles:** pull over safely and stop for the duration of the music, while sitting respectfully at attention.

“Because it’s a change there will be an adjustment period,” said Tech. Sgt. Tahlia Robinson, 19th Airlift Wing Command Post training NCO in charge. “Remember to

be sensitive to others and understand that it’s a work in progress as we continue to honor our flag.”

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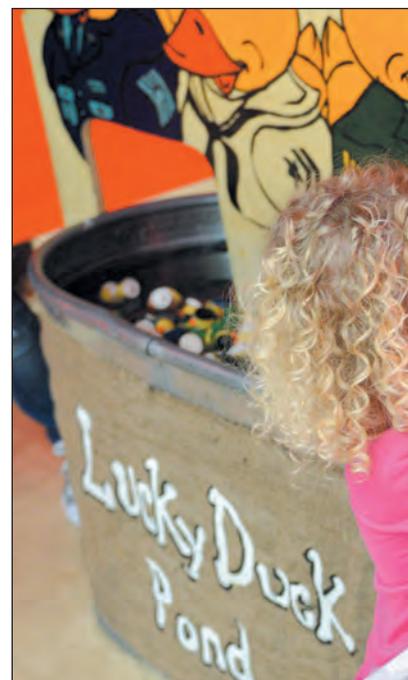
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Children receive balloons during the Month of the Military Family Carnival Nov. 4, 2017, at the Walters Community Center on Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The carnival helped celebrate the sacrifices military families selflessly make because their loved ones are service members. The carnival had several booths with activities and games for military children.

# MON



Sarah Thomas plays the game Lucky Duck Pond at the Walters Community Center on Little Rock Air Force Base. The carnival had several booths

# MONTH OF THE MILITARY FAMILY

**U.S. AIR FORCE  
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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS  
CODIE COLLINS**

Families gather to play games at the Month of the Military Family Carnival Nov. 4, 2017, at the Walters Community Center on Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The carnival had several booths with different activities and games for military children. The carnival had several booths with activities and games for military children.

(Below) A child plays a game during the Month of the Military Family Carnival Nov. 4, 2017, at the Walters Community Center on Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The carnival had several booths with different activities and games for military children.



Pond during the Month of the Military Family Carnival Nov. 4, 2017, at the Air Force Base, Ark. After completing the game, Sarah received a piece with different activities and games for military children.



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# U.S. Air Force, Canadians work together to improve C-130J maintenance

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The 19th Airlift Wing trained with the Royal Canadian Air Force in a cold weather joint force exercise in Toronto, Canada.

The focus of the training is to improve coordination between both countries' C-130J experts. During the training event, lasting from Oct. 30 to Nov. 9, 2017, maintenance crews work around-the-clock to ensure aircraft are running smoothly and in the air.

Maintainers need to be ready for any issue that may occur when aircraft malfunction. Although maintainers can't foresee every possible issue, they improvise by relying on support and resources from either their home base or from their current location.

"Our biggest challenge has been that our parts kit is very limited," said Master Sgt. Steve Beiswenger, 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron superintendent. "All of the parts that have broken this trip were ones we didn't have, so we had to call on our Canadian partners for assistance."

Working with the Royal Canadian Air Force proved invaluable when a critical system failed; possibly removing an aircraft from operations for three days, but was turned into a four-hour repair.

"We had a hydraulic line from the steering system crack," Beiswenger said. "Since the Canadians didn't have that specific part, we contacted their fabrication shop and they were able to manufacture the lines based off of our technical orders, saving us a lot of downtime."

The maintenance team here has already faced unique challenges and by generating as many aircraft as possible for training with little downtime. This exercise helps them be ready for any deployment conditions.

"The biggest constraint we had at the beginning of the training, but have sorted out now, is being able to work with the Canadians to source the parts we need efficiently," said 1st Lt. Ryan Landon, 19th Maintenance Group officer in charge of maintenance operations. "We have to be resourceful and think outside of the box to make the mission happen."

Keeping Combat Airlift airborne 24/7 is what maintenance excels at and it doesn't matter if it's training or in a deployed location.

"Wherever the planes go, maintenance follows," Landon said.



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(Above) U.S. Airmen and Royal Canadian airmen work together to fuel up a 19th Airlift Wing C-130J aircraft during training here at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Ontario, Canada, Nov. 5, 2017. The 41st AS, 61st AS and 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airmen were invited by the Royal Canadian Air Force to validate and build U.S.- Canadian tactical airlift interoperability with expeditionary scenarios.

(Right) Little Rock Air Force base Airmen work with Royal Canadian Air Force airmen to load a HUMVEE onto a C-130J here at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Ontario, Canada, Nov. 5, 2017. The 41st AS, 61st AS and 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Airmen were invited by the Royal Canadian Air Force to validate and build U.S.- Canadian tactical airlift inter-operability with expeditionary scenarios.



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