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## TLR celebrates Women's Equality Day

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U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MARIAM K. SPRINGS

U.S. Air Force Col. Argie Moore, 314th Maintenance Group commander, and Judy Carter, guest speaker, deliberate women's equality issues during the Women's Equality Day event at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Aug. 26, 2019. Currently, one out of every five Active Duty Airmen are women, according to the Department of Defense Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.



### AMC C-130 RAINBOW FITTING

#### INSPECTIONS COMPLETE

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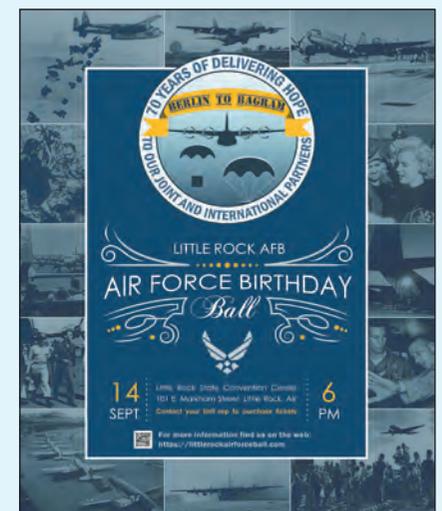
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Little Rock Air Force Base will host the Air Force Birthday Ball on Sept. 14.

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# C-130 rainbow fitting inspections complete

*Air Mobility Command Public Affairs*

In less than two weeks, all 113 Total Force C-130 Hercules aircraft have been inspected and 112 cleared to return to worldwide operational duty, following a temporary removal from service Aug. 7 designed to address atypical cracks found on an aircraft.

Thanks to early detection by Air Force Materiel Command aircraft maintenance and engineering professionals and quick implementation of a fleet-wide time compliance technical order, C-130 maintainers have inspected and verified the viability of 113 of the 123 affected aircrafts' lower center wing joints, or "rainbow fittings," allowing for their safe return to service. The remaining 10 aircraft were in depot at the time of the TCTO and will be inspected during the course of their scheduled depot inspections and maintenance.

"The safety of our Airmen is our highest priority," said Gen. Maryanne Miller, AMC commander. "We sought to address this issue with crew safety first and foremost in mind, and we're working across the Total Force, our sister services and our industry partners to ensure all affected personnel and equipment are safeguarded."

Miller suspended C-130 operations for 123 of the 450 C-130s following the discovery of cracks in the rainbow fitting that holds the inner and outer wing sections together. In accordance with the TCTO, in-depth visual and modified nondestructive



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A C-130H Hercules assigned to the 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron receives fuel Nov. 6, 2018, at an undisclosed location. U.S. and coalition aircraft provide unmatched combat capability in support of U.S. Central Command military objectives.

inspections of the wing box are being conducted on affected C-130H and J-model aircraft that have not received the extended service life center wing box and have greater than 15,000 equivalent flight hours.

"This process has been swift, deliberate and effective," said Col. Jed McCray, AMC associate director of logistics, engineering and force protection. "Of the (now 113) C-130s inspected, only one has

been found to have a rainbow fitting crack and that aircraft will require depot-level maintenance to repair it and bring it back into service. All others have been returned to duty without issue."

If cracking is identified during the approximately 8-hour TCTO inspections, a depot-level replacement of the rainbow fitting is required, by either flying the affected aircraft to a depot or bringing a depot team to the aircraft location,

depending on the severity of the findings. Replacement of a cracked rainbow fitting will take approximately one to two months to complete per aircraft, and return to service is dependent on depot level availability and capacity.

To date, the temporary removal and subsequent reinstatement of affected AMC C-130s has not impacted ongoing C-130 support to overseas contingency operations.

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# COMBAT AIRLIFTER OF THE WEEK



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Airman 1st Class Nicholas Goalen

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19th Operations Support Squadron

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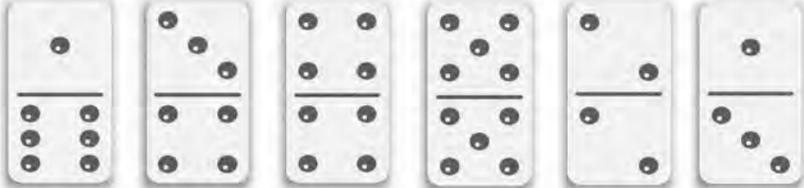
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# Vet clinic remodel: staying a step above the rest

By Airman 1st Class Jayden Ford  
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

For some the bond shared between humans and animals is unbreakable. Many treat their pets as part of their family. When their pet gets sick, owners want to get the best medical attention available.

The veterinary clinic at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas underwent a major remodel and received substantial equipment upgrades to aid in providing the superior care that people expect for their four-legged companions.

As part of the renovations, which began in January, the clinic added an additional 635 square feet of space to expand their work area.

“We are working in a much bigger facility now,” said Arnetha Brooks, Little Rock AFB vet clinic veterinarian medical officer. “The extra space will boost our production allowing us to do multiple procedures at once.”

Upgraded equipment – such as tables capable of raising and lowering the animal and computers capable of bringing up x-rays directly in the exam room – allows the team to care for the animal faster than ever before.

“All these tools are things that we have had in the past, however, the older versions of those tools didn’t have the time-saving capability we now have,” said U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Johnny Cohnes, Little Rock AFB



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Staff at the Little Rock Air Force Base Veterinary Clinic pose for a photo at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, August 21, 2019. The veterinary clinic at Little Rock AFB underwent a major remodel and received substantial equipment upgrades to aid in providing the superior care people expect for their four-legged companions.

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Ametha Brooks, Little Rock AFB veterinary clinic veterinarian medical officer, cuts a ribbon during a ceremony at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, August 21, 2019. The vet clinic provides services to personal pets and military working dogs for approximately 100 Herk Nation Airmen a week.

## Remodel

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vet clinic's NCO in charge of veterinary services. "The diagnosis time has been cut virtually in half."

The upgrades, which were celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, come as a morale boost to the office allowing them to perform at even higher levels than they were previously capable.

"We always practice the highest quality of medicine – it makes it so much easier when you have the newest equipment to use," Brooks said.

With all of these changes, the team still

strives to make customers feel welcomed and relieve their worries when they walk into the building.

"I treat every patient I have as if they are my own," Brooks said. "I try my best to get to know our military members and their pets."

The clinic feels a deep sense of pride in providing exceptional service to personal pets and military working dogs for approximately 100 Herk Nation Airmen a week.

"I think I have one of the most important missions in the military," Cohnes said. "I help the pets of our military service members. Those pets help the mental resiliency of these service members who are out there helping people by doing their job every day."

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**Judy Carter**  
guest speaker



Female Airmen from Team Little Rock celebrate Women's Equality Day with guest speaker Judy Carter at the Women's Equality Day event at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Aug. 26, 2019. Until 2016, women were restricted from combat roles.

# Women's Equality Day

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## Women's Equality

Day is commemorated every year in the U.S. on August 26, honoring the anniversary of the 19th Amendment permitting women the right to vote.

Team Little Rock hosted an event at Walters Community Center featuring guest speaker, Judy Carter, accompanied with a video of the first women test pilots.





Judy Carter, guest speaker, goes through the timeline of women's history during the Women's Equality Day event at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Aug. 26, 2019. The Women's Armed Services Integration Act was signed into law in 1948, allowing women to serve as full, permanent members of all military branches.

## Equality

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Carter went through a timeline of women's history and allowed Airmen to openly discuss women's equality in the military.

"We've come a long way but we've got a ways to go," Carter said. "We are just as smart and we absolutely have the same potential. Whether it's a male or female shouldn't make any difference."

"Women's Equality Day celebrates the day women got the right to vote," said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Crystal Przybylski, Women's Equality Day event coordinator. "However, it's progressed from there and now encompasses all the milestones women have overcome since then."

Although the 19th Amendment was ratified on August

26th, 1920, it took over 60 years for 12 of the 50 states to approve it.

Since the day's designation by Congress in 1973, it's celebrated to remember women's rights issues, the suffragists, as well as their efforts.

"Any little thing that breaks down those barriers and makes us equal counterparts is important," Przybylski said. "If women can meet the same standards then let them do it alongside the men who can meet them too."

The Women's Armed Services Integration Act was signed into law in 1948, allowing women to serve as full, permanent members of all military branches.

Still, women were restricted from combat roles until 2016.

"It's one of those things that should be talked about, especially for people coming in now," Przybylski said. "I think it's important for them to know how far we've come."

Currently, one out of every five Active Duty Airmen are women according to the Department of Defense Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. There are about 65,000 Active Duty women, along with 150,000 Guard and Reserve, and 44,000 civilian women in the U.S. Air Force.

Additionally, since 2016, the amount of women in physical sciences occupations has increased by 7.5 percent.

Although the fight for women's equality has come a long way, Przybylski said there are still barriers to break.

"When you support equality for people - no matter what race, sex or gender - it only stands to benefit the team as a whole," Przybylski said. "When you prevent people from doing something based on those categories, you could potentially be stopping another great member from not only benefiting the military, but all work forces."

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## Senator, others discuss suicide prevention

U.S. Air Force Col. John Schutte, 19th Airlift Wing commander and U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Justin Strain, 19th AW command chief, met with Sen. John Boozman along with representatives from various veterans-focused agencies to discuss ongoing efforts to address suicide during a roundtable discussion in downtown Little Rock on Aug. 22. The overarching theme of the meeting was about the need for synergy in addressing the issue of suicide as a public-health issue. Schutte was able to provide Sen. Boozman with background information on the threat situation for Little Rock Air Force Base, as well as how the base executed U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein's Resilience Tactical Pause and the momentum being carried forward in a broader resilience campaign plan.



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