The Tiltrotor Test Rig (TTR) is shown here on the calibration stand. (NASA photo)

TTR test capabilities

The TTR is designed to be used in the 40- by 80-foot and the 60- by 120-foot wind tunnels. TTR is a horizontal axis tilt rotor and revolves on the test section turntable to face the rotor into the wind at high speed, or the edgewise at low speed (30 knots), or at any angle in between.

The TTR is designed to accommodate a variety of rotors. The first rotor planned for testing is taken from the Bell/Agusta 609 vertical rotor system. The expanded capabilities which brought this test to AEDC were the result of multiple small projects which each projects four years ago were planned to end later this month. In addition to the advanced test capabilities this effort brings to AEDC, the team of employees who worked on this effort during the period beginning with fiscal year 2011 and continuing through the first quarter of fiscal year 2013 brought additional recognition to TTR. A team was nominated for the prestiges Jacobs Engineering Zero Accident Award for calendar year 2012. To earn this award, team members worked over 250,000 hours without an injury. Multiple project components were considered in determining this award according to Frank Wondra, former VKF/AEDC Program Management Office (PMO) Group Lead and ATA project manager.

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By Vicki Peters
AEDC Contributing Writer

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By Kathy Gatto
AEDC Public Affairs

The name Walt Wood may not be familiar to many AEDC employees, but Wood has been a supporter of AEDC and its surrounding communities for years. Wood was one of the original founders of the Arnold Community Council (ACC), a group created in 2005 to promote, support and protect AEDC. Since that time, the mission of the ACC has changed some, but Wood’s involvement continues.

His “day” job (until recently) was at the Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce as its executive director for economic development and tourism, but very keen on AEDC. While serving for the military, the Air Force and especially AEDC.

Though the current AEDC Commander, Col. Raymond Toth, hasn’t worked with Walt Wood long, he attended the community’s retirement ceremony to thank him on behalf of AEDC saying, “Your reputation certainly precedes you.”

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Even the celebrated Air Force 66th birthday last year was a quiet moment with AEDC Commander, Col. Raymond Toth, during a special reception held in Wood’s honor. Wood has supported AEDC for many years and says he will continue to do so in retirement. Wood worked with the Arnold Community Council since its beginning in 2000. (Photo provided)
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Legal assistance for the Modern Military Family

When Capt. Sarah Kress, AEDC Staff Judge Advocate

The couple, Thea Spyer, in On...
By Michelle Martz
AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – As command officials make tough budget decisions with fewer dollars to spend, Air Force Materiel Command civilian employees who are not beneficiaries of the TRICARE health program will no longer receive Air Force Materiel Command-provided flu shots in advance of the upcoming flu season.

“Putting the X-48C in the museum not only allows us to share its accomplishments with the public, but it also keeps it in a near flight configuration such that if we do get more research funding we can pull it right back out and take it down to the flight line,” Kisska said.

He explained that the X-48C was reconfigured from the original B model by replacing the winglet rudders with inboard verticals on the tail and removing one of the three engines representing a low-noise configuration.

The aircraft is designed to test the low-speed handling qualities and stall characteristics of a blended wing body class of aircraft. It has flown 92 missions as an X-48B and 30 as a C model for a total of 122 successful missions.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for the museum to exhibit some of the modern technology being developed here at Edwards. This is kind of rare because usually the things that we end up with are already completed or in the past and this aircraft is fairly up to date,” said George Welsh, 412th Test Wing museum curator.

Budget concerns force AFMC to eliminate flu shots for some civilian employees

By Rebecca Amber
412 Test Wing Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. – The Air Force Flight Test Museum placed an X-48C on display Aug. 20. According to X-48B/C project manager for Boeing Research Technology, Michael Kisska, the aircraft is “on loan” to the museum while Boeing, NASA Dryden Flight Research Center and the Air Force Research Laboratory actively pursue research opportunities for the aircraft.

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Civilian health is a top priority in AFMC. However, vaccine purchases are made early in 2013, when this year’s budget numbers were less certain. Analysis determined that less than 20 percent of the civilian population used the AFMC-provided flu vaccine program and officials elected to instead fund AFMC’s more comprehensive Employee Assistance Program and Civilian Health Promotion Services. CHPS is designed to provide wellness programs that improve the overall health of the civilian workforce. CHPS offers health education classes, cardiac risk profile screenings and an online employee health management tool at afmcwellness.com.

“Getting a flu shot is the best way to help prevent influenza,” said King. “Early immunization is key to protecting yourself and your family members, so we encourage everyone to get vaccinated.”

While many civilian employees are no longer eligible for the free on-base flu vaccine, TRICARE continues to provide shots for all active duty members, military retirees and military family members.
Majdalan named Aerospace Engineering chair at Auburn

By Senior Airman Dennis Sloan
Joint Base Charleston
Public Affairs

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. (AFNS) – As the sun rose above Long Beach, Calif., the last U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III, P-223, rolled off the Boeing assembly line and placed on the flight line during a ceremony celebrating 20 years of delivering C-17s to the U.S. Air Force Sept. 12, 2013, at Long Beach, Calif. (Photo by Senior Airman Dennis Sloan)

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Introducing Majdalan, the first aerospace engineering chair at Auburn University in the College of Engineering and Science.

Majdalan became chair of the Aerospace Engineering Department at Auburn University in the summer of 2007. His responsibilities include overseeing the academic programs, departmental operations and research, and external relations.

Majdalan was born in Baghdad, Iraq, on Aug. 8, 1953. He was raised in a middle-class family in Baghdad, where he attended high school and developed an interest in engineering. He served in the Iraqi Army in the air force between 1971 and 1974, flying F-4 Phantom and F-16 Falcon fighter pilots as well as KC-135 Stratotanker pilots.

Majdalan coauthored 150 technical papers and graduated 24 Masters and Ph.D. students. He was instrumental in developing several new courses, including two short courses that are now offered internationally within the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). He presently serves on the AIAA Propulsion and Energy Steering Committee, and has been appointed Vice Chair for the Hybrid Rocket Technical Committee.

Robert Moore, Executive Director of UT, commented "Professor Majdalan has been a remarkable representative of UTSI and the UTK College of Engineering. Auburn gaining a uniquely productive individual.

Journey home: Final C-17 leaves Boeing for Charleston

Sgt. Paul Gunner, Air National Guard 155th Airlift Squadron loadmaster out of Memphis, Tenn. “I’m happy I can represent the Air National Guard as a loadmaster on this historical flight.”

While the generals took care of the pilot- ing of the aircraft, crew members to include loadmaster and crew chief took care of all other flight duties in the rear of the aircraft as well as sharing stories of their time with the C-17 and how much it meant to be on the flight.

This is something I will definitely be telling my grandchildren someday,” said Staff Sgt. James Regan, 437th Maintenance Squadron crew chief. “My wife Samantha and my four-year-old son Taylor will be on the ground at JB Charleston to greet me when I land.”

After Regan turned the controls of the C-17 over to Lt. Gen. Stanley Clarke, Air National Guard director, Selva handed him the keys to P-223.
Deployed Airmen trailblazers of Reaper world

Airmen from the 451st Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron move an MQ-9 Reaper in preparation for a mission Aug. 27 at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. Members of the 451st EAMXS are building the institutional knowledge base for Reaper maintenance as they enable continuous intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance coverage in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

By Senior Airman Jack Sanders

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (AFNS) – Many of the iconic images from military operations are of U.S. Air Force legacy aircraft, such as a C-130 Hercules bringing troops and supplies to austere battlefields or F-15 Eagles streaking across the sky twisting and turning in dogfights and ground attacks.

Generations of Airmen have flown legacy aircraft still in service today. Because of the brave work of these men and women, these aircraft are still in service today. Be it the F-16 Fighting Falcon or F-35 Lightning II and the remote-piloted MQ-9 Reapers. At Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, the men and women of the 451st Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron are building the heritage of Reaper Airmen, as they develop the institutional knowledge for one of the nation’s newest air warfare assets.

“The biggest challenge we face personally from an MQ-9 perspective is that everything is so new—when you’re dealing with legacy aircraft like F-16s or C-130s you have that institutional knowledge base,” said Capt. Michael Black, 451st EAMXS Reaper Aircraft Maintenance Unit officer in charge. “There’s some guys that have worked on F-16s their whole careers. They’ve been in for 25 years and they’ve worked on nothing but F-16s and the Reapers don’t have that.”

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With the future in mind the 451st EAMXS Airmen strive to demonstrate the accomplishments possible for what we can provide is instaillable.

“We’re constantly pushing aircraft back in the fight and you definitely feel like we’re making a difference,” Wood continued. “There are still a lot to come for the RPAs in the future. We don’t even understand 100 percent of the capabilities it brings to the table because it’s so new. It’s very capable, very reliable. We’ve just scratched the surface. We think in 10 years from now you’re going to see faster RPAs, bigger RPAs, doing things 20 years ago would have been unheard of.”

AEDC STEM volunteers such as Lance Baxter, in the AEDC Test Technology Branch, assisted youth of all ages in building and launching straw rockets at the recent Tullahoma Kiwanis Club’s Fireworks and Air Show at the Tullahoma Municipal Airport. (Photo provided)

Fireworks and rockets

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AEDC Commander tours Barrett Firearms

By Claude Morse
Territorial Shooting Sports Association

Col. Raymond Toth, AEDC’s Commander, and several AEDC staff members got a look at the Barrett Firearms Manufacturing Inc. factory near Murfreesboro recently where the military Barrett .50 caliber rifles used extensively in Iraq and Afghanistan are manufactured.

In addition to touring the factory, they got to meet the rifle’s inventor and company CEO Ronnie Barrett. A highlight of the tour was firing the .50 caliber Barrett military configured M107A1 rifle with and without a sound suppressor.

The Barrett rifle started out as a civilian .50 caliber semi-automatic rifle that was adopted for military use in the first Gulf War and is now used by all U.S. Armed Forces and many allied militaries.

Barrett built his first innovative prototype .50 caliber rifles in his garage in Murfreesboro 30 years ago.

Barrett has received many honors for his unique rifle designs and is only one of seven designers of new U.S. military rifles in the last century. He currently serves on the board of directors of the National Rifle Association.

AEDC Commander Col. Raymond Toth fires the Barrett M107A1 .50 caliber military rifle at the Barrett Firearms Manufacturing Inc. factory.

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Left to right, AEDC Executive Director Douglas Blake, AEDC Chief of Staff Ken Jacobson, Tennessee Representative Jud Matheny, Jud’s son Aulden, Barrett’s Firearms Manufacturing Inc. CEO Ronnie Barrett, AEDC Commander Col. Raymond Toth, AEDC historian Chris Rumley, Matheny’s visitor Steve Chester and AEDC Test Support Division Director Col. James Krupawski take a break during AEDC’s recent visit to the Barrett Firearms factory near Murfreesboro. (Photos by Claude Morse)

AEDC Commander Col. Raymond Toth tours Barrett Firearms Manufacturing Inc. factory.
We've become a more efficient organization that is his- toric in nature," Wolfenbarger said. "What I'm talking about is an awesome responsibility. Our Air Force Materiel Command is the nation's second largest employer, including civilians, military and civilian contractors. We're responsible for providing the best possible capability. But we are all looking for standardiza- tion, better ways of doing things, continually improving technologies and practices and on developing best business adminis- trative solutions. We're responsible for delivering, improving and streamlining our processes. The real power of this new construct is our ability to work across the centers to ensure that what we do is integrated. We have to be a team; to be collabora- tively, we are looking for standardiza- tion of processes. This is excitement within our organization's success, the new organizational construct of ILCM to a certain extent, to our nation. We are very good at what we do, but we are also looking for ways to do things more effectively. We will preserve to our nation on before the furloughs some of the great mo- tion areas of science and technology, cycle management, development, test and evaluation, sustainment, and support. We need to improve them, and to continually improve these processes. Despite the importance of the civilian workforce for AFMC, the wake of sequestration, a different mission and the importance of these centers to ensure that the centers to ensure that the new construct is our way of accomplishing our mission. We will preserve the role of industry to reinforce the role of industry and military in this partner- ship. We have a role in a different way of doing things, in a more effective way of providing in terms of capability. But we are all looking for standardiza- tion, better ways of doing things, continually improving technologies and practices and on developing best business adminis- trative solutions. We're responsible for delivering, improving and streamlining our processes. The real power of this new construct is our ability to work across the centers to ensure that what we do is integrated. We have to be a team; to be collabora- tively, we are looking for standardiza- tion of processes. This is excitement within our organization's success, the new organizational construct of ILCM to a certain extent, to our nation. We are very good at what we do, but we are also looking for ways to do things more effectively. We will preserve to our nation on before the furloughs some of the great mo- tion areas of science and technology, cycle management, development, test and evaluation, sustainment, and support. We need to improve them, and to continually improve these processes. Despite the importance of the civilian workforce for AFMC, the wake of sequestration, a different mission and the importance of these centers to ensure that the new construct is our way of accomplishing our mission. We will preserve the role of industry to reinforce the role of industry and military in this partner- ship. Wolfenbarger said there is excitement within our organization's success, the new organizational construct of ILCM to a certain extent, to our nation. We are very good at what we do, but we are also looking for ways to do things more effectively. We will preserve to our nation on before the furloughs some of the great motion areas of science and technology, cycle management, development, test and evaluation, sustainment, and support. We need to improve them, and to continually improve these processes. Despite the importance of the civilian workforce for AFMC, the wake of sequestration, a different mission and the importance of these centers to ensure that the new construct is our way of accomplishing our mission. We will preserve the role of industry to reinforce the role of industry and military in this partnership. Wolfenbarger said smaller budgets will require us to bring even more ingenuity, creativity and collaboration to the table. "We will preserve to the best of our ability the execution of mission sets that are critical and part of our DNA as the U.S. Air Force," Wolfenbarger said. "We will have to make some tough deci- sions on our weapons systems and capabilities that go with executing those critical mission sets. But we will get through this downsized budget environment and come out the other end."

AEDC personnel certified as PMI Project Management Professionals

AEDC personnel (left to right) Mark Duke, Joy Taylor and Jon Seely with the prime con- tractor A&A, and Project Management Institute (PMI) members, were recently certified PMI Project Management Professionals. Duke, Taylor and Seely are shown here at the recent Southern Middle Tennessee Branch of the PMI Chat- tanooga Chapter meeting where Dr. James F. Brown presented "The Art of Stakeholder Management." Dr. Brown is the president of SEBA Solutions Inc., a training and consulting service company, and a registered education provider for the Project Management Institute. (Photo provided)
This month in AEDC history

Ten years ago
- AEDC’s prime contractor ATA completed employment ads to the previous Jacobs Sverdrup, ACS and subcontractor em-
ployees before taking over the Complex’s support contracting functions in the 2004 FY.

Thirty years ago
- Removal of a defective 65,000-pound Mosser valve from the Aerospace Environmental Chamber (Mark I) was under construction. The chamber’s base is 46 feet below floor level and the completed chamber will rise to 82 feet.

Forty years ago
- AEDC completed preliminary studies on two designs for an air-launched missile, a new type of air-to-air missile that will have greater maneuverability than present comparable models.

Fifty years ago
- Rocket Test Facility J-4 for testing solid-propellant rocket motors nearly completion.

Sixty years ago
- On Sept. 9, 1953, the first test of a purely developmental type was initiated in Tunnel E-1, Gas Dynamics Facility, for the Falcon guided missile.

‘Be Ready’ to be a hero

By John Burt
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DAYTON, Ohio – The U.S. Air Force will host the famed Doolittle Tokyo Raiders' final toast to their fallen comrades during an invitation-only ceremony on Nov. 9, 2013, at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

On April 18, 1942, 80 men achieved the unimaginable when they took off from an aircraft carrier on a top secret mission to bomb Japan. Led by Lt. Col. James H. “Jimmy” Doolittle, these men came to be known as the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders. Today, just four of the men survive: Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole, co-pilot of Crew No. 1; Lt. Col. Robert L. Hite, co-pilot of Crew No. 16; Lt. Col. Edward J. Saylor, engineer-gunner of Crew No. 15; and Staff Sgt. David J. Thatcher, engineer-gunner of Crew No. 7. At this time, all four Raiders are planning to attend the event.

According to Museum Director retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Jack Hudson, the Doolittle Raid was an extremely important event in the development of American air power because it marked the first combat use of strategic bombardment by the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II.

“While the attack itself caused little actual damage to Japanese war industry, the psychological impact on the Japanese military and the American public proved to be immense,” said Hudson. “The U.S. Air Force has drawn upon the Doolittle Raiders for inspiration ever since, and we are deeply honored that they have chosen to have this final ceremony at our national museum.”

In 1959 the city of Tucson, Ariz., presented the Doolittle Raiders with a set of silver goblets, each bearing the name of one of the 80 men who flew on the mission. At each of their past reunions, the surviving Raiders would conduct their solemn “Goblet Ceremony.” After toasting the Raiders who died since their last meeting, they would then turn the deceased men’s goblets upside down. The Nov. 9 event will mark their final toast.

Among those scheduled to attend the ceremony to pay tribute to the Raiders are Air Force Acting Secretary Eric Fanning and Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III. The public will also have an opportunity to celebrate these World War II aviation heroes that day through events that include a wreath-laying ceremony at the Doolittle Raiders memorial and a flyover of B-25 aircraft. In addition, the Air Force Museum Theatre is planning to show Doolittle Raider and World War II-themed films. More details will be announced as the event nears at www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/doolittle.asp.

The National Museum of the United States Air Force, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, is the service’s national institution for preserving and presenting the Air Force story. Each year, more than one million visitors come to the museum to learn about the mission, history and evolving capabilities of America’s Air Force. For more information about the museum, visit www.nationalmuseum.af.mil.
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Oct. 24 – “Man of Steel,”

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The Championship Table
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Arnold Lakeside Center
454-3350

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Movie nights are Thursdays at the Arnold Lakeside Center
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Players will be divided evenly across tables in a random draw placement each week.
The number of tables will be determined by the number of participants each week.
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Stars: Steve Carell, Kris

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The annual chili cook off
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Come to play, listen, dance
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All food and beverage is provided. There is an assortment of inflatables for almost every size and activity including budgie obstacle challenge (under 8), kayak and canoe, 454-1319, and a double lane jump slide for only $150 per day. We also have a good basketball hoop for $30 per day and volleyball net for $75 per day. If you need a water slide then we have two Double Deeep Wet&Dry slides will be great for any event and is only $150 per day. Outdoor Recreation has planned a Fright Fest at Crockett Cove Oct. 26.

Teens and adults are invited to a costume contest where we will must hot dogs and make a s'mores roast. The costume contest winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. Remember this is a family event. Costumes should be suitable for all ages. Following the costume contest, there will be a Halloween movie on the outdoor screen so bring your blankets and chairs. For those who dare to make a trek through the woods, there will be a spooky trail starting at 8 p.m. Please note that there may be some scary elements along the trail that may not be suitable for younger children. Cost for the evening running of fun is only $7 for ages 13 and over. Ages 12 and under are free. Soda and water will be provided. Call 454-6084 to sign up for this event by Oct. 23.

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) – When someone is in crisis and feeling dependent, reaching out for help is a stronger step to take than doing nothing, which can lead to a worse situation, a Military Crisis Line responder told American Forces Press Service Sept. 9.

Tresa Lucchesi said she encourages service members, families, veterans and friends to feel comfortable calling the crisis line.

She said people contact the crisis line to discuss a variety of issues, from feeling suicidal, depressed or anxious to feeling pressure from finances or relational issues, among a wealth of other concerns.

To reach skilled responders who are knowledgeable of military culture, dial 1-800-275-8225 and press No. 1. The crisis line also is available by cell phone text by dialing #38225, or through online chat at https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/loc- ations/chat.

Lucchesi said callers can expect a live person and an electronic menu to answer their calls.

People can call the crisis line to speak with trained professionals about their problem safely, anonymously and confidentially, which is really important,” Luc- chesi said.

“We stay on the phone for as long as it takes,” she added. “We do whatever we need to do to get that person the help they need,” she added.

Callers receive a follow-up call from a suicide prevention coordinator the next day, or to an other professional who’s linked into the crisis line team. “A compassionate call-back,” follows about 10 days afterward, Lucch- esi said, so make sure the callers connected with the services they needed and so the responders can make sure callers are feeling better.

While some service members hesitate to seek help because they fear it may have a negative impact their military career, Luc- chesi advised them to make the call to the crisis line before mat- ter gets worse.

“Military people do wor- ry about their career impact, but if they’re getting to the point where they’re so much in crisis, they need to call us,” she said. “It becomes imperative for us to get them help; (and) if they don’t call, their military career could be at risk.”

The Military Crisis Line, also known as the Veterans Crisis Line, can be reached by calling 1-800-275-8225 or online chat at www.veteranscrisisline.net/loc- ations/chat. Lucchesi stressed that the line learned they’re not just going to send rescue out to them.

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Responders don’t want veter- ans or service members to feel like they’ve failed if they choose to seek help. “Just knowing they’re going to get some help, knowing the hopelessness they feel is,” Lucchesi said, “but that’s intuition is an issue for many of our veterans, our service members and their families.”

“We’re here 24/7, and we never want anyone to feel alone. They don’t have to sit in emotional tur-moil all by themselves,” she said.

Lucchesi emphasized the im- portance of contacting the crisis line, by calling, texting or chat- ting, anonymously and confidentially.

“People who have used the line we learned we’re not just going to send rescue out to them,” Luc- chesi said. “They can call here for all kinds of reasons, and if they can set up a safety plan, they don’t have to worry about a person or emergency services showing up at their door.”

In the very worst case, (such actions) can cause a fi- nancial burden, increase stig- ma, and be a problem for some people,” she added, but noted that it crisis line responders are concerned someone is about to take his or her life, emergency services might be necessary.

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