

AOC Cosponsors 3rd Annual Robins Air Force Base Congressional Breakfast

The AOC, in collaboration with Robins, GA - based 21st Century Partnership and the Aerospace Industry Committee (Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce), convened its 3rd Annual Robins AFB Congressional Breakfast on December 4 on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. The event was co-hosted by GA Senators Johnny Isakson and David Perdue and Representatives Austin Scott (GA-08) and Sanford Bishop (GA-02). Special guest speakers included the Honorable Bob McMahon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment; Brigadier General John Kubinec, Commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center; and the Honorable Sonny Perdue, a Middle Georgia native and former Governor, and current US Secretary of Agriculture. There were also several state and local elected officials from Middle Georgia who made the trip up to the nation's capital to attend the event and show their support for Robins AFB.

The mission of this collaborative event is to protect, preserve and promote Robins AFB by investing in its workforce, by creating a collaborative STEM/Education environment in Middle Georgia, and promoting innovation and technology centers of excellence to ensure current and future missions for Robins AFB. Robins AFB is a critical contributor to global security and the regional economic environment of Middle Georgia. Robins AFB must ensure that their modernization, and sustainment and life cycle capabilities meet our National Security Strategy, supporting Combatant Commanders' requirements. Furthermore, it is imperative that Robins AFB and Middle Georgia industry develop and sustain an agile, adaptable, economic growth plan revolving around smart investments in technology and workforce development.

Specifically, Robins AFB's large EW/C2ISR/Software/Electronics enterprise and capabilities will be able to resource the entire range of Air Force Weapon Systems. Maintaining this capability and our technical superiority requires investment in not only intellectual capital of the Middle Georgia region, but also next-generation technology. As they plan for the future, the rapid pace of change occurring throughout the world compounds the uncertainty and complexity of the current and future security environment. To maintain success, we are pursuing collaboration to meet both the challenges and the opportunities in air, space and cyberspace.

Over the next decade, Robins AFB will leverage its capacity to grow and operational agility to adapt swiftly to any situation. Operational agility is the ability to rapidly generate — and shift among — multiple solutions for a given challenge. By using operational agility as a guiding principle in the conduct of Robins' core missions, we can preserve the base capacity to act quickly in response to any challenge.

Overall, the event was once again a tremendous success, with congressional and USAF leaders calling "Every Day in Middle Georgia is Armed Forces Appreciation Day." The AOC will continue working closely with its partners in Middle Georgia to raise awareness about the mission at Robins AFB to leaders in Congress, the military and the defense industry. For more

information on the event and the work of the partnership, please contact Ken Miller at the AOC at kmiller@crowns.org.