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## Mayo Clinic Launches New Video Series

Mayo Clinic recently launched a new video series, *Saving Lives With Gus*, which is designed to educate, entertain, and deliver life-saving tips with high-tech mannequins. The series will be made available to media outlets as well as straight to the public through social media channels. The weekly 60-second *Saving Lives With Gus* video vignettes will be released every Thursday on the Mayo Clinic News Network.

David Farley, M.D., who oversees training at the Multidisciplinary Simulation Center in Minnesota, was touched a few years ago by the tragic story of a high school athlete who died after making the winning shot in a basketball game. This event inspired the first video in the *Saving Lives With Gus* series. Dr. Farley credits his three teenagers for showing him the educational power of social media. Through them, he saw an opportunity to reach a new generation and deliver a succinct health care message to thousands of people through platforms like YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter.

—To read more see <http://www.mayoclinic.org/news2013-rst/7421.html>.

## ALPA Offers Advanced Accident Investigation Course

The Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) will be offering an Advanced Accident Investigation Course June 11-13, 2013, at the University of North Dakota UND, Grand Forks, ND. The course will run from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day. Participants should be prepared to attend the 3-day training in its entirety. The AI-3 will run until approximately 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, but students are encouraged to participate in an altitude chamber flight or an ATC facility tour/demo Thursday afternoon (if scheduling permits), hosted by UND respective CASC or CAI. There are no prerequisites for non-ALPA attendees.

—Interested participants can register at <http://aso.alpa.org/ASOMenuParent/CourseRegistration/tabid/7344/Default.aspx>.

## MedAire Announces Strategic Partnership

MedAire and Aerosafety, a leading medical kit and emergency equipment supplier, have formed a strategic partnership. This partnership will solidify their position as the premier aviation supplier of medical kits, emergency equipment, and travel risk services for commercial airlines and private aviation in Brazil. Airline clients will benefit from a comprehensive medical and travel risk management solution delivered through two trusted names in the aviation industry. Aerosafety provides first aid and jungle kits, life vests, rafts, and other emergency equipment to airlines in Latin America. MedAire is a long-established provider of medical training, crew medical

and security support, in-flight medical advice, and medical equipment to global and regional carriers.

—To read more, visit <http://www.medaire.com/news-events/2013/04/23/aerosafety-medaire-announce-strategic-partnership>.

## ETC Ships First of Four Research Altitude Chambers

Environmental Tectonics Corporation (ETC) announced the shipment of the first of four research altitude chambers to the 711th Performance Wing at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. The first of the four altitude chambers sold to the U.S. Air Force was shipped recently to the 711th Performance Wing building where it will be integrated with the other three chambers, when completed. The chambers will then be commissioned together.

The suite of research chambers allows maximum flexibility for the design and configuration of unique test scenarios under a wide range of environmental conditions. Each of the four chambers will have its own unique internal layouts and compartmentalization. Three of these four chambers will be "man-rated" allowing human occupancy for ongoing initiatives. The fourth chamber will be used for equipment and various research testing scenarios.

—For more, see <http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=106827&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1811264&highlight=>.

## QinetiQ Develops New Radar

QinetiQ has developed a new radar, Alarm™, specifically designed to provide sufficient warning against short range, low trajectory rocket attacks, enabling personnel to take evasive action and significantly reduce casualties. Conventional mortar locating radar systems detect high trajectory rounds and can predict the point of origin and the point of impact, giving troops valuable seconds warning to take cover. However, short range, low trajectory rocket attacks are difficult to detect and their high velocity reduces the amount of potential warning time available.

The Alarm™ radar is fully automatic, requires no manning and can be set up in 2 to 3 hours. It has proven to be effective in a series of trials against several hundred short range rockets, and the capability has been extended to cover other direct fire weapons. The training burden is small and the system exhibits a very low false alarm rate (essential for an automated system) and a very high probability of detection. QinetiQ has been awarded a second contract for a quantity of radars and software development and has plans to develop the capability further to address other key threats, therefore maintaining a leading edge and local expertise in this specialist area.

—For more, please see <http://www.qinetiq.com/news/pressreleases/Pages/qinetiq-develops-new-radar-to-detect-low-trajectory-rockets.aspx>.

## Allianz Acquires Travel Insurance Specialist

Allianz Global Assistance announced recently that it has acquired New Zealand travel insurance specialist Comprehensive Travel Insurance 2004 Limited (CTI). The deal, struck with CTI joint venture owners Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited and United Travel Holdings, is key to the company's growth strategy for the region. CTI's current product offering will remain the same until 1 June 2013, when the underwriter will change from Vero to Allianz Australia Insurance Limited.

—To learn more, visit <http://www.allianz-assistance.com.au/corporate/news/australian-media-releases/Allianz-Global-Assistance-drives-New-Zealand-growth-with-CTI-acquisition.aspx>.

## Lifeport Awarded Ballistic Armor Contract

LifePort, Inc., recently announced it has contracted with the U.S. Air Force (USAF) Special Operations to equip its fleet of Sikorsky HH-60G Pave Hawk™ helicopters with the company's Improved Ballistic Armor Sub System (iBASS). Deliveries of the iBASS systems commenced in April. The announcement was made during the LAAD Defence and Security International Exhibition in Rio de Janeiro.

In service with the USAF, the Pave Hawk aircraft is a derivative of Sikorsky's UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. Its primary mission is the transport and recovery of special operations personnel. The aircraft's mission versatility includes peacetime operations such as civil search and rescue, emergency medical evacuation, disaster relief, international aid, and interdiction activities.

—For more info, visit <http://www.lifeport.com/news-story.aspx?id=068c0e3f204fd310VgnVCM1000004f62529fRCRD>.

## Wyle Wins Engineering Contract

Wyle has been awarded a contract to provide specialized engineering expertise for the Naval Air Systems Command's Electromagnetic Environmental Effects Division. Wyle's efforts will include electromagnetic environmental effects systems engineering and related acquisition support, and test and evaluation of aircraft, weapons, support equipment, training, and avionics systems. Wyle will also perform fleet support services for naval aviation units and their supporting activities under the Air Systems Electromagnetic Interference Corrective Action Program. This work is being performed primarily at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD.

—For more, visit <http://www.wyle.com/News/Pages/04-01-2013.aspx>.

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