

ROBINS REV-UP

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Robins in the afterglow

Scores of Team Robins members celebrate fitness track opening

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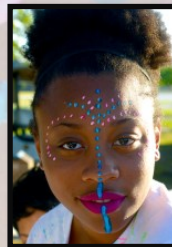
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Team Robins made an all-out event of things to mark the opening of the renovated outdoor fitness trail. There was face painting, Zumba and a glow run for the whole family. To See more photos, check out pages 4 & 5.(U.S. Air Force photo/ RAYMOND CRAYTON JR.)

COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

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The Commanders Action Line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to live, learn, work and play. The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the responsible organization.

That gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes. If you do contact the Commanders Action Line, please fully explain whom it is you want to recognize and why, what you have a question about, or your suggestion. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed. Commander's Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

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Air Force rolls out phased Retirement Program for civilian employees

Eligible Air Force civilian employees now have the option of working part time in a “semi-retired” status, according to new Air Force Instruction 36-817, Civilian Phased Retirement Program.

The civilian phased-retirement program allows eligible full-time employees to request to work on a part-time basis and receive a portion of their retirement annuity.

Under the program, phased retirees will work half the number of hours they worked as full-time employees immediately prior to entering phased retirement.

“This program allows dedicated employees with decades of experience to pass on critical knowledge to our other employees in the organization,” said Annette Castro, a human resource specialist at the Air Force Personnel Center. “It serves as a mentoring and training tool to ensure the next generation of civilians are prepared for success. Institutional knowledge is often difficult to replace.”

Participation is voluntary and requires the mutual consent of both the employee and the Air Force.

To be eligible, employees should be employed on a full-time basis for at least three consecutive years before beginning the program.

The phased retirement period is for one year with an option to extend for an additional year.

The rules for employees under the Federal Employees Retirement System differ slightly from those employees under the Civil Service Retirement System.



Retirement-eligible employees under FERS will need to have at least 30 years of service and have reached the minimum retirement age (between 55 and 57, depending on the birth year) or have at least 20 years of service and be at least 60 years old.

Under CSRS, employees will need to have at least 30 years of service and be at least 55 years old or have at least 20 years of service and be at least 60 years old.

Under the guidelines, civilian employees in the phased retirement program remain in the same position authorization they were in prior to entering the program and should not be moved to an over-hire billet or to another authorization while in phased retirement.

Hiring officials may hire an additional part-time employee to carry out the remaining 50 percent manning hours or a full-time, over-hire employee only if funding is available to support both the phased retiree's part-time salary

and the part-time/full-time replacement.

Additionally, phased retirees will be required to mentor other employees for at least 20 percent of their working hours.

Air Force organizations can establish mentoring guidelines to best suit their needs.

“Mentorship plays an important role in shaping our future leaders and for passing on knowledge to successive generations,” Castro said. “It’s an investment that requires time, effort and dedication.”

Civilian employees considering phased retirement are encouraged to fully research the program.

The new AFI can be found at Air Force e-Publishing. For more information, visit the myPers web site and search “Phased Retirement.” Individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following the instructions on the Air Force Personnel Center website.



Robins in the

U.S. Air Force photos/RAYMOND CRAYTON JR.)

AFTERGLOW

*Team Robins members
turn out by the hundreds
for outdoor fitness track
grand opening event*







ALC to host job fair July 27

By **HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON**
Robins Public Affairs

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex is looking to hire. The complex will host a job fair at Central Georgia Technical College's Building G, Multi-Purpose facility (gym) at 80 Cohen Walker Drive in Warner Robins Ga., on July 27, from 9 until noon.

Michale Williams, a human resource specialist in Robins' Personnel Programs Office, said the college provided an ideal spot for the hiring event.

"We have worked closely with CGTC for years, and they continue to produce excellent workforce candidates for us," he said. "As we reach out to the larger community, CGTC provides a great accessible location and a large venue."

About 400 positions will be filled via Direct Hiring Authority, an appointing (hiring) authority that the Office of Personnel Management has given to federal agencies for filling vacancies when a critical hiring need or severe shortage of candidates exists.

The complex is seeking skilled people for employment in maintenance, repair, and overhaul of aircraft, commodities, avionics, and industrial equipment, as well as information technology.

"The WR-ALC is performing very well on core workloads related to F-15, C-130, C-5, and C-17 aircraft, and that success has led to additional workload opportunities," Williams said. "It is critical for us to have the right people with the right skills to continue supporting our warfighter customers."

US citizens or Nationals and external new hires may apply for these positions; however, current

Air Force employees aren't eligible.

"This event will allow subject matter experts from our maintenance operations to talk with interested candidates, collect resumes, answer questions, and conduct informal interviews," Williams said.

If interested, bring your resume and some form of identification.

Williams said people can submit their resumes in person. If chosen for a position, the person will likely be notified in a matter of days.

You could land one of these jobs supporting the warfighter.

Got Leave?

It's better to give than receive. That's a saying most people have heard over the years.

And, it's certainly the case when dealing with the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program which is the base's leave donor program. You never know when illness, death or tragedy could strike, and to be able to help our fellow wingman by donating leave is a true act of kindness.

Both parties, leave donor and leave recipient, benefit from the program.

Below are details on how to apply for the program. Please note, this program applies only to civilian employees.

How to become a leave recipient: An employee must submit an Office of Personnel Management (OPM) 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program, to the immediate supervisor. A doctor's certificate must be attached to the OPM 630 and must support the entire absence as a leave recipient. A personal representative may make a written application on behalf of the employee if the employee is not capable of making an application due to a physical or mental impairment.

How to become a leave donor: An employee must submit an OPM 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Within Agency) or OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Outside Agency) to the supervisor for approval. A copy must be provided to the servicing Customer Service Representative (CSR) and to the payroll office to donate annual leave to an approved leave recipient.


If interested in donating leave, a current leave recipient listing is shown directly below. Supervisors and resource advisors can view an up-to-date listing at:

<https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/FOWRALC/dp/default.aspx>

For additional information, contact the VLTP Manager, Monica Winnett, at 478-926-5341 or email monica.winnett.3@us.af.mil.

NAME	OFFICE SYMBOL	POINT OF CONTACT	PHONE
Anderson, Noel	WR-ALC/OBMB	Shirley Daniels-Barton	472-2383
Bayliss, Darrick V.	WR-ALC/OBPA	Perry Beaver	472-3221
Blanson, Marquita E.	78 LRS/LGRMCC	Jennifer Floyd	468-3905
Bridger, Linda P.	AFLCMC/WIUAG	Stephen McConnell	468-2770
Bruschke, Richard P.	78 MDSS/SGSA	Tammy Holland	497-8390
Childress, Timothy K.	402 AMXG/MXDSA	Judy Bryant	472-2693
Cleghorn, Stanley	560 AMXS/MXDPA	Dan English	472-6521
Diep, Steven	AFLCMC/WNYIEB	Lisa King	468-5868
Freeman, Basil	559 AMXS	Henry Ware	472-3964
Gordon, Roger	571 CMMXS	Mario Largaespada	497-5576
Hardeman, Lennie	572 CMMXS/MXDXA	Kathy James	497-3355
Hill, Barry D.	802 MXSS/MXDTA	Minelva Sams	468-3554
Johnson, Lanette	HQ AFRC/FM	Marla Fountain	497-1434
Matthews, Christen L.	HQ AFRC/PA	Bruce Bender	497-1746
McKinnon, Michael R.	HQ AFRC/A4	Wendell Peacock	497-2183
Mims, Debbie R.	WR-ALC/OBMB	Melvin Smith	472-5215
Moore, Jeffory, P.	HQ AFRC/IG	Yeanesta Hudson	497-2495
Murphy, Peggy	AFLCMC/WNYID	Ruth Roberts	468-1935
Nesmith, Curtis	577 CMMXS/MXDPA	Robert Whaley	497-3906
Norry, Samuel	AFLCMC/WLNKB	Deborah Simmons	468-7204
Powell, Patricia	402 CMXG	Stephen Cook	468-9420
Redding, Vivian	574 CMMXS/MXDE	Wilbur Mathews	472-3971
Simmons, Kimberly M.	78 ABW/SCPL	Trevor Tummings	472-3709
Simmons, Paul A.	AFLCMC/WLNIA	Sarah Williamson	472-1290
Williams, Christa N.	AFLCMC/WWQAC	Weems, Mark	468-6048

To donate annual leave to these employees, contact appropriate POC for info. Complete OPM 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (in Agency), or OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Outside Agency). Submit OPM 630-A or OPM 630-B to Supervisor. Supervisor will forward form along with completed Supervisor's Checklist to CSR and to Civilian Payroll Office (78 CPTS/Civ Pay), phone 497-9200 and email 78cpts.civ.pay@us.af.mil. For more information concerning the VLTP, contact your servicing EMR Specialist.



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78th MDG Mental Health Clinic — 478-327-8398

Suicide Prevention Lifeline — 800-273-8255

Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy — 478-926-2946

Crime Victim Advocacy — 478-327-4584

Chapel — 478-926-2821



Good Summer Plans Start with Safety

By MAJ. GEN. Andrew Mueller
and CHIEF MASTER SGT. JOSHUA FRANKLIN
Air Force Safety Center

Summer weather brings with it the opportunity to get out and enjoy outdoor activities with fellow Airmen, family and friends.

There's nothing quite like a warm afternoon on the beach, around the neighborhood pool, or even in the back yard showcasing your favorite barbecue technique, to make some lasting memories. There is no question about it – summer is a lot of fun!

However, each year Airmen or members of their family are needlessly injured, or worse, while participating in outdoor activities. During the past 10 years, about 50 Airmen and an equal number of family members died in off-duty activities such as boating, kayaking, swimming, biking, riding an ATV and general aviation. Today, it's much more common to be injured or killed off duty than on duty.

How are most Airmen injured off duty?

Sports and Recreation: I'm surprised by the number of injuries incurred in common sports like basketball and softball. In 2016, the Air Force experienced 2,031 injuries in sports and recreation activities. Each year you get a little older and the speed and agility you had in high school don't magically reappear each summer. Take time to prepare for sports activity with a good routine of stretching and warm up. If you don't have the skills in a particular sport, practice or take a lesson or two – stay in shape throughout the year so you are ready to win when you engage in your favorite sport.

Water: Each summer a few Airmen die while boating, water skiing, scuba diving and, in more cases than one would expect, from simply watching waves during hurricanes. In most all cases, using a sound buddy system could have prevented these mishaps. Sometimes the calmness of the open ocean seems to challenge us to go beyond our limits, all in the spirit of

fun. Unfortunately, the open ocean is terribly unforgiving. So stick with a partner, know your limits and most importantly, use the safety gear that can save your life.

Fire and fireworks: Every year, Airmen are severely burned starting their barbecue or from open flames. Throwing flammable items, like fireworks, into fires has the same result every time ... it will burn, it will explode and someone will get hurt. Barbecues and fire pits are great for camping or enjoying the back yard, but both involve open flames. There's nothing better than a fresh-toasted marshmallow, for sure – but respect open flames. And, prelight that gas barbecue.

On the Road: This one you do every day. It's driving. Our hazard exposure goes up during summer because we spend more time on the road. From road trips to theme parks, to visiting relatives in the next state or on a far coast, or the call of Route 66, the open road calls to many military families. No lecture here, just encouragement. If you're a passenger, maintain your situational awareness of the road. Help the driver. All of our minds wander and that's deadly at 65 mph. And make a family rule of turning off the cell phone when you're the driver.

On Sept. 18, Airmen will celebrate the 70th anniversary of our Air Force. During the past seven decades, we've seen dramatic reductions in on- and off-duty fatalities. In the 1950s our Air Force experienced more than 1,000 fatalities per year. Today we're on a "Quest for Zero" when it comes to on- and off-duty fatalities. Zero fatalities from activities meant to be fun is easily achievable. But, it means that you must take personal responsibility for your safety, of your family and of your fellow Airmen. Use the same sound risk management techniques you use in on-duty activities to keep you, your family and fellow Airmen safe this summer.

Chief Franklin and I want to thank all our Air Force families for the support you give our nation's Airmen. Our families represent our strength as a service and a touchstone for those deployed in harm's way. Be certain, each of you is a valuable part of our Air Force and our Nation. Make this summer a fun one – full of enjoyable memories to last a lifetime.



If you're going to drink, have a plan

Along with sweltering heat, Middle Georgia's summer brought pool parties, cookouts and in some cases, cold beer or other alcoholic beverages.

Before your next soirée with friends or family, ensure you have a designated driver plan in place before you pour that first drink.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is a non-retribution program designed to decrease the number of Driving Under the Influence and Driving While Intoxicated incidents.

That goal is accomplished through motivated airmen who volunteer to pick up intoxicated individuals when the need arises.

All military, civilian base employees, and contractors with a Defense Department ID are eligible to use AADD's free service, which is available Thursdays through Sundays from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

By calling 478-222-0013, eligible individuals can get safe a ride home from places within a 30-mile radius from Robins. Tech. Sgt. Monica Wilson, AADD president, said the program's procedures keep both drivers and riders safe.

"When calls are received, you will be asked a variety of questions so that we may ensure a safe ride home for all passengers," she said. "For example you will be asked for a DoD ID card to ensure we are providing this service to our Robins Air Force Base family members. Names will not be recorded.

You'll also be asked the gender of the passengers to ensure that at least one of the drivers we send to pick you up is the same gender."

Wilson said drivers follow these rules to ensure female or male intoxicated passengers feel safe while being taken home.

Don't suffer the consequences of drinking and driving. Make a designated driver plan, but always keep AADD's number in your phone or written on



your hand.

"Remember AADD's job is to prevent DUIs, not provide rides," Wilson said. "So make a plan and have a wingman."

— By Holly Logan-Arrington



WORKLIFE4YOU

Be at Ease

Frequently, it feels like your to-do list is never ending. Telling your circle of coworkers or friends that you are busy or stressed seems to have even become a status symbol — boasting about all of your projects or extracurricular activities. Somehow, having a chaotic schedule translates into being more successful.

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78th FSS

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Pizza Depot - 478-926-0188 or

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Bowling Center - 478-926-2112 or

DSN 468-2112

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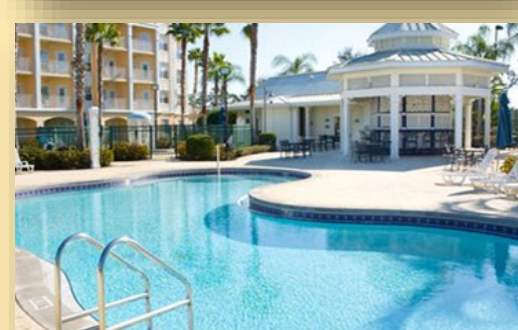
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22 July 2017

0830-1200

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Mandatory Georgia School Screenings will be accomplished for your new students school registration!



Steps to prepare for your Child's School Registration

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Parting Shot

Col Jeff King, 78th Air Base Wing commander, visited the Military Working Dog kennels and found out first hand how these K-9 warriors take a bite out of crime! To view the video, visit <http://www.robins.af.mil/News/Video/videoId/536982/> (U.S. Air Force photo/MISUZU ALLEN)