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Senior Airman Inissa Zambrano recently risked her own safety to help a couple who had been involved in an accident involving their RV. See more on Page 3. (U.S Air Force photo/TECH. SGT. KELLY GOONAN)

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## By TECH. SGT. KELLY GOONAN

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enior Airman Inissa Zambrano was on her way to take an exam for her culinary program. The last

thing on her mind was putting her own safety at risk to try to save another.

However, that's exactly what happened when she saw smoke on the horizon as she drove along Interstate 75 towards Macon.

As she got closer she realized the fire was coming from an overturned RV.

"There was one man already there," she said. "After I joined him, we took three paces, and then the propane flames." tank exploded."

Zambrano accessed the situation, looking for quick exits from the burning vehicle when she saw someone lying inside the vehicle. There weren't any. That's when she said she started ramming her shoulder into the

windshield in hopes that it would give way.

"At that point, the inside of the R.V. filled with black smoke," she said. "All I could see was an arm and elbow. Everything else was pitch black inside."

A nurse, a medic and a few others were also on scene to lend assistance. Together the group pulled

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one of the victims from the blaze and then concentrated R.V. and ultimately lost everything. their efforts on the woman still inside.

"After we got him out, I tried to get access to the woman," she said "I couldn't get to her because of the

As the situation progressed, a police officer pulled up and used his nightstick to break the windshield open. she said. "10 seconds of courage. The rest is adrena-Finally able to free the woman.

Zambrano says that as they pulled her free, they also pulled padding out to rest her on and pull her away

from the fire.

"She was badly burned and still had small flames on her," she said. "I put the fires out with my hands."

Only after the couple was safely inside the ambulance and on their way to the hospital is when Zambrano felt she could get back on the road and make it to

> her culinary school for her exam which was postponed so that she could receive medical treatment for the burns on her hands.

The good deeds of this Senior Airman didn't stop there. She says it occurred to her that this elderly couple may have been living inside the

She made the decision to not only make the drive down to see the couple but also purchased a \$100 dollar gift card to Target for clothes, toothbrushes and toiletries for them.

"A lot of my reaction to this situation was instinct," line in situations like that."

The woman sustained 70 percent burns to her body and succumb to her injuries a few days later.





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or 17 years the Don't Ask, Don't Tell law prohibited qualified gay and lesbian Americans from serving in the armed forces.

However, the DADT ban on gay and lesbian service members was repealed in 2010; just a few years before Senior Airman Keynia Saunders, 461st Maintenance Squadron, enlisted.

"At the time, the thought of my orientation never came to mind," Saunders said. "Only when people I knew started asking me 'Is it OK to be gay in the military?' did I realize how new the DADT repeal still was for the military and that discrimination or bias could still exist."

Although Saunders hasn't had any backlash from her peers in the military, growing up and witnessing others within the LGBT community being treated differently and disrespectfully instills in her an even greater desire to display her pride; to try to shed light that everyone is created equally, regardless of sexual orientation, skin color or religious beliefs.

Every person deserves to be treated as a human being. "It's always been important to me to celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month," Saunders said. "For years during middle school and high school, my friends and I would participate in a silent protest for a day. We would say nothing all day in hopes that it would spark conversation and ultimately an understanding for the rest of our peers that not everyone has a voice, not everyone can be who they are without fear of recourse."

According to the Library of Congress webpage, https://www.loc.gov/, LGBT Pride Month is celebrated every June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan. The Stonewall riots were a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally and internationally.

Saunders' advice to those struggling with the fear of being treated differently because of their orientation is to live your life and be true to who you are.

"Don't hide anything. If you aren't comfortable telling anyone, you don't have to," she said. "The military has a lot of programs in place to keep you safe, and at times I think even safer than in the civilian workforce. There is a zero tolerance policy in the military against discrimination and prejudice so live without fear and be yourself."

Senior Airman Kevnia Saunders, left, recently served on the Robins Diversity Council's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Lunch and Learn Panel Discussion at the Professional Development Center, June 14, 2017. Panelists talked about their childhood, families, their lives and working at Robins Air Force Base. Exchanging questions and answers was designed to help attendees gain a better understanding. (U.S. Air Force photo/MISUZU ALLEN)





TLF offers a comfortable home away from home

### By HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON

Robins Public Affairs

here's no place like home.
If you're making a permanent change of station or considered as part of a special group of people temporarily staying at Robins Air Force Base, the next best thing to home is Robins' temporary living facility, commonly called TLF.

Ronald Jones, Pine Oaks Lodge general manager, said Robins provides TLF accommodations to medical outpatients of a civilian or military hospital if referred by an Air Force hospital, military families displaced temporarily from base housing, and guests of the installation as determined by the 78th Air Base Wing commander.

He also said Robins provides TLF accommodations to active duty military or active Guard or Reserve members on permissive temporary duty or on leave while house hunting in conjunction with their permanent change of station, retirement or separation with one or more family members traveling with them.

"Each unit is basically a mini-apartment with a kitchen, stackable laundry, living room with sofa sleeper and dining area," he said. "The two bedroom units have one queen bed in the master bedroom, and two twin beds in the second bedroom. The one bedroom unit has all the features of the two minus the 2nd bedroom."

Jones said pet friendly units have small and large crates with pet dishes. The outer grounds of TLF have two playgrounds and four outdoor cooking grills.

Pine Oaks Lodge is a part of Air Force Inns, an enterprise serving qualified Defense Department employees and their families worldwide. The lodge operates 217 guestrooms within 10 facilities on Robins and is comprised of two sections: Visiting Quarters (single rooms or suites designed for TDY personnel and PCS personnel not needing family quarters) and TLFs which are designed for families with children.

Robins has 50 TLF units in four facilities, with one facility of 10 pet-friendly units. There are 25 one -bedroom units and 25 two-bedroom units.

"Because of the size of the units and the current pricing of \$63 per night (\$10 additional for Pet Friendly), our occupancy averages over 88 percent year round," Jones said. Priority one TLF guests are afforded the opportunity to stay up to 30 days initially. Anyone requiring additional time beyond 30 days are handled on a space-available basis.

"TLF is an excellent resource to the travelling family due to its size and cost," Jones said. "The "mini apartment" with outdoor space provides outstanding temporary space compared to the compact **Editor 26-2100.** 



size of a one area hotel room. Our TLFs offer in room washer/dryers, full kitchen with cookware, dishes, dishwasher and ample parking for your vehicles."

"Our TLF crew adopts your family as their own during your stay and strive to ensure you are as comfortable as possible," he said.

Pine Oaks staff members are always looking for ways to improve on our appearance and guest comfort. Jones said TLFs are reserved and occupied on a first come first, serve basis.

Editor's note: For more information, call 478-926-2100.





By KAT BAILEY
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

pplication packages for the next Undergraduate Flying Training selection board are due to the Rated Officer Assignments branch of the Air Force Personnel Center by Nov. 17, 2017. The board, set for Jan. 22 through 25, 2018, will consider active-duty officer applicants to attend training as early as spring 2018. Those interested in becoming a pilot, combat systems officer, remotely piloted aircraft pilot or air battle manager are encouraged to apply.

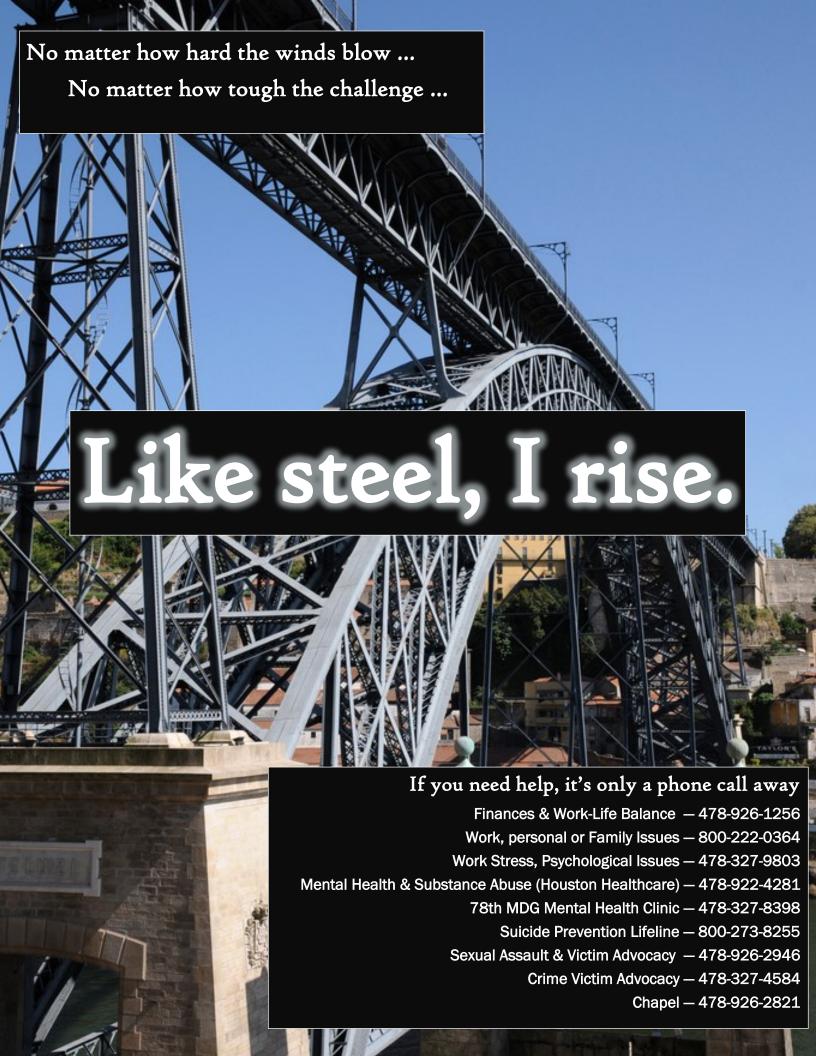
"The Air Force continues to review opportunities to strengthen the force," said Capt. Devin Stone, the UFT board administrator. "Some initiatives are force-wide; others, such as encouraging eligible active-duty officers to partake in flying training, are more targeted. All have the same objective."

Stone said implementing these initiatives will strengthen the Air Force's competitive position in the battle for top talent.

All UFT applicants must be certified as physically qualified by Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Office of the Surgeon General, Physical Standards.

Additional information about specific requirements, eligibility criteria, process and other details can be found on myPers. Select "Active Duty Officer" from the dropdown menu and search "UFT."

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## Summer Break Youth Programs Open Recreation

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### Tips from the Pro

Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.
All the balls you can hit for \$5
Pine Oaks Golf Course - 478-926-4103 or
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### **Bowling Movie Days**

2 to 4 p.m. June 28 – "Sing" Bowl three games with shoes & popcorn for \$5 per person Bowling Center - 478-926-2112 or DSN 468-2112

### Car & Bike Show

June 24

472-1107

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Live entertainment, bounce houses for kids & adults, base pool open for attendees, food & refreshments
Heritage Club bldg. 956
Outdoor Recreation - 478-222-1107 or DSN

### Scotch & Cigar Night

June 28
5 to 7:30 p.m.
\$5 per person
Open to all base personnel 21 years or older
Pine Oaks Golf Course - 478-926-4103 or
DSN 468-4103

### **Heritage Pool Hours of Operation**

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 1 sto 6 p.m..; Saturdays & Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesdays Closed

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Outdoor Recreation - 478- 926-4001 or DSN

468-4001

### **Lap Swim Hours**

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays Closed Outdoor Recreation - 478-926-4001 or DSN 468-4001

### **Splash Pad Hours of Operation**

Every day 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Outdoor Recreation - 478-926-4001 or DSN 468-4001

### **Book Your Pool Party!**

Call for more details Outdoor Recreation - 478- 926-4001 or DSN 468-4001

## Thunder Alley (Monday Funday Afternoon)

Every Monday 2 to 4 p.m. \$5 per person Bowling Center - 478-926-2112 or DSN 468-211

### Friday Special at the Pizza Depot

Two Fried Catfish Filets, Hush Puppies, Vegetable & Mac 'N Cheese \$6.95 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pizza Depot - 478-926-0188 or DSN 468-0188

## Sub Sandwich Special of the Month at the Pizza Depot

Hot Roast Beef Sandwich \$6.25 Includes cheese, salt & pepper, Grilled Onion, Grilled Green Pepper and Pepperoni Pizza Depot - 478-926-0188 or DSN 468-0188

## Karaoke & Club Mug Night (Club Mug Only)

Every Thursday 5 to 8 p.m. \$1 Domestic Draft Beer Heritage Club Lounge - 478-926-2670 or DSN 468-2670

### **On-Spot Café Special**

Turkey Burger, Fries with Med. Drink \$5.25 Bowling Center - 478-926-2112 or DSN 468-2112















# **Parting Shot**

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