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78th Medical Group Patient Advocate – 478-327-8475 or DSN 497-8475
78th ABW Safety Office — 478-926-6271 or DSN 468-6271
78th Security Forces Squadron CC – 478-926-3212 or DSN 468-3212
Civilian Personnel Customer Service – 478-222-0601 or DSN 472-0601
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ON THE COVER
Sparky the Fire Dog visits the Childcare Development Center to teach kids about fire safety. See more on page 7. (U.S. Air Force photo/ED ASPERA)
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas (AFNS) --The Air Force Services Activity aims to showcase and celebrate the artistic talents of Airmen and their family members via the 2017 Air Force Art Contest.

"AFSVA wants to find ways to recognize our Airmen and families' talents," said Jonathan Grammer, AFSVA director of programs. "We have phenomenal artists and photographers within the Air Force, and hosting these types of contests is a way for them to showcase their works. Last year, the art contest was a huge success with over 2,000 works of art submitted. We are looking forward to seeing this year's entries."

The contest, is open to Airmen and their families, including children ages 6 through 17. The call for entries will run Nov. 1 through 30. Last year's second place winner in the adult accomplish category was Josh Pugeau with his "Rhino" charcoal. Pugeau, a civilian missile inspector with the 709th Maintenance Support Squadron at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, said his art is a great stress reliever.

"Once I start, I get very focused on what I'm drawing, and at least for that moment I'm not focused on anything else," Pugeau said. "Sometimes when I'm really getting into a drawing, hours seem to just pass by. When I am done, my mind always feels refreshed and cleared."

"Rhino" was his first art contest entry. The Air Force contest inspired Pugeau to enter another work in the Utah State Fair. He won the fair's Graphic Arts Professional Category as well as the people's choice award.

"Entering contests helps push me to create more art and is confirmation that other people enjoy my art as well," he said. "These contests are great for Air Force artists because of the exposure it provides and also the recognition for those who are selected."

Darlene Johnson, AFSVA community and leisure branch chief concurred.

"We want to encourage our Air Force family to share their talent and love for art with everyone," she said. "The contest is a way for our Airmen and families to express themselves."

The contest is online only. Artists can submit up to two photographs of their two-dimensional painting or drawing on any subject. The photos must be an original camera photo in JPEG or JPG format with a file size of 3-8 MB.

The virtual art show is family friendly, and entries will be screened for content before being approved and posted on www.MyAirForceLife.com. The online art exhibition will open Nov. 1.

Accepted media are: oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, mixed media, gouache, egg tempera, and pen and ink. Drawing media such as graphite, charcoal, colored pencils, scratchboard, markers and metal point are allowed. This is the second year for the contest to be conducted online.

The contest is divided into two adult and three youth categories. Adult categories are accomplished and novice; youth categories are by age groups: 6-8, 9-12 and 13-17.

Winners in each category will receive an Amazon gift card: $300 for first place, $200 for second place and $100 for third place.

The works will be judged by a panel of art experts and winners will be announced in January 2018.
Hundreds of Team Robins members showed up at the Fitness Center Oct. 6 to add a little color to their lives. The annual color run kicked off Triple Ribbon Month, highlighting three important causes: Breast Cancer Awareness (pink ribbon); Domestic Violence Awareness (purple ribbon); and Drug Abuse Violence (red ribbon).

The observance is designed to bring awareness and foster prevention to each of the causes through different activities at the base and in the community.

**Domestic Violence**

One in four women and one in seven men in the U.S. are victims of physical abuse from an intimate partner at least once in their lifetime, a statistic that reflects the need for prevention and education in today’s society.

Children who grow up in domestic abuse households are 15 times more likely to be victims of child abuse. Domestic violence costs the nation billions annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelter and foster care operational expenses, sick leave, absenteeism and non-productivity. And, it accounts for 15 percent of all violent crime.

**Breast Cancer**

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, regardless of ethnicity, and the second leading cause of cancer death in women, following only lung cancer. The chance of developing invasive breast cancer in a woman’s lifetime is one in eight.

In 2014, 236,968 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 41,211 women died in the United States from breast cancer. Death rates from breast cancer have steadily declined, which is attributed to be the result of earlier detection and improved treatment, related to increased education and community outreach.

**Drug Abuse Violence**

While drugs and alcohol abuse have been a problem in society for years, there has been an uptick in opioid drug abuse.

More than six out of 10 drug overdose deaths involve an opioid. Since 1999, the number of overdose deaths from opioids, such as prescription opioids and heroin, has quadrupled. Between 2000 and 2005, more than half a million people died from drug overdoses, and 91 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose.
National Disability Awareness Month

Inclusion Drives Innovation

Disabilities become capabilities at Robins.

October is National Disability Awareness Month, and this year’s theme is “Inclusion Drives Innovation.”

Robins currently has 1,700 workers with documented disabilities as part of its workforce. To celebrate the contributions people with disabilities make to the war-fighting mission, Robins will host the following events:

Today – Bowling Clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Robins Bowling Center. Learn to bowl with varied disabilities.

Oct. 18 – Wheelchair Basketball Clinic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Special Guest Fort Benning Warrior Transition Battalion. There will be a wheelchair basketball clinic, and you can watch a basketball game.

Oct. 25 – Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency will conduct a presentation at 9:30 a.m., in Bldg. 988, Room 114.

Oct. 26 - Intro to Adaptive Physical Training Methods for Persons with Disabilities – Fitness Center

Jill AbuShanab, 78th Force Support Squadron’s Employee Management Relations Division human resources specialist, said gaining an understanding of others’ differences helps us to be more patient and empathetic with one another.

“If the workforce is educated, this will help them to understand how individuals with disabilities adapt and overcome their challenges in a variety of ways.”

Perspective

Visual impairment doesn't impede writer’s aspirations

By HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON
Robins Public Affairs

In my small, dimly lit bedroom I fell in love with writing at 8. While other kids stayed up late to watch movies, I created my own adventures on notebook paper I could barely see by the glow of a desk lamp.

I had lost 95 percent of my central vision in one eye and all but light perception in my right eye due to complications with a birth defect sometime earlier, but that didn’t dim my dream to become a writer.

My parents were my first audience and the ones who encouraged my love affair with storytelling.

In middle school, my sixth grade English teacher, Ms. Hinch, lavished praise on my short stories, which fueled my pursuit of writing as a viable career option one day.

I continued to write as often as possible, entering young author contests, and then writing for the yearbook staff in high school.

My passion for writing was on fire.

Then, years later, as I was about to graduate near the top of my class with my bachelor’s degree in journalism, I approached my News Writing and Reporting professor, asking for advice on my job search.

The smug, bearded man who merely moments before in conversation had bragged on me for being one of only three in his class to earn an A, nearly reduced me to tears by suggesting I work for a “handicap association.”

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It has been 17 years and some odd days since I left Georgia Southern University with a dogged determination to begin my writing career. I’m now an award-winning staff writer for the Air Force. The journey to reaching my dream hasn’t been easy, but it has been worth it.

My mom always told me where there’s a will, there’s a way. Don’t let others put the brakes on your pursuit of a dream. Pursue your passion. Live the dream.
No matter how hard the winds blow ...
No matter how tough the challenge ...

Like steel, I rise.

If you need help, it’s only a phone call away

Finances & Work-Life Balance — 478-926-1256
Work, personal or Family Issues — 800-222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues — 478-327-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse — 478-922-4281
78th MDG Mental Health Clinic — 478-327-8398
Suicide Prevention Lifeline — 800-273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy — 478-926-2946
Sparky the Fire Dog, Firefighter Lt. Marcus White, Fire Inspector Emmanuel Andioc and the Robins Air Force Base Fire Department stopped by the Robins Child Development Center to talk to the children about fire prevention. During the visit, they gave each child a fire hat, and White demonstrated some of the department’s firefighting equipment.
The holidays are about to hit in full force. Shopping, dining, and entertainment will be at the forefront of many calendars and with those activities comes the increase chance that someone else will have a good holiday season, compliments of your name and identify theft. Check out some easy ways to protect your credit and finances with EAP’s October campaign, Identity Theft: Don’t Let it Happen to You.

The hustle and bustle of the coming months can also play havoc with your calendar and the ability to carve out time for...anything. October’s Worklife4You focus is about finding balance amidst everything that consumes the day. From Time Management to assistance finding childcare, Worklife4You can help give you a hand in reclaiming and enjoying lost time.


ACCESS TO SERVICES 24 HOURS A DAY

1-800-222-0364 (TTY: 1-888-262-7848)


NOTE: To register for a WorkLife4You account, click “Start Now” and use Registration Code: AFMC.
National Physical Therapy Month

October is National Physical Therapy Month (NPTM)!
There will be a GIFT CARD FOR A FREE MASSAGE for the person with the most miles from Oct 2nd - 31st!
Just follow 5 easy steps!

1. Download the app: “CHARITY MILES”
2. Create an account.
3. Pick a charity to support.
4. Join the team name: “ROBINS AFB PHYSICAL THERAPY”
5. Start RUNNING!

* You can keep track of your miles and others through the ROBINS AFB PHYSICAL THERAPY leaderboards via app.

Hallelujah Night

Fall Festival & **TRUNK -OR- TREAT**

* Base Chapel Lawn – Bldg. 769
  across from the bowling center

Wed. Oct. 25, 5:30 - 7:30

* FREE * Games * Prizes * Inflatable
  * Pony Rides * Hot dogs * Drinks*
  * Cotton Candy * FREE *

**TRUNK -OR- TREAT** starts at 7:30

Sponsored by: ROBINS AFB CHAPEL PROTESTANT PARISH bldg. 769 655 NINTH ST. WARNER ROBINS, GA 31098 (478) 926-2821
**What’s Happening**

**78th FSS**

**Ladies Day at Pine Oaks**
Every Wednesday  
9 a.m. & 4 p.m.  
Members pay their regular rate  
Non-Members Ladies golf for $12 for nine holes or $24 for 18.  
Pine Oaks Golf Course, 478-926-4103

**Friday Special at the Base Restaurant**
Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies, Vegetable & Cole Slaw or Potato Salad $6.50  
At the Base Restaurant Bldg. 166, 478-222-7827 or DSN 472-7827

**Tuesday Special at the Base Restaurant**
Grilled Steak or Chicken Breast, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream & Butter, Vegetable & Roll, $8  
478-222-7827.

**Friday Special at Pizza Depot**
Two fried catfish filets, hush puppies, vegetables & mac ‘n cheese $6.95  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Pizza Depot 478-926-0188 or DSN 468-0188

**Mondays Dinner Specials at Pizza Depot**
16” Cheese Pizza $7.95  
After 6 p.m. and Dine-in Only  
Pizza Depot, 478-926-0188 or DSN 468-0188

**Curb Side Dinner to Go**
Call in your order by noon each day and pick up between 3:30 to 6 p.m.  
at the drive thru in front of Heritage club

12-Piece Mixed Chicken with Large Mash Potato & Gravy and green Beans $21.95

Eight Chicken Fried Steaks with Large Mash Potato & Gravy and green Beans $19.25

16-inch Meat Lover Pizza with Pasta & Marinara Sauce and six Pieces Garlic Bread $19.95  
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

**Receive Giveaways, Discounts & Event Reminders**
Text “Robins” To “87365”  
Select as many or all of the FSS facilities  
FSS Marketing Office - 478-926-6559 or DSN 468-6559

**Beginner Framing Class**
Part 1: October 24  
Part 2: October 26  
6 to 9 p.m.  
Two three-hour sessions  
$20 per person  
Arts & Crafts - 478-926-5282-7864 or DSN 468-5282

**Ladies Day at the Pine Oaks**
Every Wednesday  
9 a.m. & 4 p.m.  
Members pay their regular rate  
Non-Members Ladies golf for $12 for nine holes or $24 for 18.  
Pine Oaks Golf Course - Comm. 478-926-4103 or DSN 468-4103

**Splash Pad Hours of Operation**
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday through Sunday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Closed  
Outdoor Recreation - 478-926-4001 or DSN 468-4001

**Afterburner September Specials (We proudly Brew Starbucks Coffee)**
Iced Coffee Ole’  
At the Base Restaurant Bldg. 166 - 478-222-7827 or DSN 472-7827  
Monday – Friday 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Pizza of the Month at the Pizza Depot**
The Big Kahuna $15  
18” Pizza with Three Topping  
Pizza Depot - 478-926-0188 or DSN 468-0188

**Thunder Alley**
Friday Nights 9 – 11 p.m.  
Adults $10 / Child 12 & Under $5  
Bowling Center - 478-926-2112
Robins Fit Families

If you liked the Glow Run!, you will LOVE the

ZOMBIE RUN!

at the Pine Oaks Golf Course, Bldg. 595

Oct. 27

Register:
4-5:15 p.m.
Run Starts:
5:45 p.m.

Families Run In Teams
Runners are encouraged to wear a costume
Zombie volunteers of all ages Needed
Call 468-2128

Block Party After Zombie Run!
watch or take part in

ZUMBA THRILLER!
PRODUCTION

Food & Drinks For Sale
featuring DJ

Learn Thriller Dance Moves - Now - Oct. 23
Mondays: 4 p.m. Zumba Class • Main Fitness Center

OCT. 27 • 7 P.M.
Pine Oaks Golf Course Parking Lot, Bldg. 595

POC: Kenya James • 468-2128
Rob Dittman, Bibb County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Medical Services paramedic supervisor and Special Weapons and Tactics medic, applies moulage paint to the hand of Brice Buchanan, “Future Zombie,” during the moulage training class Oct. 10. The class is part of the preparation for the Robins Fit Families Zombie Run Oct. 27 at Pine Oaks Golf Course. (U.S. Air Force photos/JONATHAN BELL)