



JSTARS named in 'Big 25' list

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Street naming ceremony today

Base officials will dedicate "Deryl Israel Way" today at 10 a.m. The street is located between the two largest single administrative buildings on base. Israel, now retired, served as the last executive director of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, which was inactivated in 2012.

"Israel's 35 years of service to the Air Force, Robins and the surrounding community has been invaluable. This is fitting honor for his lifelong dedication to our nation," said Col. Mitchel Butikofer, Installation commander.

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DOD SPECIAL REPORT

Civilian furloughs announced

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Chuck Hagel
Secretary of Defense

WASHINGTON – After weeks of review, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has concluded budget cuts will require most of the department's civilian employees to be furloughed beginning in July, but that because of other efforts to deal with the shortfall, only half of the 22 days originally envisioned as temporary layoffs will now be necessary.

During a town hall meeting Tuesday at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Va., Hagel told Defense Department employees that most will be required to take 11 furlough days beginning July 8, one per week, through the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30.

Hagel noted that when he took the oath of office less than three months ago, post-sequester plans called for 22 furlough days. Congress allowed the department to shift or reprogram some funds in March that cut that number to 14. Now, he said, as maintenance, training, flying hours and ship deployments are increasingly affected, he had no choice but to authorize the furloughs.

"We kept going back. And finally, we got to a point where I could not responsibly go any deeper into cutting or jeopardizing our formations, our readiness and

training," he said.

In a memo to senior department leaders, Hagel said he had "very reluctantly" concluded that major budgetary shortfalls triggered by a \$37 billion cut in defense spending for fiscal year 2013 forced a decision he said he deeply regrets, and one that he acknowledged will disrupt lives and impact DOD operations.

However, he credited congressional passage of a defense appropriation bill in March in part for helping to reduce the number of days civilians would be temporarily laid off by half.

It may be possible later in the year to

"knock that back" to an even lower number, the secretary said, but he emphasized that he could not promise such an outcome.

"I won't promise that," Hagel said. "You deserve fair, honest, direct conversation about this, and I'm not going to be cute with you at all. This is where we are. We'll continue to look at it, [and] we'll continue to do everything we can."

Hagel said the furloughs will affect every military department and almost every agency, with limited exceptions. "We will except civilians deployed to combat zones and civilians necessary to

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protect life and property," he wrote in his memo, adding that others will be excepted if forcing them to stay off the job would not free up money for other needs.

Employees set to be furloughed will begin receiving written notification June 5.

In March, defense officials had told civilian employees to expect as many as 22 furlough days during the current fiscal year, part of department-wide efforts to slash spending in response to across-the-board budget cuts known as sequestration. In the time since, Hagel has been working to avoid or reduce the temporary layoffs, saying he had sought advice from department leaders and agencies, both civilian and military, but found no other way to help in closing the budget gap.

In his memo Tuesday, Hagel said if the budget situation eases, he would strongly prefer to end the furloughs early. "That is a decision I will make later in the year," he added.

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Camellia Gardens Memorial Service slated for Thursday

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service – which pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins – will take place Thursday at 10 a.m. in the tranquil garden across from the Horizons Event Center.

The service, a moving, patriotic tribute to the departed, is a 37-year tradition. The garden memorializes the dead by celebrating their lives.

At the garden's entrance, a brick and mortar wall displays gold plaques with the names of more than 1,600 deceased military and civilian members from Robins who were honored in past ceremonies.

This year's ceremony is a project of the Team Robins Company Grade Officer Council and the Robins Chapel.

For more information about the ceremony, call Staff Sgt. Karriem Oliver at 468-2821.

Team Robins Memorial Day Retreat Ceremony planned

A Memorial Day Retreat ceremony will be at 4 p.m. Thursday outside of Bldg. 905. The event will be hosted by Col. Mitchel Butikofer, Installation commander.

All Team Robins units are invited to participate. Troops should begin lining up at 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot.

Flag detail will be conducted by the Honor Guard.

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will play "The Star Spangled Banner."

Community Assessment Survey still running strong

The community assessment runs until May 30.

Team Robins members who are asked to participate are encouraged to do so.

Robins – The place to live, learn, work and play

Complex gets flexible with workforce

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In pursuit of practicality, progress and production, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex leadership is implementing a flexible schedule – known as flextime – for a portion of its workforce.

About 1,900 of the 7,738-member maintenance workforce will begin using the new schedule in the pay period beginning Sunday. The conversion is being made in the corporate and administrative organizations of the complex and affects general schedule employees.

Flextime gives employees the option to begin their eight-hour workday between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. The plan mandates a duty day end time of 6 p.m.

The flexible work schedule, which the majority of Robins Air Force Base organizations have long utilized, is intended to aid employees in balancing work, family and life's necessities, said Dale Foster, WR-ALC business operations office deputy.

Three occurrences led to the work schedule switch, according to Foster.

About a year and a half ago, the 402nd Software Maintenance Group requested flextime authority. That request was put on hold for consideration.

Another flextime request – this time from the 402nd Maintenance Support Group – gave complex leadership incentive to take a

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U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Jamie Loyd, left, and Tammy Walton, electronics technicians, probe a circuit card while running a diagnostic program. Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex leadership is implementing flextime for a portion of its workforce. About 1,900 members of the maintenance workforce will begin using the new schedule in the pay period beginning Sunday.

\$3.4 million grant expands AP program in Georgia

All Houston County high schools to benefit

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All five Houston County high schools will have their Advanced Placement programs expanded thanks to a \$3.4 million grant from the National Math and Science Initiative for the state of Georgia. The list of schools includes Houston County, Northside, Perry, Veterans and Warner Robins

high schools.

The grant was made possible through the Department of Defense Education Activity, which has awarded nearly \$17 million in grant funds to NMSI for its AP program that supports military families. The Bradwell



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Institute near Fort Stewart was another Georgia school recipient.

"This is a true win-win-win story, a win not only for the children of our military parents, but a win for all youth across Houston County, and a win for the Houston County School District as well," said Col. Mitchel Butikofer, Installation commander. "The potential for across-the-board exponential educational gains in Middle Georgia as a result of this grant

will build on the outstanding programs for our elementary and middle school children and will open the doors of opportunity for years to come. We are truly excited to be a part of that."

A non-profit organization which began in 2007, NMSI's mission is to improve student performance in critical areas such as science, technology, engineering and math, and to

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JSTARS receives international recognition

C4ISR Journal names E-8C one of the ‘Big 25 biggest breakthroughs’

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116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

JSTARS is a big deal. The E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform has been recognized as one of the “Big 25 biggest breakthroughs” by C4ISR Journal.

Every year, the C4ISR Journal looks for new technologies and efforts that change or enhance the military environment.

“Achieving this international recognition as one of the C4ISR Journal’s Big 25 is a huge accomplishment for JSTARS,” Col. Dean Worley Jr., 461st Air Control Wing commander, said. “It highlights our operational success, technical capability and overall utility in defense of our great nation.

“The C4ISR Journal recognized that we are operating under the highest operations tempo in the platform’s 21-year his-



U.S. Air Force file photo by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

An E-8C Joint STARS takes off for a mission from Robins Air Force Base. Joint STARS is a command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform.

tory,” he added. “This is a true first for the JSTARS weapons system and great recognition for our Airmen and industry partners that JSTARS is now acknowledged as a national asset.”

The E-8C JSTARS platform – operated and maintained by the 461st and 116th

Air Control wings – has provided more than 10 years of continuous deployments and has flown in more than 900 combat sorties for Operations Enduring Freedom, New Dawn, Odyssey Dawn and Unified Protector.

During the award period, the JSTARS

proven warfighter capabilities assisted in the capture of nine persons of interest and also identified about 74 Improvised Explosive Devices increasing the safety and security for coalition forces and people living in dangerous regions.

Further, the JSTARS system was deployed twice to North Korea in 2012 delivering strategic overwatch in a volatile region directly impacting national policy.

Recently, Team JSTARS was able to bring the C2ISR capability closer to home by integrating a \$143 million radar upgrade which provides maritime moving target indicator support for Homeland Defense operations.

With this upgrade, JSTARS was able to support the Coast Guard and law enforcement agencies leading to the seizure of about \$200 million in narcotics and the arrests of more than 53 suspects in counter-trafficking operations.

“The reason this award is so applicable to the E-8C, is it performs a command and control mission, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance simultaneously,” said Col. Kevin Clotfelter, 116th ACW commander. “Whereas the platform could garner recognition on those missions independently, the fact that we can do both makes it more compelling.”

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second look at the matter while implementing a strategic plan. Upon further review, the time management move was seen as “an initiative to bring people and processes into the 21st Century,” Foster said.

“When we did the relook, it just made good sense,” he said. “Historically, the maintenance side of the installation has not supported flextime. But it was that

convergence of things that brought a relook.”

The work schedule change was approved by Brig. Gen. Cedric George, WR-ALC commander, last week. Word of the change was sent out electronically to complex organizations two weeks prior to implementation. Supervisors began informing the workforce Monday.

Foster said senior leader and union support were a must for making the work schedule change. Group leadership and senior staff assessed which organizations would be the best fit for flextime. The

desire to implement flextime was discussed with the union, which gave its approval contingent upon management implementing existing flextime procedures.

Tom Scott, American Federation of Government Employees Local 987 president, said flextime will provide a needed assist to people in “managing both their home life and work.

“It gives the employee a chance to better balance childcare and the mission,” Scott said. “It helps to save on leave accrual. It’s a step in the right direction.

“Right now, with all the cutbacks, flexibility will help out the employees tremendously,” he said.

Scott added this could be just the first application of flextime for the complex. “Once we study it, maybe we can expand it outward, especially beyond administrative areas,” he said.

A briefing presented to personnel stressed positive impacts of flextime procedures including increased productivity, employee job satisfaction, incidental leave usage and the ability to maintain, if not increase, support to customers.

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also transform math and science education in the U.S.

The NMSI grant will support AP students and families serving in all branches of the military at Robins, as well as all students at the military-impacted schools.

Houston’s portion, \$2.9 million, will be awarded during the next three school years.

“We’re very thankful to the Department of Defense Education Activity for its donation through NMSI to our Houston County schools,” said Renee Daughtry, Robins school liaison officer. “We’re truly fortunate for their investments in support of our local high school students through this grant.”

Robin Hines, Houston County schools superintendent,

said the system expects the initiative to “transform our teacher training, AP STEM offerings and student success.

“Our system is very excited about this grant for all five of our high schools to greatly expand AP enrollment and to raise AP exam scores,” said Hines. “We’re thankful for the collaboration with Robins Air Force Base which helped make this \$2.9 million, three-year grant a reality. Other countries outperform the U.S. in the critical areas of math and science. This effort supports our system’s vision to be world class, and will help to ensure that our students are able to compete with the best of the best anywhere in the world.”

Enrollment in math, science, and English AP courses at these Georgia schools is expected to rise by 127 percent. According to Adrian Talley, DoDEA deputy director, investment in the AP program is “truly transformational and innovative, and raises the bar academically in our

public schools.

“The expansion of this program for students attending Georgia high schools opens a new level of opportunity and possibility for children of military families and their peers to excel in math and science,” she said. “The results are proven, consistent and speak for themselves. In the schools that have been supported by DoDEA’s NMSI AP grant funds, students have increased the number of qualifying AP scores by more than 60 percent.”

The program’s success is based on several elements including student support and incentives, teacher support and incentives and awards for students, teachers and administrators.

Among its incentives, the grant pays half of each student’s AP exam fees, and provides them with a \$100 incentive for making a qualifying score on his or her exam.

THE AIR FORCE



Hagel : Sexual assault won't be tolerated

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Amid a spate of allegations of criminal behavior by military recruiters and service members involved in the Defense Department's efforts to prevent sexual assaults and help that crime's victims, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has ordered the services to retrain, re-credential and rescreen all sexual assault prevention and response personnel and military recruiters.

In a statement, Pentagon Press Secretary George Little said Hagel was informed about allegations of criminal behavior against an Army sergeant first class who was a sexual assault prevention and response coordinator at Fort Hood, Texas.

"I cannot convey strongly enough his frustration, anger and disappointment over these troubling allegations and the breakdown in discipline and standards they imply," Little said.

Hagel met with Army Secretary John M. McHugh and directed him to fully investigate the matter rapidly, to discover the extent of the allegations, and to ensure that all of those who might be involved are dealt with appropriately, the press secretary added.

Little said Hagel directed the retraining, re-credentialing and rescreening to address the broader concerns that have arisen out of these allegations and other recent events.

"Sexual assault is a crime, and will be treated as such," the press secretary said. "The safety, integrity, and well-being of every service member and the success of our mission hang in the balance. Secretary Hagel is looking urgently at every course of action to stamp out this deplorable conduct and ensure that those individuals up and down the chain of command who tolerate or engage in this behavior are appropriately held accountable."

To read more, visit www.afmc.af.mil.

TV announcements illustrate signs of suicide risk

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Officials at the Defense and Veterans Affairs departments have produced three public service announcements to help families and friends recognize the signs of potential suicide in veterans and service members.

The television announcements have aired since April on the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Network, and are 15, 30 and 60 seconds in length, officials said.

"A veteran or service member returning from a deployment – whether at home or abroad – is subject to a certain amount of distress," said Jacqueline Garrick, Defense Suicide Prevention Office director. "Regardless of where they served, there are still challenges when they return home, and we want to encourage them to seek help."

And, the two departments want to avert suicide by making sure families, friends and communities that surround veterans and service members are aware of the signs and symptoms of suicide, to get those at risk into treatment right away, Garrick said.

Thunderbolt pit stop

Senior Airman Casey Kubick, left, and Tech. Sgt. Christopher Roof, both with the 755th Logistics Readiness Squadron, refuel an A-10 Thunderbolt II using a forward area refueling point in White Sands, N.M., during exercise Angel Thunder 2013. Angel Thunder is the largest joint service, multinational, interagency combat search and rescue exercise designed to train personnel recovery assets using a variety of scenarios to simulate deployment conditions and contingencies.



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. TIM CHACON

Garrick said seeking early treatment before the symptoms worsen is vital. Veterans and service members who stall treatment might do so for many reasons, such as fear of losing their jobs, "but they should see it as a way to save their careers," she added.

"Seeking help is a sign of strength," Garrick said. "They won't lose their jobs."

And, avoiding help doesn't make an individual's concerns go away, she said, and that's where the TV announcements come in – to get the risk factor information out to families, friends and communities so they can encourage the individual to seek treatment.

"Letting problems get worse doesn't make your career get better," Garrick said. "The problems that are not dealt with are just going to manifest themselves and get bigger further down the road. We want to encourage veterans and service members to get help early, because it does make a difference in the long term."

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

GPS IIF-4 successfully launched from Cape Canaveral

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFNS) – A U.S. Air Force Global Positioning System satellite built by Boeing was successfully launched Wednesday.

The fourth GPS IIF satellite, Space Vehicle Number (SVN) 66, was carried aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V Launch Vehicle at 5:38 p.m. EDT from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla.

The new capabilities of the IIF satellites will provide greater navigational accuracy through improvements in atomic clock technology; a more robust signal for commercial aviation and safety-of-life applications, known as the new third civil signal; and a 12-year design life providing long-term service. These upgrades improved anti-jam capabilities for the warfighter and improved security for military and civil users around the world.

"I'm extremely pleased with today's launch and delighted to be part of this mission that enhances our



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS PETER THOMPSON

Simulated airfield seizure

Tech. Sgt. Jason Meek, a Joint Terminal Attack Controller with the 66th Weapons Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., coordinates with 12 C-130Js from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, during a joint force integration exercise, at Winston Field Airport in Snyder, Texas. JTACs provided critical information during a simulated airfield seizure to strengthen training, safety and efficiency of working with multiple aircraft of different capabilities.

nation's critical GPS capability. Thanks to the efforts of the of the 45th and 50th Space Wings, United Launch Alliance, our industry partners, the Atlas V and GPS IIF launch teams, the GPS IIF-4 mission was successfully carried out," said Col. Bernie Gruber, Space and Missile Systems Center's Global Positioning Systems Directorate director.

AFMC News

Two former Robins civilians among new command leaders

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Air Force Materiel Command officials announced May 2, that its executive director, Steve Butler, will retire effective June 30 after 35 years of service. He will be replaced by Michael Gill, currently executive director of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center.

Patsy Reeves, currently AFMC's director of contracting, will become AFLCMC's executive director. Butler, Gill and Reeves are all members of the Senior Executive Service.

Prior to Gill's appointment as AFLCMC executive director in July 2012, he was the executive director of the Odgen Air Logistics Complex (formerly Odgen Air Logistics Center) at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Gill's previous assignments include serving as the program manager for the Air Force Contracting and Manufacturing Civilian Career Program, as the director of the TRICARE Regional Office South and as the director of contracting at AFMC. Gill entered the Senior Executive Service in 2001.

Prior to Reeves' appointment as AFMC's director of contracting in April 2011, she was the director of contracting for the Aeronautical Systems Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Reeves' previous assignments include serving as a program manager for multiple aircraft training systems, including the C-17; as the director of plans and programs at Brooks Air Force Base, Tex.; and as the director of contracting at the Warner Robins ALC at Robins. She was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2001.

Butler's previous assignments range from developing

precision guided weapons to serving in senior advisory roles in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He served as the deputy program director for the F-22 and the technical director for most of the Air Force's munitions inventory, including the Joint Direct Attack Munition. Prior to his current assignment, he was the executive director of Warner Robins ALC. Butler entered the SES in 1997.

AFMC's executive director advises the AFMC commander in managing all aspects of the command's mission, serves as the services contracts advocate and oversees the command's small business program. As the command's senior civilian, the executive director also advises the commander on labor union relations and development of the civilian workforce. Civilians make up more than 70 percent of the command – the highest percentage among all Air Force major commands – and AFMC employs 40 percent of the total Air Force civilians.

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On the Fly

Base rules for firearms explained

Employees are reminded that it is unlawful to bring a personally owned firearm onto Robins Air Force Base except to place it in storage at the 78th Security Forces Squadron Armory, base privatized housing, or to go to the base skeet range or an authorized hunting area.

Vehicle operators will advise the security forces members at the gate there are weapons in the vehicle and the location of their destination. Weapons must be unloaded and ammunition must be separate from the weapon – for example, the weapon will be in the trunk and the ammunition will be in the glove box.

Personnel residing in temporary lodging or in the dormitories are prohibited from storing firearms or ammunition in their rooms. Personnel residing in privatized housing must ensure firearms and ammunition are stored separately in safe, locked locations. Keeping a loaded weapon in the residence is prohibited.

All personnel who reside on base are required to register their firearms with the 78th SFS armory, located at Bldg. 263.

For registration questions, contact the 78th Security Forces Armory at DSN 468-2025 or commercial 478-926-2025.



Drilling project at base service station

Beginning Monday, there will be an environmental project performed at the base service station, Bldg. 922

Minimal disruptions are anticipated.

The station's hours of operation are Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For any questions or comments, please contact Janet Peck at 923-5085



What's new in Emergency Management

The following plans have now been published:

AFI 10-2501 IC 3 has been published as of April 30. The emergency management division at Robins is currently reviewing it, and will advise unit emergency management representatives and schedulers of significant changes which impact their EM programs. It's highly encouraged for everyone to review the plan in its entirety.

Robins Supplement to AFI 10-2501 was published April 24. EM representatives need to review the plan for actions or changes which may be required within their programs.

Both plans can be found on e-publishing at www.e-publishing.af.mil.

Robins OSC awards \$11.5K in scholarships

The Robins Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship Committee has awarded \$11,500 in scholarships to eight area high school seniors and one continuing education student.

Recipients are: **Ian Filer, Patrick Nakayama, Abigail Ball, Lesley Sheeley, Catherine Greene, Anna Lilley, Zachary Lasater, Shelby Moll and Caitlin Ratley.**

Scholarships were made possible through proceeds from donations and consignments at the Robins Thrift Shop, which is overseen by the OSC. Thrift Shop volunteers donated about 2,000 hours in 2012-2013.

One local business donated \$2,000 toward Robins OSC scholarships, bringing this year's total to \$11,500.

Robins is celebrating **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month** with the following events:

►The APAAH Fashion Show is Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Exchange. Committee members and volunteers will model traditional clothing from their culture as the emcee explains significant meanings behind each traditional outfit.

POC is Vivian Siu at 472-0686

►A Finale Dinner is scheduled for May 30 at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Club. Guest speaker will be Col. Roy Agustin, Air Force Reserve Command. Cost is \$20.

POCs are Master Sgt. David Miller, at 497-6060 and Senior Master Sgt. Dwain Earhart at 497-1499.

The Robins Education and Training Office is conducting a Needs Assessment Survey to determine the current educational needs of the Robins population.

Completing the survey determines what degree programs, colleges, universities and other instructional learning formats best meet Robins' needs.

Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center through the Air Force Portal under Training/Education/Force Development and complete the survey.

For those who don't have a base ID card, visit the Education Office in Bldg. 905 to complete a survey. The survey will end May 31.

For more information, call the

Education and Training Office at 497-3408.

Come enjoy a **free movie under the stars** every Saturday night in June in the field behind the housing office, Bldg. 1898.

The free movie is open to everyone with base access. So bring your blankets and relax in front of the big screen. The movie will start at dusk, so be a little early and bring a frisbee or football to have some fun while you wait. Snacks will be available through different booster clubs on base.

The Robins Equal Opportunity office will be conducting EO Refresher Training June 25 and 26 at the base theater. There will be two Supervisors' Sessions June 25 from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

There will be two Employees' Sessions June 26 from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Sign up for any of these classes, on the portal, on the Robins Homepage or by calling the EO office at 468-2131.

To reach the 78th Security Forces Base Defense Operations Center for non-emergency calls dial 468-2187.

When dialing 911, which is also used as the Crime Stop hotline, callers are requested to state whether the call is in reference to an emergency or a crime stop notification to ensure proper routing.

Hagel, announces furlough, thanks civilian employees

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BY KAREN PARRISH
American Forces Press Service



Department of Defense photo

WASHINGTON – As he announced details of the Defense Department’s long-awaited civilian furlough plan, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel thanked civilian employees and their families for their service, sacrifices, and the “purposeful lives” they lead supporting the nation’s defense.

During a televised and live-streamed town hall meeting with civilian defense employees at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Va., Hagel announced the furloughs – unpaid days off – will begin in July, and most civilian employees will lose 11 days of work.

“You know what the budget is about,” Hagel told his workforce. “You’re all dealing with it every day. March 1st, we went into what you all know as sequestration.”

Sequestration is a mechanism in budget law that triggered across-the-board government spending cuts.

Hagel said sequestration produced a shortfall of about \$30 billion, with another \$7 billion to \$8 billion in deficits in other accounts. “We’re going to have to deal with that,” he said. “We don’t have any choice.”

Hagel and the service chiefs have cut as deeply as feasible into maintenance and training to delay civilian layoffs, the secretary noted.

“We’ve taken it as close to the line as we can, and still [be] capable of protecting this country and this

country’s interests around the world,” he said. “We still have a war going on. Unfortunately, we still have casualties. We’ve got a lot of very dangerous, unpredictable places in the world, and I can’t put this country in jeopardy by not factoring that in, in the end, as the overall most significant responsibility, as well as treating our people right, as treating our people fair.”

After discussing furlough details, Hagel responded to questions from audience members, who asked about pay raises and the likelihood of repeated furloughs in the future.

Hagel said the 2014 defense budget proposal includes a one percent pay raise for civilian employees, though Congress must approve it. On repeated furloughs, he acknowledged he can’t rule out the possibility.

“I can’t guarantee you that we’re not going to be in some kind of a similar situation next year,” he said.

“No one likes uncertainty. It’s a dark cloud that hangs over everybody’s lives. I know for your families, I know for every part of your lives, it’s not a good answer, but it’s an honest answer.”

Chuck Hagel
Secretary of Defense

“I’m not predicting it. I’m not saying that that’s going to happen. But what we’re doing here is we’re just trying to survive and get through this fiscal year.”

The secretary said he hopes there will be no additional furloughs, but he acknowledged “you can’t run an operation ... based on hope.”

“I hope that we will be in a better situation all the way around,” he added. “I’ve got some confidence that will occur. But I’m not going to stand here and promise you that it won’t.”

Hagel said by October and the start of the new fiscal year, he hopes to have reached some budget high ground.

“No one likes uncertainty,” he said. “It’s a dark cloud that hangs over everybody’s lives. I know for your families, I know for every part of your lives, it’s not a good answer, but it’s an honest answer. We will do everything possible not to ... have to be in this situation again, but a good amount of this is out of our control, too.”

AFSC commander’s message on furloughs

BY LT. GEN. BRUCE LITCHFIELD
Air Force Sustainment Center commander

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. -- I’m coming to you with news on furloughs - news that does not come lightly or without great personal impact to our workforce.

The Department of Defense has announced that they will furlough most non-deployed civilians for up to 11 days.

The furlough period is scheduled to begin July 8, with one furlough day per week for most personnel. These furloughs will continue until the end of the current fiscal year.



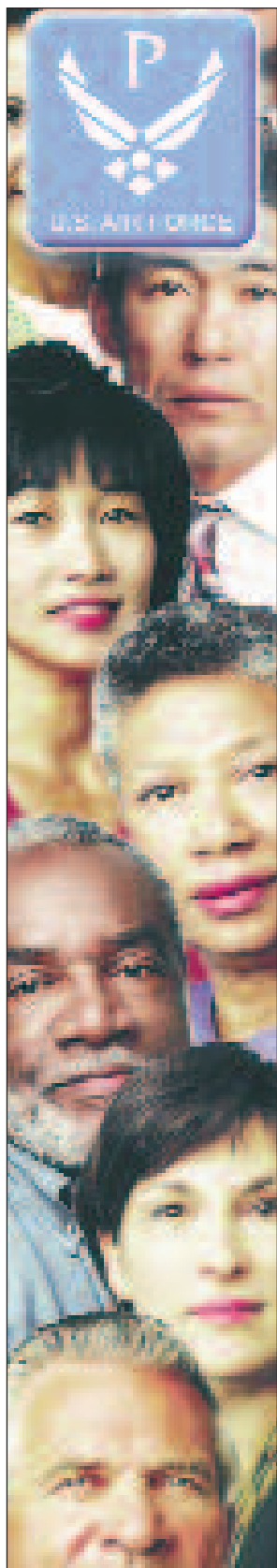
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I know we were hoping for better news, and I encourage you to reach out to your coworkers to be good Wingmen.

We are continuing to work with the community, banks, businesses and institutions to minimize the financial burdens caused by the loss in pay.

Most importantly, I can’t end this note without everyone knowing how proud I am of what we’re doing to meet the warfighter’s needs.

Keep up the good work, and keep ’em flying ... it’s what we do!



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Dog Bites: Education, actions for prevention

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According to the Centers for Disease Control, 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year with one in five requiring medical attention.

The American Veterinary Medical Association and Robins Public Health Flight are sponsoring National Dog Bite Prevention Week next week.

Because bite incidents can result in physical and psychological damage, leaving victims with the potential for serious health complications, it's important to take the time to educate yourself and your family on proper animal interaction and vaccination.

Rabies, bacterial infections and fears are just a few of the potential health effects of dog bites. There are more than 130 disease causing microbes that have been isolated from dog and cat bite wounds.

Some of those bacteria have the potential to cause infection.

Also, large dogs can exert more than 450 pounds of pressure per square inch with their jaws, which can puncture and tear the skin creating a wound susceptible to infection. Infections from animal bites require immediate medical care.

Rabies is probably the most well-known infection which results from an animal bite or contact with an infected animal's

saliva. Rabies cases in humans are rare, but deadly, making animal bite prevention extremely important.

Educating yourself and your children about proper dog interaction is the best way to prevent dog bites and the resulting medical care. Talk to your family about the following safety actions from the CDC to protect themselves from dog bites:

- ▶ Do not approach an unfamiliar dog.

- ▶ Do not run from a dog and scream.

- ▶ Remain motionless when approached by an unfamiliar dog.

- ▶ If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still.

- ▶ Do not play with a dog unless supervised by an adult.

- ▶ Immediately report stray dogs or dogs displaying unusual behavior to an adult.

- ▶ Avoid direct eye contact with a dog.

- ▶ Do not disturb a dog who is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies.

- ▶ Teach children to ask permission from the dog's owner before petting it.

- ▶ If bitten, immediately report the bite to an adult.

Dog bite prevention begins with responsible pet ownership.

If you're a dog owner, it's extremely important to protect your pet from a potential bite incident and to make sure your dog is current on vaccinations.

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rabies vaccination, so speak with your veterinarian about vaccinations and ensure you schedule annual check-ups to keep your pet healthy.

Dog owners can also take these steps to prevent their pet from becoming involved in a bite incident:

- ▶ Leash your dog whenever outside of a safe, fenced-in enclosure.

- ▶ Seek professional advice before bringing a dog into your family.

- ▶ Train and socialize your pet with people and other animals.

- ▶ Play non-aggressive games.

- ▶ Never bring your dog into a situation where it may feel threatened or teased.

Unfortunately, canine bites still occur. If you are bitten, wash the wound with warm soapy water and seek further medical attention from a licensed provider.

Remember, take the time to educate your family, especially children, on proper dog handling and interaction in order to prevent dog bites.

Robins Public Health will be sponsoring information from local veterinarians, shelters and trainers, and providing flyers on dog and pet ownership throughout the week.

For more information on animal contact Public Health at 478-327-8019.

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4 to 5 p.m.
Heritage Club Lounge
Join us for fun, food, entertainment and prizes.
For details, call 472-7864.

Pizza Depot Special

Today
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pizza Depot
Asian Cuisine
For details, call 468-0188.

Thunder Alley

Today
9 to 11 p.m.
Bowling Center
12 years and younger \$5, 13 years and older \$10.
Includes two hours of bowling and shoe rental.
For details, call 468-2112.

American Kids Fun Run/Fitness Expo

Saturday
8 to 10 a.m.
Fitness Center
Kids fun run and adult 5K
For details call 468-2128.

Robins Lanes Celebrates Armed Forces Day

Saturday
Bowling Center
Active duty personnel and retired veterans. Show your ID card, bowl one game and get one free.
For details, call 468-2112.

Writing a Winning Resume

Monday
9 to 11 a.m.
A&FRC, Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

Adult Watercolor

Monday

10 to 11:30 a.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 984
To preregister, call 468-5282.

Bundles for Babies

Tuesday
8 a.m. to noon
A&FRC, Bldg. 794
Specifically designed for expectant parents preparing for a baby whether it's their first or third.
For details, call 468-1256.

Fitness & Sports Council Meeting

Wednesday
1 to 2 p.m.
HAWC classroom
For details, call 472-7680 or 468-2128.

Starting a small business

Wednesday
1 to 3 p.m.
A&FRC, Bldg. 794
These classes will provide basic information about preparing a business plan, marketing plan, acquiring financing, legal requirements, license tax information and more.
For details, call 468-1256.

Writing a business plan

Wednesday
1 to 3 p.m.
A&FRC, Bldg 794
For details, call 468-1256.

PreSeparation Briefing (Retirees)

Thursday
12:30 to 4 p.m.
A&FRC, Bldg 794
This briefing is mandatory for all separating retirees.
For details, call 468-1256.

UPCOMING

Jazz Set at the Heritage

May 24
6 to 8 p.m.
Heritage Lounge
Stop by and relax after a long day at work.
For details, call at 472-7864.

Power Hour - Character/Leadership/Life Skills/Arts

May 24
6 to 7 p.m.
Youth Center
For details, call 468-2110.

ONGOING

Jeopardy - May Fitness Month

Now through June 1
All day
Fitness Center
For details call, 468-2128.

Swim the Great Lakes

Now through June 1
All day
Fitness Center Indoor Pool
For details call, 468-2128.

Summer Leagues now forming

Now through May 31
Bowling Center
Come in and sign up for our Summer Leagues at the front counter.
For details, call 468-2112.

Quick Turn now serves breakfast

Mondays through Fridays
7 to 9:30 a.m.
For details, call 468-6972.

QuickShot Bingo

Mondays through Fridays at all Base Restaurant snack bars
6 a.m. to close
For details, call 468-6972.



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Pools open Friday

Summer kicks off this week with the opening of the pools Friday at Horizons and the Heritage Club. The Horizons pool will be open Tuesdays through Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. The Heritage pool will be open Mondays and Tuesdays from noon to 6 p.m. Closed on Wednesdays, and open Thursdays through Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Both pools will be open on Memorial Day. There will be no charge to swim. The pools are open to all ID card holders with sponsorship capabilities. Also, swim-lesson registration is ongoing until classes are filled. To learn more, call 468-4001 or visit www.robinsfss.com.

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Prearrange a non-drinking wingman to be the sober driver

Call a taxi service to take you home (have taxi numbers handy)

Remember, even a slight "buzz" can significantly weaken your perceptions and abilities





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