



# ROBINS REV-UP

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## SAPR Stand-Down Day June 21 – AF puts spotlight on issue

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Robins will conduct a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Stand-Down Day on June 21.

The day's events, directed by the Secretary of Defense and top Air Force leaders, will include interactive commanders calls and small group training sessions across the installation which will emphasize that sexist behavior, sexual harassment and sexual assault will not be overlooked or ignored; Airmen at all levels, both military and

civilian, will be held accountable for their conduct and behavior; and victims of these criminal acts will be treated with dignity and respect, as well as provided the best medical and rehabilitative care available.

"The Air Force has taken a lot of actions to make this a better Air Force, to change the culture. This is one such action," explained Cindy Graver, Robins' Sexual Assault Response Coordinator.

Including next week's stand-down day, those actions include increasing the number of SARC personnel. At

Robins, the SARC office will soon grow from two to five. This will include the addition of another full-time SARC and two full-time victim advocates (in addition to the office's 24 volunteer VAs). A military officer will also be present.

"This is huge," said Graver. "This means we can be out more and will be even more accessible."

In January, the Air Force also implemented a Special Victim's Council for victims to receive legal representation and advocacy, and last summer, expedited transfers were made available for

victims.

Among other changes, all investigations related to sexual assault performed are now performed by the Office of Special Investigations, and a comprehensive online access tool for evidence collection has been created, called DSAID, or Defense Sexual Assault Database.

In addition, the Air Force Audit Agency is conducting a review of SARC office credentials and qualifications; all SARCs and VAs now have to be credentialed through the National

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### NEWS

#### YOU CAN USE

#### Workers banned from using government computers to access records, info on cell phone data collection

Websites containing phone records or information pertaining to news stories associated with federal authorities collecting data on phone calls may contain classified information.

Users should be aware that going to these sites could create a classified message incident, or CMI, and their computer could become contaminated.

Do not use government computers, AF NIPRNET, to access phone records or information pertaining to "Verizon" or other related news stories associated with federal authorities collecting data on phone calls.

#### AETC Special Duty assignment team briefing

If you've ever wanted the opportunity to recruit sharp individuals into the Air Force as an Air Force recruiter, mold civilians into Airmen as an Air Force military training instructor, lead transitioning Airmen as a military training leader, educate Airmen as a professional military education instructor, or serve as a critical link on all enlisted matters as an Air Force first sergeant, the AETC Special Duty Briefing Team can answer any questions you may have.

A briefing will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Horizons Event Center, Bldg. 542. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

Senior airmen with at least 35 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 16 years total active federal military service may be eligible to apply and are encouraged to attend the briefing.

The first sergeant recruiting briefing will be Thursday at 4 p.m., Horizons and is open to technical through master sergeants with the ability to gain three years of retainability. For more information call Wing Career Assistance Advisor, Master Sgt. James Gardner at 472-0168.

## In a flash



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

Ernest Carter (left) and Steve Bagget, FlashJet facility machinists, set an F-15 rudder in preparation for the robot-controlled flashJet stripping process.

## FlashJet robot strips away paint

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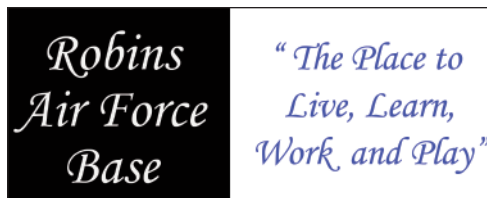
Stare at the bright sun for too long and you intuitively squint, raise a hand to your eyes and eventually turn your head away.

Try sneaking a quick peek at a new FlashJet robot in operation over in Bldg. 673, and there's a pretty good chance you'll have the same reaction.

That's because this sophisticated piece of technology emits bursts of piercing white light that basically strip away paint on various aircraft assets.

"As the light flashes, the intensity of it actually makes the paint explode off the part," explained Mario Largaespada, 573rd Commodities Maintenance Squadron's FlashJet facility supervisor.

The robot has been in use since January of this year. It joins an older robot in use by the 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group in Bldg. 2180, which is currently being replaced with a new one. The com-



plex will eventually have two robots.

At the end of the robot's arm, each pulse of light can project a maximum 2,300 volts of power to whatever is on its receiving end. A xenon gas-filled light bulb, about 12 inches long, generates heat used to shatter the paint away. While the robot is in use in a large bay area, workers monitor the process in a nearby control room, safely isolated behind tinted glass.

Its arm can be manipulated to swing on to a turntable, where radomes from F-15s, C-17s and C-130s are depainted, or anywhere along an axis along one side of the building. Depending on the part, its paint thickness and quality, the process can take

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## JSTARS software workload set to surge by 2016

BY JENNY GORDON

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Robins will soon gain additional workload for software maintenance on the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, or JSTARS, platform.

The move is one area of growth potential for the base's Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division, whose program office has been working to implement a transition plan for its E-8C software.

"It continues to build our C2ISR capabilities," said Brigid O'Hearn, 577th Software Maintenance Squadron director. "That's been a big squadron focus to try to share expertise, knowledge and capabilities across the ISR platforms."

"It creates great synergy for the warfighter to have so much ISR work here, which gives them better benefits in the long run."

Northrop Grumman's integration facility, located in Melbourne, Fla., handles all of the software's development programs, new technology, as well as the overall product release responsibility under the Total System Support Responsibility contract.

The 577th SMXS is predominantly responsible for the maintenance side of the JSTARS software used on the planes.

"Primarily the things we do make the operators' jobs easier," explained O'Hearn.

Currently, the move to bring the workload here is in its early stages. The initiative is to combine capabilities to eventually accomplish the majority of the work at Robins.

The success of the initiative hinges on the continued execution of the award-winning public-private partnership between Northrop

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## Final Furling: 689th CCW stands down

BY ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 689th Combat Communications Wing stood down Wednesday during a ceremony here.

The inactivation was a result of the Air Force's force structure changes tied to the president's fiscal 2013 budget. The 3rd Combat Communications Group at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma also stood down, leaving Robins' 5th Combat Communications Group responsible for Air Force combat communications missions.

"Combat communicators are an integral part of the 24th Air Force's cyber capabilities," said Col. Joseph Scherrer, 689th commander. "The Air Force will continue the legacy of combat communications excellence through the 5th CCG."

This week's ceremony recognized the wing's rich history and accomplishments of its Airmen, including those in the 5th CCG who deliver expeditionary and specialized communications, air traffic control and landing systems for global humanitarian relief and combat operations. These members have unique skill sets, specializing in providing tactical operations in austere, joint and coalition environments.

Two civilian employees and 33 military members here will be affected. Civilians will transfer to the 5th CCG; military members will be reassigned or, if eligible, may retire or separate.

With the wing's inactivation, the 5th CCG will realign as a direct reporting unit under Air Force Space Command's 24th Air Force.

## 461st Support Squadron inactivates

BY LYNSEY SANDERSON

Robins Public Affairs

On June 6, the 461st Support Squadron at Robins Air Force Base inactivated.

Dignitaries and Airmen gathered in Bldg. 2059 for the ceremony following a decision by Air Force officials to call for the reorganization in maintenance operation squadrons in 2012.

"Today is a bittersweet day as we come to close the book on the short but action-packed novel that was the 461st Support Squadron," said Lt. Col. Robert Dunlap, as he relinquished command. "And while the squadron may be going away, it's most valuable resource – the officers, enlisted and civilian personnel – are here to stay."

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U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON  
The 689th Combat Communications Wing flag is furled Wednesday during an inactivation ceremony where Col. Joseph Scherrer relinquished command of the wing.



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## JSTARS

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Grumman and the Air Force. “We expect to significantly increase the organic responsibility by 2016 when the labs are fully established here, including 100 percent of the software maintenance work,” said Kalpesh Fifadara, 577th flight director in charge of planning.

A challenge for the base will be figuring out facility space for the workload, including where to house sensor, radar and development labs. A key piece will also be accommodating the E-8C’s radar, a tremendous capability that makes the platform unique.

“When you come to the actual software test and accreditation that you need to get the product out the door and on the jet to the warfighter – that’s where the radar is a key asset,” said Fifadara.

Key stakeholders in the transition also include the 116th and 461st Air Control Wings at Robins, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., development teams, Joint STARS Test Force and the Army.

“There will be a great benefit to having this development collocated with the operational wings,” said Col. Kevin D. Clotfelter, 116th ACW commander. “The key will be to not incur mission degradation during the transition.”

# Passing the torch

## New installation commander takes reins



U.S. Air Force photos by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Above, Col. Christopher Hill, former Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex deputy maintenance commander, speaks to media Friday prior to the Installation and 78th Air Base Wing change of command. Hill accepted command from Col. Mitchel Butikofer, who has been assigned to the pentagon.

At right, Hill accepts the guidon June 7 from Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, Air Force Sustainment Center commander, during the ceremony.



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During the ceremony, Dunlap received the Meritorious Service Medal with third oak leaf cluster.

Col. David Foote, 461st Maintenance Group commander, praised Dunlap for his service.

“Under your leadership, the Angry Owls have been part of every Team JSTARS achievement, while along the way amassing a reputation for excellence to match,” he said. “As most of you realize and fully understand, outstanding accomplishments don’t happen by accident.”

“I’m excited to have you all transition to being members of the maintenance group staff, and I look forward to working together with all of you to make our enemies fear the night while we continue to support the fight,” he added.

The 461st SPTS had



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Col. David Foote, 461st Maintenance Group commander, watches June 6 as Lt. Col. Robert Dunlap, 461st Support Squadron commander, cases the unit colors during the squadron’s inactivation ceremony.

been active under the command of Dunlap since its establishment in October 2011, which has offered support in the form of maintenance operation schedulers, training, analysis, logistics readiness and civil engineering.

It has had a diversified presence at Robins, with members located in eight buildings around base.

The overall change in Air Force organizational structure will eliminate the maintenance operation squadrons and like organizations which will allow maintenance officers to fill shortages in other units.

The inactivation of the 461st SPTS will affect about 100 people, who will be moving into other staff positions in the group and wing.

## FLASH

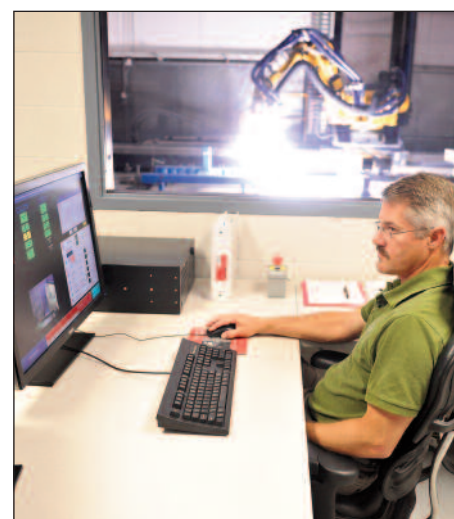
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anywhere from 30 minutes to several hours.

The process is quite sophisticated once a part is ready to be worked.

Take an F-15 rudder for example. As paint is essentially vaporized, and the rudder is cooled by blasting carbon dioxide pellets onto its surface, particles are vacuumed away through several layers of filters. No hazardous waste remains following each operation.

“When the air leaves, it’s cleaner than when it started,” said Largaespada. “From an environmental standpoint, this is probably one of the top-of-the-line paint removal systems due to the fact we don’t have any chemical waste.”



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Jeffrey Jacobs, FlashJet facility machinist, controls the robot during the stripping process. From the work station, Jacobs is able to adjust such variables as speed, distance, flash frequency and voltage.

## SARC

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Organization for Victim Assistance. (Robins has already met this requirement.)

All civilian and military personnel will also receive refresher training on professional responsibilities, ethics, critical duties and standards, and how violations of the standards impact mission readiness.

Graver said she’s very much looking forward to the SAPR Stand-Down Day.

“Hopefully on June 21 people will

## WHAT TO KNOW

Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact; characterized by the use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. It includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy, indecent assault or unwanted inappropriate sexual contact or fondling, or attempts to commit these acts.

walk away feeling they were heard and that others care. That’s how you change the culture – one person at a time, one fix at a time,” she said.



# AIR



# FORCE

## AF appoints first female chief scientist

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** – The Air Force has appointed the service's first female chief scientist to lead the way in the technology and science fields.

Dr. Mica Endsley assumed her new duties and responsibilities as the 34th chief scientist June 3 in support of Air Force senior leaders and Airmen across the service.

"Having served on the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board for many years, I've had the pleasure of working closely with the current and several former Air Force chief scientists," Endsley said. "I know this is a tremendous opportunity to help the Air Force excel in its goal of maintaining the critical technological edge that gives our Airmen a strategic advantage."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III emphasized the important role she'll play in continuing the Air Force's legacy of innovation.

"I'm pleased to have Dr. Endsley as a part of the Air Force team," he said. "She follows in the footsteps of many superb minds that have advanced our technological edge and provided much-needed capabilities to our Airmen."

To read more, visit [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

## NOAA Unmanned Aerial Systems

**MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.** – While the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Aircraft Operations Center is most often associated with Hurricane Hunters, many other important missions are also conducted from MacDill, especially with the new

## Roger that

**Senior Airman Matthew Crow, a 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief talks with pilots in a B-1 Lancer before it takes part in a Green Flag exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Green Flag-West is a realistic air-land integration combat training exercise involving the U.S. Air Force and its allies.**



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN DANIEL HUGHES

addition of Unmanned Aerial Systems.

"The arrival of Unmanned Aerial Systems marks a definite transition into the next generation of aviation platforms that are becoming available to the public and civil sectors," said Lt. Cmdr. Jason Mansour, AOC's UAS section chief.

The missions of the UAS include marine mammal surveys, sea bird surveys, marine debris and living marine resources.

While NOAA is in the early phases of conducting UAS operations, platforms such as Global Hawk,

PUMA All-Environment, Quadcopter and Hexacopter are being demonstrated and analyzed for their use in collecting environmental intelligence.

Masour explained that "NOAA is relatively new to the UAS spectrum; we are rapidly gaining experience assisting with our federal partners in understanding what the systems are capable of, and also obtaining a proficiency in using the technology appropriately. The opportunity to leverage the unique capabilities of the UAS is truly exciting."

To read more, visit [www.amc.af.mil](http://www.amc.af.mil).

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# On the Fly

## Leadership changes

**Col. Roger Johnson** is now the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex deputy maintenance commander.

Johnson was formerly

the 78th Mission Support Group commander.

Taking the reins as the commander of the 78th Mission Support Group is **Col. Chris Decker**.

Prior to taking command here, Decker was the 75th Mission Support Group deputy commander at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

### The Spring 2013 Community College of the Air Force

**Graduation** was conducted Monday in the Heritage Club Ballroom.

The following are the new graduates:

SSgt Alpiche Maria  
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SSgt Daniel Applebaum  
MSgt Marvin Atchley  
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SSgt Angela Battle  
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SSgt Shevron Edwards  
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MSgt Mae Estoy

TSgt Mercedes Fiveash  
TSgt Jeremy Fogleman  
\*A1C Alexandra Foley  
SSgt Matthew Ford  
SSgt Eric Garcia  
SMSgt Jesus Garcia  
TSgt Aridth Gibbon  
SMSgt James Going  
SMSgt Jude Halchak  
SSgt Brandon Harris  
CMSgt Jason Hawthorne  
TSgt Jesse Heckart  
SrA Chase Helderman  
SSgt Mary Frances Henderson  
SSgt Tanner Herring  
SSgt Jason Hershelman  
MSgt George Higgins  
MSgt Kelly Holland  
SSgt Kate Holley  
TSgt Christine Hoxie  
MSgt Brian Huber  
SSgt Troskey Jefferson  
A1C Latoya Johnson  
SSgt Omarie Joseph  
TSgt James Kaari  
MSgt Dong Kim  
TSgt Eric Kimball  
A1C Aliaksei Krasouski  
MSgt John Lane  
TSgt Jonathan Lenz  
MSgt Jonathan Lermann  
SSgt Natasha Lomax  
SSgt Jonathon Lopez  
SMSgt Raymond Luke  
TSgt Adam Lutterman  
SSgt Demetrice Lyles  
TSgt Jennifer Malzer  
MSgt Michael Mauldin  
SrA Ryan Maxey  
SrA Brooke Mccoy  
TSgt William McDonald  
TSgt Andrew Mckenzie  
SrA Tanika Merrett  
MSgt Richard Mesa  
SrA Robert Miller  
MSgt Aron Mitchell  
SSgt Matthew Nama  
MSgt Daniel Nichiporuk

SrA Zackery Noorlun  
SMSgt Herman Orr  
SSgt Chelsea Page  
SMSgt David Papizan  
MSgt Shanekqua Parker  
SrA Devin Patterson  
MSgt Jason Payne  
SMSgt James Perron  
SrA Sean Perry  
MSgt Latorsha Peters  
SrA Travis Porter  
A1C Burgundi Prince  
MSgt Michael Pruitt  
SrA Chase Renfroe  
MSgt Ross Retter  
TSgt Ronald Reyes  
SMSgt Louis Rigney  
SSgt Sarah Roach  
SSgt David Robarge  
MSGT Alexander Rodriguez  
SMSgt Cherie Rogers  
SMSgt Gina Rogers  
SrA Frank Rogers  
TSgt Jenny Sanchez  
SMSgt Natasha Sanders  
TSgt Sherman Momolu  
TSgt Michelle Shuttler  
TSgt Kristen Smith  
SrA Christopher Spain  
SrA David Stringer  
SrA Kimberly Stryker  
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The **Sharing Help and Assistance Resources for Everyone** event, scheduled Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be conducted at the Galleria Conference Center at the Galleria Mall in Centerville.

S.H.A.R.E is designed to inform families impacted by the furloughs and every Middle Georgian about help and assistance programs which can benefit them in a time of hardship.

Some of the onsite agencies which will be available include: banks, health providers, legal assistance, financial counseling and utility companies.

The following **leadership class is scheduled for June:**

►Carl Unholtz will present “Diversity” Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 123.

Please view the Robins Splash Page and click on Team Robins for any changes in class schedules.

### The Robins Equal Opportunity Office will conduct 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 also 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 the classes on Robins’ Intranet Homepage or by calling the EO office at 468-2131.

**This is a reminder about gate closures** which allow CE to safely perform maintenance on vehicle barriers.

Schedule: First Tuesday of the month – Russell Parkway Gate closed 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Second Tuesday of the month – Watson Boulevard Gate closed 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Third Tuesday of the month – Green Street Gate closed 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. **Note:** In case of inclement weather, work will occur on the following Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The **78th Medical Group will be performing school screenings and sports physicals** (ages 12 to 18) on July 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for enrolled beneficiary students.

In addition to sport physicals, school screenings will also be offered. To make the most of our available resources, appointments will be in hourly windows. Physicals will be conducted in the Family Health or Pediatrics Clinics. Children with special needs are recommended to be evaluated by their primary care provider.

To schedule an appointment for a sports physical, call the Central Appointments Line at 327-7850 or DSN 497-7850. Prior to your child’s sports physical appointment, fill out the “Pre-participation Physical Evaluation” form at the Medical Group’s webpage: <http://www.robins.af.mil/units/78thairbasewing/78thmedicalgroup/index.asp> or Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/78MDG>  
You may also find a copy of the Georgia Department of Human Resources Certificate of Ear, Eye and Dental Examinations for your child’s school. For all other sports physicals (e.g. Spring Sports), we ask that you request an appointment after Aug. 1 through your PCM. Fall sports begin Aug. 1.

**The following leave recipients have been approved** through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

*Sirena Mims* of DLA. Contact Dianne Brown at 468-3465.

*Shuntae Waller* of 78th MDSS. Contact Tammy Holland at 497-8390.

To have a Voluntary Leave Transfer Program recipient listed here, email Lanorris Askew at [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil).

**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.

**The 78th Security Forces Squadron Crime Prevention Program** is available to organizations for various unit events. To request additional information, call Staff Sgt. Santana Simpson at 472-199 or Staff Sgt. Michael Garza at 472-1980.

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## Money-saving tips to survive budget cuts

As the start of furlough days approaches, learning to live with a new budgeting system is something many are dealing with. The following tips are aimed at helping readers craft a new way of living to help them through the federal budget crunch.

### Start now and save automatically

Today, set up a savings allotment in MyPay so it automatically goes into a completely separate savings account. People often

live by the amount they see in their checking account and allow their savings account to build. If discipline is an issue, make it harder to retrieve – like using a separate bank.

### Modify spending behavior

Stop shopping. Determine items you really need and make a list before you go to the store. Stick strictly to the list, and if you do see an item you want, evaluate if it is something you truly need.

### Ask for discounts

Most people know our local community truly supports the base and many businesses provide military discounts. But please don't forget about senior discounts. The qualifying age in most stores is 55 and all you have to do is ask (and prove it).

**Editor's Note:** *These tips are provided by the Robins Airman & Family Readiness Center. See more helpful info at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil) under the furlough tab.*

## WE SUPPORT AFSO21

## 101 Critical Days of Summer

"The wear of portable headphones is prohibited while walking, jogging, running, bicycling, skating, or skateboarding on roadways due to the person not being able to hear things in their surroundings, such as vehicles or emergency signals or sirens," said Dave Decker, 78th Air Base Wing Ground Safety chief.

If you enjoy wearing headphones while exercising, consider alternatives, like using the outdoor fitness track or staying indoors on a treadmill.

The goal is to be aware of your surroundings and take away distractions which could harm you.



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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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call 468-0188.

#### ALC Golf Tournament

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Registration begins  
at 11 a.m. with a 1 p.m.  
shot-gun start  
Pine Oaks Golf Course  
Cost is \$45  
For more details, contact  
Sean.bojanowski@robins.  
af.mil.

#### Triathlon

Saturday  
7 to 10 a.m.  
Fitness Center  
For details,  
call Scott Peavy at  
468-2128.

#### Thunder Alley

Saturday  
9 to 11 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
\$10 for two hours of  
bowling with shoe rental.  
For details,  
call 468-2112.

#### Father's Day Special

Sunday  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Pizza Depot  
12" Pizza and  
2 drinks \$8.75  
For details,  
call 468-0188.

#### Father's Day Special

Sunday  
1 to 8 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
Treat Dad to a game of  
bowling. You pay regular  
price for a game and  
Dad's game is free.  
For details,  
call 468-2112.

#### 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.  
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call 468-1256.

#### Golf tips from the Pro

Tuesday  
5 to 6 p.m.  
Pine Oaks Golf Course  
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from the PGA head golf  
professional.  
For details,  
call 468-4103.

#### Right Start

Wednesday  
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
A&FRC, Bldg. 794  
Mandatory briefing to  
welcome new military  
members and their families  
to Robins.  
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.

#### Mug Night at the Heritage

Thursday  
3:30 to 9 p.m.

#### Heritage Lounge

Bring your own beer mug  
(20 oz or less)  
For details,  
call 472-7864.

#### UPCOMING

#### Beat the Heat Backwoods 10K

June 21  
7 to 8 a.m.  
Fitness Center  
For details,  
call 468-2128

#### Boss n Buddy

June 21  
4 to 5 p.m.  
Heritage Club Lounge  
Join us for fun, food,  
entertainment and prizes.  
For details,  
call 472-7864.

#### Mid-Year Bingo Blowout

June 21  
5 to 10 p.m.  
Heritage Club Bingo Room  
For details,  
call 926-0188.

#### Fit Factor

June 25  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021  
Ages 9 to 18  
For details,  
call 468-2110.

#### ONGOING

#### All-day Robins Lanes Summer Strike Force

Through Aug. 3  
Weekly prize drawings to  
include \$250 cash  
Grand prize is \$500.  
Visit the Bowling Center for  
a list of weekly prizes.

#### Quick Turn

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



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## Happy Birthday Pizza Depot

Nelia Lewis, Pizza Depot manager, cuts the birthday cake June 4 at Pizza Depot's birthday party. Pizza Depot celebrated its 25th anniversary at Heritage Club Ballroom with a full house. Various vendors, food samples and prizes were part of the celebration.



## SCREEN ON THE GREEN

COME ENJOY A MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

"MOVIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE"  
"ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT"

**When:** JUNE (every Saturday) at dusk (around 8:30pm)

**Where:** The field behind the housing office (BLDG 1898)

**Who:** Everyone with base access is invited

"parking is available at the elementary school across the street"  
"event is weather dependent"  
"Movies will play in clockwise order starting with Avatar"

Bring your friends and family out to the Robins "Screen on the Green," held every Saturday during the month of June, for a little relaxation under the stars! Whether laughing along with your favorite comedy or biting your nails during a new action movie you are guaranteed to have a good time. We hope to see you there!!!

ADMIT ONE



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# WATER QUALITY REPORT

## 2012

Robins Air Force Base Water System Permit No. 1530042

### ROBINS AFB DRINKING WATER PROGRAM

This Water Quality Report summarizes the quality of your drinking water during calendar year 2012. Robins Air Force Base (Robins AFB) met all safety and quality standards set by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the period of Jan 2012 to Nov 2012. However we had an administrative/procedural failure and did not submit samples for bacteriological analysis during the month of Dec 2012. Incorporated in this report you will find detailed information about these standards and our efforts to meet them.

This report also provides detailed accounts of the detected water monitoring and testing results gathered from January to December 2012 for the Robins AFB Public Water System. Included are details about where

your water originates, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. The purpose of this report is to advise consumers about drinking water quality and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. The report reflects the hard work and dedication of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, who operates and maintains the water distribution and treatment systems; the 78th Medical Group, who tests the drinking water for safety and quality; and the Environmental Management Branch, who oversees the program and ensures compliance with our Georgia withdrawal and operation permits.

To comply with the Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the 78th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight issues this annual report on drinking water monitoring results. For additional information about this report or to provide input regarding the Robins AFB public water system, contact the Robins AFB Public Affairs Office at 926-2137. The base organizations that manage the water system have an open door policy with our residents.

**COMPLAINTS REGARDING COLOR, TASTE, OR ODOR? PLEASE CALL THE CIVIL ENGINEER SERVICE DESK AT 926 - 5657**

### NOTES ABOUT CONTAMINANTS

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, naturally occurring radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in any source water BEFORE it is treated include:

- Microorganisms, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, and wildlife.
- Inorganic chemicals, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring, or result from storm water runoff or industrial sources.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water runoff, or residential uses.
- Organic chemicals, originating typically from industrial operations and storm water runoff.
- Radionuclides, which can naturally occur, or are the result of mining activities.

Most surface water contaminants never reach the drinking water supply. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the US EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Robins AFB is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>, or through the 78th Medical Group.

### TABLE DEFINITIONS

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ppm: parts per million

ppb: parts per billion

pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

N/A: not applicable

### OUR RAW WATER SOURCE

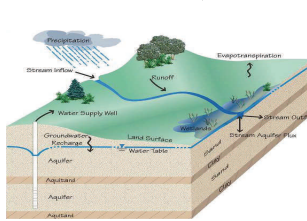
Our drinking water is drawn from the Blufftown Aquifer, one of the best groundwater sources in the State. This is a safe and reliable source that provides high-quality water that is free of micro-organisms, such as Giardia and Cryptosporidium that are sometimes found in rivers and lakes.

Rain water percolates down into the Blufftown Aquifer through layers of soil and sand, which act as natural cleansing filters to remove impurities. At Robins AFB, the drinking water aquifer is located over 300 feet below the ground surface and is separated from surface water by several thick clay layers. Robins AFB is permitted to withdraw water through the seven water supply wells located throughout the base, one of these is inactive. Public water systems are required to develop a Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) to identify potential sources of contamination and review the controls to mitigate any potential impact. Management strategies to control current and future potential contamination sources have been identified and implemented at Robins AFB. These controls are designated as adequate for the protection of our drinking water supply. Contact Public Affairs at 926-2137 if you have questions regarding the SWAP.

### REDUCED MONITORING APPROVED

The Source Water Assessment and Vulnerability Assessment show the Robins AFB water system's raw water is not in a high potential pollution risk status. As authorized by the EPD, our system has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year and have been tested over a long period of time showing no levels of concern. The reduced monitoring requirements, called waivers, have been issued to our drinking water system for the following inorganic compounds: arsenic, asbestos and cyanide, effective 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013. Additionally, our water system has a waiver for 31 synthetic organic compounds, effective 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2013. Please contact the Robins AFB Public Affairs Office at 926-2137 if you have questions about drinking water waivers or wish to receive a copy.

### OUR TREATMENT SYSTEM



A variety of techniques are used to treat your tap water, including disinfection by chlorination as well as fluoridation to protect children's teeth. The water also goes through a softening process by adding a corrosion inhibitor and soda ash.

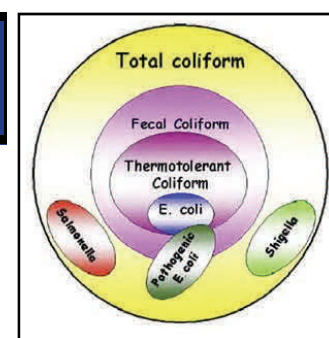
The water treatment operation is staffed daily by highly trained, state licensed water treatment plant operators. Our water system has storage capacity of over 2 million gallons, a pumping capacity of 10.4 million gallons per day and uses advanced technology to monitor and control drinking water distribution 24 hours/day. During 2012, nearly 570 million gallons of water was distributed to Robins AFB consumers. Our operations staff work diligently 365 days per year to ensure our water is safe, available, and is meeting standards set by State and Federal agencies.

### IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA / CDC (Environmental Protection Agency / Centers for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS REPORT, OR ANY OTHER ASPECTS OF ROBINS AFB FACILITIES OR OPERATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT 1LT EDUARDO ARTIGA, 78 MDG/SGPB AT 327-7555.**

### Additional Information About Total Coliforms



Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Fecal coliform and *E. coli* are bacteria whose presence indicates that water may be contaminated by human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches,

or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

In addition to the required monthly total coliforms sampling, the Bioenvironmental Flight conducts in-house total coliform monitoring at 15 locations, analyzing over 300 samples per year to ensure the water is safe.

Total coliform monitoring was conducted from Jan 2012 to Nov 2012. Samples were not collected in Dec 2012 due to a procedural failure. On 27 March 2013, Robins AFB received a Notice of Violation from GA EPD for failure to provide water samples for total coliform analysis. While health effects are unknown during Dec 2012, other parameters did not indicate a problem. Corrective actions include adjusting the sampling to occur during the first week of each month; and an increased level of oversight for sampling activities.

## WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE

Contaminant	Max Allowed (MCL)	Goal (MCLG)	RAFB Water System Highest Detected	Range of Detection	Year Sampled	Violation Y/N	Possible Source of Contamination
Total Coliform (number of positive sample results)	1 <sup>a</sup>	0	0 <sup>a</sup>	0	2012	Y <sup>b</sup>	Naturally present
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.83 <sup>c</sup>	0.70-1.10	2012	N	Natural/Additive
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.66	0-0.66	2012	N	Erosion / Runoff from fertilizer use
Nitrite (ppm)	1	1	0.66	0-0.66	2012	N	
Copper, at tap (ppb)	AL = 1300	AL = 1300	330 <sup>d</sup>	0-330	2010	N	Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of plumbing systems
Lead, at tap (ppb)	AL = 15	0	2.5 <sup>d</sup>	0-2.5	2010	N	
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	1.5 <sup>e</sup>	0-1.5	2012	N	By-product of disinfection
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	0.88 <sup>c</sup>	0.70-1.00	2012	N	Water additive

a. The MCL for total coliform bacteria is based on the presence or absence of total coliforms in a sample.

b. No MCL was exceeded but a violation occurred due to a failure to collect a required sample.

c. Reported the annual average of monthly fluoride/chlorine results.

d. These samples represent the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for the Robins Air Force Base water system.

e. Only one sample was taken in 2012, Total Trihalomethanes sampling before 2012 was at levels below detectable.