

# Budget uncertainties force AFMC to eliminate flu shots for some civilian employees

BY MICHELLE MARTZ

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**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** – As command officials make tough budget decisions with fewer dollars to spend, Air Force Materiel Command civilian employees who are not beneficiaries of the TRICARE health program will no longer receive Air Force Materiel Command-provided flu shots in

advance of the upcoming flu season.

Civilian health is a top priority in AFMC. However, vaccine purchases had to be made early in 2013, when this year's budget numbers were less certain. Analysis determined that less than 20 percent of the civilian population used the AFMC-provided flu vaccine program and officials elected to instead fund AFMC's more comprehensive civilian programs, the Employee Assistance Program and Civilian Health Promotion Services. CHPS

is designed to provide wellness educators and screening programs that improve the overall health of the civilian workforce. CHPS offers health education classes, cardiac risk profile screenings and an online employee health management tool at afmcwellness.com.

"In the past, AFMC has offered both the flu vaccine and wellness programs because civilian health

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## A Moment in Time

The National Defense Establishment, now known as the Department of Defense, opened for business on Sept. 17, 1947, when James Forrestal was sworn in as the first Secretary of Defense.

The following day, the Air Force became a separate service within the DOD and former Missouri Senator W. Stuart Symington was sworn in as the first Secretary of the Air Force.

## NEWS

### YOU CAN USE

#### Changes to gate hours of operation begin Oct. 1

Security requirements have warranted a slight change in gate service hours.

For planning purposes, weekday hours at the following gates will be reduced beginning Oct. 1:

► Gate 4  
Truck/Commercial – search hours will be 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

► Inbound Gate 5 (Martin Luther King Jr. gate) hours will be 6 to 8 a.m. (peak inbound usage hours only).

► Outbound Gate 5 (Martin Luther King Jr. gate) will remain open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Traffic studies indicate the reduction in hours at these gates will have minimum impact to the installation.

Inbound traffic at Gate 5 drops off considerably after 8 a.m. and truck traffic at Gate 4 is minimal from 5 to 6 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

For non-standard operations, Security Forces maintains the ability to respond to Gate 4 for truck traffic during off hours - no change.

Security Forces will continue to provide the appropriate level of security and support in the midst of constrained resources and manpower.

Motorists are asked to be patient as the installation transitions to the new service hours.

– Courtesy 78th Security Forces Squadron

#### Road closures

► Construction to replace the steam lines between Bldgs. 10241 and 949 continues. The parking lots and street are now open; however, due to settling, 10th Street will have to be closed again to make necessary repairs to the asphalt patch.

The road between Robins Parkway and Page Road will close at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and will reopen Sept. 30. Updates will be provided as required.

► The northbound lane of Robins Parkway near Bldg. 321, will close Sept. 28 at 7:30 a.m.

The closure is to repair a water main leak and replace two fire hydrants. The road is scheduled to reopen at 5 p.m. Oct. 11.

The southbound lane will be used for both directions of traffic during construction (one lane for northbound traffic and one lane for southbound traffic).

## Next phase to start Oct. 1



U.S. Air Force graphic STAFF SGT. JERRY FLESHMAN

BY 78TH COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORATE

Robins Air Force Base completed the first phase of migration into the Air Force Network, or AFNet, on Sept. 13.

The migration included all workstations, user email accounts, organizational mail boxes and blackberry devices.

The next phase will be server migration and legacy domain shutdown, which is scheduled to begin Oct. 1.

Since May, the 78th Communications Directorate has been coordinating with the Air Force Network Integration Center's Server Migration Team, Legacy Shutdown Team, local base system owners and functional system administrators to identify and prepare the legacy environment for the upcoming server migration.

During server migration, the team will make every effort to minimize downtime. However, users should prepare for occasional service interruptions.



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

F-15E Strike Eagle crew chiefs from the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson, N.C., position their jet next to an E-8 Joint STARS at Robins Air Force Base, June 10, 2012. The 4th Fighter Wing was at Robins to participate in exercise Iron Dagger 2012 with Team JSTARS.

## Freedom from attack, Freedom to attack

From the Pacific island-hopping campaign of World War II to the success of coalition forces in Operations Odyssey Dawn and Unified Protector (Libya) in 2011 and through today, air superiority has been and remains an essential precondition to successful military operations.

Force core missions, as well as the capabilities of our sister services, are available to combatant commanders. It includes the ability to control the air so that military forces don't have to worry about being attacked from the air, while ensuring that joint forces have the freedom to attack in the air, on the

ground, and at sea.

Air superiority has provided the nation with a decades-long asymmetric advantage.

Joint force and coalition commanders have come to expect the mission-essential air superiority that more than 115,000 of America's Airmen deliver daily.

The Air Force has given them ample reason – not since April 15, 1953, has an enemy combat aircraft killed a servicemember in the American ground forces. This degree of control has not only allowed Airmen to accomplish their missions, but has allowed all American forces the freedom to operate without the threat of attack from enemy aircraft.

Whether friendly naval

forces are helping secure vital sea lines of communication and transit, amphibious forces are conducting over-the-beach landings, special operations

forces are executing counter-terrorism missions, or ground forces are engaged in maneuvers, these operations depend on Airmen to provide mission-essential air superiority.

Without it, the nation's military would have to radically change the way it fights, which would likely occur at the price of more lives lost.

America's freedom to operate effectively across the spectrum of conflict rests not only on the Air Force's ability to dominate in the air, but also

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## Base digs wells to treat groundwater

BY JENNY GORDON

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There are various drilling projects on base occurring along an eastern route from Bldg. 640 along Ninth St.

"The purpose of the drilling is to install wells that will treat groundwater contamination that is in the area," explained Fred Otto with the base's Environmental Restoration Group.

The contamination originated near Bldg. 645 many years ago from an old underground storage tank which leaked. The tank has since been removed.

It's important to clarify that the contamination being treated is confined to shallow groundwater and did not reach any base drinking water sources.

Drilling is only occurring to treat any

contaminants at 40 to 70 feet deep. Drinking water is extracted from an aquifer several hundred feet deep.

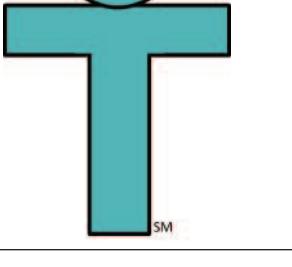
"There are also hundreds of monitoring wells across the base that are checked to ensure drinking water is not impacted," he said.

Basically, the wells are used to inject a vegetable oil mix into the soil and groundwater. It will feed the existing bacteria that will break down chemicals in the contaminated water. The process is known as reductive de-chlorination (feeding microbes to break down contaminants).

Working in coordination with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, the cleanup process will take several years. The prime contractor is Cape Environmental Management Inc., with subcontractor CH2M Hill.



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA  
Contractors install wells to treat groundwater contamination along Ninth Street. Only shallow groundwater was affected by the contamination which did not reach any base drinking water sources.



# Page Two

U.S. Air Force photo by

TOMMIE HORTON

Nancy Donnelly Ivy, Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation Policy Division chief; and Kevin Pendegast, AFSAC Financial Management Division deputy chief from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; speak to an audience of more than 400 members of the foreign military sales community during an FMS All Call Sept. 11 at the Museum of Aviation.



## FMS community at Robins gathers

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Foreign military sales play a vital role inside the business machine of Robins Air Force Base – at \$36.4 billion to be exact.

The community came together during an FMS All Call Sept. 11 at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar, and was attended by nearly 400 FMS personnel.

Nancy Donnelly Ivy, Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation Policy Division chief, and Kevin Pendegast, AFSAC Financial Management Division deputy chief from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, also attended.

AFSAC's former satellite office at Robins – now the Mission Support Office – includes a team of 11 people who focus on foreign military sales efforts, Foreign Disclosure of Data and Information and Foreign Liaison Officer support responsibilities.

"By any measure, the 2013 FMS All Call held at Robins was a successful event," said Carolyn Middleton, MSO chief. "It provided a venue for Air Force FMS enterprise per-

sonnel, foreign or U.S. government, without regard for program or weapon system, to come together under one roof for the purposes of exchanging information, addressing common issues, and discussing the significance of relationship building with our foreign partner nations."

The All Call included discussion on training opportunities, updates, state of the FMS enterprise and the FMS customer perspective.

Maj. Martine Du'Mont, Canada's foreign liaison officer at Robins, represents one of six countries in the FLO office. The others include Australia, Israel, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Saudi Arabia.

FLO's assist with supply requisitions and problem solving, financial investigations and reviews, repair processes and weapon system management on behalf of their country.

An engineer by trade, Du'Mont's role includes direct, on-site contact between Robins and Canada in support of C-130H Hercules work.

"While technology is wonderful, there's nothing like face-to-face interac-

tion," said Du'Mont, a 26-year veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force. "For example, if we have problems finding parts or repair schemes we've never had to implement, the program office in Canada will come to me, and I in turn will go through my network at Robins to discuss."

"For us it's extremely important, as we're a small Air Force," she added. "We work under budget constraints as well, so it's nice to have an additional resource we can tap into for support. This particular FMS program has saved us from having to put aircraft on the ground for a long time. It gives us a boost in our operational capabilities."

Robins is fortunate to have FMS interactions with more than 80 foreign partner nations. For example, the C-17 Combined Program Office here works with representatives from Qatar, Great Britain, Saudi Arabia and Strategic Airlift Capability, a consortium of NATO countries who work together to acquire, manage and support C-17s. These types of relationships are only expected to grow in the future.

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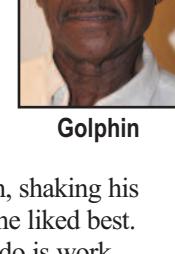
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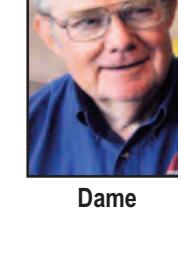


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Dame



Like Golphin, he has no immediate plans to retire, enjoying the daily commute as a faithful member of Team Robins.

Both men shared the sentiment they already do some of the things they enjoy, and don't have to be retired to do it.

"I love working for the Department of Defense, and being involved in the defense of our country. We can help keep our country strong, and our citizens can sleep better at night knowing we have a strong and capable defense system."

Dame began working at Robins in 1951 as a file clerk. His pay then was \$2,450 a year. He worked a year, then joined the Air Force, returning to Robins in 1956, working here ever since.

"I have truly enjoyed being part of Team Robins," he said.

## ALL in a Day's WORK

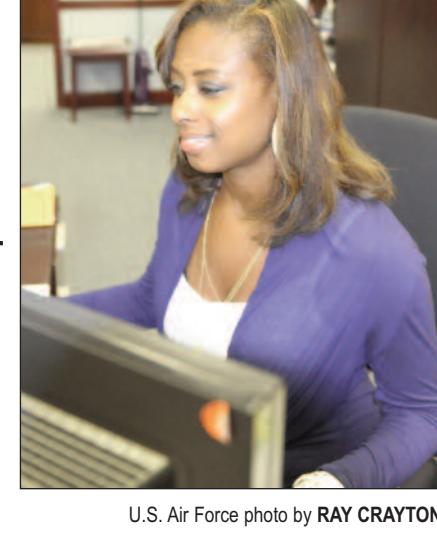
Name: Chante Sinclair

Work title: Executive Support Specialist

Unit: 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group

Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.

Number of years in federal service: 8



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

who have a combined 59 years of federal years of service with the Air Force. They're my constant example of progressive and hard-working people."

### What does your work involve at

**Robins?** "I troubleshoot delays and any work stoppage on projects, plans, procedures or processes for the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group leadership."

### What do you enjoy most about your work?

"Establishing and maintaining working relationships with departments that work together to support the warfighter."

### How does your work contribute to the Robins mission?

"Our office strives to oversee prompt delivery, superior performance, and minimizing costs all while being safe."

### Who has been the biggest influence in your life?

"My parents, Janet and Billy,

### What is an accomplishment you are most proud of?

"I was awarded the Notable Achievement award for constructing numerous Air Force Smart Operations exercises for diverse audiences that request assistance with exposing wasteful practices."

The Integrated Delivery System team at Robins is conducting a "Hunt the Good Stuff" campaign throughout September.

Based on one of the many skill sets being taught in the new Comprehensive Airman Fitness program, the cam-

paign's goal is to cultivate gratitude, and to build optimism and positive thinking.

Hunting the good stuff is finding things we are thankful for each day, and encouraging everyone to focus on the positive side of life.

## What are you thankful for?

"I'm thankful for my health and the ability to exercise to relieve stress."

— Patrick Nguyen, 402nd Maintenance Group Electronic Engineer,

## Longevity: No plans to retire for longtime Robins employees

BY JENNY GORDON

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When Jewel Golphin began as a laborer at Robins in 1955, his pay was \$1.09 an hour.

Fast forward to September 2013, and the nearly 81-year-old declared he still enjoys coming to work each morning. It's crucial, the Montgomery, Ala., native said.

"Working is good for you," said Golphin, who's worked in the 78th Civil Engineer Group the last 35 years as a roofer. "I've always been pretty good with my hands."

"Back in the day, you had to do it all," he said, referring to growing up in a family of 12 brothers and sisters.

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ice, holding several positions. Laborer. Light vehicle operator. Forklift operator. Power saw operator.

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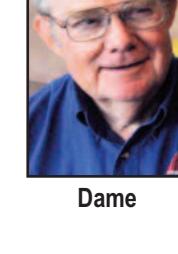
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# THE AIR



# FORCE

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE

### Acting SecAF talks future of special ops

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. (AFNS) — Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning spoke with more than 500 Air Commandos about the future of special operations at an all-call during his two-day visit Sept. 9 and 10.

The visit – his first to the base – was part of his familiarization with different Air Force missions since assuming office June 21.

"There is nothing like getting out and seeing Airmen," Fanning said. "The Air Force is everywhere and in a lot of places people can't see, not just supporting, but at the tip of the spear. It's the one service without which the other services couldn't do what they do."

Fanning said he believes special operations will play an increasing role in the future.

"We talk about the pivot to the Pacific as we continue to send more and more forces into places like Africa, the Middle East and remote locations," he said. "I think there is a fatigue for large-scale ground engagements, which is going to take us a while to recover from. So, we're going to need to rely on methods like special operations."

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

### KC-46 critical design review officially closed

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force officially closed the KC-46 Weapon System Critical Design Review on Aug. 21, one month ahead of the Sept. 24 contractual date.

This formal closure of the July Weapon System Design Review represents the culmination of more than 10 months of component and sub-system design reviews, resolution of all resulting action items and completion of all CDR criteria established in the Air Force's contract with Boeing.

Closure of CDR formally establishes the KC-46 design and now allows the program to progress into its manufacturing and development test phases.

The KC-46 is based on the Boeing 767-200ER commercial aircraft. Design review activities blended best practices of commercial and Department of Defense frameworks, leading to overall improvements.

Boeing will now proceed with integration, verification, and production of four engineering and manufacturing development aircraft to support flight testing, scheduled to begin in mid-2014. The first fully equipped KC-46 tanker is projected to fly in early 2015.

"This build and test phase is another critical step toward meeting the KC-46 contractual Required Assets Available date – a milestone requiring 18 KC-46 aircraft and all necessary support to be on the ramp, ready to support warfighter needs by the



U.S. Air Force photo by SAMUEL KING JR.

### Heavy load

Master Sgt. Karen Griffin, with the 33rd Maintenance Group at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., directs weapons into position on an F-35A Lightning II. This marked the first time Airmen have done the task on the new joint strike fighter at Eglin. The procedures will be taught to maintenance students in the future.

August 2017 timeframe," said Maj. Gen. John Thompson, Air Force program executive officer for tankers. "To succeed will require the focused efforts from all members of the team."

The Air Force contracted with Boeing in February 2011 to acquire 179 KC-46 refueling tankers to begin recapitalizing the more than 50-year old KC-135 fleet. Production will ramp up to deliver 179 tankers by 2028.

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

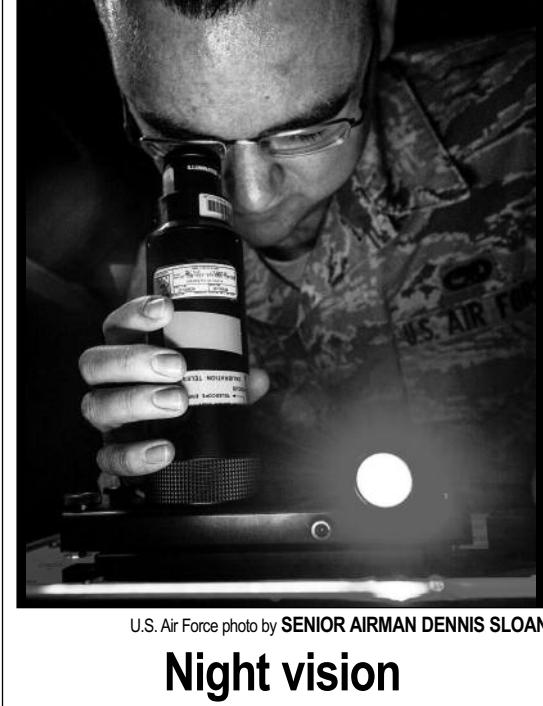
### Academy again ranks among best U.S. colleges

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AFNS) — The U.S. Air Force Academy is one of the best educational institutions in the nation in several undergraduate academic categories, said the U.S. News & World Report 2014 Best Colleges report released Sept. 10.

The Air Force's Academy has the fourth best undergraduate engineering program in the nation, tying with the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering in Needham, Mass., and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

"This list shows the Academy's breadth and depth of talent," said Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson. "Our faculty, staff and cadets are doing great things here as we strive to produce lieutenants for our nation. I'm very proud of our team – this list is yet another indication of the quality of our institution, our Air Force and all the Academy has to offer."

The Academy made several appearances on the list, including its second-place listing in aerospace, aeronautical and astronautical engineering for the 13th-consecutive year, and taking second place in electrical, electronic and communications engineering just behind the Rose Hulman Institute of



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN DENNIS SLOAN

### Night vision

Senior Airman Nicholas Macdonald, a precision measurement equipment laboratory calibration technician assigned to the 20th Component Maintenance Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., performs a night-vision goggle inspection at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. while his base's equipment was undergoing maintenance.

Technology.

The U.S. Military Academy ranked sixth in this category and the Naval Academy tied San Jose State for the eighth spot.

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

## Acting SecAF highlights innovation in 'State of the Force' address



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS AARON STOUT

Acting Air Force Secretary Eric Fanning speaks on the State of the Force at Air Force Association's 2013 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition Monday, in Washington, D.C. Fanning spoke on past triumphs that have made the Air Force the dominant force it is and what is needed for the Air Force to remain dominant.

BY TECH. SGT. TAMMIE MOORE

Air Force Public Affairs Agency

WASHINGTON — Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning touted innovation as the fabric of the service's past and future during his keynote address at the Air Force Association's 2013 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition here today.

The secretary delivered remarks at the start of the three-day conference, which features topics ranging from F-35 Lightning II and KC-46 Tanker programs, cyber, sequestration, strategic guidance and the future of defense structure.

"Airmen characteristically view our security challenges differently – globally and without boundaries," Fanning said. "Our successes are based on Airmen adapting, innovating and pioneering new solutions. If we make the right choices today building on the innovation we will be the dominant service in the foreseeable

able future."

Fanning also praised the talent he saw touring 23 Air Force bases and meeting with more than 10,000 Airmen during his tenure.

"I've learned that our Airmen are really, really smart," the secretary said. "They continually impress me with how skilled they are, how smart they are, and how proud they are of what they do."

These travels and visits, Fanning said, led him to realize the seen and unseen presence of the Air Force.

"The Navy has ships that are an obvious form of forward presence ... the Army and Marines have boots on the ground ... that is digestible and visible to the American public," Fanning said. "The Air Force is everywhere in a lot of places that the public does not see, (with) a more complicated story to tell."

But sharing the Air Force story, the secretary explained, is more than just communicating core missions.

Other services rely on the Air Force for logistics, space and

combat support, which will in turn increase reliance on attributes the service already has: speed, range, flexibility, innovation, precision and resilience.

"As I look at the strategic environment, I see a future where the speed of information sharing increases exponentially, and the global community becomes more international and interconnected."

"As resources grow ever more scarce, the Air Force must capitalize on a future with an increasing airpower bias, Fanning added. "We have to talk about the end kinetic effect of all the Air Force brings to the fight."

Specifically, Fanning assured, the Air Force provides long-range tailored and persistent options around the globe to meet strategic needs and has done so for the last 66 years.

"We call this global vigilance, global reach and global power," he said. "If you hide we will find you, if you move we will follow you and if you deserve it we will punish you – we do this anywhere in the world."

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# On the Fly

## Lodging rates increase Oct. 1

Air Force lodging rates will go up beginning Oct. 1, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials.

The fiscal 2014 lodging rates are within per diem levels for all locations and incorporate a change in fund source, from appropriated funds to non-appropriated funds, for most operational expenses, except visiting quarters construction; sustainment, restoration and modernization; facility maintenance and repair; utilities, grounds maintenance and common support.

Last year lodging rates were adjusted for centralized recapitalization efforts, however during fiscal 2013 AFPC

financial management refined some of the factors driving an overall fiscal 2014 decrease to large TLF and DV rates.

Effective Oct. 1 Robins' lodging rates for fiscal 2014 are as follows:

- Visiting Quarters (VQs) \$65
- Temporary Lodging Facilities (TLFs) \$60.50
- Distinguished VOQ/VQ \$58.75
- Distinguished Large Distinguished VOQs \$61.50

For more information, call Ron Jones, Lodging general manager at DSN 468-2100 Ext. 4901.

## Tax savings traveling in 11 states

Travelers on temporary duty can take advantage of tax savings while conducting business across 11 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Military members and government employees on official travel can be exempted from paying state taxes while using hotel lodging.

That includes lodging sales tax exemption for those on TDY and PCS travel paid using the Government Travel Card.

Some states require a form – that includes Puerto Rico and six states: Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin.

The U.S. Virgin Islands and five states do not require special forms.

They include, Alaska, Delaware, Kansas, Missouri and Oregon.

To learn more, visit the GSA SmartPay website at <https://smartpay.gsa.gov/about-gsa-smartpay/tax-information/state>

response-letter before travelling to take advantage of these tax savings, and to obtain a tax exemption form if applicable.

Travelers should also check with their hotel to verify state tax law compliance.

This effort is part of the Air Force's "Every Dollar Counts" cost-savings campaign.

Members pay about \$4.5 million in lodging taxes needlessly in these locations each year.

## Hispanic Heritage Observance events



The guest speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. Imelda Johnson, Air Force Reserve Command Enlisted Force

Development chief. The banquet will include a semi formal dinner, Latin music and dancing.

For tickets, contact Tech. Sgt. Lizeth Martinez at 497-1777 or [lizeth.martinez@us.af.mil](mailto:lizeth.martinez@us.af.mil); or Lorenzo Davila at 472-1293 or [lorenzo.davila@robins.af.mil](mailto:lorenzo.davila@robins.af.mil)



U.S. Air Force photo by BOB DUBIEL

Mary MacPherson, the granddaughter of Brig. Gen. Robert Ignico, Robins Air Force Base commander from December 1945 to June 1952, shows Dr. William Head, base historian, one of the photos chronicling her grandfather's career at Robins. She recently donated her historical collection to the installation.

## Base commander's historical collection donated to Robins

Mary MacPherson, the granddaughter of Brig. Gen. Robert Ignico, Robins Air Force Base commander from December 1945 to June 1952, has donated a large trove of memorabilia from her grandfather's military service to the base History Office.

The collection included military documents, personal letters, photographs and albums, news clippings and other personal papers from Ignico's 35-year military career.

She and her husband, Douglas, who live in Fairfax, Va., visited the base and the Museum of Aviation Sept. 10 to present the artifacts to Dr. William Head, base historian.

— Courtesy Museum of Aviation

Ignico was the longest serving commander in the base's history. During his command it was known as the Warner Robins Air Technical Services Command until 1946, and then Warner Robins Air Materiel Area until he retired in 1952. Ignico served from 1917 to 1952 and was involved with Gen. Billy Mitchell's famous demonstration series of airplane versus battleship tests from 1921 to 1923, when his Martin MB-2 bombers proved the vulnerability of warships to air attack by sinking the captured German battleship Ostfriesland. Ignico Drive in Warner Robins was named after him.

**FROM THE**

# COMMAND DOWN

**Personnel news**

## Level I and II acquisition certification now automated

BY LINDA MOORE  
& TIM FREY

Air Force Materiel Command Manpower, Personnel and Services

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** — As of August 2013 the acquisition certification system will review personnel records daily to determine if an individual meets Level I or II acquisition certification standards. If a personnel record shows that an individual meets all required standards, he or she will automatically be granted certification without having to request it.

For now, Level III certifications still require an individual to go through the current process of applying, getting a supervisor recommendation, and then having an Acquisition Professional Development Program manager review and approve.

Upon certification, an individual will receive an e-mail notification. He or she can then log into ACQ Now for APDP Certification and print a certificate. Career fields in which the certification is sent to the supervisor to be presented will continue this process. For those in career fields that have chosen not to present certifications, individuals will be able to log into ACQ Now for APDP and print a certificate.

Please note that it takes approximately four to six weeks for earned certifications to be pushed into the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System or the Military Personnel Data System and reflect on an Acquisition Career Management System record.

It is important to understand that



an automated certification will only be received if a personnel record shows an individual meets all standards. Because of this, it is imperative for individuals to take ownership of their personnel records to ensure accuracy. Acquisition records can be reviewed via AFPC secure in the ACMS application. Individuals are also encouraged to use the certification tool to do a periodic check of any outstanding requirements needed for certification. The tool allows individuals to scrub records against the certification standards of any acquisition functional area, and will alert the individual of any outstanding education, experience and training requirements.

Problems with acquisition records, such as missing training classes, acquisition experience or education, or additional information, should be worked through the individual's supervisor and an APDP representative.

A list of available APDP representatives can be found via the Air Force Portal and within the 'Acquisition' functional area. From there, click on 'Career/APDP' and then on 'Career Points of Contact.'

## Weapon system sustainment gains highlight results of command's 5-center construct

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS  
ALEXANDER RIEDEL

Air Force News Service

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** — Improved sustainment of service weapon systems tops the list of command accomplishments after a year-long reorganization effort, the Air Force Materiel Command's top general said here Sept. 16.

Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger addressed her command's mission of regaining acquisition excellence in a time of fiscal constraint at the Air Force Association's 2013 Air & Space Conference & Technology Exposition.

"Our mission, as we have embraced it, is to equip the Air Force for world-dominant air power," Wolfenbarger said. "In essence we are responsible for providing combat capabilities to the warfighter and that is an awesome responsibility the men and women of Air Force Materiel Command execute on a daily basis."

Representing 83,000 military and civilian service members in her command, Wolfenbarger outlined the progress of an ongoing restructure effort of AFMC's operations and procedures.

By reducing 12 centers to five, aligned around the primary mission areas of science and technology, life cycle management, developmental test and evaluation, and sustainment, command leaders have improved AFMC processes, Wolfenbarger said.

"(We have) done a lot of work to launch us on a path that leverages a reorganization that is historic in nature," Wolfenbarger said. "What I'm most excited about in this reorganized Air Force Materiel Command is not how much more efficient we've gotten, but how much more effective we've become."



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS NESHA HUMES

**Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, Air Force Materiel Command commander, speaks about sustaining the force at the 2013 Air Force Association's 2013 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition Monday, in Washington, D.C.**

The command's five centers are the Air Force Research Laboratory and the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, both headquartered at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; the Air Force Test Center, headquartered at Edwards AFB, Calif.; the Air Force Sustainment Center, headquartered at Tinker AFB, Okla.; and the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, headquartered at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

Part of the new organization's success, Wolfenbarger said, is the implementation of integrated life-cycle management — reducing "seams" in the organization through standardization and streamlining of processes.

**Editor's note:** To read the full story, visit <http://www.af.mil>

## Leadership Macon tours Robins



U.S. Air Force photos by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

Senior Master Sgt. John Bell, 116th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight chief, offers the chance for James Freeman, a self-employed attorney from Macon, to try on a bomb disposal suit worn by EOD personnel during a tour by Leadership Macon to Robins Air Force Base, Sept. 10. Bell briefed the group on the mission of the EOD flight and how the work they do helps protect military and civilian personnel both at home and abroad. In addition, Bell provided hands-on demonstrations of some of the tools they use to perform their job.

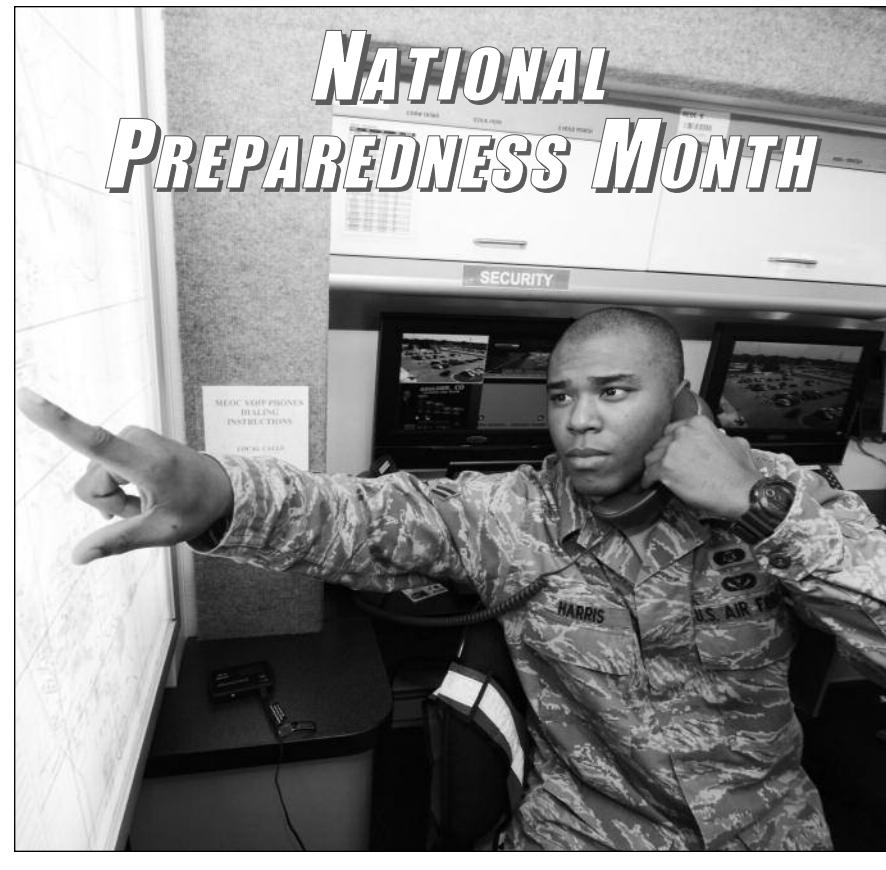


Above left, Bell places a protective helmet on Amber Jones, an anchor and reporter for Fox 24 News during the tour.



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Above right, Chris Jackson, with Western Mutual, gets a look at a toy plane used as a tool to demonstrate how supply management works at Robins during a tour of the 638th Supply Chain Management Group here.



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Above top, Airman 1st Class Aaron Harris pinpoints an incident scene from aboard Robins' Mobile Emergency Operations Center on display for National Preparedness Month at the base commissary Friday. From the mobile unit, emergency managers are able to relay incident data to other emergency responders.

Bottom, The 39-foot Mobile Emergency Operations Center vehicle is custom-built for Robins. It's used for management of major accidents or other emergencies requiring on-site command. The MEOC has its own power supply and is designed to be self-sustaining for up to four days. It also has six work stations with computers and internet links, along with cellular and radio communications.

## AIRPOWER

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on its ability to exploit space. Every day, more than 15,000 Airmen play a role in ensuring space superiority. As the Nation's space force, the Air Force provides critical capabilities that enhance the military's ability to navigate accurately, see clearly, communicate securely and strike precisely.

Joint, interagency, and coalition forces depend on Air Force space operations to perform their missions every day, on every continent – in the air, on the land and at sea.

In a dangerous and uncertain future, the ability to access and exploit space, even when others try to deny us, will be vital to our nation's security.

Although air and space superiority underwrite the freedom of action required for all joint military operations, there is no guarantee of it in the future.

In coming years, our nation's ability to gain and maintain superiority in all operating domains will become progressively more difficult as sophisticated technologies continue to proliferate.

In contested environments, our air superiority

future depends on modern technology and fifth-generation fighter capability.

Another key to maintaining air and space superiority is ready and trained Airmen who are properly equipped for their mission.

When called upon, those Airmen must possess a well-honed combat edge so they're ready to prevail even against the most advanced opponents.

We will couple emerging technologies with smart Airmen to devise new and effective combinations to preserve our first look, first shot, first kill capability.

We must also look for opportunities in air, space and cyber to collaborate with industry and our international partners as a way to maintain the edge our nation requires of its Air Force and as a part of the joint warfighting team.

**Editor's note:** This is the fourth entry of a nine-part series from Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Mark Welsh's office.



## Counselor Connection

### Lessons learned from EEO

BY ROBINS OFFICE  
OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

A U.S. Postal Service distribution clerk alleged the agency subjected him to discrimination based on disability and reprisal for prior protected equal employment opportunity activity when he was discharged and denied reasonable accommodation.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Council found the agency didn't subject him to discrimination.

The clerk worked under medical restrictions due to gout and heart disease, and the agency accommodated his restrictions.

He suffered a work-related injury and was released to return to work with a new restriction barring him from using his right hand. He applied for a new position and the agency requested medical documentation showing he could perform the duties of the position. The medical form didn't indicate when he would be able to perform full work duties, but the agency awarded him the position. The manager sent him home because the medical documentation was incomplete. The EEOC found that the agency did not deny the clerk an accommodation.

The agency was aware of the clerk's claimed disability because it was accommodating him. The EEOC noted that agencies are permitted to request periodic medical updates since medical conditions can change. Also, the clerk incurred a work injury and had been offered a new position, so the agency was entitled to request updated medical information regarding his limitations and how they affected his new position. The agency

was entitled to seek information regarding how long his limitations were expected to last. The EEOC said when an employee fails to provide reasonable requested documentation, the employee is not entitled to a reasonable accommodation.

The EEOC also found that the clerk failed to identify any reasonable accommodation he requested that the agency failed to provide. The clerk said he resigned because he exhausted his paid leave balance and could not afford to remain unpaid. He resigned in order to access his retirement funds. Even though he did not explicitly request leave as a reasonable accommodation, the agency did not deny him leave. The agency was not obligated to provide additional paid leave once his leave ran out.

The EEOC found the clerk failed to establish a constructive discharge because he did not show that the agency engaged in discriminatory conduct that became so intolerable he had no choice but to resign.

#### Ruling

The USPS didn't subject the clerk to discrimination based on disability or reprisal when it denied him a reasonable accommodation and he resigned.

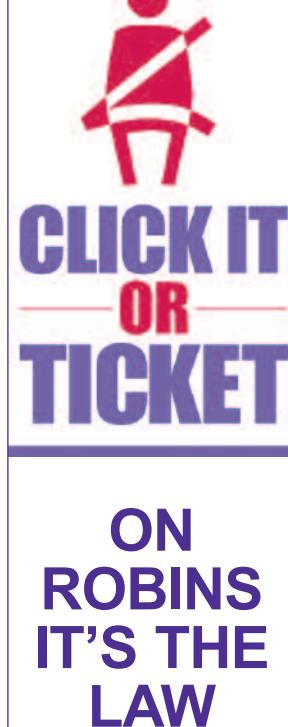
#### What it means

When an employee fails to provide reasonable medical documentation requested by the agency about how long his restrictions are expected to last, the employee is not entitled to a reasonable accommodation.

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**706 Ninth Street**  
**Bldg. 936**  
**Robins AFB GA. 31098**  
**926-2131**  
**DSN: 468-2131**

## Congrats Staff Sgt. promotes

Daniel Abercrombie	John Earl	Letina Jones	John Perkins
Jarod Alcaraz	Aaron Eastin	Ardella Kelly	Timothy Reuwer
Edgar Alvarez	Abraham Eddy	Brandon Laflin	Michael Richardson
Vanessa Barron	Trisha Eddy	Jacee Lawary	Erick Ringo
James Bates Jr.	Alex Eldridge	Michael Lindsay	Stephanie Robinson
Jordan Battles	Jamarius Evans	Paige Long	Jairo Rodriguez
Ronald Bauer	Tiffany Ferguson	Reginald Manley	Neilani Royal
Benjamin Belanger	Alexandra Foley	Jonathon Manzullo	Katrina Saunders
Joshua Bier	Anwar Ford	David Mayfield	Joshua Schoenhoff
Robert Bower	Charles Gaalema	Colin McClintock	Dyeashia Scott
Elliott Brighton	Christopher Garza	Lindsey McCoy	Marcus Sharpe
Benjamin Bryant	Jason Gebo	Maci McLaughlin	Joshua Shryock
Ruben Bunag	Justin Grate	Steven Mehlhoff	Kyle Shy
Calvin Burnette	Jason Hale	Eugene Menville	Sarah Sisson
Eric Carter	Demarius Harris	Alan Mixson	Shamika Smith
Scott Chance	Kati Harris	Jessica Munro	Jonathan Snead
Rodriguez Cintron	Jonathan Hawkins	Joseph Mylek	Shauna Spearing
Niccolet Cleghorn	Levi Higdon	Chad Neuweiler	Christopher Storer
Chakindra Coats	Michael Hill	Tam Nguyen	Jeremy Strickland
Kyle Conrad	Trae Hoffee	David Noland	Joshua Stuckman
Crystal Crane	Katherine Holmes	Matthew Odom	Mark Sudeth
James Crews	Christopher Howard	Patrick O'Neil	Jared Taylor
Baryolo DeGongora	Nathaniel Humberston	Nathaniel Osborn	Andrew Tosch
Jeffery DeGeorge	Andrew Hust	Robert Overfelt	Bryce Umbel
Kristina Dennison	Dallas Johnson	Oronda Owens	Eric Wells
James DiBattista	Darron Johnson	David Patton	Charles Wilson
Malcolm Eades	Ian Johnson	Sarah Payne	William Wilson



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## FLU SHOTS

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and wellness is an important factor that supports our command mission," said Col. James King, AFMC command surgeon. "Unfortunately, limited resources required us to prioritize and ultimately fund broader health programs that provide more resources for the total health of our civilian workforce."

Two years ago, AFMC was able to expand its civilian wellness program to include offering free flu shots to the entire civilian workforce. In 2012, about 12,000 civilians participated in the program.

"At Robins, we had relatively few civilians take advantage of the free flu shots over the

last two years, so we don't anticipate a big impact," said Col. Joseph Lopez, 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander.

Today, civilians not covered by TRICARE are urged to contact their private health care providers and get a flu shot.

"Getting a flu shot is the best way to help prevent influenza," said King. "Early immunization is key to protecting yourself and your family members, so we encourage everyone to get vaccinated."

While many civilian employees are no longer eligible for the free on-base flu vaccine, TRICARE continues to provide shots for all active duty members, military retirees and military family members.

## VACCINE FOR ELIGIBLE ROBINS MEMBERS

The flu vaccine is now available for active duty members and their eligible family members at the 78th Medical Group Bldg. 700. Vaccination hours are Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on the second and fourth Thursday of each month when the hours are 7 to 11 a.m.

For more information contact the Immunizations Clinic at 497-7921. If you have any questions or concerns regarding receiving the flu vaccination contact your health care provider or Public Health at 497-8019.

The 2013-2014 flu season begins in October and lasts through April, peaking in February, causing seasonal and other types of flu in humans and animals. The virus is airborne and contagious; infecting the nose, throat and lungs resulting in fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches, fatigue and headaches. Influenza can also cause ear

infections, pneumonia, dehydration and worsening of chronic medical conditions like asthma.

There are two types of vaccinations; the traditional flu shot and the flu mist. The flu shot is a "dead" virus injected into the muscle and is recommended for all individuals older than 6 months of age. The flu mist is a nasal spray of the "live" weakened virus, for adults 2 to 49 years old. New this year is a vaccine created without the use of eggs. Speak with your health care provider if you have an allergy to chicken eggs, had a severe reaction to the vaccine in the past, have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome, or if you are feeling ill before receiving your vaccine. The flu vaccination has been effective and given for decades to prevent the spread of the flu virus. Remember that the single most effective way to prevent contracting the flu is to get vaccinated.

## DUI

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injured every two minutes in crashes where alcohol is a factor.

►About two in five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives.

►It's estimated 2.6 million drunk driving crashes each year victimize four million innocent people.

Drunk driving costs are high. Individual lives are destroyed by drunk driving incidents, and families and communities are torn apart by the impact of drunk driving.

As a minimum, drunk drivers will lose their driver's license for a year and lose their base driving privileges for at least a year (regardless of where the incident occurred). Military members guilty of on-base DUI will be dealt with under the UCMJ and can expect Article 15 action as a minimum.

Civilians stopped for drunk driving on base will be processed through magistrate court and can expect penalties consistent with state law.

Anyone arrested for DUI off-base will be processed under state law, and face jail time and up to a \$1,000 fine.

Other costs include increased insurance rates, legal fees, cab fares, lost time at work and associated stress. Alcohol-related traffic accidents with injury or death carry the severest consequences.

A proactive approach from individuals and the community is the real key to the elimination of drunk driving incidents.

Plan ahead. If you plan to be drinking, have a designated driver. If you plan to host an event involving alcohol, plan for the safe departure of your guests. Take care of yourself and others.

Don't become a statistic. Don't Drink and Drive.

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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### Boss n Buddy

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

### Thunder Alley

Today  
9 to 11 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
Friday Family Night  
For details,  
call 468-2112.

### NFL Game Day

Sunday  
Noon to 8 p.m.  
Heritage Lounge  
For details,  
call 472-7864.

### Writing a Winning

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

### Adult Watercolor

Monday  
10 to 11:30 a.m.  
and 4 to 5:30 p.m.

### Arts & Crafts Center

To preregister,  
call 468-5282.

### Golf tips from the Pro

Tuesday  
5 to 6 p.m.  
Pine Oaks Golf Course  
Pay \$5 for all the  
range balls you can hit  
and get free tips  
from the PGA  
head golf professional.  
For details,  
call 468-4103.

### Home School

Association Meeting  
Wednesday  
1 to 3 p.m.  
Youth Center Bldg. 1021  
For details,  
call 926-1795.

### Torch Club

Sept. 27  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Youth Center  
Empowers youth to support and influence the club and community, sustain meaningful relationships with others, participate in the democratic process, and to always respect their own as well as the

cultural identities of others.  
For details,  
call (478) 926-2110.

### Jazz Set at the Heritage

Sept. 27  
6 to 8 p.m.  
Heritage Lounge  
For details,  
call 472-7864.

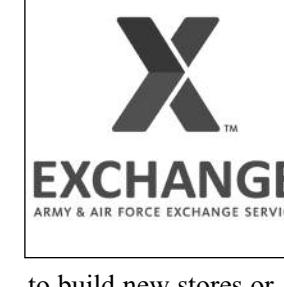
### Life Skills Sessions for teens

Today  
6 to 8 p.m.  
Youth Center  
Ages – 13 through 18  
Sessions cover healthy lifestyles, nutrition, public speaking, citizenship, use of public transportation, job searches and more.  
For details,  
call the Youth Center  
at 468-2110.

### FTAC/MRT

Sept. 30  
Professional Development Center  
Young Airman learn Mastery Resiliency Training  
For details,  
call 472-0168.

## Shopping the Robins Exchange pays dividends



The Robins Exchange is paying dividends as Airmen and their families exercised their benefits dining and shopping at Exchange facilities last year generated \$509,938.

Those funds are critical to the Air Force's ability to enhance local programs and facilities including Pine Oaks Lodging, Swimming Pools, Heritage and Horizon Clubs, Base Library, Bowling Alley, the golf course, fitness center and other 78th Force Support Squadron facilities here.

"Historically, roughly two-thirds of Exchange earnings are paid to morale, welfare and recreation programs

with the other third used

to build new stores or renovate existing facilities," said the Robins Exchange's General Manager, James Clark. "This structure means that authorized customers are essentially our 'investors.'

Fortunately, thrifty shoppers rediscovering the value the Exchange offers allowed us to provide a healthy return on their investment."

With a mission to provide quality goods and services at competi-

tively low prices and generate earnings to support quality of life efforts, the dual benefit the Exchange provides military families goes far beyond the clothes, electronics and snacks on shelves.

Shoppers who visit the Exchange, online at [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com) or in person actually help make the military community a better place to live and work.

In fact, purchases made in the past 10 years have provided more than \$2.4 billion to military programs such as youth services, base functions, gyms and aquatic centers.

— Courtesy  
The Robins Exchange



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