

WASHINGTON – Although Defense Department officials believe a government shutdown can be avoided when the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1, they want DOD employees to be prepared for the possibility, Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter said in a memo issued Sept. 23.

The fiscal year ends Sept. 30, and to date, Congress hasn't passed a budget. If Congress doesn't approve a

budget or pass a continuing resolution, portions of the government funded by appropriated funds will be forced to close.

"The department remains hopeful that a government shutdown will be averted," Carter said. "The administration strongly believes that a lapse in funding should not occur, and is working with Congress to find a solution."

The absence of funding would mean a number of government activities would cease.

While military personnel would continue in a normal duty status, a large number of civilian employees would be temporarily furloughed. To prepare for that possibility, contingency plans are being updated to orderly shut down activities affected by a lapse in appropriations.

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A Moment in Time

Fifty seven years ago today, on Sept. 27, 1956, the first mainframe computer was installed at Robins Air Force Base

NEWS

YOU CAN USE



Civilian immunization clinics begin next week

The Houston County Health Department will provide flu vaccinations for \$25 at different locations across base on several dates during October.

"We're very fortunate that our local county health department is willing to come to Robins in support of this important preventive health action," said Col. Michael Rappa, 78th Medical Group Occupational Medicine Services chief.

In past years, Air Force Materiel Command provided vaccine to Robins for free immunization of civilian employees.

However, budget constraints forced AFMC to cut the program.

"The biggest step in protecting yourself against the flu is to get vaccinated early in the season, and now is the time," said Rappa.

The flu shot is free if you show proof of coverage on Medicaid, Medicare Part B, Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO, Aetna PPO, or the state health benefit plan through United Healthcare or Cigna.

TRICARE beneficiaries are eligible for free flu vaccination at the Immunizations Clinic in Bldg. 700.

Health Department flu vaccine schedule

►Wednesday, Bldg. 49 (FASTFORWARD Facility) from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m.; Base Restaurant from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

►Oct. 4, Fitness Center Annex (Bldg. 301) from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m.; Base Restaurant from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

►Oct. 7, Bldg. 640 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Base Restaurant from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

►Fitness Center Annex, (Bldg. 301) from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

►Oct. 18, HAWC (Triple Ribbon Festival) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

►Oct. 21, Fitness Center Annex (Bldg. 301) from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m. and the Base Restaurant from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\$1.5 million saved on base energy bill

Learn about October Energy Action Month contests

BY JENNY GORDON

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Robins reduced its overall energy cost by \$1.5 million this year.

"What happened was all of our conservation efforts paid off, and we actually used less electricity – more than 6 percent less," said Terry Landreth, 78th Civil Engineer Group Energy Office supervisor.

A 5 percent goal has been established yearly

to reduce electricity and gas. Robins met the electricity savings portion.

Several projects contributed to the savings. That included the installation of high-mast lighting controls on more than 90 outdoor lights on base. Those controls allow lights to either be turned off or reduced by 50 percent at night.

Energy MISER, or Measure and Investigate Site Energy Reduction teams, were created and tasked to closely look at facilities to identify waste initiatives and low-cost opportunities to reduce energy consumption.

The Museum of Aviation also received lighting upgrades, 'going green' with 100 percent of their power supplied by renewable energy from Flint Energies. That power is generated by the Houston County landfill.

Other projects included: HVAC upgrades; steam line replacement in Bldg. 644; chilled water optimization and repair in Bldg. 177; chilled water leak repair on First Street; and water main leak repairs.

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

1st Lt. Toby, 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron air weapons officer, works alongside Cmdr. Mike Reed, U.S. Third Fleet liaison officer, from a simulated E-8C Joint STARS operator workstation during Coalition Virtual Flag 13-4, Sept. 18. Exercise planners and aviators from the 116th and 461st Air Control wings, participated in the virtual exercise along with units from 23 different locations all over the world including Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom. (Portions of the photo have been blurred and the full name of the aviator has been withheld for security purposes.)

JSTARS trains in world-wide exercise from the comfort of home

BY MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

116thAirControlWingPublicAffairs

Team JSTARS spent the week participating in a worldwide training exercise called Coalition Virtual Flag 13-4 without a single E-8C Joint STARS aircraft leaving the ground.

During the weeklong exercise, aviators from the 461st Air Control Wing and exercise planners from the 116th Air Control Wing, put their skills to the test in a large virtual battlefield along with units from 23 different locations worldwide including Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Working from a robust simulator housed within the 116th Air Control Wing, JSTARS aviators were linked with other exercise participants on a network maintained and operated at the Distributed Missions Operations

Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

"Coalition Virtual Flag provided the opportunity for us to participate in simulated operational areas and scenarios we aren't normally involved in," said Capt. Rolando, an exercise planner with the 116th Operations Support Squadron.

"We were able to practice a wider variety of command and control and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance skill sets while communicating with more assets than we normally experience with other exercises or during our real-world missions," shared the captain.

This exercise provided a unique opportunity for JSTARS to not only operate over a land-based battle space; which has been their forte since the inception of the platform, but to also integrate more in a maritime environment working directly with a

strike group from the U.S. Navy's Third Fleet.

U.S. Navy Cmdr. Mike Reed, U.S. Third Fleet liaison officer, spent the week at Robins to learn more about how the Navy can benefit from the capabilities of the Joint STARS platform.

"The platform has a lot of capabilities which are completely different than what the Navy uses," said Reed. "I've seen at least four scenarios where JSTARS can easily flow in the maritime environment. Virtual Flag gave us the opportunity to test new tactics, techniques and procedures, learn how to fully integrate JSTARS over water and help us solidify that relationship."

One scenario involved melding the broad area surveillance capability of the JSTARS

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Robins Combined Federal Campaign kicks off

BY JENNY GORDON

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The Robins 2013 Combined Federal Campaign season kicks off once again in early October.

This year's campaign runs Oct. 8 through Nov. 22.

The early bird deadline is Oct. 25. Sixty organizations across Robins received early bird recognition last year.

The Middle Georgia CFC, which covers 17 counties, has a tentative goal this year of \$1.4 million.

"This year's campaign theme, 'Serving our Country and Supporting our Community' is an excellent reason to sup-



port the CFC," said Mark Shores, CFC chair. "We all know our community and country is challenged more now than ever to support those who are in need. This is an opportunity to give back."

There are currently more than 30 super monitors representing organizations across the base, with more than 200 additional key

workers and volunteers.

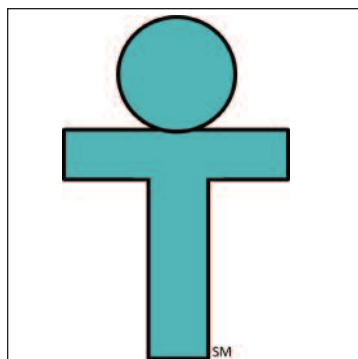
A new feature this year is the option to donate online using 'myPay' when employees access their leave and earning statements. That option is voluntary. Hard copy pledge cards will be distributed too.

Robins has exceeded its goal every year since 2002, according to Paul Nagle, CFC director.

In 2011 – the latest figures available – local organizations were the recipients of more than \$638,000; national organizations, more than \$943,000; and the rest distributed among international organizations and others.

The world's largest annual workplace

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Stay healthy, positive all year long

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While September's "Hunt the Good Stuff" campaign highlighted a moment of thanks from a different Team Robins member each week, that message can continue all year long.

Positive thinking, cultivating gratitude and building optimism are key areas to focus on when it comes to our mental well-being. The goal is to continue to find the things we are thankful for on a regular basis.

Each day write, draw, talk about or find another creative way to focus on three good things. Those things can be events that happened, skills or strengths you have, goals you achieved, or good news about others in your life.

It shouldn't be a chore, so find the right fit for you as often as you can. "Hunt the Good Stuff" is just another tool for a healthy, positive life.

Next year's campaign will continue with a positive and resilient theme.

Resiliency matters; it not only improves performance, but is better for your health and assists with teamwork and leadership in the workplace.

As we go forward into the holiday season, this campaign can be the start of a positive way ahead.

Resources are available across Robins for those seeking assistance. They include: **The Airman and Family Readiness Center**, 468-1256 or 478-926-1256; **Chapel** 468-2821 or 478-926-2821; **Civilian Employee Assistance Program**, 497-7577 or 800-222-0364; **Mental Health/ADAPT/FAP**, 497-8398 or 478-327-8398; **Sexual Assault Response Program (SARC)** 468-2946 or 478-327-7272; and **Military & Family Life Counselors**, 478-230-2987.

Additional resources include the National Suicide hotline, 800-273-TALK (8255), and inTransition, 800-424-7877.

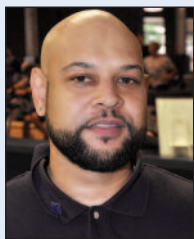
The Integrated Delivery System team at Robins conducted a "Hunt the Good Stuff" campaign throughout September.

Based on one of the many skill sets being taught in the new Comprehensive Airman Fitness program, the campaign'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 strength that gives me the drive to perform at my best."

— Don Worthington,
78th Force Support Squadron
recreation assistant



"I'm thankful for my family and loved ones."

— Darren Watson,
Retired Navy

ALL in a Day's WORK



Name: Master Sgt. Jeff Schram
Work title: Aircraft technician supervisor
Unit: 116th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Hometown: St. Charles, Ill.
Number of years in federal service: 28

What does your work involve at Robins? "My work involves directing and monitoring flight line crew chiefs to help day-to-day flying operations of the JSTARS unit."

What do you enjoy most about your work? "I think it's mentoring the people I work with. Not just from a mechanic's point of view, but also in life. Being in the position I'm in with the wing, you get to mentor to young kids and technicians. You build relationships over the years."

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? "Personally, I am very resilient and flexible. I can do multiple jobs in our unit and I've done so at home station as well as deployed locations. With my leadership skills, I can motivate people

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

to get the job done and take pride in their work while staying focused on the mission."

What prompted your interest in your career? "The Air Force came to me and appealed to me."

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? "My mother. The way she was raised, adversity and hardships she endured to get through life and that we endured as a family growing up."

What's something people would be surprised to know about you? "I like to help people. I think that was my reason for joining the military – to put others before yourself always."



Andrew Ollikainen, C-17 Globemaster Aircraft Structural Integrity Program, dances with his wife, Stephanie, during the Robins Air Force Base 66th Anniversary Ball at the Museum of Aviation Sept. 21.



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



Above, Airmen from the base color guard bring in the birthday cake. The event was attended by several hundred people who celebrated the Air Force's 66th birthday with dinner, prizes and a keynote address by Carl Swearingen followed by music and dancing.

AIR FORCE

NEWS FROM AROUND THE

Air Force accelerates efforts to become audit ready

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Air Force continues to make major strides toward becoming audit ready by Sept. 30, 2014.

The Air Force Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness team took a key step in the Air Force strategy to meet imminent deadlines.

FIAR team members are now visiting various Air Force units to review key financial processes. The processes under review include military pay activities which touch every Airmen as well as important, but more obscure, financial transactions such as how the Air Force collects reimbursements from other services and outside organizations.

Following the visits, the team will assess current audit readiness and begin implementing necessary corrective actions. While Air Force financial managers believe they have made significant progress since the 2014 deadline was established by then-Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta in 2011, there is much to be accomplished in the next 12 months.

The audit readiness team includes government employees from across the Air Force and support from the accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers, which has experience auditing many large commercial and government organizations, including Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Ford, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Marine Corps.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Roll Call returns, encourages face-to-face communication

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody is bringing Roll Call back to the Air Force.

Roll Call is designed to deliver messages to the field from senior Air Force leadership for Airmen to use as a topic of discussion when they gather for daily or weekly meetings.

“Our Air Force has long valued each and every Airman,” writes Cody in the first Roll Call message. “Yet over time we’ve gravitated to communication methods that easily fall short of the personal connection we need to solidify the value we place in each other.”

Cody said Roll Call is just one way he hopes to improve communication both to, and amongst, Airmen at all levels.

“It’s not the solution to poor communication, but it is a step forward in the right direction,” he said. “Roll Call reminds us that we need to communicate with each other, and that doesn’t mean sending an email, it means getting together as a group and continuing a dialogue.”

Roll Call began in late 2006 under the direction of then Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley as weekly products Airmen could read during morning meetings or weekly gatherings. This time around, Roll Call will be a little different. The Air Staff will send messages as needed – at



U.S. Air Force photo by FRANK CARTER

Circle

Airmen Brandinn Kim and Elizabeth Ulring heat a No.1 bearing housing on an F-110 engine before installing a rotating air seal at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. The engine is from an F-15 Eagle. Kim and Ulring are assigned to the 361st Training Squadron Jet Propulsion course.

least once a month – and, all the messages will have an overarching focus, according to Cody.

“Airmen must understand how they are moving us toward the Air Force vision and how important they are to the Air Force mission,” says Cody. “The messages we deliver will help make that clear. They will focus on how Airmen are winning the fight, strengthening the team, and shaping the future.”

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

U.S. foreign military sales promote security cooperation

WASHINGTON (AFPS) – Though 2012 was a banner fiscal year with \$69.1 billion in foreign military sales, that program and others like it are not in the business of selling equipment, but rather are promoting military-to-military relationships with international partners, a Defense Security Cooperation Agency official said in Washington Sept. 17.

Speaking at a ground robotics symposium hosted by the National Defense Industrial Association, Derek Gilman, DSCA’s general counsel, said his agency promotes relationships by facilitating the purchase of defense equipment and services, financing, defense education and training and more.

“The idea,” Gilman said, “is if partners have U.S. equipment and U.S. training and are following U.S. doctrine, our interoperability is greater with them.”

Interoperability also can be leveraged through international acquisition and cross-servicing agreements for sharing such things as ammunition and spare parts, he added.

“That can lead, if you’re sharing joint doctrine, to joint exercises and other types of military-to-military cooperation and ... to decades-long relationships – core relationships – with partners around the world,” Gilman said.

The Foreign Military Sales program is a form



U.S. Air Force photo by MASTER SGT. BEN BLOKER

Eyes peeled ...

Staff Sgt. Matthew Hanlon, 438th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron air advisor and aerial gunner, scans terrain for possible threats over Logar Province, Afghanistan, during a coalition mission.

of security assistance authorized by the Arms Export Control Act through which the United States may sell defense articles and services to foreign countries and international organizations.

Under the program, the U.S. government and a foreign government enter into a sales agreement called a letter of offer and acceptance.

The State Department determines which countries will have programs, and the Defense Department executes the program.

To read more, visit www.defense.gov.

– compiled by Holly Logan-Arrington

INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE, AND RECONNAISSANCE EYES AND EARS ON ADVERSARIES

Since the beginnings of armed conflict, superior knowledge has been one of the keys to effective combat power.

For more than 100 years, Airmen have exploited the vertical dimension to gain a decisive information advantage over their foes. The evolution of globally integrated Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance has fundamentally changed how America fights wars.

Today, the Air Force has embraced globally integrated ISR as one of the Air Force’s feature calling cards. ISR is much more than a support function. It’s the foundation upon which every joint, interagency, and coalition operation achieves success. Our 34,000 ISR Airmen identify and assess targets and vulnerabilities from hideouts to bunkers to mobile launchers with greater accuracy than ever.

In 2012, ISR Airmen shaped combat plans for 33 operations, enabled the removal of 700 enemy combatants from



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. BRIAN FERGUSON

The MQ-9 Reaper is an armed, multi-mission, medium-altitude, long-endurance remotely piloted aircraft employed primarily as an intelligence-collection asset and secondarily against dynamic execution targets. Robins is home to multiple ISR capabilities including Team JSTARS, the Command & Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division, and more.

the fight, provided critical adversary awareness and targeting intelligence to U.S. and coalition forces in more than 250 “troops-in-contact” engagements, enhanced battlespace awareness through 540,000 hours of sustained overwatch of tactical forces and communication lines,

and identified more than 100 weapons caches and explosive devices that would have otherwise targeted American and partner forces.

Air Force ISR is about helping leaders make informed decisions to maintain deterrence, contain crises, or achieve success in battle.

Through a mix of aircraft, satellites, and other technologies that collect, exploit, and disseminate critical information, Air Force ISR gives policymakers the ability to minimize uncertainty about our adversaries and their capabilities.

It does so by strengthening deterrence, making adversaries act more cautiously, providing intelligence that allows commanders a decision-making advantage, and delivering real-time information on which joint, interagency, and coalition operations rely to fight effectively and win.

Globally integrated ISR allows

American forces to carry out functions they previously performed with greater danger at higher cost.

In recent years, the development of Air Force ISR capabilities has focused mainly on meeting the needs of permissive combat environments. In more contested future environments, gaining and maintaining an ISR advantage will become increasingly difficult and even more important.

Therefore, the Air Force will focus primarily on enhancing its ISR capabilities for operations in contested environments.

Accomplishing that will require updating the current mix of ISR assets, while giving attention to modernizing Air Force ISR systems and capabilities.

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

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FROM THE COMMAND DOWN

Wolfenbarger co-hosts AF/DLA Day; DLA pledges improved support, less cost

BY AMANDA NEUMANN

Defense Logistics Agency Public Affairs

Top Air Force and Defense Logistics Agency officials discussed decreasing operating and material costs and other topics of mutual interest Aug. 28 at the McNamara Headquarters Complex.

Air Force/DLA Day is an annual meeting that gives senior leaders and staff from the military service and the agency a chance to discuss logistics issues of mutual interest. DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek co-hosted the event with Air Force Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, Air Force Materiel Command commander.

“As the war fight ends, there have been lots of efforts keeping forces in Afghanistan fed and fueled, and here at DLA, we’re taking a real hard turn on how much we cost,” Harnitchek said during his opening remarks. “Our big year was probably two years ago. We were at \$46 billion worth of sales; about \$41 billion was the stuff that we sell and \$5 billion was the cost of us. What I’ve asked our gang to do is take 10 percent out of both the cost of material ... and the cost of operation.”

DLA’s goal is to improve support to the services while lowering costs, Harnitchek said.

“As our demand base shrinks – and it’s already shrinking quite a bit, especially on the supply-chain side – all that overhead we’ve been lugging around for the last 10 to 12 years of the war really becomes very evident,” he said. “So if you’re in a working capital fund activity, and I know many Air Force activities are, you become very conscious of how much it is that we cost and how much our stuff costs. Our strategy here is ... to actually improve support while taking a lot of the cost down.”

DLA will depend on all its customers, including the Air Force, to help the agency succeed in its efforts, Harnitchek said.

“When we’re all done five years from now, DLA will probably cost in the neigh-

borhood of \$13 billion less than we cost today, so it’s important we get it right,” he said. “That’s our commitment to you guys. What I ask you all to do, as one of our big customers here, is tell us when we don’t have it right and help us to get it right.”

Wolfenbarger said the partnership between DLA and her service has already brought progress and opened the lines of communication, something that is essential to future endeavors between both agencies.

“When we first started those AFMC/DLA Days, we did it because we felt there did need to be more progress made and my sense is, in fact, we have made great progress on some of those earlier issues,” Wolfenbarger said. “But that doesn’t mean that we’re done. I think we’ve got some things that we’ll end up talking about today that are, if not issues, opportunities for us to continue to collaborate.”

Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations and Mission Support Lt. Gen. Judith Fedder agreed with Wolfenbarger, emphasizing that sequestration has put stress on both the Air Force and DLA.

“I also underscore that at no time like the present has it been more important to have partnerships, not just on providing that day-to-day kind of support, but doing things that are different in response to the environment we’re in,” she said. “How we’ve been able to work together to accommodate some of the constraints that we’ve had under sequestration is an example of the kinds of things that we need to do together to think differently about how we provide this kind of support to the operational units as well as our Air Force industrial production.”

During the four-hour roundtable discussion, attendees heard updates from DLA Aviation and DLA Finance. Representatives from the Air Force, including the Air Force Sustainment Center, also discussed topics including cost effective readiness, operational retail support and procurement support.



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. CANDICE PAGE

Air Combat Command received the latest E-11A aircraft equipped with the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node, or BACN, Sept. 18. The aircraft will be joining the rest of the BACN fleet at a deployed location in Afghanistan.

ACC takes delivery of latest life-saving aircraft

BY STAFF SGT. CANDICE PAGE

ACC/PAI

Air Combat Command received the latest E-11A aircraft equipped with the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node, or BACN, Sept. 18 before it joined the rest of the fleet at a deployed location in Afghanistan.

The additional aircraft will increase communication coverage for ground troops in forward-deployed locations, said Lt. Col. Eric Moses, ACC deputy chief Tactical Data Links Enterprise.

Air Force and joint warfighters use the BACN-equipped aircraft to communicate over rugged terrain using multiple radios and waveforms to maintain situational awareness and call in assistance.

BACN bridges communication gaps between ground troops and airborne support beyond the capabilities they would normally have on the battlefield with just their traditional communication equipment, said Col. Jim Wildes, ACC chief Tactical Data Links Enterprise.

“That extra communication can make a difference between life and death when you are talking about airborne support for the ground forces

engaged with the enemy,” Moses said.

The system currently operates on two platforms: the E-11A, a modified Bombardier business jet and the EQ-4B, a Global Hawk Block 20 remotely piloted aircraft.

The program began in 2006 during a Joint Expeditionary Force Exercise to meet challenges associated with operating in rugged terrain for forces with limited communications. In 2009, it became a Joint Urgent Operations Need, program in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

“The BACN team has received many reports from the theater crediting the BACN for helping save lives,” Moses said.

“The Army and the Air Force love this airplane in Afghanistan; it helps get rapid support to any critical situation on the ground,” said Wildes. “When you have a possibility of troops dying within seconds and no way to communicate the location, units are now able to communicate their location in a matter of seconds to the E-11A and pull in support for either air-to-ground strikes or ground-to-ground strikes.”

On the Fly



U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

Battle of ‘Baton’

Airman 1st Class Deaundrea Jackson, 78th Security Forces Squadron, participates in less-than-lethal practical training which certifies Security Forces Airmen to carry a baton. Staff Sgt. Jeremy Jackson, 78th SFS, in the red protective gear, was the one taking a beating from trainees Monday.

Lodging rates set to increase

Air Force lodging rates will go up beginning Tuesday.

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

Effective Tuesday 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.

Gate hours to change Tuesday

Security requirements have warranted a slight change in gate service hours. For planning purposes, weekday hours at the following gates will be reduced beginning Tuesday:

- ▶ 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.

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

– 78th Security Forces Squadron

An additional duty First Sergeant Symposium will be conducted Oct. 7 through 10 at the Robins Conference Center.

The event is open to all E-6s, E-7 selects, and E-7s.

For more information or to register, contact your unit First Sergeant by noon Tuesday.

Robins is celebrating “Hispanics: Serving and Leading our Nation with Pride and Honor.”

That’s the theme of this year’s Hispanic Heritage Month observance, which began Sept. 14.

The committee will host a banquet Oct. 5 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Museum of Aviation.

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; or Lorenzo Davila at 472-1293 or lorenzo.davila@us.af.mil.

Middle Georgia State College Warner Robins testing center will not conduct testing sessions on Oct. 23, 24, 30 or 31. The testing center will upgrade its testing computers and then convert to the new CLEP IBT platform. The upgrade will increase the center’s delivery capacity resulting in more testing opportunities for its users. Normal testing will resume on Nov. 6.

For more information, call LaShondria Smith at 497-7312.

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ENERGY

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Computer management power features were introduced, such as the distribution of smart power strips for desk stations.

Another significant savings, although the 78th Communications Directorate only implemented it for several months, was a feature that permitted computers to sleep at night, Landreth said.

Computers at idle speed run about 60 watts; when in sleep mode, they run around 3 to 4 watts.

While those projects contributed to overall savings, Team Robins can still play a daily role in conserving electricity by switching off lights, computers and other electrical devices when they're not in use.

"People are more aware now and are turning things off," said Landreth.

For example, when computers are permitted to go into sleep mode, it's actually a significant savings.

"Every little bit helps," he added.

Energy Action Month contests in October

As Team Robins continues to do what it can

DO YOUR PART

- ▶ Replace older lights with compact fluorescent lights or light-emitting diodes.
- ▶ Use programmable thermostats to reduce heating and cooling when you're out; 69 degrees in winter, 76 degrees in summer.
- ▶ Use a power strip as a central turn-off point to disconnect power to chargers, fans and radios not in use.
- ▶ Consolidate personal appliances from your workspace to shared spaces.
- ▶ Avoid bringing space heaters and fans to work.
- ▶ Carpool, bike or use mass transit when commuting; if you drive, go the speed limit.
- ▶ Reduce the amount of time idling in your car.

Source: AF Installations, Environment & Logistics – Energy

to conserve energy, the Robins Energy Office is sponsoring two contests as part of Energy Action Month activities.

Nominations for the first contest, "Energy Champion – Catch Someone Doing Something Right," are due Oct. 22.

All base personnel are eligible.

Nominate a person who exemplifies energy awareness and smart energy behavior; include examples of what the person is doing.

Send nominations to 78 CED/CE Energy Office at 78.ABW.energy.office@robins.af.mil.

The winner will receive a plaque.

The second contest, "How low can you go," is a building-versus-building energy competition.

Mission partner leadership may nominate up to three buildings.

All types of buildings are eligible – that includes hangars, administrative and warehouses among others.

Buildings must be on an automatic meter reading system for electricity, and buildings housing multiple organizations are eligible.

An award will go to the building with the largest energy-consumption reduction percentage.

"We've caught people being more aware of energy," said Landreth.

"We ask that people look around their areas for waste, to make sure they have a program when they leave to eliminate excessive and non-essential electrical items in their work stations."

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Commission to develop guidelines and regulate fundraising in the federal service.

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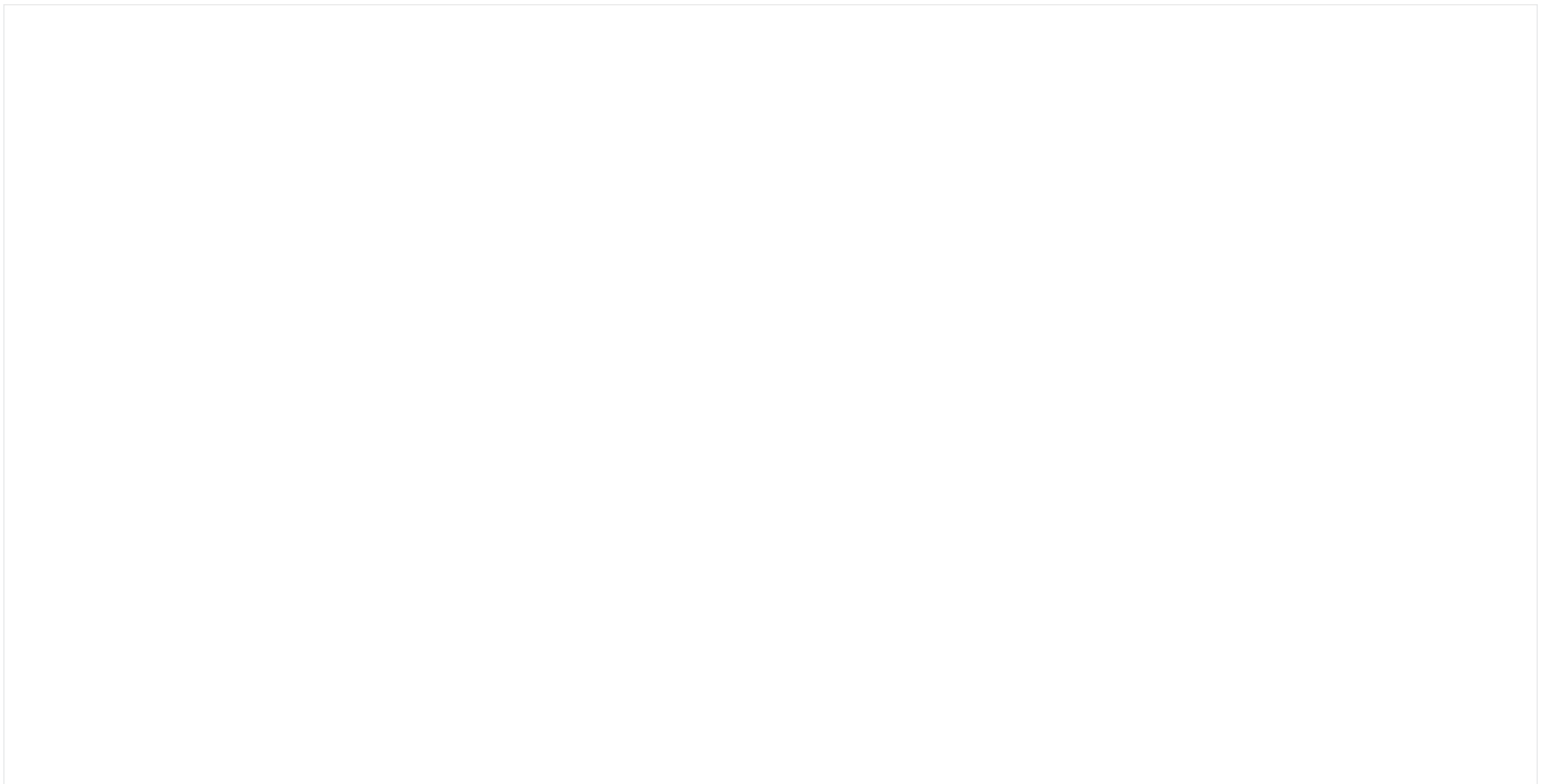
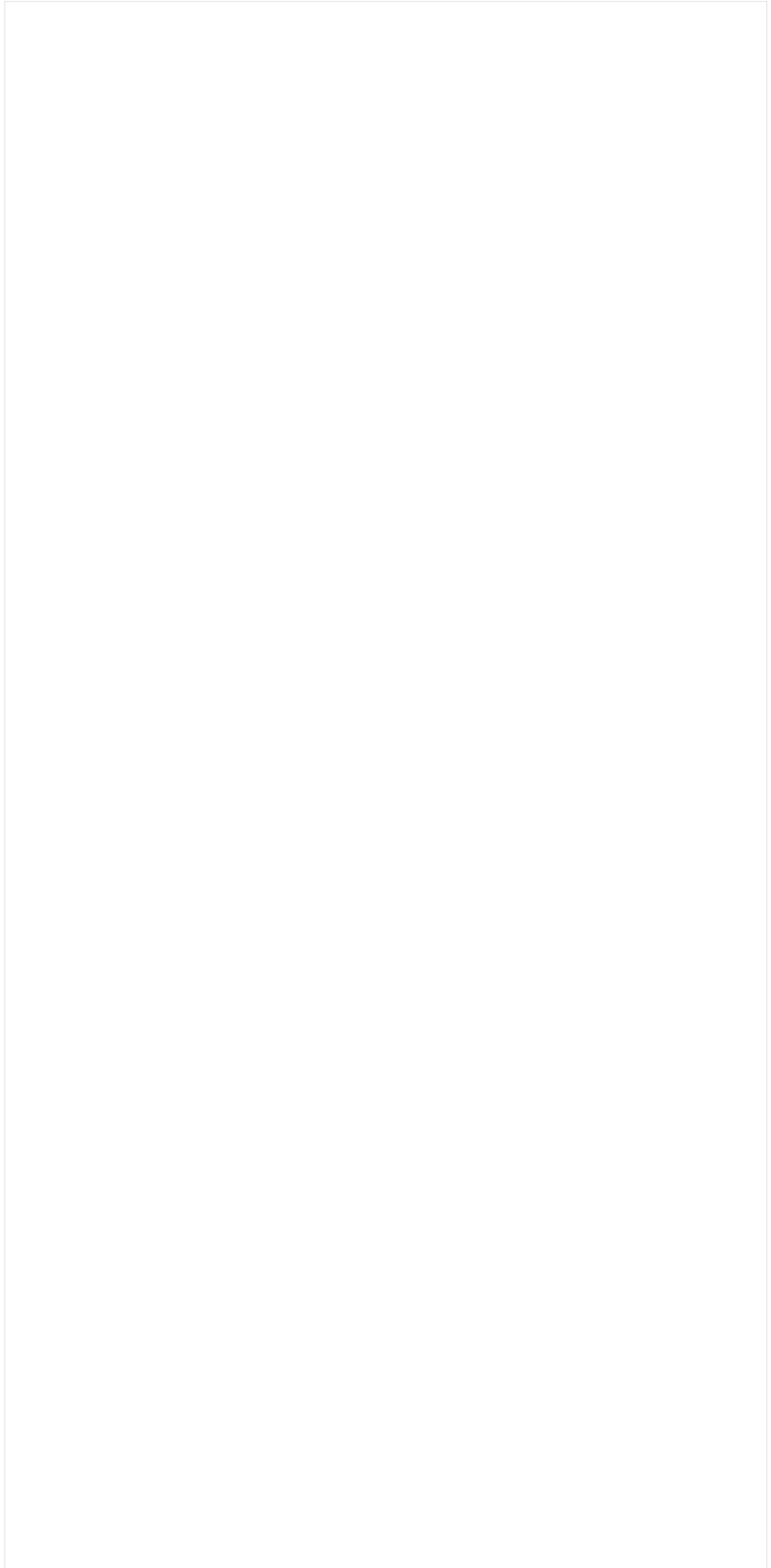
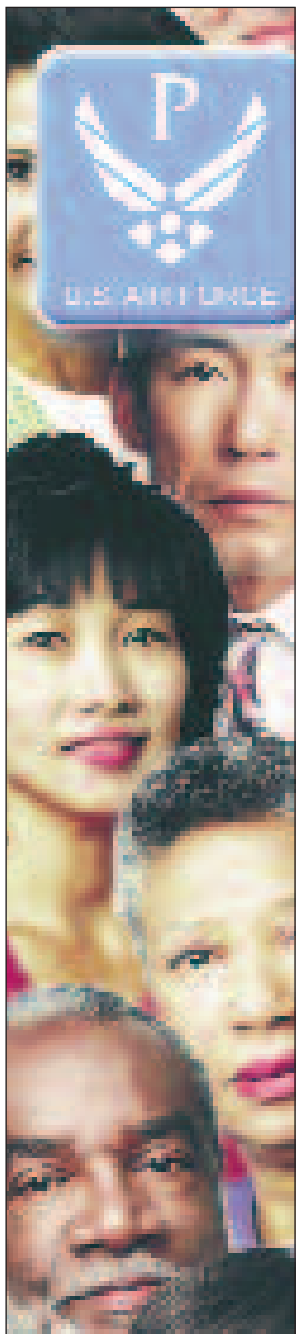
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- ▶ Master Sgt. James Harker, 5th CCG
- ▶ Master Sgt. William Parker, 5th CCG
- ▶ Capt. Mindy Davis, 78th ABW
- ▶ Cheryl McBroom, 78th ABW
- ▶ Dawn Dixon, AFAA
- ▶ Alice Escobedo, AFLCMC EBG
- ▶ 2nd Lt. Carl Sucro, AFLCMC EBHA
- ▶ Master Sgt. Michael Nakoski, AFLCMC HBG
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- ▶ 2nd Lt. Rico Lane, AFLCMC WLM
- ▶ 2nd Lt. Andrew Bettenger, AFLCMC WLN
- ▶ 2nd Lt. David Fernandez, AFLCMC WLS
- ▶ Capt. Aileen Bailey, AFLCMC WNY
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- ▶ Rebecca Brooks, AFLCMC WWQ
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- ▶ Patti Williams, DLA WR
- ▶ Emily Arthmann, DP I & DP R
- ▶ Urania McCormick EN-R, EZG
- ▶ Master Sgt. Lawrence Cathcart Flight Test
- ▶ Lori Benton FZ-R
- ▶ Tpring Card, FZ-R
- ▶ Capt. Lori Bartz, HQ AFRC
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- ▶ 2nd. Lt Honghao Wu, PK (AFLCMC & AFSC)
- ▶ Frederick Anderson, SB-R
- ▶ Barbara Anderson, SCMG
- ▶ Amy Huff, WR-ALC
- ▶ Reginald Saunders, WR-ALC



JSTARS

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platform with current Navy radar capabilities. The E-8C operators provided threat and target data during an exercise providing Maritime Infrastructure Protection for four simulated oil platforms.

Not only did the exercise provide an opportunity for aircrews to practice new scenarios with a wide range of assets; many of the JSTARS operators were fresh out of training or had no previous experience in an exercise of this magnitude.

“For people new to the platform like me, Virtual Flag gave us an opportunity to learn how to do our jobs better and how to integrate better in a coalition environment,” said Capt. Titus,

16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron senior director. “It’s been a challenge, especially in robust large force scenarios.”

A unique aspect of Virtual Flag that enhanced the training opportunity was the execution, planning and debrief process the crewmembers followed.

After each mission, a mass network conference was conducted giving every platform a look at the overall picture followed by local debriefs.

“We would execute our missions, immediately debrief what we did right and wrong, then go straight to mission planning for the next day,” said Lt. Toby, 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron air weapons officer. “The lessons learned and mistakes we made one day,

we were able to work on the next day and continually improve as individuals and as a team.”

With budget constraints allowing for fewer live opportunities for training, Coalition Virtual Flag provided a realistic and affordable means for JSTARS operators to prepare for real-world scenarios.

“In live exercises there are many barriers from cost, environment, maintenance and safety issues that affect our planned scenarios,” commented Toby. With this exercise all those barriers were eliminated and we were able to focus more on training in a safer, more cost effective environment.”

(Full names of JSTARS aviators withheld for security purposes.)



POW/MIA Vigil

U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

Military members at Robins run with the POW/MIA flag during a 24-hour run Sept. 18 and 19 which honored the memory of thousands of our nation's heroes who didn't return home from battle. The run was in advance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, which is observed annually on the third Friday in September. Local military members also held a commemoration ceremony at the base on Sept. 19.

USE YOUR WITS NOT YOUR WATTS

Heart Link Spouse Orientation

Oct. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This Airman & Family Readiness Center event introduces military spouses to the Air Force and the base's many helping agencies.

Registration ends Oct. 17

To register, call DSN 468-1256 or commercial 478-926-1256.

For childcare call, Shirletta Murray at DSN 468-6741 or commercial 478-926-6741.



KUDOS Kids Understanding Deployment Operations

Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children of military members 7 to 15 years old
(must be accompanied by an adult)

Registration ends Tuesday

For more information call Master Sgt. Michelle Main or Tech. Sgt. Ronald Megginson at DSN 468-1256 or commercial 478-926-1256