

# Engineer/scientist recruiting effort slated for Thursday

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Engineers and computer scientists looking for employment with Georgia's largest industrial complex will have the opportunity to apply Thursday when the

Warner Robins Air Logistic Complex hosts a recruiting event.

The event will be conducted from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Comfort Inn and Suites on Ga. Highway 247 in Warner Robins.

Eric Jones, acting WR-ALC technical director, said the complex has multiple

positions it's trying to fill. All positions require a degree in professional engineering or computer science and some work experience.

"We have an immediate need for engineers and computer scientists to provide engineering services in embedded soft-

ware, aircraft, avionics and facilities," he said. "The work requires smart, hard-working, innovative personnel. We have a lot of those already but we need more."

Interested candidates should bring multiple copies of their resumes to the event, he said.



## Initial phase of JSTARS effort begins

A recapitalization effort of the Air Force's Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System will be taking off at Robins, home of the 116th Air Control Wing and the E-8C JSTARS aircraft.

Led by a team from Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., the goal toward replacing the aging fleet and beefing up its ability to detect threats, process data and distribute information has already begun.

The current system is comprised of radar and computer systems, which display real-time battlefield information, and a 24-foot long antenna that's capable of detecting targets from long distances. JSTARS, which first flew during Desert Storm in 1991 and has been a consistently used military asset for nearly two decades, operates on refurbished commercial 707 airframes.

But, the aging fleet must adapt to the times.

Robins represents the Air Force's single source for manned C2/ISR.

The fact that a follow-on platform for JSTARS is the Air Force's No. 4 acquisition priority is telling of the importance of the role Robins plays for combatant commanders at home and abroad.

"Our team has more than 14 years of employing the JSTARS weapons system. The 116th also has experience in adapting to mission changes," said Col. Kevin Clotfelter, 116th Air Control Wing commander.

He went on to say that the interaction with the 461st Air Control Wing and U.S. Army 138th Military Intelligence detachment leads to success.

Born out of necessity, the recapitalization effort sprung from a 2011 study that examined options for conducting the JSTARS mission most effectively – and efficiently – going forward. It resulted in a recommendation to deliver an advanced radar and on-board computer system on a significantly smaller, more efficient business jet class airframe.

Early work on the effort is already under way and is expected to accelerate in fiscal 2015, if Congress authorizes about \$73 million allotted for the program in the presidential budget.

Currently, the recapitalization is in its infancy, and the Hanscom-based team is conducting risk reduction studies and market research for the aircraft, radar and communications.

This is potentially good news for small businesses.

Under this premise, the Air Force hopes to promote competition, enabling new capabilities to be added more quickly and more affordably.

As the next generation fleet comes online, the Service intends to fully retire the remaining aging aircraft.

With a tentative initial operational capability slated for the first quarter of fiscal 2022 and a potential full operational capability scheduled for fiscal 2025, the Air Force has made its modernization efforts clear.

## SMOOTH OPERATIONS:

# Gate changes ease traffic woes

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Team Robins motorists may have found getting into work a bit easier lately thanks to recent changes at the Russell Parkway Gate and the reopening of the Martin Luther King Jr. Gate.

As of March 17, the two outbound lanes at Russell were converted into inbound lanes during the hours between 6 and 8 a.m.

It's a decision that received positive feedback from those concerned with base traffic, according to John Pugh, 78th Mission Support Group deputy director.

In addition to five lanes now open for

those entering at Russell, this week marked the opening of the MLK gate for inbound traffic between 6 and 8 a.m. with outbound traffic hours unaffected.

With the MLK opening, entry at the truck gate is once again limited to commercial traffic only. Pugh said the Air National Guard gate has been closed, and will remain closed, due to the shift of manpower to the Russell entrance.

"Everything seems to be working well," he said. "We've received a lot of positive comments about the Russell gate, and now things just need to normalize, people getting used to the schedules and making adjustments."



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Ernie Wood, electronics mechanic, tests the functionality of a complex F-15 flight control computer.

## 'Taking care of business'

BY BRIAN SHREVE  
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Ernie Wood's workstation may not be cluttered with trophies or a golden nameplate.

But, if John Lennon was correct in saying a working class hero is something to be, Wood, 568th Electronics Maintenance Squadron electronics mechanic, certainly lives up to the song.

Charged with the vital task of maintaining and repairing flight control computers and signal data converters for aircraft, Wood

represents another unsung piece of the fabric that keeps Robins flying.

"This computer takes care of all the mechanics of the plane itself," said Wood. "If it malfunctions, it could send the plane into an uncontrollable roll. For the pilot's safety and for all the electronics to work, this computer has to work."

Wood, 53, is a Warner Robins native and the father of four adult children. He added that his father, Ernest Wood, was the city's first fire chief.

Prior to coming to

Robins in 2010, he managed his own lawn care business before setting sights on a new career altogether, enrolling at Middle Georgia Technical College for electronics.

Barry Williams, electronics supervisor, called Wood an "outstanding employee, quick learner and hard worker," one who has never once been late for work.

"What I like best about being here is the people," said Wood. "I like what I do, and I can't say enough about these people."

## Now that's a good idea

Good ideas are set to become greater ones at Robins as Air Force officials have announced a new program aimed to corral Airmen's innovations and suggestions.

The Airmen Powered by Innovation – an endeavor initiated last June – is set to launch and will serve to replace three existing "Good Idea" programs: the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness; Productivity Enhancing Capital Investment and Best Practices programs.

The goal is to simplify the process of submitting ideas by consolidating the benefits of each program into API, making it easier for all Airmen to effect change across the entire Air Force, according to David Tillotson, Air Force deputy chief management officer.

Under the new plan, the role of Air Force Smart Operations for the Twenty-first Century would be expanded as well.

Robins' manpower offices will be responsible for assisting and supporting Airmen as they submit ideas.

In addition to gaining efficiencies by consolidating existing programs, API will also offer Airmen increased access to assistance prior to submitting ideas and institute a top-down tracking requirement, which includes confirming and documenting savings realized from implementing Airmen's ideas.

"The requirement for us to track these ideas recognizes the importance we place in having an environment that fosters and rewards innovation at all levels," said Gen. Larry Spencer, Air Force vice chief of staff. "In this fiscally-constrained environment, we need every Airman engaged in finding smarter ways to do business."

API will serve as a follow-on program to institutionalize the success of the 2013 Every Dollar Counts campaign. During the campaign, 302 ideas submitted by Airmen were implemented by the Air Force, generating savings of \$71 million.

## Team Robins SARC takes top honors

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Cindy Graver, the Robins Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, is the Air Force's 2013 Exceptional SARC.

"There are so many wonderful and exceptional SARCs throughout the Air Force. I am just proud to be a part of their team," said Graver, who has more than 27 years of experience in the federal government and private sector. "This is not an individual award, but rather a Team award."

"Being a SARC at Robins is the best job in the world. I have the honor to work with some of

the most amazing professionals in the Air Force," she said. "My leadership is supportive, involved, engaged, and most importantly, believes in the zero tolerance policy for sexual assault."

Graver has created a team of 22 professional facilitators to help with SARC annual training requirements – training more than 40,000 service members since 2005.

The SARC office created the 'IT' symbol, an awareness campaign to initiate discussion on sexual assault.

A former Irwin County High School teacher, Graver was also with the Airman and Family Readiness Center as an informa-

tion and referral officer; relocation officer and readiness officer.

She was a drug and alcohol counselor at the Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center, and a contracting officer with the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center in Shreveport, La.

The DOD Sexual Assault Prevention Response Program recognizes people across the services each



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON  
Cindy Graver, base sexual assault response coordinator, chats with Col. Patricia Ross, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, during the "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" event Thursday at the outdoor track on base

year. The DOD-level SARC of the Year will be announced in late April.

# Second Front

## CONSERVING FOR TOMORROW

# Respecting things past

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

A local cemetery was alive with helping hands last Friday as volunteers from around Robins kicked off cleanup efforts in honor of National Earth Day.

Eleven participants – mostly Robins civilians – were on hand with rakes, garbage bags, weed trimmers and plenty of sunscreen to revitalize historic Bryant Cemetery, one of two cleanups that had been planned for the day.

A similar effort at King Cemetery was cancelled due to the discovery of poison ivy, according to Shannie Williams, 78th Civil Engineer Group.

Though not officially observed until April 22, Earth Day events are scheduled through mid-May in a series of initiatives themed, “Conserve Today, Save Tomorrow.”

Williams began working with Air Force Reserve Command to participate in Earth Day events back in 2005, along with other base personnel.

The cemetery cleanup has been a part of that endeavor for the past five years.

Bryant Cemetery – located across from Robins on South First Street – is historically significant to both the base and the city with graves dating back to the 19th century, Williams said.



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Above, Joseph Bossi, 78th Civil Engineer Group environmental specialist, cleans up one of the grave sites at Bryant Cemetery. At left, Dwight Kirkland, base archeologist, and Robin Hodgkins, 78th Civil Engineer Group environmental technician, take part in the cleanup which is part of the base's Earth Day conservation efforts. Robins will host events throughout the month and into May for its initiative themed, “Conserve Today, Save Tomorrow.”

## EVERYDAY TIPS FOR OUR PLANET

- When you have ice left in your cup from a restaurant, don't throw it in the trash. Pour it on a plant.
- When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill the sink basin or a large container and rinse when all of the dishes have been

soaped and scrubbed. Use the garbage disposal sparingly; compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons every time.

- Shorten your shower by a minute or two, and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month. Turn off the water while you wash your hair to save up to 150 gallons

a month.

- Wash your car on the lawn, and you'll water your lawn at the same time. Also use a hose nozzle or turn off the water while you wash your car; it will save you up to 100 gallons every time. An alternate idea is to use a commercial car wash that recycles water.

### Upcoming blood drives

The Armed Services Blood Program will conduct a blood drive April 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex basketball courts in Bldg. 301. The American Red Cross will also conduct a blood drive April 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 210 and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Bldg. 640.

The ASBP plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families in both peace and war. The American Red Cross collects blood in support of civilian agencies and for national disasters.

### Commercial Travel Office manning reduced

Manassas Travel, the Commercial Travel Office in Bldg. 914, has been temporarily reduced to one agent.

Manassas Travel is the sole contracted booking agent for all official travel, including TDY, PCS and group travel, and mobility travel.

As a call center, the ability to answer and return customer phone calls will be reduced. The processing of travel requests as well as service for walk-in customers will also be affected, reducing the ability to process service in a timely manner.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

For questions, call Ken Hudson at DSN 472-0139.

### Robins Chiefs' Group scholarship

The Robins Chiefs' Group continues to accept applications for its academic scholarship program. An applicant must be an enlisted military

member (Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard or retired), or the dependent of an enlisted military member (Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired or deceased) assigned to or retired from Robins Air Force Base.

Any enlisted rank or branch of service is eligible. In the case of retired or deceased sponsors, the applicant must have remained in the Robins area.

Applicants must have applied to, been accepted at or currently attend an accredited institution of higher learning (university, college, technical college, etc) on a full-time basis.

The scholarship program is divided into two distinct categories: Graduating high school seniors and adults continuing their education. All applications must be post-marked by May 1.

For more information, send an email to [info@robinschiefsgroup.org](mailto:info@robinschiefsgroup.org).

### Robins Conference Center closure

The Robins Conference Center will be closed from June 7 through June 29 to have the roof replaced.

The conference center staff will contact all affected organizations and offer them the opportunity to reschedule at a later date or provide a list of alternative sites that may be available during this time frame. Closure is a must due to safety concerns where falling debris could occur during demolition and installation. We apologize for any inconvenience this project will cause.

Thank you for your patience.

## ALL in a Day's WORK



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

**Name:** Sgt. Kevin Healy Jr.  
**Unit:** HMLA-773 MAG-49 DET A  
**Work title:** Diary Chief  
**Hometown:** Annapolis, Md.  
**Number of years in federal service:** 12

**What does your work involve?** “My work involves auditing Marines' service records and pay records, providing suicide prevention training and physically training members of the squadron.”

**How does your work contribute to the Marine Corps mission?** “I contribute to the mission by providing a service to Marines that enables them not to worry about their pay and entitlements, and perform their mission whether it is flying birds or turning wrenches.”

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** “The thing that I

enjoy most about my work is the opportunity to help Marines whether it is with their pay or their physical training.”

**What prompted your interest in your current career field?** “In all honesty I was never interested in this career field. My greatest interest in this career field is that it allows me to be a Marine.”

**Who has been the biggest influence in your life?** “The biggest influence in my life has been my wife and children. Their encouragement and dedication to this life makes it easier on me to do what I have to do.”

**What is the accomplishment you are most proud of?** “The accomplishment that I am most proud of is becoming a Marine.”

**What is something people would be surprised to know about you?** “People would be surprised to know that I first went to see an Air Force recruiter.”



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## ***Dormitory demolition to last two months***

**BY CAPT. JENNY DURHAM**  
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And the walls came tumbling down. The 78th Civil Engineer Group began demolition Tuesday on one of the buildings formerly used as an Airman dormitory.

It was originally built in 1997. This particular dorm had 120 rooms, was 49,954 square feet, and has been vacant since 2011.

According to Robins officials, it's being demolished because the building had issues which would make it more costly to renovate than it would be

to demolish.

"There are no plans at this time for what will replace the building, but the engineering division is currently in the draft phase of a new dormitory master plan," said Stefanie Dawson, 78th CEG Project Execution section chief.

Plans for the demolition of Bldg.

792 started more than a year ago, but took a long time due to inspections and the removal of items within the structure.

The demolition is scheduled to take about two months to complete. Florida contractors are performing the demolition.



# Around the Air Force

## Congress reviews Air Force Budget Plans

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Senior Air Force leaders were on Capitol Hill to testify and answer questions about funding priorities and fleet reductions announced in early March as part of the fiscal 2015 Air Force budget request.

Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) and Sen. Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) led the hearing at the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense.

They questioned Air Force and Reserve Component leaders about modernization strategies, divestment, and unit relocation plans in light of the \$109.3 billion fiscal 2015 Air Force budget request.

That request meets funding levels laid out in the Bipartisan Budget Act and would cut the A-10 Thunderbolt II and U-2 fleets to continue the Air Force's top recapitalization priorities: the KC-46A Pegasus, F-35A Lightning II and the Long Range Strike Bomber.

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

## Pulse on AF force management

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Regular force management updates were published at [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil), including program updates, reports on voluntary program applications received at the Air Force Personnel Center and changes to program eligibility, as of April 3.

Also, in response to Airmen's feedback to the secretary of the Air Force, chief of Staff and chief master sergeant of the Air Force, Airmen can now access the latest program details, such as the eligibility matrices, through a force management hot button on the Air Force Portal.

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

## Air Force improving its energy security

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Air Force is the largest consumer of energy in the federal government, with 86 percent of its energy costs dedicated to aviation fuel, according to Kathleen Ferguson, the principal deputy assistant secretary performing duties as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for installations, environment and logistics.

Ferguson, who testified on April 2, before the Senate Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on readiness and management support, further stated the Air Force is looking at the full spectrum of opportunities to improve its energy security posture by implementing initiatives that make good business sense, such as working to re-engine the KC-135 Stratotanker.

"By reducing our aviation fuel consumption more than 23 percent since fiscal 2006, the Air Force avoided



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CLAYTON CUPIT

## Watch that first step ...

Paratroopers on a C-17 Globemaster III wait for the green light indicating it's time to jump. The 82nd Airborne Division soldiers, from Ft. Bragg, N.C., were part of a large formation exercise that provided more than 500 operational and maintenance training objectives.

almost \$2.5 billion in aviation fuel costs in fiscal year 2013," she said. "Moving forward, the Air Force is looking towards an efficiency goal to improve our aviation productivity by 10 percent by fiscal year 2020."

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

## 'Super Galaxy' fleet complete at Dover

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, DEL. (AFNS) – From the Galaxy to Super Galaxy, Dover's armada of C-5M Super Galaxies is finally complete.

Lt. Gen. Brooks Bash, Air Mobility Command vice commander, delivered its 18th and final C-5M Super Galaxy here April 2.

"We're very excited to receive our final C-5M Super Galaxy," said Col. Rick Moore, 436th Airlift Wing commander. "Completing our fleet marks a significant milestone for Team Dover and for the C-5M program."

A combined aircrew from the 9th and 709th Airlift squadrons departed April 1, for Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga., to pick up the aircraft and fly it to Dover the next day.

Bash handed the aircraft's key to Senior Airman Bradley Harris, 436th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron dedicated crew chief.

"It's an honor; this position is usually given to a staff or technical sergeant," said Harris. "To be selected as a senior airman definitely means a lot to me. I'm honored to be selected."

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



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## Spring Day in Yokota

Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Dionne waits for the moment to present the colors March 31, at Yokota Air Base, Japan. The Yokota Air Base Honor Guard provides respect and recognition for service members at ceremonies such as retirements, promotions and memorial services. Dionne is a ceremonial guardsman with the Yokota Base Honor Guard.

## DLA News

# Integrated approach builds path for constant speed drive

Is 90 percent material availability enough to keep America's aircraft flying?

According to Brig. Gen. Mark Johnson, Defense Logistics Agency Aviation commander, that depends on the part.

Something as simple as missing one tiny O-ring can prevent the overhaul of a constant speed drive – a device that controls the speed of an engine's generator.

"There is an average of 300 component parts supporting a CSD – 80 to 85 percent of which are replaceable, not repairable," Jason Reed, 552nd Commodities Maintenance Squadron director at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, said. "To track and build a recovery path requires an integrated enterprise plan.

"For the first time that I know of, all stakeholders are starting to move down an enterprise path rather than an individual path."

Reed said this integration of all stakeholders, DLA, the 552nd CMMXS, the 422nd Supply Chain Management Squadron, the original equipment manufacturer, and the end-item customers, is the most important piece to building CSD recovery plans.

Air Force maintainers at the ALC overhaul 13 different CSDs supporting fighter, tanker, surveillance, and bomber aircraft.

Parts support consists of DLA and Air Force-managed parts, as well as parts locally manufactured in Air Force Build Shops.

Reed said his shop repairs all CSDs for the Air Force and repairs about 100 a month. Last summer, he had between 200-300 CSDs that couldn't be repaired for a lack of parts.

Doug Williams, the Fuel Accessories/Constant Speed Drive Material Management section chief at DLA Aviation at Oklahoma City, said that 100 percent material

availability is critical for a CSD, as is customer collaboration.

### Challenges

One of the challenges in CSD support is fluctuating demand. Requirements fluctuate for several reasons: unscheduled flying hours; changes to replacement percentages for needed parts during repair; and engineering changes.

When asked how CSD supportability became such a critical issue, Arthur Steinhofner, a DLA Aviation customer support manager in Oklahoma, said, "CSDs are a challenge to accurately forecast.

Basically whenever something breaks, fails, or exceeds its flight hours, it comes in for repair and creates requisitions.

Because of different aircraft configurations, CSDs have some unique parts, but also share some common parts, so if one goes out of stock, multiple CSDs go into backorder status."

In the past, Reed said he let the numbers and types of CSDs released into the shop flow without constraint. Now he is controlling or modulating the numbers and types of CSDs that flow into production to help level demand.

### Increased Buying Authority

In 2013, DLA Director Navy Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek granted increased buying authority to DLA Aviation industrial support activities.

Retail buy packages now allow ISAs to group emergency local procurements into a single buy versus having to make multiple buys, speeding up the procurement process.

"A retail buy package allows us to buy backorders and buy to fill the gap between monthly requirements and when the contract will deliver if the supplier isn't able to expedite the contract," said Steinhofner. "DLA

customer support specialists work with sustainment specialists to determine required quantities." He said DLA is also evaluating CSD parts for long-term contracts.

Steinhofner is focusing more on "fire prevention," than "firefighting."

He addresses issues that need to be elevated within DLA Aviation and the Air Force.

He analyzes supportability, looks at requirements, runs predictability studies, evaluates stock-on-hand, and contract due-ins.

According to Steinhofner, the Air Force has identified a requisition objective (RO) of 80 percent or higher, meaning they want 80 percent of their CSD stock available for issue.

### Successes

Since October, mission incapable hours (MICAPS) are down along with the number of CSD's awaiting parts (AWPs), according to Gregory Kennedy, chief of DLA Aviation's Material Management Commodities Branch in Oklahoma.

In December, DLA employees and Air Force maintainers reviewed the Air Force's Bill of Materials for CSDs to forecast supportability.

"DLA is currently focusing on seven CSDs with supportability issues," said Steinhofner. The seven CSDs currently being tracked support the A-10, B-52, KC-135R, F-15E, F-15 C/D, E-8, and F-16 C/D weapon systems.

"We processed 236 Retail Surplus Buy requests and 214 were approved for purchase in 2013," said Williams.

"We had more than 200 CSDs AWPs for a while, so reducing to 130 in January shows significant progress," said Steinhofner.

**Editor's note:** To read the full story, visit <http://www.aviation.dla.mil/externalnews/news/2014/2014030>

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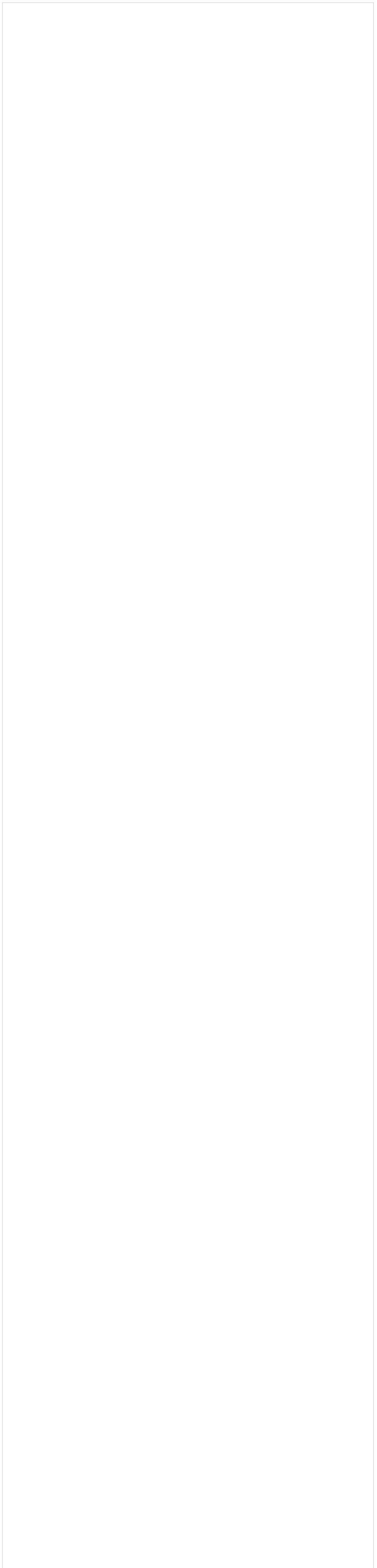
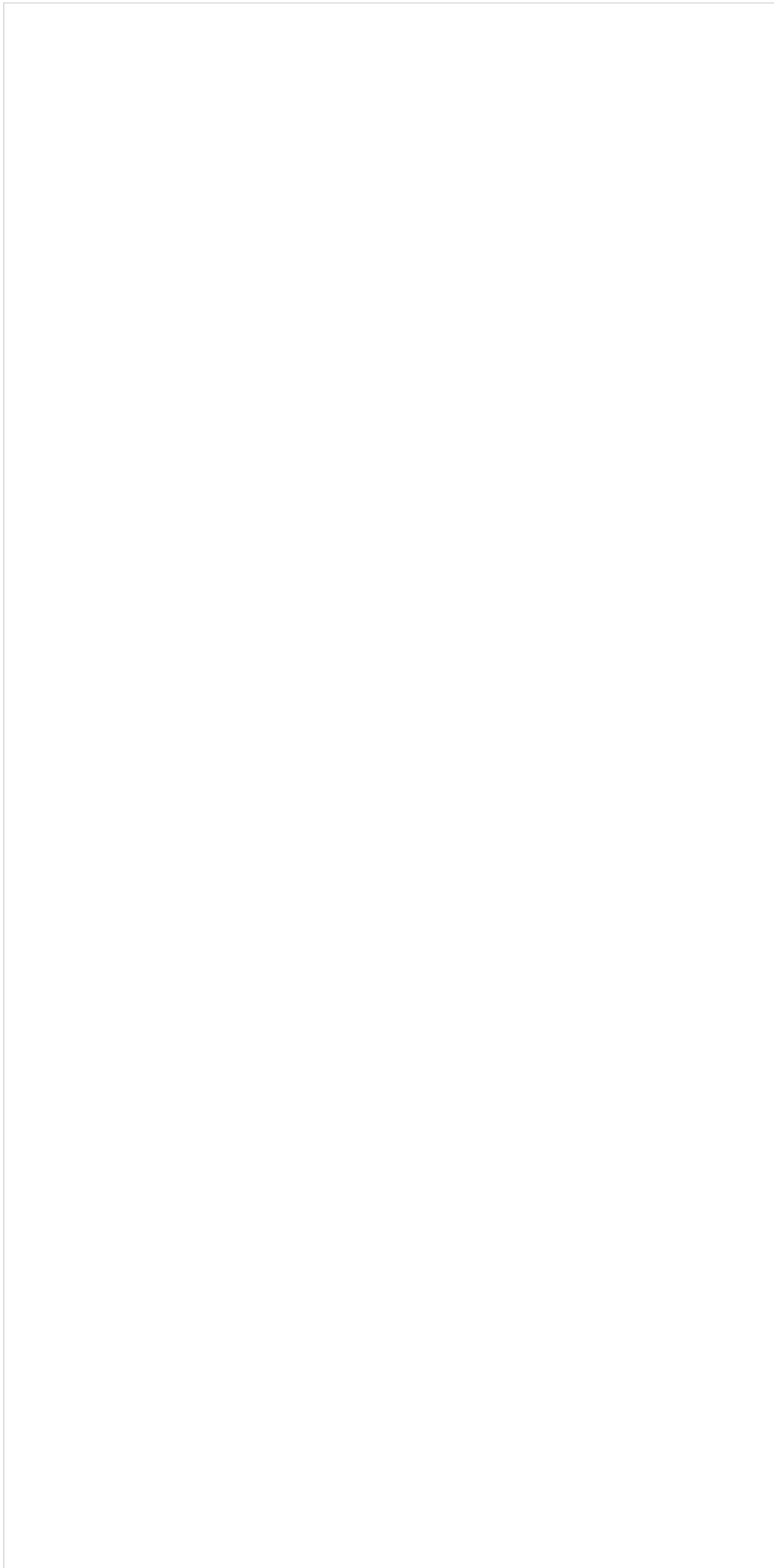
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# In the Spotlight

## MILITARY CHILDREN

# Robins Youth Center gives back during April

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Military children often sacrifice more than other children due to their parent's service.

The Robins Youth Center employees are doing what they can to ensure those sacrifices don't go unnoticed.

April is the National Month of the Military Child.

Linda Cleveland, School Age Program coordinator at the Youth Center, said it's important to show military members' kids they're appreciated.

"Military children go through so much having to deal with their parent or parents being deployed, on temporary duty assignments or even having to work longer hours for months at a time," she said. "My children were

once in the same category having to deal with their dad being deployed. I know how challenging it can be when you have to explain why mommy or daddy is not coming home."

The center has a list of activities on tap for children who are enrolled in the Youth Center's Before and After School Program.

**Monday through April 18:** Game Night: Parents will have the chance to enjoy various carnival games with their children during extended hours. There will be face painting and refreshments served.

**April 19:** Fit and Healthy Family Fair, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Free hot dogs, chips and water. Fun activities for the whole family. Easter Egg Hunt starts at 1 p.m.

**April 21 through 25:** Our Military

Family Life consultant will speak to children about conflict resolution, stress and pre- and post-deployment issues.

**April 28 through May 2:** Each child will complete a mock obstacle course designed by the staff. They'll be able to enjoy purple snow cones. As they complete the obstacle course, the children will receive a certificate for being an Outstanding Military Child.

For more information on these activities, call (478) 926-2110.

Cleveland said expressing appreciation for military children isn't just a yearly occasion at Robins.

"Our goal at the Youth Center is to make children feel special all the time, not just for the month of April," she said. "Children are precious gems that have been given to us and we take care of them."



## Robins helps rev up Huntington Middle students at CRCT pep rally

BY HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON

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Taking tests is usually on the bottom of most children's list of fun things to do.

That's why the Huntington Middle School Staff conducted its annual Criterion Referenced Competency Test Pep Rally Monday.

For the second year, the school invited Col. Patricia Ross, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, to be part of the festivities. The Robins Air Force Base Honor Guard; former NFL player Eddie Anderson; D.J. Tex James, motivational speaker; and Robins' School Liaison Officer Renee Daughtry were also on hand.

Daughtry said the event provides a great opportunity to pair two important occasions.

"In recent years, Huntington Middle has chosen to combine the event with

*"The faculty at Huntington Middle School is phenomenal and does a fantastic job of educating our children who live on, and reside around Robins Air Force Base."*



Col. Patricia Ross

78th Air Base Wing vice commander

activities to recognize its military student population since April is Month of the Military Child," said Daughtry.

Ross said she recognizes the sacrifice military members' kids make every day.

"Since we're also celebrating 'Month of the Military Child' my purpose was to first recognize and thank the military kids for their service since they too serve as a military family member and are subject to moving three to four times more than their peers," she said.

Ross went on to say she's grateful the

Robins community has such a great school to educate its kids.

"The faculty at Huntington Middle School is phenomenal and does a fantastic job of educating our children who live on, and reside around Robins Air Force Base," she said. "Both the school and Rodney Johnson, an 8th Grade Georgia History teacher and reading specialist, were recognized last year for their outstanding contributions to our military children. I am honored to have the opportunity to thank them and to thank our students for the sacrifices

they make as military kids during this month of the military child."

Robins' Honor Guard provided a Firing Party Sequence – similar to a 21-gun salute (minus the ammunition) – and Staff Sgt. Juan Garcia, Robins Honor Guard Flight Sergeant, gave the students a pep talk.

Military children were presented with dogtags to recognize their sacrifice and strength. They were inscribed with, "TEAM ROBINS Families Serve Too. Thank you for your service. Robins AFB GA."

"The dog tags are provided by Georgia 4-H and Operation Military Kids," Daughtry said.

Huntington Middle School was recognized in 2013 with the military impact award from the Robins Parent Advocates for Students and Schools and as the state-level award winner as recognized by Georgia 4-H Operation Military Kids.

# Out and About

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**Easter Lunch**  
 April 20  
 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Heritage Club Lounge  
 RSVP by Monday  
 For details,  
 call 468-2670.

**Family Movie Night**  
 Monday  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Base Theater  
 Cost is \$2  
 For details,  
 call 468-2001.

**Purple Up for military kids**  
 Everyone is encouraged to wear purple on Tuesday in recognition of Month of the Military Child.

**Runaway Bar Bingo**  
 Wednesday  
 6 p.m.

Heritage Club Bingo Room  
 For details,  
 call 468-4515.

**Line Dance Class**  
 Thursday  
 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
 Heritage Club  
 Featuring dances: "Suit & Tie" - Justin Timberlake, "Wifey" - Next and "Bring It Back" - Travis Porter  
 For details,  
 call 472-7899.

**UPCOMING**  
**Boss-n-Buddy**  
 April 18  
 4 to 5 p.m.  
 Heritage Club Lounge  
 DJ, small buffet and surprises  
 Club members free,  
 \$5 for guests  
 For details,

call 472-7899.

**Yard Sales**  
 April 19  
 8 a.m. to noon  
 Outdoor Rec parking lot,  
 1 table and 2 chairs for \$7  
 For details,  
 call 468-4001.

**Super Sports Day**  
 April 24 and 25  
 2 p.m.  
 CDC East (Bldg. 943)  
 For details,  
 call 468-4515.

**ONGOING**  
**Summer Camp**  
 Requests for care will be accepted through April 25.  
 Youth Center  
 For details,  
 call 468-2110.

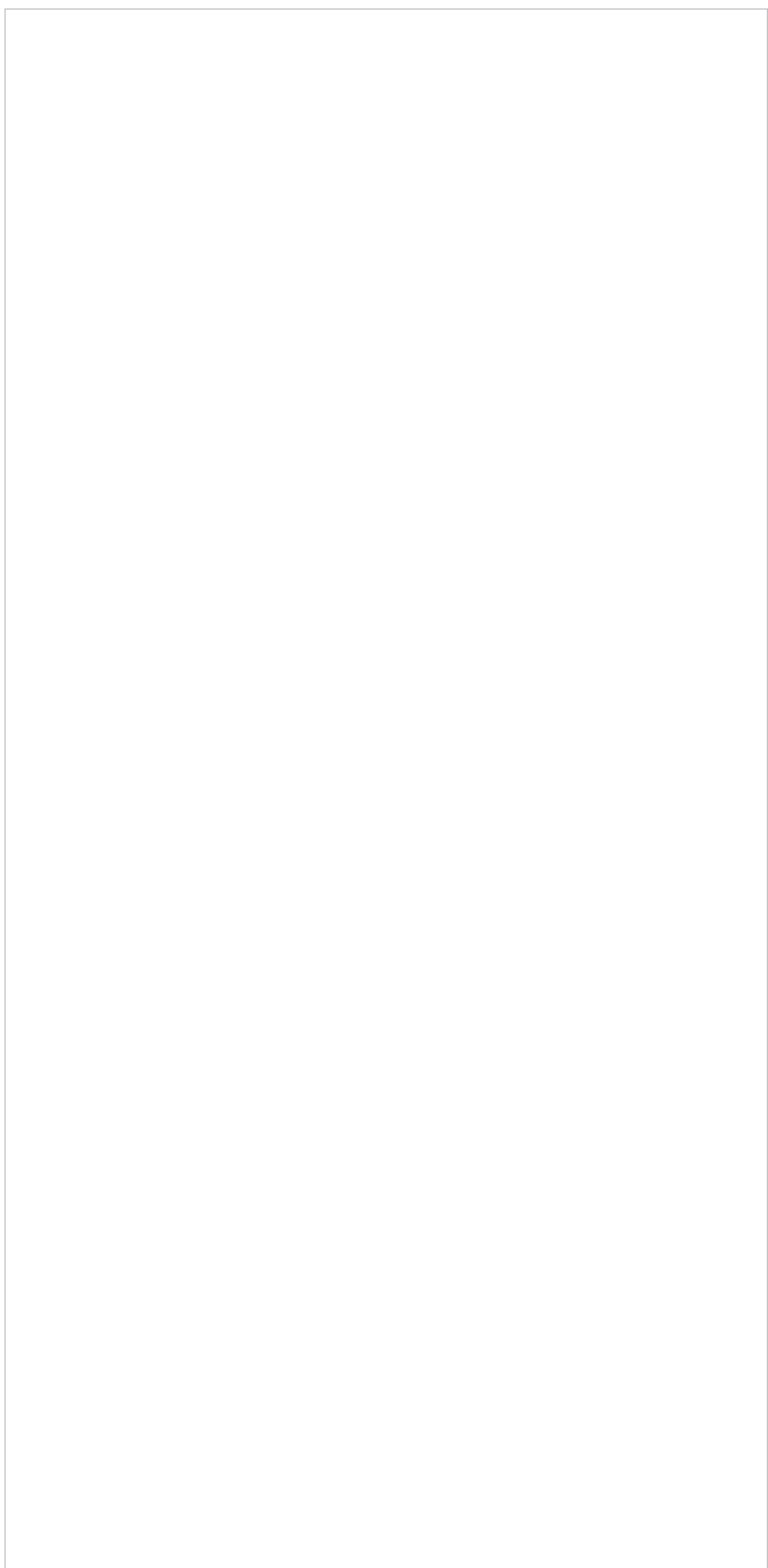
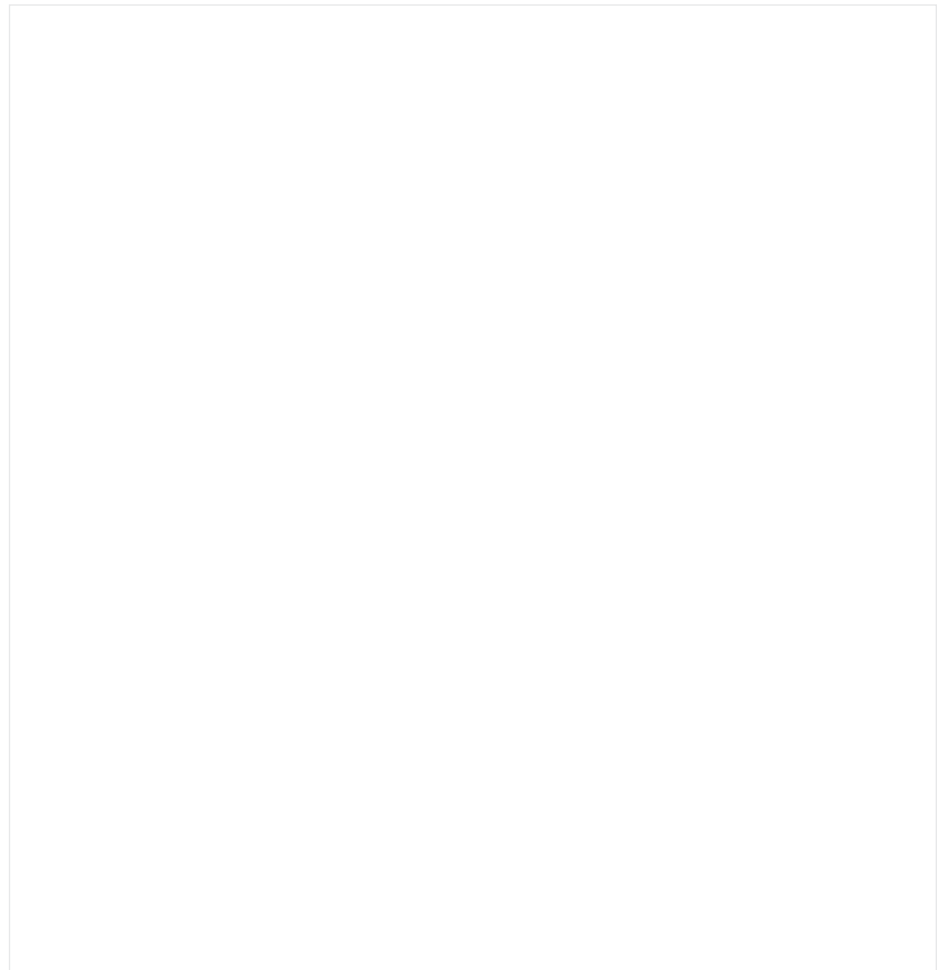
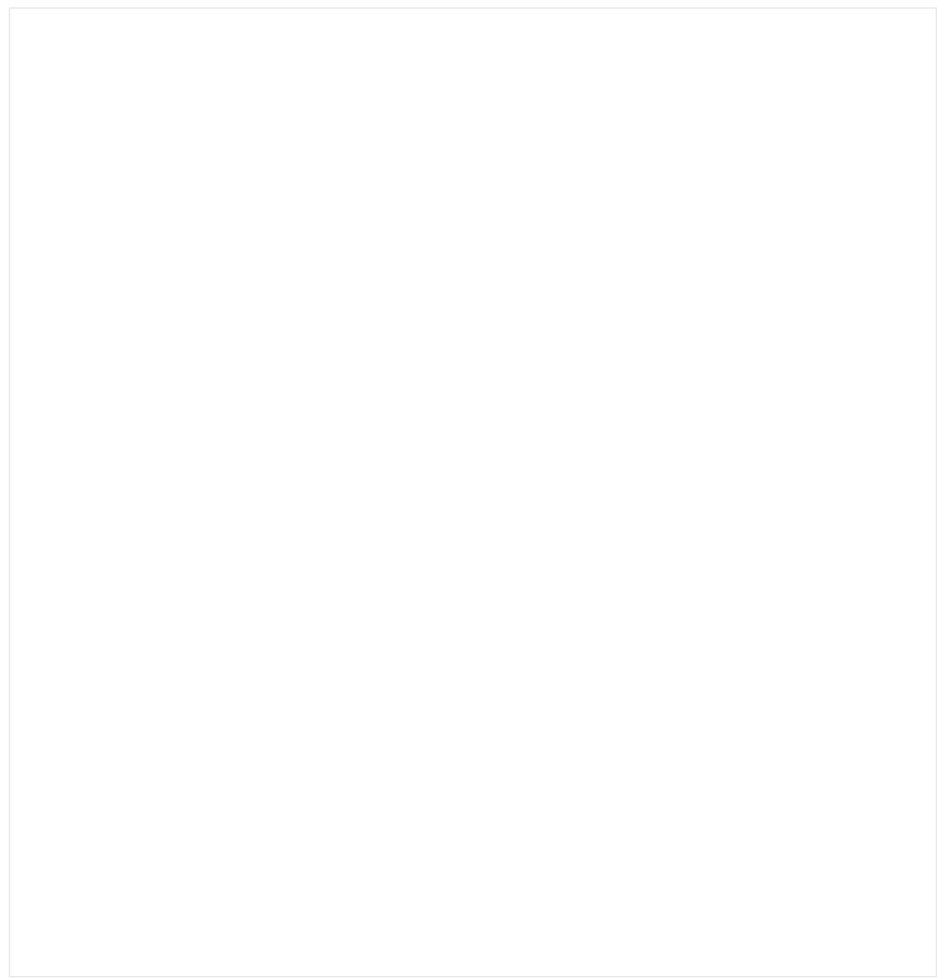
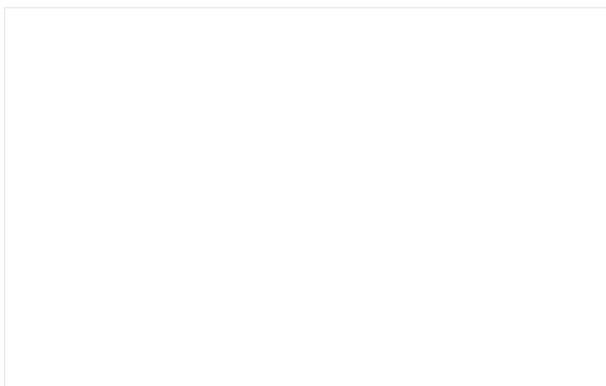
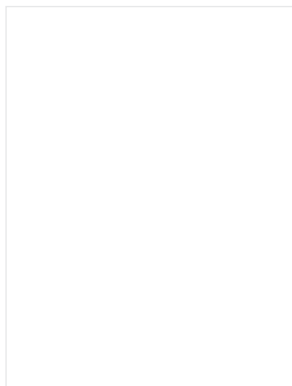
**Fit & Healthy Family Fair**  
 April 19 ~ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Free Hot Dogs, Chips & Water  
 Don't forget your camera!  
**Youth Center**  
 Egg Hunt starts at 1p.m.  
 Fun Activities For The Whole Family!

For more information, call 1st Lt. Stacey Fain at DSN 497-3418 or commercial 478-327-3418



**THINK OPSEC:**  
 YOUR TRASH COULD BE AN ENEMY'S TREASURE





## KUDOS Kids Understanding Deployment Operations

**April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Children of military members 5 to 15 years old** (must be accompanied by an adult)

**Registration ends April 15**

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



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