101 Critical Days: Summer's on the way; remember safety

BY JENNY GORDON

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Summer is just about here. Soon it will be time to rev up the engines for long road trips on the motorcycle, summer travel with the family, and increased boating and recreational activities.

With all of that increased activity comes the potential for additional hazards and risk to personal safety.

Addressing this with risk management is the Air Force's annual Critical Days of Summer safety campaign which runs Friday through Sept. 2. The campaign has focused on topics of interest to Airmen since the Air Force first highlighted safety for summer activities in 1964.

The 78th Air Base Wing experienced seven minor reportable mishaps at Robins during the 2013 campaign, according to Clyde Turner, an occupational safety and health manager.

Topics highlighted this year include: motorcycle safety; summer sports safety; vacation travel; drinking and driving; heat illness prevention; Fourth of July activities; boating and personal water craft safety; bicycling; swimming safety; driving preparedness; grilling and barbecue

safety; fatigue causes; weather safety; physical preparedness; safety tips during the Labor Day weekend and other risk management programs.

Safety should always be on everyone's mind, whether at home or work when it comes to paying attention to our surroundings.

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NEWS

YOU CAN USE

Facility Managers Town Hall postponed

Due to the Camellia Gardens Memorial event, the Facility Managers' Town Hall meeting scheduled for today is postponed and will be rescheduled.

Road closure

The 78th Civil Engineering Squadron has closed Warner Robins Street, located north of Bldg. 550. The CE horizontal shop will be performing an emergency repair of a water main leak located under the concrete pavement. A completion date will be announced at a later time. Through traffic is not allowed. Parking in the adjacent parking lot is allowed and there will be an available entry and exit. There will be no through traffic.

Gate changes

Barring inclement weather, Gate 3, the Watson Boulevard Gate, will be closed from 2 a.m. Saturday to 5 p.m. Sunday so the 78th Civil Engineer Group contractor can repair the controls which raise and lower the barriers. Gate 5, the Martin Luther King Gate, will be open from 2 a.m. Saturday to 5 p.m. Sunday while the Watson Gate is closed.

Also, the hours are being advertised with electronic signs posted on Ga. Highway 247.

Lane changes coming soon at Watson Gate

Starting Tuesday, all three inbound lanes of the Watson Boulevard Gate will be open weekdays between 6 and 8 a.m Currently only the center and right lanes are open. The left lane is closed.

Once the change is made, traffic in the left lane must merge to the center lane after passing through the gate. Exercise caution, as traffic may also merge into the center lane from the right lane.

Base officials will monitor the impact of the change on traffic flow at the gate, as well as the practicality of making it long



Base pool set to open Saturday

Summer is around the corner and this year, Robins will help people beat the summer heat by opening the Heritage Pool free of charge

The pool will be open daily from noon to 6 p.m. but will close on Wednesdays for maintenance.

For more information call, 478-926-4001.



EXERCISE, EXERCISE, EXERCISE



Robins tests its mettle during Oscar-worthy scenario

BY BRIAN SHREVE Robins Public Affairs

A lone gunman went on a mass shooting spree Tuesday at Robins, leaving several people dead before taking his own life.

Well, not really.

But, many of those on hand for the simulated active shooter scenario may have had to remind themselves that is was an exer-

The basewide scenario was played out in realistic, gritty detail, all in an effort to prepare emergency personnel and all Robins employees for a potential crisis.

The command post announced the lockdown via the "giant voice" system as the entire installation closed for roughly 15 minutes with the exception of emergency outbound traffic at one of the gates.

The annual exercise – an Air Force requirement – took place at Bldgs. 2072 and 2053, with Tech. Sgt. Andre Sanchez-Romero, a 78th Security Forces Squadron patrolman, acting as a gunman intent on a murderous rampage, ultimately leaving 20 volunteer "victims" dead or wounded.

With no shortcuts taken in blood and moulage, the entire event – which took eight weeks to plan – was worthy of Oscar nomina-

Only training weapons were used in the exercise.

"Safety was paramount.

The bottom line is we didn't want anybody getting hurt," said Dave Berry, 78th Inspector General's chief of inspections planning. "We had to notify everyone in those buildings beforehand because we certainly didn't want to surprise or scare anybody."

The staged crisis began with 911 calls to the Base **Defense Operations Center** and ended with simulated medical treatment and analyses of the crime scene and shooter's vehicle by the Office of Special Investigations personnel.

The 78th Force Support Squadron handled proper notification to victims' families, and the coroner was on hand to assess the fatalities.

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Need help? Start here

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

As the song says, "Everybody hurts sometimes.'

But no matter the struggle, all of Team Robins need to be aware that they are far from alone, and that help is available here.

Counseling and other solutions involving everything from suicide prevention to substance abuse are formulated by an Integrated Delivery System collaboration of base agencies which includes mental health services, Family Member Readiness Services, the base chaplain and Military and Family Life consultants.

Trends are examined each month by IDS, which develops programs to counter each crisis; ideas are then sent to the Community Action Information Board for approval.

"We take a cross-functional look at the trends," said Lesley Darley, Community Support Coordinator. "For instance there may be a small increase in DUIs or with mental health issues. But, if you look at that cross-functionally, it may tell a bigger story."

Darley said there has been a slight but "alarming" increase in DUIs among Robins personnel this year, and that like any issue affecting those at the base, people need to be aware of available resources.

For example, first sergeants and commanders passed out flyers at the gates May 15, providing the telephone number for Airmen Against Drunk Driving – a program in place for many years that connects Airmen and civilians with designated drivers with no repercussions.

"I think we have all the right programs, but people are unaware or hear about them after the fact," said Darley. "As an installation, that's our biggest challenge. And, we need to make sure supervisors are aware that if someone is in distress, these are the programs avail-

able to them." Currently in the works is a Relationship Enhancement Plan due to an increase in those seeking assistance in dealing with marital issues, relationships at the workplace, and between parents and children.

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ANNUAL TEAM ROBINS MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY



U.S. Air Force file photo

This year's Camellia Gardens Ceremony will celebrate the lives of 63 deceased members of Team Robins.

BY JENNY GORDON

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The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service will be today at 10 a.m. in the tranquil garden across from Horizons Event Center. The service which pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins - will honor 63 lives.

A portion of Club Drive will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. today for the service.

Following is the list of names of the people who will be honored at this year's ceremony

Essie Clark Anderson Joseph Dewitt Andrews Jr. Vivian Louise Andrews **Brent Baumgartner**

Dorothy J. Bell Joyce Pope Brannon Ella Fields Brantley David Paul Burkhart Mary D. Burnett Zane Gray Burns Derak Bynes, SMSgt. retired Estelle C. Cheney Joseph Clark Jr. Douglas Randolph Corvey, Capt. retired Joseph Corry Craine Sr., Army retired Chris Crozier Milton L. Culpepper, Navy retired Mitchell Oliver Daniels, Army retired Cynthia Drake Ricardo A. Gamundi, SMsgt. Richard T. Gillis, MSgt. retired

Raymond Dixon Grant Phillip Samuel Green Marshall Felton Greene, Navy retired

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Second Front

138th Military Intelligence Company welcomes new commander

A 138th Military Intelligence Company change of command ceremony was conducted May 15 at the Heritage Club.

The new commander is Lt. Col. Brian Schmanski, who has served as the Army Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System deputy commander and senior Army Standards and Evaluations Flight Examiner instructor.

"It's an honor and a privilege to lead the Army JSTARS detachment and to be a member of Team JSTARS. I look forward to working closely with our Air Force partners in support to Department of Defense forces," said Schmanski. "We have a great mission and team partnership which I know will grow exponentially. My family and I are elated to be in the Warner Robins



Schmanski

community and the Robins Air Force Base family."

The 138th detachment at Robins trains and deploys soldiers as integrated E-8C air crew members who conduct global command, control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance

missions.

After relinquishing command, Lt. Col. Todd Morgan will assume command of the Geospatial Intelligence Integrations, Support, Test and Training Detachment in Melbourne, Fla.

- Jenny Gordon

IT'S AN ISSUE OF LOGISTICS ...

GCSU launches online program

Georgia College, the home of the state's oldest logistics program, recently expanded to an online format.

The Master of Logistics and Supply Chain Management will be offered entirely online beginning in the fall.

"Online graduate programs are an important way for Georgia College to accomplish its mission as a state university," said Dr. Dale Young, interim dean of the Georgia College J. Whitney Bunting College of Business. "The webbased supply chain program builds on our 40years of experience in that discipline while addressing a key industry segment for economic development across our state."

gram is cohort based and includes 30-semester hours.

The accredited pro-

"Our faculty members have put together a

program that meets the needs of working professionals in the supply chain industry in terms of access, affordability and program relevance," said Young.

Editor's note: For more information on this program, visit gcsu.edu/ business/mlscm; or visit Georgia College at the Robins Air Force Base campus office on the first Floor of Bldg. 905; or call 497-7376.

MEMORIAL DAY HOURS

78th MDG

The medical group will be closed in all areas during the upcoming four-day weekend.

78th FSS

- ▶Golf Course, open Monday normal hours.
- ▶Bowling Center, open Monday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- ▶Fitness Center, open Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ► Wynn Dining Facility open Monday normal hours.
- ▶Flight line Kitchen, open Monday normal hours.
- ►Heritage Pool, open Monday from noon to 6 p.m.

<u>AAFES</u>

- ► Main store, open Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Service Station, open Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ► Shoppette/Class Six open Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ► Firearms counter, open Monday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

78th SFS

►Gate 3, the Watson Blvd. Gate, will be closed Saturday and Sunday during the barrier project. Gate 5, the Martin Luther King Gate, will be open during the barrier project.

78th LRS

▶Fuels section will be open Monday normal hours.

* Unless listed, all FSS activities will be closed Monday. For a complete list of FSS hours, visit http://www.robinsfss.com.

*For other Robins Exchange facility hours, visit www.shopmyexchange.com.

Around the Air Force

SECAF, VCSAF outline top priority in memo to Airmen

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – In a memo sent to Airmen across the service, Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James and Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Larry Spencer challenged Airmen to take responsibility for creating cost saving initiatives within their areas of expertise.

The memo reemphasizes one of James' top priorities since taking office in December, and continues Spencer's focus to ensure Airmen are all in, all the time to "Make Every Dollar Count."

Giving teeth to this cultural initiative to stretch every dollar, James and Spencer remind Airmen to utilize the Airmen Powered by Innovation idea program and Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century offices to make their voices heard.

There are consequences of this fiscal climate that cannot change, they said, but Airmen must do their best to improve the things they can and be good stewards of taxpayer money.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Airmen can modify myPers home page to make searches easier JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH,

TEXAS (AFNS) – Airmen using myPers have multiple role options available to help them locate the information they need faster and easier.

When users log in, the system takes them to a default page attached to their authentication credentials (i.e., active duty, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, retiree or civilian employee). However, there may be times when users need to stay in tune with areas outside their current status. For example, a civilian who is discussing force management programs with an active duty member may need to access the force management information for officer or enlisted personnel. "Users who frequently need to access areas other than their current status might consider changing their default page," said Thomas Oates, knowledge management operations branch chief.

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

Take 'FIVE' to get free money for your TSP account JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH,

TEXAS (AFNS) – The Thrift Savings Plan has launched the "Take FIVE for Your Future" educational campaign encouraging civilian employees to take advantage of free government TSP matching contributions by putting at least 5 percent from each paycheck into their account.

"Employees who fail to do this are losing out on thousands of dollars that can help them down the road when they get ready to retire," said Carlos Colon, Air Force Personnel Center benefits and entitlements technical oversight team lead.

The government provides matching contributions on the first 5 percent of pay contributed each pay period. All civilian employees automatically receive a government 1 percent contribution. The first 3 percent will be matched



Extraction

A Navy HH-60H Seahawk from the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 84, extracts Air Force combat controllers during Emerald Warrior at Hurlburt Field, Fla. Emerald Warrior is an annual, joint exercise to train special operations, conventional and partner nation forces in combat scenarios designed to hone special operations air and ground combat skills, and is the Department of Defense's only irregular warfare exercise.

dollar-for-dollar; the next 2 percent will be matched at 50 cents on the dollar. If employees stop making regular employee contributions, the matching contributions will also stop.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Morale, Welfare, Recreation customer survey rolls out

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Does your base fitness center need new equipment? Do you want more recreational traveling opportunities? Do you think there aren't enough recreational opportunities for single service members, or do you think there are too many?

You have your chance to make a difference by answering the Defense Department's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Customer Satisfaction Survey, which will be arriving in service members' email boxes.

"The surveys are going out via email to individual active duty and reserve-component service members," said Carol Potter, the senior program analyst for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation office here.

The survey will be rolled out over the next several days, and it is in service members' best interests to participate, Potter said.

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

AF senior leader: more Air Force needed

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The one thing everyone wants, and needs, is more Air Force, Undersecretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning told Airmen during a townhall meeting and members of the Fifth Annual National Summit on Strategic Communications at the Washington Plaza Hotel recently.

Fanning's message to both groups had the common thread of the Air Force embracing and celebrating all aspects of its mission, while understanding and communicating those strengths.

"The Air Force is the one service the other services couldn't do without," he said. Fanning explained the



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN JOSHUA TURNER

Clean sweep

Senior Airman Brandon Johnson, a pavements and construction journeyman with the 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, sweeps away gravel in front of Hursey Gate at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

unique role the Air Force has in providing support and kinetic power to the fight in a way only the Air Force can.

"Being the service that is the glue that holds the joint fight together is something we need to embrace more," he said. "We need to embrace all the things we are, and celebrate them. We are a warfighting enterprise, like the other services, but we're an intelligence organization as well. We're the connective tissue between the traditional warfighting arms and the intelligence community."

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Perspective

CSAF describes Air Force's 'precarious' position

BY CLAUDETTE ROULO

American Forces Press Service

After 23 years of high-tempo operations, the Air Force is in a precarious position, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III told the Senate Armed Services Committee May 6.

The general was joined in his testimony by his fellow members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, including the Joint Chiefs chairman, Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, and the vice chairman, Navy Adm. James A. "Sandy" Winnefeld Jr.

Airmen have performed spectacularly well over a period that included numerous routine deployments and contingency responses, Welsh said.

"I believe they've earned every penny they've made," the general added. But per-capita costs for Airmen have grown more than 40 percent since 2000, he noted.

"Last year, our readiness levels reached an all-time low," Welsh said. "As we struggle to recover, we don't have enough units ready to respond immediately to a major contingency, and we're not always able to provide fully mission-ready units to meet our combatant commanders' routine rotational requirements."

The Air Force's modernization forecasts also are bleak, the general said. About 20 percent of its aircraft flying today were built in the 1950s and 1960s, he noted, and more than half of the rest are 25 years old or older.

"And now, due to sequestration, we've cut about 50 percent of our currently planned modernization pro-

grams," Welsh said.

The fiscal situation has forced the Air Force into some very difficult decisions, the general said, particularly in the area of pay and compensation reform.

"No one takes this lightly," he said, "but we feel it's necessary to at least try and create some savings."

Without these tough calls, the Air Force "will be neither ready to fight today, nor viable against the threats of tomorrow," Welsh said.

Slowing the rate of pay increases, gradually reducing housing pay, reforming the TRICARE health care plan and reducing commissary subsidies will certainly hurt, the general said. But, he added, "what my secretary and I owe the nation, the joint team and our Airmen, more than anything else, are the training and tools necessary to fight and win and survive."

If Congress fails to pass the proposed compensation reforms, the Air Force will be forced to cut \$8.1 billion from readiness, modernization and infrastructure accounts over the next five years, Welsh said.

"We'll take significant cuts to flying hours and weapons system sustainment accounts, reduce precision munitions buys, and lower funding for training ranges, digging our readiness hole even deeper," the general said.

"We'll likely have to cancel or delay several critical recapitalization programs," he continued. "Among those probably impacted would be the combat rescue helicopter and the TX trainer. Abandoning the TX program would mean that future pilots will then continue to train in the 50-year-old T-38. We'll also be forced to cut spend-



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. SEAN HARP Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Mark A. Welsh III attended the Senate Armed Services Committee on Department of Defense proposals relating to military compensation May 6, in Washington, D.C.

ing on infrastructure beyond the \$5 billion we've already recommended to cut over (the next five years)."

These cuts would come in addition to the recommendations the Air Force already made, Welsh emphasized, including decreasing its force strength by nearly 17,000 Airmen next year, divesting the entire A-10 Thunderbolt II and U-2 reconnaissance aircraft fleets and possibly divesting the KC-10 Extender fleet.

"None of these options are good ones, but we are simply out of good options," he said. "It's time for courageous leadership. We simply can't continue to defer every tough decision in the near term, at the expense of military readiness and capability over time."

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During the ceremony, a bell is chimed with the reading of each of the names of the people being honored.

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Sharing information about hazards in our environment is important. Supervisors, safety officers, trainers, training and awareness programs, instructions and safety legislation are all needed to ensure everyone has the opportunity to know what to do in case of an event, according to Turner.

"The language of 'common sense' is always used to blame others for a form of thinking that is not common. For example, 'If they had only used their common sense, they wouldn't have been hurt' or 'common sense would tell you not to do that," he said. "If common sense were a reality then there would be no need for instructions or training, people would somehow magically know what to do. The evidence shows that even after extensive instruction and training, people still don't know what to do.

"Let's make the difference in 2014 with learned sense as we face the Critical Days of Summer, and remember - safety is no accident," he said.



been thwarted.

There have already been two suicides on base this year - both civilians - as well as several attempts by active duty airmen; as disturbing as those numbers are, Darley said many potential cases had

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"The good news is we've had a lot of suicides saved as well," she said. "People are following the Wingman concept and intervening when people have threatened to harm themselves or others. There has been success in stopping those instances."

and other solutions for everything from suicide prevention to substance abuse is available through the **Robins** Integrated Delivery System.

Courtesy photo

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On Wednesday, mental health evaluations were even carried out for first responders and witnesses acting as sufferers of post-traumatic stress following the incident.

The active shooter scenario is a collaborative effort that includes inspection team exercise members from emergency response functions, FSS, OSI, IGO and the base chaplain.

"We try to make it as real as possible, so we can get added value for the people who work here," said Tony Purtee, 78th IG inspection exercise manager. "We want to touch everybody and make sure they know these procedures for lockdown situations."



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON Mark Campbell, Department of the Air Force policeman, assesses casualties following the simulated mass shooting. The event is conducted annually as required by the Air Force.

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Out and About

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ON TAP **Family Day Bowling** Friday

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Bowling Center** Bring family and get three games and shoes \$5 For details, call 468-2112.

Bar Bingo

Sundays 2 p.m. Heritage Club Bingo Room For details, call 468-4515.

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.

UPCOMING

Wild Adventures Sign-up deadline is Wednesday Activity is May 31. Price is \$45 Price includes transportation, entry and Daughtry concert. For details, call 468-4001.

Plzza Depot Birthday Party

June 3 11 a.m. Prize giveaways and free food samples For details, call 468-0188.

Atlanta Braves Game

Sign-up deadline is June 6

Activity is June 14 Price is \$45 Price includes transportation and entry For details, call 468-4001.

ONGOING Military Spouse

Appreciation Specials Base Restaurant, Bldg. 166 All through May

►Mondays – garden panini

▶Tuesdays – fried rice

►Wednesdays – egg biscuit

▶Thursdays – Bowl of grits ► Fridays – 32 oz. beverage

A dependent ID card is required to receive discount.





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