

101 Critical Days of Summer

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U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA
Lt. Col. Philip Eilertson, addresses the audience after assuming command of Marine Aircraft Group 49 Detachment A during a change of command ceremony on Monday.

New commander takes over Marines' MAG-49 Det A

BY JENNY GORDON
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Lt. Col. Philip Eilertson assumed command of Marine Aircraft Group 49 Detachment A during a change of command ceremony Monday.

Following a return from deployment in Afghanistan, Eilertson, an AH-1W Super Cobra pilot, was assigned to MAG-49 Det A, to prepare as the site's incoming commander, arriving at Robins in early February.

Eilertson graduated from The Basic School in 1997, becoming winged as a Naval aviator in 1999. He flew combat missions in Afghanistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, was an AH-1W instructor pilot, and served with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 and HMLA-167. He has received the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with Strike/Flight Numeral 17, Navy

and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star.

Col. Robert Tobin, Marine Aircraft Group 49 commander and ceremony presiding officer, said the time-honored tradition of the change of command is an opportunity for the rededication to what's important. Tobin also praised Eilertson's reputation and noted that he was taking command of a great Marine unit.

Admitting that he was a bit nervous at the outset, Eilertson said he believes any good leader going into a new position should feel that way.

"But I'm excited to lead, learn and mentor the Marines and Sailors here at this unit," he said.

Relinquishing command, Lt. Col. David Steele, reflected on how fast his two years have passed.

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NEWS

YOU CAN USE

Upcoming blood drives

The Armed Services Blood Program will conduct a blood drive today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fitness Center Annex in Bldg. 301.

The American Red Cross will also conduct a blood drive today from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 645 and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 210.

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.

Perimeter Road crosswalk relocation

Pedestrians and drivers will soon find a relocated crosswalk near Bldg. 50 on Perimeter Road.

The relocated crosswalk will be north of the current crosswalk near the building and will improve both pedestrian and vehicle line-of-site. It is scheduled to be constructed Sunday, weather permitting.

As a reminder, both pedestrians and vehicles are equally responsible for road safety. Pedestrians must exercise caution when entering crosswalks by looking both ways and determining reasonable times to cross roadways.

Vehicles must exercise caution when approaching known areas of pedestrian traffic and must come to a complete stop when a pedestrian is in a crosswalk.

78th CPTS closure

The 78th Comptroller Squadron will close at noon on June 27 for an official function.

Wingin' it

C-130 team installs center wing box

BY BRIAN SHREVE
Robins Public Affairs

Some say every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings, but when it comes to large military aircraft, there's a bit more to it than that.

A C-130U model gunship received a new center wing box Tuesday, representing another successful installment for the program and the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

The wing box is the center portion of the C-130 that attaches the wings to the fuselage, essentially the "backbone" of the airplane, according to Scott Latimer, 560th AXMS deputy flight chief for the CWB replacement program.

It took a crew of about 10 mechanics a little more than an hour to lift the CWB and set it



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

Casey Tischer (foreground) and Jim Piper, sheet metal mechanics, work with Christopher Beasman, aerospace engineer, (background) Tuesday to guide the new center wing box on a C-130U model gunship.

atop the plane, although the entire process of replacing the wing box is a two-day event consisting of meticulous leveling tests, bolting hundreds of various fasteners and ending with laser optical tests to verify perfect alignment.

A center wing box is roughly 42 feet long and can weigh up to 10,000 pounds.

Consisting of all new components, the wing box was trucked to Robins directly from the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics plant in Marietta

and is the same as those now on the production line for the new J-model aircraft.

The replacement program began in 2004 and has since seen more than 80 wing boxes installed here at Robins for aircraft serving bases around the country, and for most Air Mobility Command airplanes and the U-model fleet.

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Relationship Enhancement Program lunch series begins Tuesday

BY CAPT. MINDY DAVIS
78th Medical Group

In an effort to address parent and child, spousal and workplace relationships, a series of Lunch and Learn sessions begin Tuesday.

The Relationship Enhancement Lunch

and Learn workshops are comprised of a series of five separate hour-long sessions, every other Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The sessions were a result of the Caring for People forums earlier this year and based on recommendations from the Community Action Information Board

and the Integrated Delivery System, along with a sub-committee consisting of the base Chapel, Family Advocacy Program, Employee Assistance Program, Military Family Life Consultants and Airmen Family Readiness Center.

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An array of responsibilities: Robins Command Post has eyes on it all

BY BRIAN SHREVE
Robins Public Affairs

Robins is a bustling place to say the least, and the 78th Air Base Wing Command Post is the know-all, catch-all cornerstone at the center of all the action.

With a mission to alert, direct, execute and report, there is no incident too big or small for them to handle. The facility supports the entire installation with operations and training affecting four major commands – a heavy role that distinguishes Robins' command post from others around the Air Force.

Perhaps that is why it was rec-

ognized by Air Force Materiel Command, winning the Large Command Post of the Year award – marking the first time Robins has won the prize.

"Usually at a base, you only work with one MAJCOM," said Lt. Col. Minh Do, 78th Command Post chief. "But we support so many partners, having so many on one installation. I think the diversity of missions and our personnel helped get us the award. But it was a surprise for us as well."

Including Do, the organization consists of 19 personnel who direct operational reports and briefings to senior leaders, MAJCOM centers,

the AF Service Watch Cell and National Military Command Center.

Receiving and processing Emergency Action Messages, it is their job to analyze and report just about every situation on base, ranging from minor instances to deaths, chemical spills, inclement weather and larger emergencies.

In other words, these are the people behind the scenes, manning the "giant voice" whenever vital communication is warranted at Robins.

"We cover a full spectrum of



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

Command Post controllers man the console. The console is designed so the controllers have everything they need on hand to respond promptly to a notification or emergency event.

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Second Front

Congratulations go out to ...

Fostering Leadership in People

Fostering Leadership in People awards are given to those who make contributions to improving labor and management relations at Robins. The latest recipients are:

- ▶ Shirley Worsham, 404th SCMS
- ▶ Linda Hinkle, 404th SCMS

Black Belt Certification

Thomas Mettendorf, acting 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group and 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron F-15 change manager, recently became AFSSO21 Black Belt certified.

Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, or AFSSO21, is the Air Force's eight-step problem solving method and facilitators assist in the program with their knowledge and training

on all things lean; these facilitators are ranked by a belt system.

Black Belt certification is the highest level of AFSSO21 certification and the process begins with green belt certification, followed by real-world problem solving, course work, and a nomination packages that must be vetted and certified by a Secretary of the Air Force U.S. Military Service board.

CGO Scholarship winner

Emily Deyton, daughter of Vincent Deyton, a 567th Electronics Maintenance Squadron electrician, and Inez Deyton was selected as the winner of the 2014 Robins Company Grade Officer Council Scholarship. Deyton, who just graduated from Veterans High School, will attend Georgia Southern University this fall.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

CCAF Spotlight



Senior Airman Carl Wheaton

UNIT:
78th Comptroller Squadron

TIME IN SERVICE:
2 years

HOMETOWN:
Washington, DC

CCAF DEGREE:
Financial Management

Editor's note: The Robins CCAF Graduation Ceremony for the October 2013 and April 2014 classes will be June 27 at 3:30 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

Who or what motivated you to meet with an education office counselor? My then supervisor, superintendent and my commander all had equal parts in motivating me to meet with an education office counselor. Since I came into the Air Force with a bachelor's in accounting, they encouraged me to go to the education office to see what classes I needed to take in order to get my CCAF.

How did you go about pursuing your Community College of the Air Force degree? I went to the education office to find out what I needed to do in order to take classes for my master's and LaShondria Smith informed me about the Community College of the Air Force. After a little more research into exactly what a CCAF was and what it could do for advancement in my career field, I quickly became interested in pursuing the CCAF before my completing my master's.

What are your educational plans now that you have completed your CCAF? My next step in education is to complete my Master's degree. My education office liaison has helped tremendously on finding the right school for me by providing me with the right questions to ask to make an informed decision.

DLA, Union sign commitment

Col. Daniel Hicks, Defense Logistics Agency Aviation commander at Robins, signs a local Voluntary Protection Plan charter June 13 as Robert Tidwell, American Federation of Government Employees Local 987 president looks on.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration VPP Challenge requires involving employees in meaningful safety and health activities. Management leadership and employee involvement are set forth by the signing of the VPP Charter by AFGE and DLA to clearly communicate the commitment to providing a safe working environment.

Technical sergeant promotion release and celebration

The Air Force will officially release its newest list of technical sergeant promotees Thursday.

A promotion release celebration in honor of the new promotees will be July 1 at 3:30 p.m. at the Heritage Club.

Junior Enlisted Appreciation Picnic

Junior enlisted military members at Robins will be in the spotlight Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the installation's annual Junior Enlisted Appreciation Picnic at Robins Park. The day will include free lunch and a number of sporting events and fun activities.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Theodore Lee at theodore.lee@robins.af.mil or 468-8110; or Master Sgt. Paul Ellis at

paul.ellis.1@ang.af.mil or 241-5166.

DAU classes

The following classes have been added to the Defense Acquisition University fiscal 2014 schedule:

- ▶ ACQ 201B 14-404 – Wednesday - June 27
- ▶ ACQ 265 14-030 – June 30 - July 3
- ▶ SYS 203 14-072 – Aug. 4 - 8
- ▶ ACQ 201B 14-405 – Aug. 25 - 29
- ▶ ACQ 201B 14-406 – Sept. 8 -12

Class size is limited and walk-ins will only be considered if there are "no shows."

Classes will be on the Central Georgia Technical College, Warner Robins campus located at 80 Cohen Walker Drive in Bldg. H, Room 9.

For more information, contact Donna Casey, at donna.casey@dau.mil or 478-218-3224.

Around the Air Force

Some AFSCs removed from eligibility for retention boards

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Fewer Airmen than originally expected will meet involuntary retention boards this summer and fall, Air Force officials recently said.

Air Force leaders eliminated approximately 4,000 Airmen from eligibility for the upcoming boards at Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James's direction to bolster manning for nuclear-related Air Force specialty codes and to account for budgetary uncertainty regarding proposed force structure changes.

"Establishing full manning in our nuclear positions underscores the vital importance of this mission," James said. "It also offers these critical Airmen a more stable work schedule and improves their quality of life. Budgetary uncertainty regarding proposed force structure actions is also driving us to retain more Airmen in some career fields. Adjusting our force management programs reduces risk at this point."

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

AF to implement new feedback process July 1

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS (AFNS) – In a recent message to Airmen, Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody announced plans to begin implementing a more comprehensive Air Force evaluation system for officers and enlisted members.

The first step in the process will be the July 1 implementation of the Airman Comprehensive Assessment Worksheet performance feedback tool, Air Force officials said in a release June 9.

The ACA Worksheet, tested in 2012 by 45,000 Airmen, introduces a tool and a process designed to improve communication between supervisors and subordinates while reminding Airmen of the importance of Air Force core values and the role they play in accomplishing the mission, said Will Brown the Air Force Personnel Center Evaluation and Recognition Programs Branch Chief Will Brown.

Of significance, the ACA form and process require Airmen to assess themselves prior to a face-to-face feedback session with their supervisor.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Airmen can change how AF does business

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS (AFNS) – Creative, motivated Airmen are the key to changing how the Air Force does business, and every Airman has an equal opportunity to make a lasting contribution through the Airmen Powered by Innovation program, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Launched in April, API was initiated thanks to the success of the Make Every Dollar Count initiative, which generated 11,616 ideas in one month. Airmen Powered by Innovation combines and streamlines the processes of four legacy improvement programs: Innovative Development through Employee Awareness, Productivity Enhancing Capital Investment, Best Practices and Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century.

API is an enduring program that provides an outlet



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. JAMAL D. SUTTER

Top-down view

Tech. Sgt. Mathias Hauser, a 41st Rescue Squadron special mission's aviator out of Moody Air Force Base, Ga., inspects the rotor blades of an HH-60G Pave Hawk at Flagstaff Pulliam Airport, Ariz. One of Hauser's responsibilities is to conduct preflight inspections to ensure the aircraft is mission ready.

for Airmen's ideas to be tested and implemented.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

AF test pilot school applications due in June

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS (AFNS) – The 2014 USAF Test Pilot School selection board will convene Aug. 5 through 8 to consider candidates for July 2015 and January 2016 classes, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

Applications must reach Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command Air, Space and Information Operations by Monday at 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

The board will select applicants for fighter, multi-engine aircraft, helicopter and remotely piloted aircraft pilot, combat systems officer (including navigators, electronic warfare officers and weapons system officers) and military and civilian engineer opportunities.

TPS trains pilots, combat systems officers and engineers to develop, test and evaluate the newest aircraft and weapons systems in the fighter, multi-engine, helicopter and remotely piloted aircraft categories.

The 48-week course consists of four closely related curricula: experimental test pilot, experimental test combat systems officer, experimental test remotely piloted aircraft pilot and experimental flight test engineer.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

New commander takes the lead of Basic Military Training

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, TEXAS (AFNS) – Air Force Basic Military Training welcomed a new commander last week during a change of command ceremony at the Recruit and Family in-processing Information Center on Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Col. Michele Edmondson assumed command of the 737th Training Group from Col. Deborah Liddick. Liddick spent the past 20 months as BMT commander



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS HARRY BREXEL

Trouble shooter

Senior Airman Richard Gates, a 19th Maintenance Group fuels system repair technician, uses a laptop to diagnose possible malfunctions at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The 19th MXG fuels system repair flight works on fuel, water cell tanks, bladder cells and external tanks.

and following the change of command ceremony, retired after 25 years in the Air Force.

Edmondson comes to JBASA-Lackland after serving the past two years as the 381st Training Group commander at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Perspective

CMSAF talks reasons why we serve

Editor's Note: *Airman's Roll Call* is designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors, and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams.

WASHINGTON – Roll Call! We've all done it, some more than once. We've raised our right hand and repeated the oath to solemnly swear to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. It is a humbling oath, a thoughtful and serious promise to take on the sobering duty to protect our freedoms.

The motivation behind our first oath is often different. Many initially raise their right hand for the opportunities that come with service in our military – great young men and women looking to further their education goals, for direction and purpose in life, or financial stability. For others it could be family tradition or the thrill of a new challenge. The reasons vary greatly, and none are wrong.

There is no bad reason to join our Air Force.

For each of us, at some point in our service, that reason must evolve. We must grow to understand that service is about more than direction, pay or education. It is about protecting American ideals, embracing the responsibility that comes with freedom, and strength-



U.S. Air Force graphic by COREY PARRISH

ening our country through an unbreakable bond with the comrades who serve by our side. We share a commitment to do and be more, a commitment that only those who have served can fully understand and appreciate.

When proud veterans recall their service – however short, or long ago it may have been – they never recall the tangible benefits. They cherish the intangible benefits – pride, service, duty and honor – and stand taller knowing they did their part to serve their country.

It is a privilege to be an Airman and an honor to defend our nation. We can never forget that.

As you gather with your team this month, talk about why you serve. What drives you to put on our uniform? What pushes you to serve your country? What motivates you to win the fight, strengthen the team, and shape the future? This month we will begin to tell thousands of great Americans they no longer have that option. Think about those Airmen, men and women who would like nothing more than to continue to serve, and remember the privilege we should all hold dear.

Our Air Force is the most powerful airpower in the world; for more than 60 years we've enjoyed an air superiority no other can match. It is a truth that should compel pride, a pride that must drive each of us to be faithful to a proud heritage, a tradition of honor, and a legacy of valor. We have a lot of Airmen in our Air Force ... we need a lot of Air Force in our Airmen. When you raise your right hand, remember what it stands for; remember the men and women who have taken the solemn oath before you; and remember that service is a calling with intangible rewards: pride, service, and duty ... these will always be priceless.

– By Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force
James Cody

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Once the gunship is completed entirely, it will go to Air Force Special Operations Command headquartered at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

After a certain amount of flying time and cycles, an aircraft's center wing box must be replaced with engineers developing time frames based on flight time predictions and flight activity.

"Depending on what type of mission they fly, it changes that time frame," said Latimer. "This C-130U model gunship, for example, has a pretty aggressive profile."

The wing box removal and replacement is actually the second step of a larger three-phase process, Latimer said. The first step begins in Bldg. 2316, where the aircraft is prepared by

disassembling its major components, such as flight controls, the vertical stabilizer, engine flaps and outer wings.

Once the wing box is placed, the aircraft is sent back to Bldg. 2390 where the outer wings are attached and other parts are reassembled before functional tests are conducted. Working on a strict deadline, this most recent gunship must be ready for Phase 3 by Aug. 7, said Latimer.

He added that the entire process has evolved in speed significantly over the years, with what used to take up to 340 days down to a goal of 240 days from start to finish for this C-130.

"With every airplane, we find something that can be done quicker, safer, better, and learn from it to get the airplane to the customer sooner," he said. "The awareness of the crew is crucial. We've come a long way, and we're almost there."



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

The new center wing box is lifted Tuesday in preparation for installation in the C-130U model gunship.

MARINES

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"It was a privilege to serve these Marines," he said. "The squadron will be in great hands under Lt. Col. Eilertson. I'm excited to see the direction this squadron is headed."

Steele and his family will be headed to Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, where he will attend Air War College.

The Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron-773, the Marine Corps Reserves' only attack helicopter squadron, is also located at Robins. The other two sister units are in Louisiana and New Jersey. HMLA-773 falls under the command of MAG-49 Det A, which is part of the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing.

Both units relocated to Robins in July 2010 from Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta.

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The following sessions will be in various locations.

Schedule:

►Tuesday - *YOU, ME, and US: How Do We Merge?* – Identify your personality. Learn how to except differences, develop strategies to merge into a health relationship.

►July 8 - *Survival Skills for Unexpected Changes* – What to do when life throws you a curve ball. Learn how to handle multiple stressors.

►July 22 - *Honey, Let's Talk (Without the Mud Fight)* – Express what you

want to say in a way your partner can receive the message. Learn how to communicate without conflict.

►Aug. 12 - *MatriMONEY* – Explore emotional connections to finances. Learn how to communicate effectively to set goals with your partner.

►Aug. 26 - *Money Matters* – Basic money management skills; finances 101. Learn how to budget, plan for savings/retirement, and investments.

For more information or to register, access the medical group Facebook page at AFMC-Robins-78th Medical Group, myMC2 application events, email robins.fap@us.af.mil, or call 497-8398.

In the Spotlight

snakes

Fact vs Fiction

Natural Resources manager dispels snake myths, offers tips to stay safe

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

Humans aren't the only creatures getting out more around Robins in the warmer months. Several species of snakes are enjoying the sun as well, coming out of their winter dormancy in search of food and potential mates.

And yes, though there are many misconceptions regarding them; however, there are some simple tips for staying safe while respecting the reptiles.

According to Bob Sargent, base natural resources manager, snakes prefer temperatures between 60 and 90 degrees, making snake sightings more common now than even in the warmer months.

"Like us, they don't really like those painfully hot summer days," he said. "So as the temperatures climb, the number of reports of snakes seen tends to go down because their activity patterns have changed."

Sargent said snakes that don't live around water or have a cool environment in which to retreat often become nocturnal.

Despite many people's natural fear of snakes – ophiophobia – of roughly 42 species of snakes native to the state, only six are actually venomous. Only three of those are routinely found in Middle Georgia – the copperhead, timber rattlesnake and cottonmouth, or water moccasin.

Over the years, only about 15 different species have been spotted at Robins.

Most snakes reported on base are non-venomous and most are water snakes found in the vegetation around Scout Lake. The most common are the banded and brown water snakes, rat snakes and several smaller species such as the garter, ring-neck and crown snake.

Sargent said he is used to people's impulsive reactions to snakes, most of them mistaken as venomous.

"I always hear that the only good snake is a dead snake," he said. "I try to explain to them that these animals have ecological value just like everything in nature. They control things we don't want in our homes like



Courtesy photo

A Robins contractor holds a timber rattlesnake killed near the horse pasture last year.

rodents, insects and poisonous centipedes. Some, such as the king snake, even eat many venomous snakes. They also serve as food for a lot of other species.

According to Sargent, the best thing to do is simply step away from a snake once encountered, especially when it's in its own environment as opposed to a backyard. He added that roughly 70 percent of snake bites are completely avoidable, a result of their being antagonized.

"Even the venomous ones are not generally aggressive until they have no choice but to defend themselves," he said. "Being cold-blooded, snakes don't have a lot of energy to waste producing metabolically expensive venom on something they know is not a potential food item."

In the U.S., between 6,000 and 8,000 people are bitten

by snakes annually – most occurring in western states – with fewer than 10 fatalities on average.

Sargent said there are also misconceptions when it comes to identifying venomous snakes, and that even the age-old rhyme of "when red touches yellow, kill a fellow..." is non-factual.

"People get a nursery rhyme taught and end up killing a snake technically protected by state or even federal law as many species are," he said.

And with many "good" snakes mimicking their venomous counterparts as a defense mechanism, they're sometimes harder to differentiate than many realize.

"I get calls from people all the time convinced they've seen a cottonmouth, and it invariably turns out to be a banded water snake," said Sargent. "They flatten their bodies like the cottonmouth and have similar hourglass patterns on their bodies."

Vipers, he said, are usually known by three definitive characteristics: vertical eyes, a heat-seeking pit between the nostril and eye and a diamond-shaped head, albeit another trait often mimicked by water snakes.

As for the more common cottonmouth, Sargent said they can be distinguished by their raccoon-like masks and thicker bodies as they grow in girth rather than length, the longest ones being about four feet.

"We've got some spectacular snakes on the base," he said. "Learning to just recognize the three venomous ones from a distance is best. But remember that some absolutely do not want to bite you, but even non-venomous ones will bite if antagonized. I don't encourage people to walk up and pick up a snake even if they know the differences. And remember that they can't slither nearly as fast as we can jog away."

Those who encounter a snake at Robins they are unsure about or one that is a nuisance may call the Base Pest Management Shop at 468-2082 or Sargent at 497-3974 to catch and relocate the animal.

A Better You

New student school registration information

Certificate of Immunization authorization changes

Families transferring to Robins are now able to have their child's Certificate of Immunization, Form 3231, signed and issued by a licensed County Board of Health or physician from another state – easing the way forward in the school registration process.

According to The Georgia Composite Board for Georgia Physicians, they are allowed to sign Georgia forms, such as 3231, but must enter vaccine information into the Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services or GRITS system. Students from military-based families must present a 3231 to enter Georgia schools.

All licensed military physicians can sign Georgia Immunization form 3231. If the physician is on a military base, but not licensed in Georgia, that person is also authorized under his federal employment to practice as long as it is related to his employment, according to the Georgia Department of Public Health.

For more information, call Renee Daughtry, Robins School Liaison Officer, at 497-5524.

New student enrollment screenings

The 78th Medical Group will be performing new student enrollment school screenings July 12 and 26

from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 700A for TRICARE enrolled beneficiary students.

Screenings are for students from pre-K to 12th grade. No appointment is necessary. Children will have vision, hearing and dental exams – all of which are required by the Georgia school system.

Immunizations will also be available, so parents should bring a copy of the child's latest shot record. In addition, height, weight, blood pressure and scoliosis screenings will be performed. The Georgia School Form 3300 is available online at http://dph.georgia.gov/sites/dph.georgia.gov/files/related_files/document/DPH_Form_3300.pdf for convenience or may be completed at the event.

NOTE: This form may be printed out by families currently at other military bases who will be PCSing into Georgia. They can have their current PCM or medical technician complete the form prior to their arrival to Georgia. The Georgia Immunizations Form 3231 will be provided by the Immunizations Clinic. Only the above services will be performed at the school screenings.

If a sports physical is needed, call commercial 478-327-7850 or DSN 497-7850 to schedule an appointment. For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Prunty at 478-327-7861.



Airman & Family Readiness Center

Classes, workshops & seminar schedule

- ▶ **First Term Airman Course (Finance)** - Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to noon.
- ▶ **Right Start** - Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Educational Track** - Thursday and June 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Ron Smith 478-327-3401 to register.
- ▶ **DAV Medical Records Review** - Appointments only. Call 478-222-4146.
- ▶ **Department of Labor** - Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Military and Family Life Counseling** - Monday

through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- ▶ **Pre-deployment Briefings** - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m.

- ▶ **Survivor's Benefit Plan** - Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- ▶ **Group Pre-separation Briefings (retirees)** - Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

***Editor's Note:** All classes require pre-registration. For more information, call DSN 468-1256, commercial 478-926-1256, or visit Bldg. 794 Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

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incidents,” said Do. “Even if somebody calls security forces about someone scratching their car, we receive it as well and ensure necessary personnel are notified. If there’s a gate closing or sonic boom, we handle that, too. We do pretty much everything here, and it has to be done quickly.”

Yes, timeliness is a sensitive cornerstone here.

From the time of notification of an occurrence, the command post has a 15-minute window to obtain senior leader approval, get word to headquarters or notify the entire base, then an hour to deliver a written operational

report in detail.

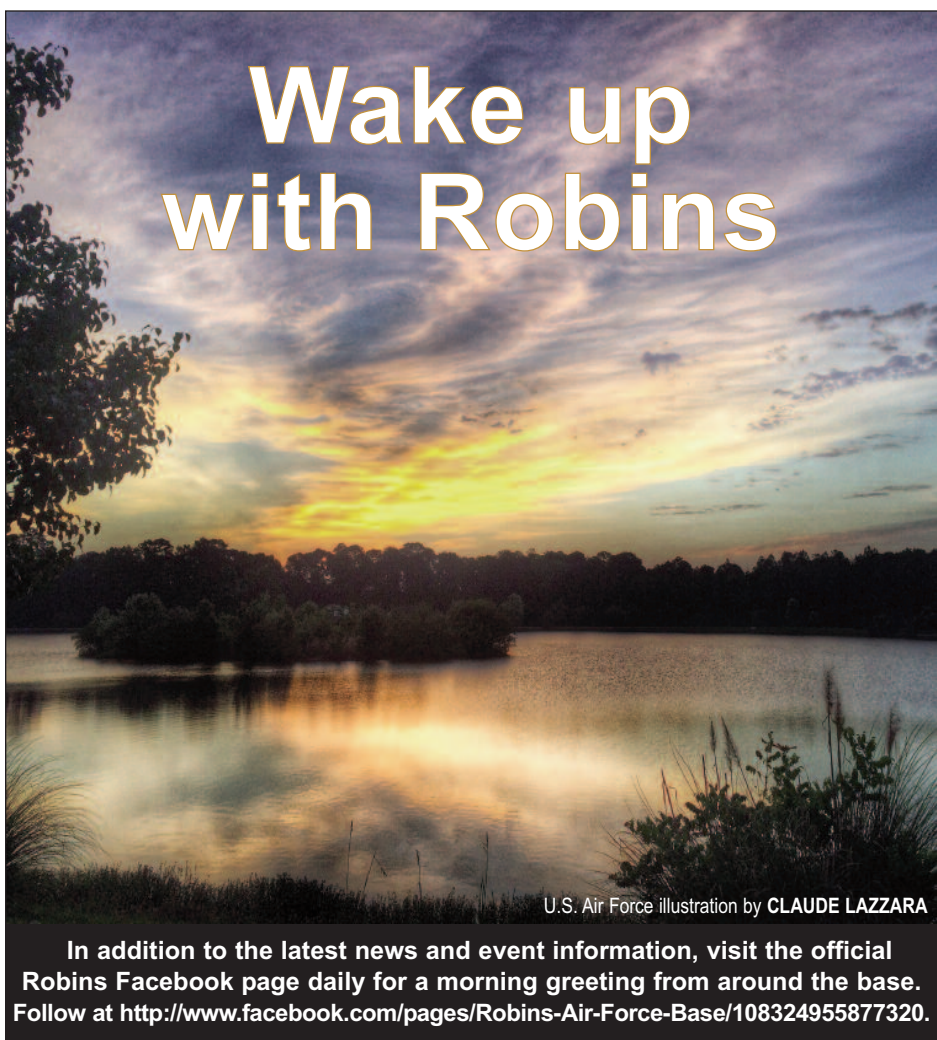
With so much on its plate, Do said the biggest challenge the organization faces is stress, particularly the uncertainty of the future. With last year’s furloughs and recent budget cuts, the command post, like other organizations, is “doing more with less people,” and the staff has to sacrifice at times.

Working 12-hour shifts, weekends and nights, they are tired, he added, especially considering they can’t exactly take leave any time they want.

“And they are the key – the people,” he said. “They work hard 24/7. We work together as a family to make sure we find ways to keep morale high to give our people needed time with family and friends.”



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Staff Sgt. Tyler Bush, senior emergency action controller, demonstrates the Giant Voice System. It is a part of the Installation Notification Warning System, which allows controllers to inform the base populace of emergency situations that require immediate action such as alarm conditions, FPCON/INFOCON changes and natural disaster warnings.



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Out and About

FRI 20 SAT 21 SUN 22 MON 23 TUE 24 WED 25 THUR 26

ON TAP
Membership Night
 Today
 5 p.m.
 Heritage Club
 Enjoy music & food. Club members bring your family and enjoy a meal on us. For details, call 472-7899.

Family Movie Night
The Lego Movie
 Today
 6:30 p.m.
 Base Theater
 Cost is \$2 and includes popcorn and drink. For details, call 468-2001.

Parent-Child Golf
 Saturday
 9 a.m.
 Pine Oaks Golf Course
 For details, call 468-4103.

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.
Bingo Mid-Year Blowout
 Thursday
 7:15 p.m.
 Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
 Heritage Club
 For details, call 926-0188.

UPCOMING
Jazz Night at the "H"
 June 27
 7 p.m.
 Heritage Club
 Club members \$7
 Guests \$10
 Featuring live music by Class Act
 For details, call 472-7899.

Fall Soccer Registration
 July 1
 Youth Center
 Cost is \$55 for ages 5 – 17
 Cost is \$35 for ages 3 – 4
 For details, call 468-2110.

ONGOING
Afterburner June Special
 Base Restaurant Bldg. 166
 Monday through Friday
 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Pumpkin Gingerbread

Frappuccino
 For details, call 472-7827.

Heritage Pool
 Open daily noon to 6 p.m.
 Closed on Wednesdays for maintenance. For details, call 468-4001.

School's Out Bowling
 Monday - Friday
 2 to 5 p.m.
 Bowling Center
 \$5 per person
 Includes 3 games and shoes. For details, call 468-2112.

Twilight Golf Rates
 Everyday
 4 to 6:30 p.m.
 Pine Oaks Golf Course
 Play 18 holes with cart for \$20 per person. No cart cost is \$12. For details, call 468-4103.

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