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NEWS

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Air Force Ball date, time set

Robins' 2014 Air Force Birthday Ball, themed 'A Hero's Welcome,' will take place Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar. More information will follow as it becomes available.

78th CPTS closure

The 78th Comptroller Squadron will close at noon today for an official function.

Delays at Med Clinic today

The 78th Medical Group will be minimally manned this afternoon due to an official ceremony.

Patrons may experience delays at the lab, in radiology and at the pharmacy.

Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic, in Bldg. 660 will open its doors Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to all ranks – Officer, Enlisted Active, Guard, Retired, Reserve – with a valid I.D. card.

Road Closure

10th Street from Robins Parkway to the south parking lot, including the area in front of Bldg. 948, will be closed Thursday from 7 a.m. to noon due to an official ceremony.

Team Robins gets chance to take part in Air Force recreational interest survey

Team Robins members are encouraged to participate in a recreational interests survey commissioned by the Air Force Personnel Services Directorate. The online survey – themed "Get It? Give It. Your Opinion Counts" – was pushed last week to randomly-selected Airmen at CONUS installations. It runs through early July.



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

Above, Airmen from the 53rd Combat Communications Squadron convoy to Perry Airfield June 7 as part of an exercise. The 5th Combat Communications Group can deploy to support a diverse range of operations anywhere in the world, providing command and control communications, as well as air traffic control and weather systems. Below, Senior Airman Cody Perschbacher, 53rd Ground Radar Systems maintainer, operates the Precision Approach Radar during the exercise.

5th CCG honors past, looks to future

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

The 5th Combat Communications Group may be turning 50 next week, but this renowned mob is anything but over the hill.

Anniversary events kick off with a golf tournament Monday and continue until Wednesday, ending with an awards banquet at the Museum of Aviation.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Jamie Kitchen, 5th CCG superintendent of plans and operations flight, the banquet is considered the capstone of the three-day birthday bash – due in part to its guest speaker Lt. Gen. Michael Basla, chief information specialist for the Air Force.

The 5th CCG, known more commonly as the 5th MOB,



deploys to support a diverse range of operations anywhere in the world, providing tactical command and control communications, as well as air traffic control and weather systems.

It's a self-supporting, combat-ready unit comprised of more than 700 personnel and is now the Air Force's only remaining active duty combat communications group following last year's shutdown of the 3rd CCG at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

"(The 5th) is a unique group in the Air Force," said Kitchen. "With the tactical communications side of the house, we're always out in the field. We go inside a bare base and set up the initial structure so they can bring in troops and aircraft."

Kitchen said the 50th anniversary is a time to remember the 5th CCG's forebears and take pride in the vital role the group has played in operations since its official activation at Robins July 1, 1964.

The group's distinguished history includes participation in hundreds of missions, including its being the first combat communications unit in theater during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

"You have to remember

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DUI All Calls scheduled for next week

BY JENNY GORDON

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Team Robins is committed to zero tolerance when it comes to driving under the influence of alcohol.

To continue to address DUI prevention, there will be three All Calls next week which are mandatory for military personnel 26 years old and younger.

They will be Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. at Coats Hall, Bldg. 2051; 10 a.m. at the Base Theater, Bldg. 909; and 3 p.m. at Coats Hall. All three presentations will be the same.

Opening comments will be delivered by Col. Chris Hill, Installation commander, and Col. William Gould, 461st Air Control Wing vice commander. A safety message will also be given by 78th Air Base Wing and 461st ACW safety offices.

With a 47 percent increase in the number of Airmen receiving DUIs at Robins compared to this time last year, the All Calls are being scheduled in advance of the busy Fourth of July weekend to remind and caution members of the dangers of being under the influence.

A recent DUI campaign included a total of 7,400 flyers being passed out at the front gates in time for the Memorial Day weekend. The flyer included important numbers of helping agencies across Robins, including Airmen Against Drunk Driving, an organization of volunteers who assist members with rides home when there is no designated driver.

The Integrated Delivery System at Robins is coordinating with the traffic enforcement unit of the Houston County Sheriff's Office to deliver a special 50-minute educational presentation on DUI reduction, complete with videos and stories to raise awareness.

Prior to entering the event, each Airman will be given a key chain to place on their keys which contain numbers for AADD, DSN 472-0013.

Airmen with questions should check with their supervisors for more information.

Red Cross honors two Robins members as Hometown Heroes

BY TECH. SGT. SHANDA DE ANDA

Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

Two Team Robins Airmen were among a dozen individuals and groups recognized for service-before-self actions at the Museum of Aviation Wednesday.

Staff Sgt. Melissa Erwin, a Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command communications network vulnerability management technician, and Senior Airman Skyler Bustle, a 78th Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering journeyman, have been presented the 2014 Red Cross of Central Georgia

Hometown Hero Award.

Regardless of the hero category – humanitarian; emergency response; animal rescue; blood; workplace; military – each recipient displayed courage, dedication, concern or a conviction and something that moves or inspires people to do or be more, according to the Red Cross.

Erwin, who won in the Military Hero category, was recognized for her work with observance month committees, support to Relay for Life events, volunteering as a survivor and caregiver and laboring on Habitat for Humanity homes.

A post-traumatic stress disorder survivor, Erwin approached Team Robins with the idea to start a PTSD support group – an idea that was voted into an official Robins organization in support of more than 6,000 service members.

Being recognized as a hero hit close to heart for Erwin.

"I pour my heart and soul into helping others," she said. "It gives my life meaning and peace. [I know] there are others like me, and it's helpful in our recovery to know we're not alone."

Presenting that cause to the Team Robins Caring for People

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U.S. Air Force photo by

MASTER SGT. CHANCE BABIN

Staff Sgt. Melissa Erwin (right) and Senior Airman Skyler Bustle (left), are the recipients of 2014 Red Cross of Central Georgia Hometown Hero Awards.



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

Senior Airman Axel Fiksman, 116th Civil Engineering Squadron, takes a measurement during the construction of a wall during Silver Flag training at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

'Always ready, always there'

BY TECH. SGT. REGINA YOUNG

116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

"The Georgia National Guard's Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen remain equipped and trained to assist their community and state, any time," said Chief Master Sgt. David Fite, a senior enlisted manager with the 116th Air Control Wing.

The wing's active duty missions in response to last year's Boston Marathon bombings and 2005's Hurricane Katrina are among the more prominent missions that served community requests, protected property and potentially saved lives.

The 116th has about 140 Airmen in the wing who are trained in specific

skills for all hazard situations.

The Mission Support Group uses personnel from security forces, logistics, civil engineering, explosive ordnance disposal and emergency management who train to provide defense support to civilian authorities in emergency responses.

Formed in a specialized team, "The 116th Medical Group's chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, high-yield explosive, enhanced response force package, or CERFP team, are 100 percent trained and dedicated to meet the needs and expectations of any DSCA mission," said Chief Master Sgt. Frank Bulin, Medical Group superintendent.

CERFPs are a joint National Guard response element made up of Army and Air National Guard members who search for,

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Second Front

CCAF

SPOTLIGHT

**Staff Sgt.
Benjamin Gaisford**

UNIT:
566th Electronics
Maintenance Squadron

TIME IN SERVICE:
5 years

HOMETOWN:
Oil City, Pa.



**COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF
THE AIR FORCE DEGREE:**
Avionics Systems Technology

**Who or what motivated you to meet
with an education office counselor?**

I had most of my credits covered through technical school, and I was tired of constantly having just one more class to finish. The Air Force is becoming an environment where you can't be successful unless you have your CCAF, and since I plan to stay in, I felt it necessary to finish up the degree.

**How did you go about pursuing your
Community College of the Air Force
degree?**

I was previously enrolled with an online college while stationed overseas, so I continued my classes with them, studying at home to achieve the degree requirements.

**What are your educational plans now
that you have completed your CCAF?**

I'm currently enrolled in a bachelor's program at the same online school. I just started my second academic year this month and will graduate in 2016. Following that, I intend to pursue a master's degree to further my knowledge and prepare myself for life after the military.

Editor's note: *The Robins Community College of the Air Force Graduation Ceremony is today at 3:30 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.*

Taking Clean energy on the road

BY BRIAN SHREVE
Robins Public Affairs

Clean energy was the name of the game as the Georgia Alternative Fueled Vehicle Roadshow rolled into the Museum of Aviation.

The event, June 19, showcased an array of vehicles running on electricity, propane, biodiesel, natural gas or solar energy and featured presentations by advocates there to educate the public on the economic and environmental benefits of embracing domestic alternative forms of fuel.

"The idea is to simply put the facts out there about each separate fuel because there are a lot of misconceptions," said Joy Kramer, tour director.

The roadshow, will visit eight cities across the southeast.

The seminar portion of the event began with 1st Lt. Andrew Shurman, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Management Flight, speaking on behalf of Robins and its role in the mission to promote energy-efficient standards.

"We're working to do our part to be good stewards of the environment as we head into the future," said Shurman.

Tim Echols, Georgia Public Service commissioner and founder of the roadshow, then presented Robins with the sustainability recognition award, commending it for such innovations as the museum running on clean energy, the base's use of energy-efficient light bulbs and its commitment to install eco-friendly heating and cooling systems.



U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

An electric car gets a quick charge June 19 during the Georgia Alternative Fueled Vehicle Roadshow at the Museum of Aviation.

"I really see the military, your base and our state leading the way," he said. "These old habits can be broken with the right discipline."

Echols said the state is at the forefront in regards to solar energy and electric cars partly due to legislation which gives Georgians an additional \$5,000 in state tax credits along with the federal tax credit of \$7,500 for purchasing an electric vehicle.

Armed Forces Voters Week kicks off Monday

BY CAPT. MINDY DAVIS
Base Voter Assistance Office

Armed Forces Voters Week kicks off Monday reminding service members to register to vote on time so they can participate in the election process.

During the week, the Robins Voters Assistance Office and unit voting assistance officers will have information tables displayed in various locations across the base. That allows voting officers to distribute voting resources and answer general voting questions.

Following are a few frequently-asked questions by uniformed service and family members:

My family members are not in the

military; can they also vote absentee?

Yes. Eligible spouses and dependents of military personnel may vote absentee. Some states allow children of military personnel residing overseas who are U.S. citizens but who have never resided in the U.S. to claim one of their U.S. citizen parent's legal state of residence as their own.

How do I register to vote or request an absentee ballot? You may register and request an absentee ballot with a single form – the Federal Post Card Application. The form is accepted by all states and territories and is postage-paid in the U.S. mail, including the Military Postal System and State Department Pouch mail. Hard copies of the form can be obtained from your voting assistance officer.

An online version of the FPCA is also

available and must be mailed with proper postage, or using the prepaid return envelope. The request form must be completed, printed, signed, dated and mailed directly to your local election official.

Can I vote in-person where I'm stationed? Military members can vote in the U.S. state or territory where stationed if they change their legal residence to that state or territory, even if they live on a military installation. Be advised there may be legal obligations, such as taxation, if you change your state of residence. Therefore, consult a Judge Advocate General officer or legal counsel before making such a decision.

Currently there are no provisions for personnel stationed outside the U.S. to vote in-person where stationed.

Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Senior Airman Rebbie A. Williams should contact 1st Lt. Andrea DeMelo, summary court officer at 472-1968.

In the Spotlight

What do you remember most about the Flood of '94?

"I was living in Warner Robins. While it didn't affect me since my home was high on a hill, I remember the rainfall being really heavy. I also remember one of my managers' cars getting flooded."

— Sandra Pickett,
AAFES warehouse worker



Robins Water Treatment Plant

"I was living in Roberta at the time and going to school at Fort Valley State. I remember being late to school because of the roads being bad. People were amazed because nothing like that had ever happened in this area."

— Laura Hightower,
Heritage Barber Shop master barber



Aerial view

"I was 10 at the time and living in Macon. I remember Riverside Drive being really bad — and people using canoes to get around."

— Jesse Thornton,
GNC district manager



Robins History Office courtesy photos

Looking back

Remember the Flood of '94?

BY JENNY GORDON

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When Tropical Storm Alberto passed over Georgia during the early part of July 1994, it left behind some of the worst rainfall accumulation the state had ever experienced.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service, the storm originated in Senegal, developing as a tropical depression and strengthening in the Gulf of Mexico where it became a tropical storm.

When it made landfall near Destin, Fla., on July 3, it was at its peak intensity. The storm then slowed and rainfall increased — slowly moving through Alabama and into Georgia, and stalling just south of Atlanta.

Here in Middle Georgia, familiar landmarks became unrecognizable, as water washed over roads, bridges and buildings. The worst flooding came from Georgia's Flint and Ocmulgee

rivers and their tributaries, affecting not only Macon but surrounding cities.

At Robins, rainfall caused flooding over portions of the base, forcing reduced operations, according to the Robins History Office. Once base personnel brought flooding under control, organizations such as the 5th Combat Communications Group and many other civilian and military members assisted in the local community to help with flood victims.

Rainfall peaked at more than 27 inches in Americus. In Macon, two major treatment plants were flooded; Montezuma's flood levee was topped by the nearby Flint River; and portions of Atlanta experienced major flooding.

Then-Gov. Zell Miller declared 30 counties in a state of emergency, including Houston and Bibb. All total, Alberto left behind \$750 million in damages across Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

Congratulations to Robins' newest selectees

Lt. Colonels

78th ABW

Lance Freeman
Amy Rivera
Geoffrey Roche

AFRC

Shelly Frank
Kasey Stramblad
Marcus Wilson

116th ACW

Marcus Wilson
Ryan Zeitler

461st ACW

David Ilgenfritz
Eric Patton

330th CTS

Jerrett Archer
Yadira Greeson

WR-ALC

Wendy Enderle

AFSC

Jarvis Wilson

78th ABW

Ashley Austin
Shaun Dixon
Juan Garcia
Eric Harley
Felecia Haywood
Justin Jarrett
Amanda Rice
Alexis Sampson
Alicia Whitehead
Leon Wilkes

116th ACW

Kenny Booe
Christopher O'Neill
David Peck
Jack Williams
461st ACW
Luis Almeida
Andrea Balsler
Isunte Barnes
Scott Bennett

Technical Sergeants

Sendy Collins
Jason Defranco
Phillip Dykes
Nicholas Ellis
Tyson Hollandsworth
Jason Laird
Christopher Lucero
Dustin Pennington
Ian Peterson
Aaron Powell
Aaron Riley
Jose Rocha
Noel Santos
Neil Smith
Kody Stiller
Joseph Treece
Matthew Wilkinson
Miranda Williams
Terrance Williams
AFRC
Robyn Alexander
Hazel Evans
Cody Hightower

5th CCG

Jeremy Bailey
Bradley Browning
Christopher Bukowski
Russell Burns
Matthew Ford
Craig Gardner
Jessica Helgerson
Aviel Perez
William Seaton
James Stacy
Benjamin Watson
330th CTS
Joshua Barker
Robert Rook
WR-ALC
Leslie Gilliam
Crystal Harris
373rd TS
Ryan Gilbreth
Corey Vial

Senior Airman BTZ

Five Robins Airmen have been selected for promotion by the most recent Senior Airman Below The Zone Central Base Board.

The selectees are:

- Airman 1st Class Dolan Borrero, 461st Air Control Networks Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Wesley Campbell, 461st Maintenance Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Jesse Charran-Sankar, 78th Medical Support Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Melvin Dallas, 78th Security Forces Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Sean Maurais, 461st Air Control Networks Squadron

Editor's note: A technical sergeant promotion release celebration will be today at 4 p.m. in the Horizons Event Center. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Jessica Richmond at 468-6231 or email jessica.richmond.2@us.af.mil.

Around the Air Force

SecAF outlines changes for nuclear force

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James outlined new incentives and measures designed to change the culture of the service's nuclear force June 17.

Following a cheating scandal involving intercontinental ballistic missile launch officers at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., and the subsequent relief of nine officers, a commander's retirement and 91 other airmen receiving discipline, James touched on ways the Air Force has begun to address systemic issues.

"I do think this is more than a single issue," she said in remarks at a Defense Writers Group breakfast. "As I've said before, I do think we need some holistic fixes for the nuclear force. This is not something that happened in the last year or two, or even 10. It's probably been happening gradually over the last 25 years."

The secretary said while there are likely no quick fixes to resolve these issues, there are measures she and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh can implement now.

"Let's talk money," James said. "Money is not everything, but money's important. So right now, in [fiscal 2014], just in the last few months, we have redirected \$50 million – \$50 million, by the way, is the most that the Global Strike Command said they could reasonably spend in the fiscal year."

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Inter-American SOS candidate applications due in July

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TEXAS (AFNS) – Active-duty captains proficient in the Spanish language may be eligible to attend the Inter-American Squadron Officer School at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

"The ISOS program is designed to develop dynamic Airmen ready to lead air, space and cyberspace power in an expeditionary war-fighting environment," said 1st Lt. Kyle Seifert, the AFPC force development support chief. "Students practice leadership and managerial skills, using lessons on leadership, military ethics, Air Force core values and human rights."

Commander-endorsed applications are due July 25.

"The course requires specific language proficiency levels and fitness standards, so interested captains should begin preparing now to make sure they have time to complete all the required documents and coordinate the application for their commanders' endorsements," Seifert said.

ISOS mirrors the SOS in-residence course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., but additional objectives include developing inter-American awareness and a cadre of potential Latin American regional affairs specialists, Seifert explained. Program graduates will earn primary developmental education credit through Air University.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. EVELYN CHAVEZ

Big engine that could

Airmen inspect a C-5 Galaxy aircraft after it delivered 18 supply pallets to the 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. The C-5 is assigned to the 337th Airlift Squadron. Robins is responsible for performing programmed depot maintenance on C-5 Galaxies.

Pulse on AF force management

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Several factors have resulted in fewer Airmen eligible for current and upcoming involuntary force management boards.

Air Force leaders recently decided to bolster manning for nuclear-related career fields, an intention to make adjustments to account for budgetary uncertainties tied to proposed force structure changes.

Those actions, coupled with previously approved voluntary applications and recent increases in non-force management related retirements and separations, resulted in significant reductions in the number of Airmen slated to meet involuntary boards.

The Air Force approach to force management has been to maximize voluntary opportunities first, offer additional incentives where needed and use involuntary separation only as required.

Newly publicized matrices on myPers reflect that strategy and show the resulting reductions from when the programs were first announced in January.

In total, the programs have gone from having almost 98,000 Airmen eligible for involuntary programs down to about 13,500 officers and enlisted Airmen who remain eligible for involuntary separation.

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

AFCENT rolls out new leave, pass policy

AL UDEID AIR BASE, QATAR (AFNS) – U.S. Air Forces Central Command officials released the command's revised leave policy June 6, which affects Airmen serving 12-month tours in Southwest Asia.

In its recent recertification of the Imminent Danger Pay program, the Department of Defense determined that, effective June 1, personnel serving in nine countries throughout the Air Force Central Command area of responsibility would no longer receive IDP. Use of U.S. Central Command's 15-day Rest and Recuperation program is linked to eligibility for IDP.

Airmen who commenced 365-day deployments or Permanent Changes of Station on or after June 1 to



U.S. Air Force photo by GUIDO MELO

Need a lift?

U.S. and Portuguese Airmen compete in the Defender Challenge at Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal. The Portuguese Air Force held the challenge in celebration of the 59th anniversary of its Air Police Squadron. The challenge tested the Airmen's strength, endurance and ability to work together to accomplish tasks.

countries that don't qualify for IDP are no longer eligible for R&R and therefore must apply for ordinary leave.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Perspective

Fighting prejudice with a passion

STAFF SGT. ROBERT BARNETT

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Public Affairs

Editor's Note: This feature is part of the "Through Airmen's Eyes" series on AF.mil. Each of the stories focuses on a single Airman, highlighting his or her Air Force story. See page 7 for local Office of Equal Opportunity information.

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA – An equal opportunity specialist, a sexual assault response coordinator and a deputy inspector general walk into a base social event. What sounds like the beginning of a joke takes a sudden, very different turn.

The fundraising event comes to a grinding halt as those in attendance recognize the newcomers joining them.

The three get their food, donate to the cause and take seats by themselves.

The EO representative, Staff Sgt. Jessica Tabor, a 673rd Air Base Wing EO specialist, could easily name several cases where her work helped improve lives. She has put an end to cases of sexual harassment involving unit leadership, helped complainants be comfortable in their workstations and helped edu-

cate people how their actions were a violation of the commander's zero-tolerance policy.

But there was no way the crowd could know any of that.

Like a driver who instinctively slams on the brakes when he sees a police car, what the crowd did know, or thought to be the case, came through in their silence when they saw the police among them.

"(That was) at my previous base," Tabor said. "We found it amusing, but often it happens that we'll go somewhere and the seat next to us is empty. When people see us, they automatically think something's wrong."

When people would whisper, "hush, EO is coming," the EO specialist said she would take it lightly and tell them, "I heard what you said anyway."

"They want to play around, and I'll play a little bit," she said with a wink. "But it can be aggravating. We're real people too."

The infamous complaints are just one part of the EO job, Tabor said. She loves to teach and uses her passion in her job.

"That's one of the things that really drew me to this career field," she said. "The education is the piece that I really enjoy – giving the briefings. It's

something I do have a passion for. I really believe in this job."

EO briefings vary to include one-on-ones, First-Term Airman Center briefings, newcomers' briefings, commander's calls and more.

EO specialists can also visit work centers and various establishments on base during out-and-about, to ensure base establishments meet the varying needs of the base population.

They are also responsible for ensuring everything remains in compliance with a commander's zero-tolerance policy.

To become an EO specialist, Tabor had to meet certain requirements.

While every branch of service features an equivalent position within their ranks, the Air Force is the only one to make it a career instead of a special duty, and the only one to have an E-5 position in an otherwise E-6 and above job.

"I think it's beneficial for us because we can relate to the lower-ranking (personnel)," she said. "Both Airmen and senior NCOs are comfortable talking to us."

To read the full story, visit www.af.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/223/Article/485740/fighting-prejudice-with-a-passion.aspx.



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extract and decontaminate disaster victims, and who assess, treat and help transport casualties to medical centers. They are located in every

Federal Emergency Management Agency region, including Georgia’s FEMA Region IV.

Air National Guard members work closely with Army counterparts through the state’s joint

operations center, which supports the Georgia Bureau of Investigation; FBI; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and other civilian agencies who respond to state and national threats.

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Forum ... going above and beyond the call of duty to provide services that have a positive impact on members of the community is what made Erwin stand out as the military hero.

It also makes her stand out as a Citizen Airman.

Bustle, too, has been going above and beyond to help her community as a volunteer. Since moving to Georgia three years ago, she has been dedicating her time to Georgia Canine Rescue and Rehabilitation

– a non-profit rescue group based in Cochran.

“I’ve always enjoyed helping animals,” she said. “I’m a big animal lover.”

No stranger to the animal kingdom world, the senior airman is the proud owner of a domestic short-haired cat, a Rottweiler, a German Shepherd mix, as well as a bearded dragon. Meanwhile, back home in Illinois, her family watches over her other two dogs and cat.

“I feel really honored to receive this award, and that our work and dedication in helping to save animals around Georgia and the

local area can be highlighted,” she said.

Skyler has spent more than 3,000 hours with rescue operations, which can sometimes involve last-minute missions to unknown conditions to rescue animals in emergency situations. Since 2011, she has directly participated in rescuing more than 2,306 animals across the state.

Bustle also actively participates in weekend activities, including caring for neglected and abandoned animals at the group’s shelter in Cochran and working towards animal adoption advocacy.

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where you come from because that’s the foundation,” he said. “A lot has changed in the computer age, but the theory of communication used back then is the same theory we use today.”

With the colossal amount of advances in telecommunications over the years, Kitchen said that the stark contrast between the technology of today and that of the 5th CCG’s beginnings gives him and his comrades a great appreciation for those “Mobsters” who came before.

“They used to go out with teletypes, typewriters and rotary-style phones,” he said. “Now with the increase of satellite technology, we can pretty much set up anywhere in the world.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

►Golf tournament – Monday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$30.

►Social - Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Heritage Club.

►Top Shot Shooter Competition – Tuesday from 7:30 to 11 a.m. at Gator Air Base, near Bldg. 1401. Come out and watch our Airmen compete.

►Family picnic – Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m. at Robins Park.

►Open House – Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. all 5th CCG buildings will be open for alumni.

►Anniversary Banquet – Wednesday from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Alumni will pay in accordance with the last rank they held and \$30 for civilians. E4 – \$20, E5-E6 – \$30, E7-O3 – \$35, O4 – \$45.

For additional information or to RSVP, contact Senior Master Sgt. Jaime Kitchen at 478-222-8331; Senior Master Sgt. Ryan Landrum at 478-222-7420 or visit <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=181845&k=036943017F52>

from a government computer.

Editor’s note: Unless noted, all events are open to all alumni, family members and special guests and free attend.

And, in the old days it took a lot of people to set up huge amounts of equipment. Now we leave a much smaller

footprint.

“We’ve improved to be faster, leaner, putting fewer people in danger,” he added.

Counselor Connection: Lessons learned from EEO

In a conciliation agreement with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, a Rapid City, S.D. supermarket owner has agreed to pay a former employee who was fired for being transgender.

An investigation by the EEOC revealed that the owner of Don's Valley Market terminated the well-performing employee, who had recently been promoted, after she indicated her intent to present as a woman. Following the investigation, the EEOC determined there was

cause to believe the company violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

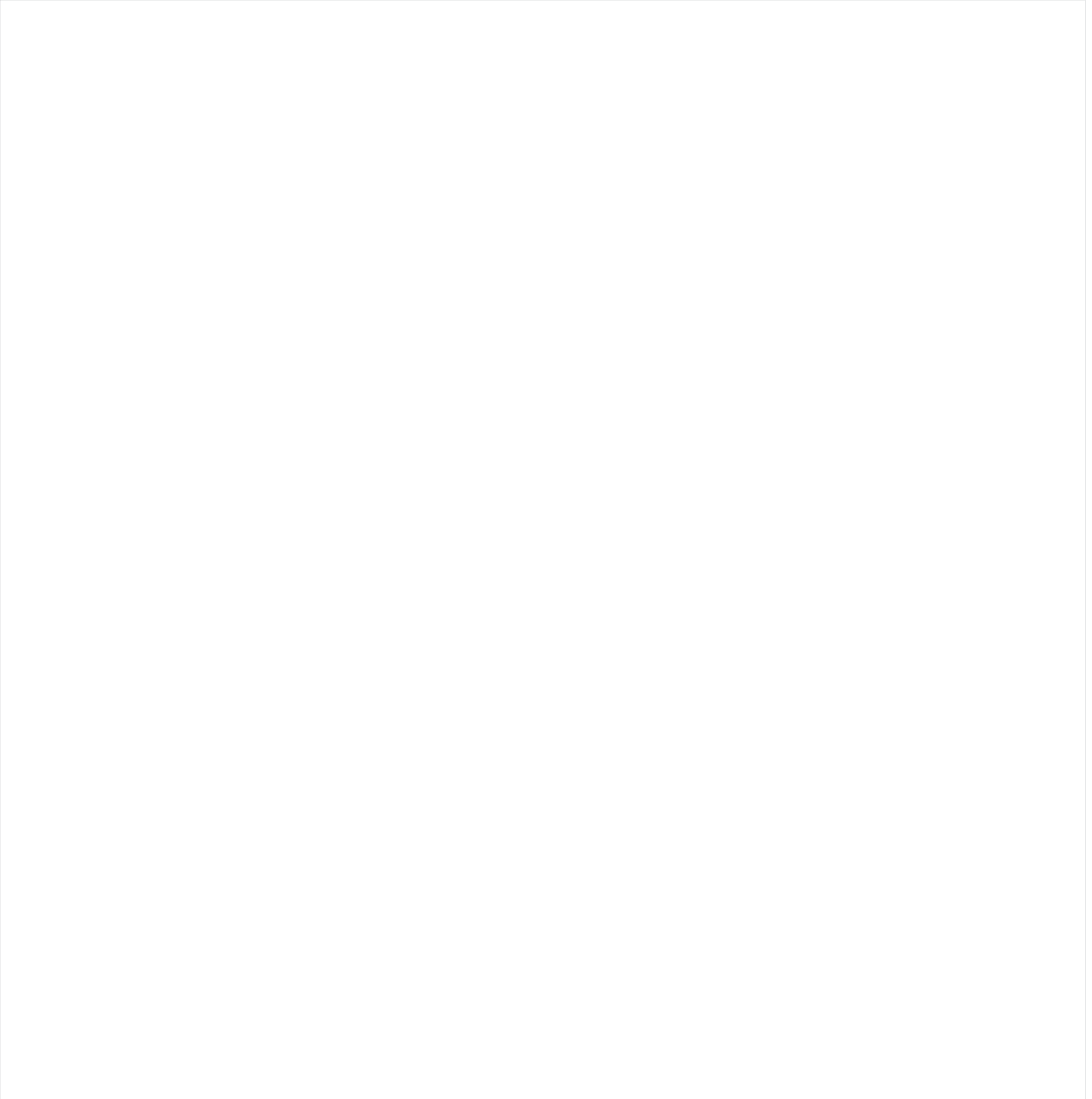
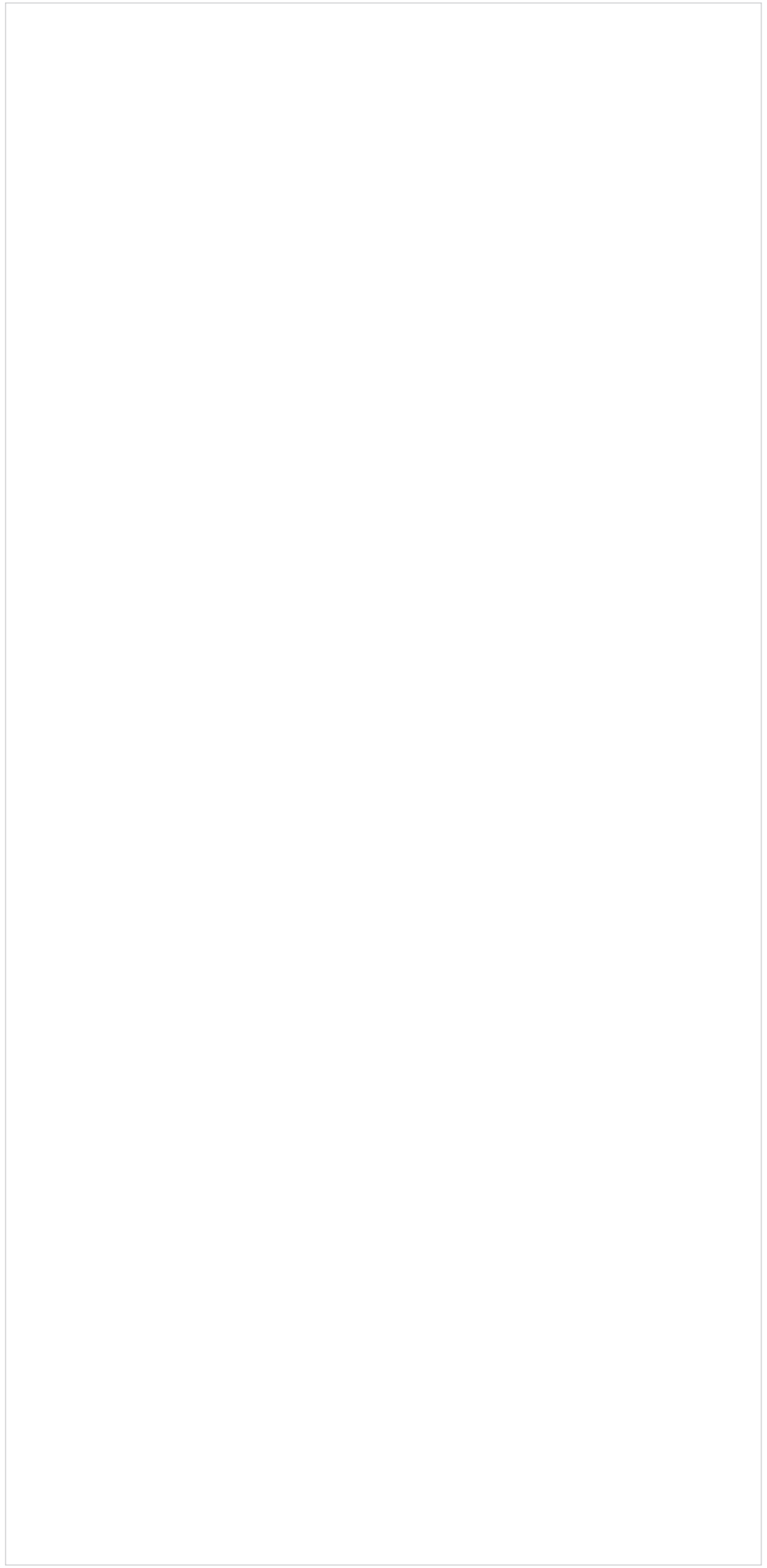
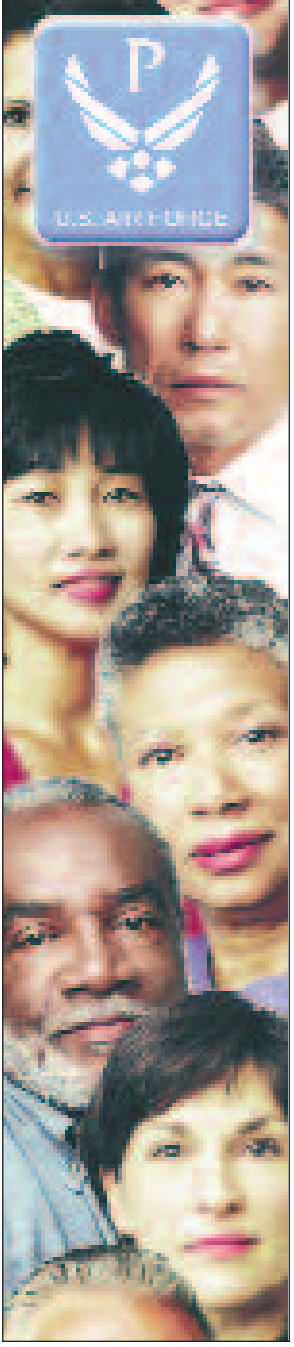
In addition to the EEOC's recent decision on sex discrimination, *Macy V. Department of Justice*, EEOC Appeal No. 01201208921, there has been a steady stream of district court decisions finding that claims of discrimination based on transgender status, or gender identity, are cognizable under Title VII's sex discrimination prohibition.

In addition to payment, the agreement required the

market to obtain professional anti-discrimination training annually for all of its employees; implement and distribute an anti-discrimination policy to employees; report all future complaints of discrimination to the EEOC; and provide the former employee with a letter of apology and a neutral letter of reference.

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A Better You

Stay sun-safe this summer

With summer squarely shining on Middle Georgia, people have begun to venture outdoors to enjoy free time with family and friends.

Because many don't realize they've left themselves open to a sneak attack, everyone should strive to put safety first when planning for seasonal activities.

Often before a person knows it, the damage is done – a sunburn.

When heading outdoors, don't forget to protect against the sun.

Most commonly, skin cancer is caused from repeated, unprotected exposure to the sun and sunburns.

Even one blistering sunburn doubles a person's chances of developing skin cancer.

Skin cancer commonly develops from the added effects of multiple exposures of unprotected skin to the sun's harmful rays.

And, when it comes to sunburn, believe it or not, a deep, golden tan is not really the best protection.

The best way to avoid getting skin cancer is to avoid the sun. But let's be serious, where's the fun in that?

When possible, avoid being in the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun's rays are the strongest.

Regularly use and reapply sunscreen.
The American Academy of Dermatology sug-



U.S. Air Force graphic by STAFF SGT. AUSTIN MAY

gests a sunscreen with an sun protection factor of at least 30.

Applying sunscreen just once isn't going to cut it. Folks need to reapply it every two hours, and hourly if spending time in the water.

A broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses are also recommended.

Little ones can use sunscreen after six months of age.

What type of skin cancer is caused by the sun?

The two most common types of skin cancer are *basal cell carcinoma* and *squamous cell carcinoma*.

They can occur on any

portion of the body, but are commonly seen on the arms, face, head and legs, since those areas are more often exposed to the sun.

Some signs to look for include any abnormal area of skin that's pink, constantly peeling, crusty or just doesn't seem to go away. Affected areas can also bleed easily from the slightest trauma.

If you have an area of concern, don't hesitate to get it checked out by your healthcare provider.

The summer is a time for fun and adventure, but don't forget to have a sun-safe summer.

– 78th Medical Group

New student enrollment screenings, physicals

The 78th Medical Group will perform school screenings for TRICARE-enrolled beneficiary students July 12 and 26 from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 700A.

Screenings are for new students from pre-K to 12th grade. No appointment is necessary.

Children will receive 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 or may be completed at the event.

Note: This form may be printed out by families currently at other military bases who will be moving to Georgia. They can have their current PCM or medical technician complete the form prior to their

arrival here. Georgia Immunizations Form 3231 will be provided by the Immunizations Clinic.

The services listed above will be the only ones performed at the screenings.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Prunty at (478) 327-7861 or DSN 327-7850.

Meanwhile, the 78th Medical Group will perform sports physicals July 21 through 25 for TRICARE-enrolled beneficiary students ages 10 to 17. Call the central appointments line at 327-7850 to schedule an appointment.

Steps to prepare your child for his or her sports physical:

1. Print and complete the "Pre-participation Physical Evaluation" available at www.facebook.com/78MDG or www.robins.af.mil/units/78thairbasewing/78thmedicalgroup/index.asp.
2. Locate a current copy of your child's immunizations record.
3. Bring the completed forms, immunizations record and your child's ID to the appointment.

Airman & Family Readiness Center Classes, workshops & seminar schedule

► **Group Pre-separation Briefings (separates)** - Tuesday and July 22 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

► **First Term Airman Course (Finance)** - July 8 from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

► **Writing Winning Resumes** - July 8 from 9 to 11 a.m.

► **Group Pre-separation Briefings (retirees)** - July 8 and 29 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

► **Right Start** - July 9 and 23 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

► **DoL/TAP/VA Workshop** - July 14 through 18 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

► **First Term Airman Course (Finance)** - July 22 from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

► **Bundles for Babies** - July 22 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

► **Career Technical Training Track**

- July 23 through 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

► **DAV Medical Records Review** - Appointments only, call 472-4146.

► **Department of Labor** - Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

► **Military and Family Life Counseling** - Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

► **Survivor's Benefit Plan** - Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointment only.

Editor's Note: All classes require preregistration. 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.

Out and About

ON TAP

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

Fall Soccer Registration

Tuesday
 Youth Center
 Cost is \$55 for ages 5-17
 Cost is \$35 for ages 3-4
 For details,
 call 468-2110.

UPCOMING

Junior Golf Summer Clinics
 July 7 through 11
 Pine Oaks Golf Course
 Open to ages 5 - 13
 \$50 per person – includes
 graduation certificate and
 two rounds of golf when
 playing with an adult.
 For details,
 call 468-4103.

Membership Breakfast

RSVP by July 18
 Event is July 24
 7 to 9 a.m.
 Heritage Club
 Free to all club members.
 For details,
 call 472-7899.

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 IF YOU DON'T
 WANT IT
 READ.....
 SHRED INSTEAD**

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOURS
78th Force Support Squadron

All FSS facilities will be closed on July 4th through 6 with the exception of:

- ▶ Golf Course open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ▶ Main Fitness Center open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Heritage pool normal hours
- ▶ Wynn Dining Facility normal hours
- ▶ Bowling Center open July 5 and 6 only normal hours

*For a complete list of FSS hours, visit www.robinsfss.com.

78th MDG

▶ closed July 4

78th SFS

▶ Gate 5, the Martin Luther King Jr. Gate and the Visitor Control Center will be closed July 4.

Exchange Main Store

▶ Open July 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 ▶ Open July 5 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Service Station

▶ Open July 4 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 ▶ Open July 5

from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Commissary

▶ Open July 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 ▶ Open July 5 normal hours

Shoppette/Class Six

▶ Open July 4 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 ▶ Open July 5 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Military Clothing Store

▶ Closed July 4
 ▶ Open July 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
**For more Robins Exchange hours, visit www.shopmyexchange.com.*