

Traffic delays near Russell Parkway Gate possible starting today

Due to a city resurfacing project of Russell Parkway between Ga. Hwy. 247 and Moody Road, traffic may slow starting this morning. The project is expected to continue Saturday and resume Monday morning until complete. The road will not be closed; however, lane closures will occur. "We don't expect traffic to be impacted significantly once motorists cross over Highway 247. There will be very little impact to traffic coming through the gate," said Col. Chris Decker, 78th Mission Support Group commander.

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AFRC feels effects of latest Air Force changes

BY SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Force leaders announced changes to headquarters staff manning and organization Monday – changes which will result in manpower reductions at the Air Force Reserve Command headquarters here.

The Air Force is reorganizing its major command headquarters in order to meet the Department of Defense's directive to reduce costs and staff levels by at least 20 percent.

"We're still in the process of determining how we'll meet the Air Force's target for reductions," said Lt. Gen. James Jackson, Air Force Reserve Command commander. "To the extent possible, we will take advantage of

existing vacancies and natural attrition to minimize the impact to our employees."

According to Jackson, the reductions will most likely include active-duty military, civilians and drilling Reservists in headquarters positions.

"We recognize the effect that reductions of this magnitude will have on our employees and our community," Jackson added.

Air Force Reserve Command's headquarters has 1,223 full-time equivalent positions authorized.

The Air Force will create efficiencies by deactivating and realigning organizations at Headquarters Air Force, major commands, numbered Air Forces and Field Operating Agencies, resulting in savings of \$1.6 billion across the Air Force in the next five years.

"I will work to ensure the world's best Air Force is the most capable at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. "Everyone knows our economy is still not where it should be; we have a responsibility to ensure that every dollar adds value to the taxpayers and our national defense."

The changes are a result of a comprehensive effort to reduce overhead costs, increase efficiencies, eliminate redundant activities and improve effectiveness and business processes (also known as Air Force Management Headquarters Review). The efficiencies created through the reorganization will also help meet the Department of

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NEWS

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Airmen's Attic temporarily closed

The Airmen's Attic is closed and will not be accepting donations until further notice. It's expected to re-open in a new location within the next 30 days.

Park and ride ready to roll

The Buses into Robins Daily new park-and-ride feature is set to launch Monday.

The park-and-ride feature runs between Robins and Ferguson Park off base, and is aimed at cutting employees' travel time, reduce parking congestion and increase service areas.

The feeder bus transporting BIRD passengers will use route 7.

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Above, the Robins Honor Guard demonstrates funeral detail duties Tuesday as part of an orientation training session for Air Force Reserve Command chaplain candidates. Below, the Robins Honor Guard firing party renders a rifle salute during memorial service practice.

Robins Honor Guard always on the move

BY JENNY GORDON

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Every 90 days an Airman at Robins has an opportunity to participate in a unique mission to honor his or her brothers and sisters in uniform.

Sometimes it is their faces, or the sharp, crisp gestures that are the first things members of the public notice. Many times, however, it is their final actions that are remembered most by a grieving family.

Every six weeks new rotations of 11 military members from across the installation are selected to walk through the doors of Bldg. 364 – home of the Robins Air Force Base Honor Guard.

From airman basic to technical sergeant, enlisted members from the 5th Combat Communications Group, 461st Air Control Wing and 78th Air Base Wing come together from every career field in the Air Force.

While they train rigorously, performing ceremonial tasks which epitomize perfection in dress and



appearance at base ceremonies and community civic events, the team's main priority is to render dignified military funeral honors for active duty members and veterans across Georgia, Tennessee and parts of North Carolina.

Their area of responsibility covers more than 70,000 square miles, keeping them away for days

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New center centralizes installation support management

BY SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Air Force is centralizing its installation support management within a newly created Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Air Force officials announced Monday.

The change resulted from an effort to reduce overhead costs, increase efficiencies, eliminate redundant activities, improve effectiveness and business processes, and will help meet the Department of Defense's directive to reduce costs and staff levels by at least 20 percent.

The new center will report to Air Force Materiel Command. Maj. Gen. Theresa Carter, a former 78th Air Base Wing commander, has been named as the Special Assistant to the Commander, AFMC. She is charged with developing the strategy and implementation plans for this new center.

"This is a fundamental paradigm shift in how the Air Force has historically controlled and delivered installation support capabilities," said Bill Booth, Air Force's acting deputy chief management officer. "As we look ahead to 2023, this new structure will focus on consolidating installation support responsibilities from the Headquarters Air Force, major commands and multiple Field Operating Agencies."

The Air Force currently deliv-

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Inspection team to arrive at Robins

BY BRIAN SHREVE

Robins Public Affairs

A team of AFMC inspectors from around the country will be given free reign of Robins Monday, as a week of base-wide assessments kick off.

The Air Force Materiel Command Inspector General's Office analyzes the computerized systems of the 78th IGO, and will be here to conduct spot checks to validate and verify – Val/Ver – that the data it has observed during the past couple of years is accurate.

The assessment will include a unit effectiveness inspection for the 78th Air Base Wing, a unit compliance observation for the Air Logistics Complex in addition to audits for the Life Cycle Management Center and Supply Chain Management Group; however, inspectors may evaluate any area of the base they choose.

"Basically, they grade how we're inspecting ourselves and that processes are taking place the way we say they are," said Col. Jeffrey Glass, 78th inspector general. "Our data provides them with what area they may want

to look at. And, if we have a program that's doing better than other bases, they may even use it as a model for them."

The inspections run through Thursday, with Friday reserved for any necessary follow-ups, as well as inspectors providing final inputs in preparation of a draft report to be written during the following weekend.

Since October of 2013, a new program has been in effect in which the 78th IG and wing inspection team members conduct ongoing, in-house evaluations as opposed to having outside inspectors arrive for a major analysis every couple of years or so.

Aside from ensuring Robins' data are correct, the AFMC team will also report on areas not yet covered by the base IGI, which is only seven months into its two-year inspection cycle.

"It's a continuous process. And they go back and look at our performance over a period of time, not just one point in time," said Glass. "Because we haven't inspected every unit in the wing, they come in and look at those parts and validate our inspections. After a two-year



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA
Capt. Matthew Quilliams, 78th Inspector General's office chief of compliance and Maj. Jeffery Pleinis, deputy IG, prepare for the inspection.

process, we'll have inspected every unit in the wing."

Inspectors will examine records, processes for tracking wing deficiencies and observe maintenance personnel to

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Second Front



Jacobs



Buchanan



Kight



Gardner

202nd EIS honors Guard members at Hometown Heroes Salute

BY ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Four members of the 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron received Bronze Star Medals Sunday during a Hometown Heroes Salute ceremony.

Maj. William Jacobs, Electronics Section officer in charge; Senior Master Sgt. Mark Buchanan, Cyber Systems operator; Senior Master Sgt. George Kight, Logistics Plans and Programs superintendent; and Master Sgt. Jason Gardner, Ground Safety manager; received the medals for meritorious performance while deployed to Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terrorism during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The four were touted as “providing steadfast leadership, remarkable foresight, in-depth technical expertise, and exceptional organizational skills

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

The Bronze Star is a decoration authorized by Executive Order No. 9419 on February 4, 1944, and is awarded to a person in any branch of the military service who, while serving in any capacity with the Armed Forces of the United States distinguishes him or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy.



which contributed to the overwhelming success of the task force signal – all under very austere conditions.”

They are also credited with advancing and strengthening communication upgrades which directly supported war fighters at all levels on the battlefield.

Following the presentation of several medals and honors to include the Bronze Star, more than 50 Guard members also received recognition for their service during contingency operations.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Moore, Georgia Air National Guard commander, presided over the event.

“It’s always a happy occasion to welcome our people home to their families,” he said. “Favorable recognition has been brought to the Georgia Air National Guard through the meritorious performance of (these four individuals),” Moore said.

Other honors included the Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal and other presentations to Airmen.

The 202nd reports to Georgia State Headquarters.

ALL IN

A DAY'S WORK

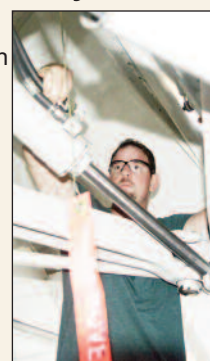
Joseph Money

UNIT: 562nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

JOB TITLE: Aircraft mechanic

TIME IN SERVICE: 4 years

HOMETOWN: Warner Robins



What does your work involve? “I perform depot-level maintenance on the C-17 Globemaster aircraft.”

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? “Getting the aircraft out on time is crucial to the warfighter. Our military depends on us to do just that.”

What do you enjoy most about your work? “Being able to work on the same aircraft day in and day out and then see it to completion.”

What prompted your interest in your current career field? “My dad was a navigator on the KC-135s stationed at Robins back in the ‘80s, and my grandfather was a mechanic on CH-47s. At a young age, I was interested in aircraft.”

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? “My wife. She always encourages me to stay positive in everything I do.”

What is the accomplishment you are most proud of? “Finishing college and obtaining my Airframe and Powerplant License.”

What is something people would be surprised to know about you? “I was actually born at Robins Air Force Base Hospital.”

HERCULEAN ROAD HOG



U.S. Air Force photo by ED ASPERA

Airmen with the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group roll a C-130 Hercules down Ga. Hwy. 247 July 10. The aircraft played a unique role in that its nose served as a donor for a second C-130H which is undergoing unscheduled depot level maintenance at Robins for various repairs. The C-130H being repaired is scheduled to be delivered to the Afghan Air Force this year. The 402nd Expeditionary Depot Maintenance team, which continuously trains to perform aircraft battle damage repairs, will use the donor C-130 for training purposes.

Staff Sergeant promotion celebration

A Staff Sergeant Promotion Release Celebration will be today at 3 p.m. at the Heritage Club.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Natasha Taylor at (478) 201-4129.

Tech Expo July 29

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and Air Force Reserve Command will host a free Information Technology Expo July 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Attendance is free to all DOD, government and contract personnel as well as anyone interested in today’s technology.

Refreshments will be served.

Come view the latest state-of-the-art technologies from more than 25 companies including: Atec, Blue Tech Inc., Dell Inc., Eaton Corp., Spectra Logic, Zero Manufacturing and more.

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For more information call 1-877-332-3976 or David Grosche at Commercial (478) 926-8562 or DSN 468-8562.

BAH recertification continues

Service members who receive the with-dependent rate Basic Allowance for Housing are required to complete a new AF Form 594 (no digital signature; must be wet signature), and to provide a copy of

supporting documentation such as marriage certificate, birth certificate or approved dependency application to the 78th comptroller squadron here by Dec. 31.

Members may visit the squadron’s finance office in the East Wing of Bldg. 301 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or the library in the lobby of Bldg. 905 on Mondays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Voting information

To stay up to date with the most recent voting-related news and events, “Like” us on Facebook at Voter Assistance Office – Robins AFB.

For details, call commercial (478) 327-VOTE (8683), DSN 497-VOTE or via email at robins.vote@robins.af.mil.

Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against the estate of Tech. Sgt. Dont'a Wilson should immediately contact 1st Lt. Robert Campbell at 468-4915 or (478) 926-4915.

Around the Air Force

Air Force introduces Total Force Commissioning process

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – Air Force officials announced the Total Force Commissioning Process July 10. This new process allows the Air Force to provide multiple career avenues for officers being commissioned through Air Force ROTC by offering cadets the chance to pursue opportunities in the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard.

The program also synchronizes the overall number of officers being commissioned with recent reductions in the size of the active duty force. In addition to pursuing opportunities in the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard, there are also opportunities to be released from active-duty service commitments.

The program is modeled after the Army's process, creating additional opportunities during a cadet's senior year to serve in either the active or reserve component following graduation.

"The Air Force ROTC program is very competitive and we enjoy the luxury of having an abundance of quality cadets who have chosen to serve their country," said Lt. Gen. Sam Cox, the Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services. "Unfortunately, given budget reductions, the Air Force must reduce its active duty force, limiting the number of cadets we can accept into the active component. The new total force commissioning process allows us to provide opportunities for high quality cadets to continue serving, albeit in our Reserve components."

Cadets graduating from now through calendar year 2015 will be able to pursue opportunities in the Guard or Reserve or seek release from their active-duty service commitment through Sept. 15.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

AFGSC to kick off Striker Trident professional development program

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LA. (AFNS) – Nuclear and missile operations officers within Air Force Global Strike Command have a new avenue of professional development available through the command's new Striker Trident program.

Striker Trident is an Air Force and Navy exchange program that supports professional development of company grade officers trained and qualified in similar nuclear deterrence missions, according to a memorandum of understanding between Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson, the AFGSC commander, and Vice Adm. Michael Connor, the commander of Submarine Forces.

"The idea for an intercontinental ballistic missile and submarine-launched ballistic missile officer exchange program has been around for decades, but never came to fruition," said Brig. Gen. Michael Fortney, the AFGSC director of operations. "The recent ICBM Force Improvement Program highlighted the merits of such an exchange to Wilson and Maj. Gen. Jack Weinstein, 20th Air Force commander, and they agreed. Wilson then engaged his counterpart in the Navy, and six weeks later we were selecting candidates."

Competition for this new program was tough, and 13 candidates were submitted to the 13N development



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN ASHLEY TAYLOR

All clear

Airman 1st Class Vincent Hale, a 51st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft maintainer assigned to Osan Air Base, South Korea, checks for cracks on an A-10 Thunderbolt II during Red Flag-Alaska 14-2 at Eielson Air Force Base. When units deploy to the exercise, maintainers must perform all aircraft maintenance and operate as self-sufficiently at Eielson as they would in a wartime environment.

team, which ultimately selected the participants. The first 13Ns selected for the program are Capt. Patrick McAfee, 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., and Capt. John Mayer, 20th Air Force, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.

"I am extremely excited for the opportunity to work with our sister service and learn the intricacies of a completely different strategic mission," McAfee said.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Airmen, aircraft continue Greenland mission KANGERLUSSUAQ, GREENLAND (AFNS) –

About 70 Air National Guard Airmen and two ski-equipped LC-130 Hercules recently completed the fourth rotation in the Arctic region to support the National Science Foundation.

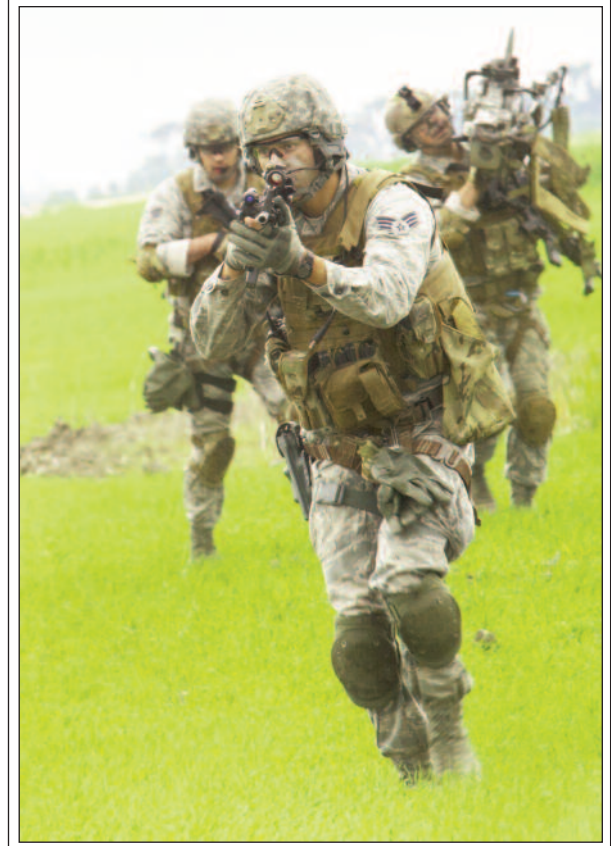
A group of Airmen and LC-130s head for the Arctic region every year to support the foundation and get real-world training out of their base at Kangerlussuaq.

The Airmen and aircraft are with the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing based out of Stratton Air National Guard Base, Scotia, New York. During the U.S. winter season, the 109th AW is supporting Operation Deep Freeze in Antarctica, and in the summer months, the unit flies to Greenland to not only continue their support for NSF but to also train for the exercise. There are only two rotations left here before the 2014 season comes to a close.

"The overall mission here is two-fold," said Capt. Rachel Leimbach, the supervisor of flying for the most recent rotation. "Our primary mission is in support of the NSF and CPS – CH2M Hill Polar Services. We fly missions to (forward-deployed locations) for the enhancement of science, similar to what we do in Antarctica."

The LC-130s are the only aircraft of its kind in the military, able to land on snow and ice and fly supply and refueling missions to the different camps the foundation utilizes.

"The other part of our mission is training out of Raven Camp," she said. "There is minimal science that we do at



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN BRITTANY BATEMAN

Tactical response

Tactical response force members approach a launch facility during a recapture, recovery exercise in North Dakota. The exercise evaluated the response of security forces to an attack at a simulated breached site.

Raven, making it primarily a training site, which is how we get the crews ready for Antarctica."

Greenland makes for a much safer environment to train aircrews for the deep-freeze season, she said.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Perspective

Cody: One Air Force. One Team.

BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. JAMES CODY

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

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 (AFNS) – Roll Call! We have nearly 690,000 Airmen in our Air Force, from four distinct components: Active Duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Civilian Airmen – without question the Strength of our team.

The components have different backgrounds and cultures, with varying capability and capacity, but only when we join forces do we become the United States Air Force. If we're missing one piece of the team, the picture is not complete; the team is not as strong.

The U.S. Soccer team had a similar dynamic at this summer's World Cup, which captured the psyche of the American public. Televisions across the country were tuned in to witness an underdog team of 23 Americans valiantly compete for the sport's top prize. Throughout the tournament – in print, on

social media, television and radio – a slogan emerged that captured the team's spirit: "One Nation. One Team."

The players may be from different backgrounds and cultures, with varying strengths and skills, but together they represent one nation, and they compete as one team. It's a simple slogan, synonymous with our Air Force: "One Air Force. One Team."

The dynamic between components has changed over the years, each shifting in size and taking on different missions to ensure we win the fight. During the last 20-plus years, Civilian Airmen have taken on greater roles, the Reserve Components have thrown off the ready-reserve shroud to become a fully operational reserve force, and Active Duty has become the leanest in our history. As a team we are the most efficient fighting force we have ever been, and we'll continue to adapt as we shape our future.

In the coming years, the Air Force will take delib-



Cody

erate action to further integrate the components – where it makes fiscal and operational sense – in order to provide the most efficient source of airpower for our nation.

The dynamic may seem different. It may look different and in some cases feel different, but one thing that will and must never change is our ability to accomplish the mission as a team.

As Airmen, we must internalize that sentiment and appreciate the strength each component brings to the fight.

We can't hinder our effort based on preconceived notions that one component is stronger or better than another. When we bring airpower to bear around the world, no ally or adversary can tell whether that power came from Active, Guard, Reserve or Civilian Airmen.

They just know it was powerful, and effective.

Each component has a proud history and culture that has shaped who we are today. Airmen feel connected to their history; they are proud of their culture. And they should be – as all Americans are, but in the end we'll always represent our service.

We are the U.S. Air Force – "One Air Force. One Team."

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ensure guidelines are being met, particularly in the area of safety, said Glass.

An ADVON team from Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, arrived at Robins last week to perform Airmen-to-IG sessions where Airmen are randomly picked from unit rosters and then interviewed on topics from base facilities and structure to off-base support, leadership and resource capabilities.

Other sessions across the base included members from LCMC, SCMG and ALC. Once the information is compiled, it is then turned over to the main inspection team comprised of about 160 members, which arrives Saturday.

Any discrepancies for a given area are graded as minor, significant or critical, and are presented to each inspected unit on a daily basis throughout the process for their opportunity to clarify or rebut.

“One of the main things during an inspection is professionalism,” said Glass. “Just respecting the IG team is huge.”

Inspection ready?

► **Competence** – Know your job inside and out, and perform those duties to the best of your ability despite the scenario or the inspector’s glare.

► **Responsiveness** – Show that “sense of urgency” during every waking moment; lean forward in those starting blocks and then realistically propel yourself into every activity.

► **Attitude** – Display a positive attitude, recognize that enthusiasm is contagious, and problems that arise in the “fog of war” can be overcome.

► **Readiness** – Ensure your personal bags are packed, mobility requirements are current, the paperwork and processes in your work section are in perfect order, and that you have trained effectively so you can infallibly perform your duties in peace and war.

► **Aggressiveness** – React authoritatively with ability to survive and operate skills in attack scenarios and with Self-Aid and Buddy Care in medical emergencies. Effectively continue mission essential activities in all Force Protection levels, and treat inspections and exercises as the real thing.

“Centralization of management support to the maximum extent possible improves our efficiency and effectiveness in providing installation and expeditionary combat support capabilities to our wing commanders and mission partners and delivers more standardized levels of service across the Air Force,” Booth added.

“While efficiency is our goal, we will not lose sight that installations are combat platforms for the Air Force – we deliver Global Vigilance, Global Reach and Global Power from our installations in garrison and at deployed locations around the world.”

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Defense’s directive to reduce costs and staff levels by at least 20 percent, eliminating 3,459 positions at headquarters across the Air Force – both in country and at overseas locations. As part of ongoing cost savings initiatives, the Air Force will also continue to reduce contract spending, operating budgets and travel expenditures.

To minimize the effect on civilian personnel, the Air Force will initiate Voluntary Early Retirement Authority programs and Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay to foster voluntary reductions before pursuing involuntary measures. As part of ongoing efforts to responsibly shape the force, military members were offered a variety of voluntary incentive programs.

“We’re aggressively pursuing reductions within the first year, rather than spreading them out over five years as allowed by DOD,” said James. “It’s better for Airmen because it provides them predictability and allows us to re-stabilize our workforce sooner. It also allows us to harvest the savings earlier so that we can plow it back into readiness and some of our key modernization programs.”

The Air Force’s goal is to go beyond the 20 percent reduction mandated by the DOD so any additional savings can be achieved from staff functions above the wing level, and set to provide additional combat capability to the combatant commanders.

“The Air Force has been making incremental changes in our business practices for the last several years, but we must change the way we are doing business if we are to meet the Air Force’s goal to reduce staffing functions by more than 20 percent,” explained Bill Booth, Air Force’s acting deputy chief management officer. “Reducing higher headquarters’ staffs means we can save money that can be re-invested in getting ready for combat missions at the wing level.”

The largest initiative will include centralizing policy and oversight of installation and mission support activities within a newly created Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, which will report to Air Force Materiel Command. Execution will remain at the local level.

“The current and projected fiscal climate make it essential to centralize management and

streamline support to the maximum extent possible in order to improve efficiency and effectiveness, as well as deliver more standardized levels of service across the Air Force,” Booth said. Support functions currently spread across the MAJCOMs’ staffs will be centralized at the AFIMSC.

The Air Force will also make changes to the Headquarters Air Force staff organization by splitting Operations, Plans and Requirements, A3, and Strategic Plans and Programs, A8, and reorganizing them into the new Operations, A3, organization which will stand alone and merge the planning staffs into the new A5/8 organization.

Also, the current programming functions from A8 will be merged into the service’s financial management organization.

“We will now have an organization, A5/8, that is responsible for developing, managing and constantly assessing an Air Force strategy that is bounded by long-range resource projections and another organization, FM, that deals primarily with the day-to-day budget activities involved in running the Air Force,” Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III explained. “Keeping organizations aligned will ensure we keep moving towards our long-range strategic goals despite the short-term budget upheaval we face regularly.”

The Air Force will also realign several functions that currently report to the headquarters in an effort to better support combatant commanders and realign some field operating agencies to operational MAJCOMs, merge FOAs with similar missions and deactivate others.

The Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency is also being realigned from Headquarters Air Force as a FOA to become part of a new operational numbered air force under Air Combat Command.

Realigning the AF ISR Agency into the new 25th Air Force within ACC ensures warfighting commands will have the best possible intelligence from integrated national and tactical ISR capabilities, while appropriately realigning operational activities and “organize, train and equip” responsibilities of the AF ISR Agency from execution by Headquarters Air Force to a MAJCOM.

– Local information courtesy of Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command

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ers installation support capabilities through a decentralized control, decentralized execution concept of operation.

Consequently, each MAJCOM has developed staffs and often created unique processes for the same functions, generating duplication of effort and inefficiencies.

“The current and projected fiscal constraints have driven the Air Force to make strategic decisions to reduce its size while retaining its combat effectiveness,” Booth said.

HONOR

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at a time, depending on the month's schedule.

To date in fiscal 2014, the funeral detail has conducted 876 burial honors. There have also been 123 other events performed by the Color Guard so far this year.

Some weeks are busier than others. They're always on the move, and every day brings new challenges.

While one group is rotating in, learning and performing ceremonial duties, another has already been around for several weeks, continuously training and perfecting precise movements.

Every detail is meticulously rehearsed hundreds of times by team members inside the unit's large training room. There, members can practice folding flags or

marching with one of two caskets on standby as part of funeral detail duties. A firing party conducts practice just outside. Everyone is well versed in multiple roles.

But it's been agreed that one has to experience firsthand what it's really like performing the sacred duties of what's required.

"We train them. We prepare them. And, we trust their abilities," said Master Sgt. Matt Hurless, program manager. "Once they step out the door, we really don't have any concerns about their ability to perform.

"We are fortunate to have that high quality of Airmen who come through here," he added.

Honor Guard Flight Sergeant Staff Sgt. Juan Garcia, who handles details involved with travel and vehicles, says it's been a joy getting to know different members' strengths and weaknesses, their personali-

ties and backgrounds.

"Their initiative is a lot higher than most, so we get the cream of the crop as far as Airmen," he said. "When something needs to get done, they're all over it.

The Honor Guard's funeral detail is a first for many, including Senior Airman Jan Ronel Recano, a pediatric technician in the 78th Medical Group.

"This opportunity allowed me to lead and to be in charge of a detail," he said. "I was told by a friend who previously joined that if I wanted to do something different, I needed to get out of my comfort zone. I didn't know what to expect, and it's been a great experience."

Admitting to having a sometimes shy personality, Airman 1st Class Darlene Tran, who works in personnel with the 78th Force Support Squadron, said serving on the team has helped her reach out and be part of something bigger than herself.

"It has made me appreciate those I love and to spend time with those who matter," she said. "This allowed me to give back, to do as much as we can for those who gave their time to us."

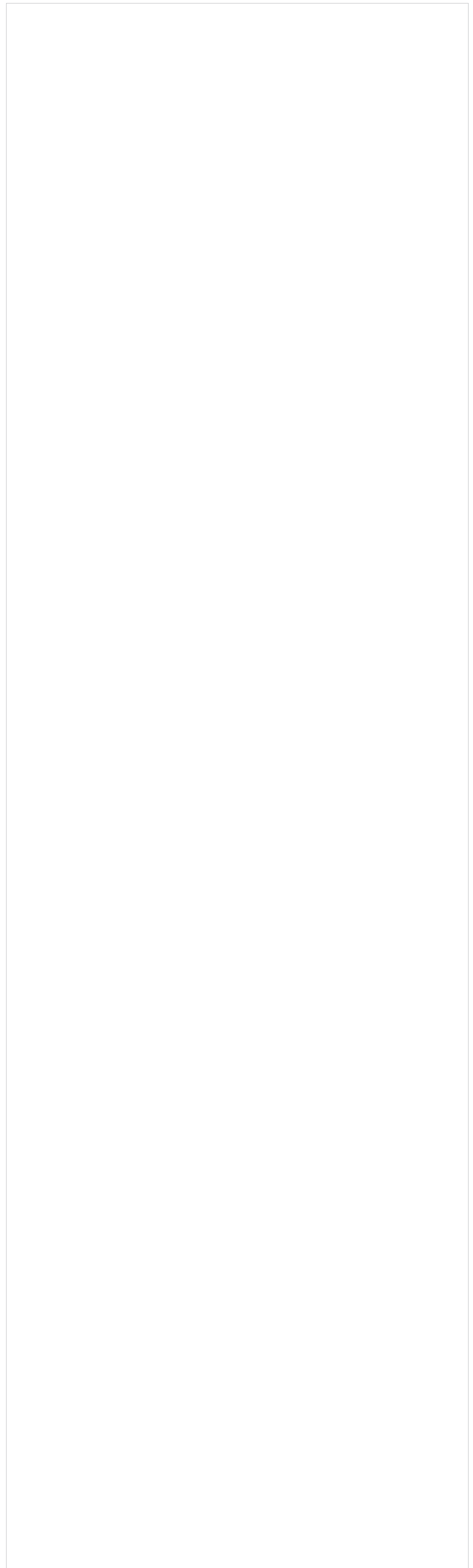
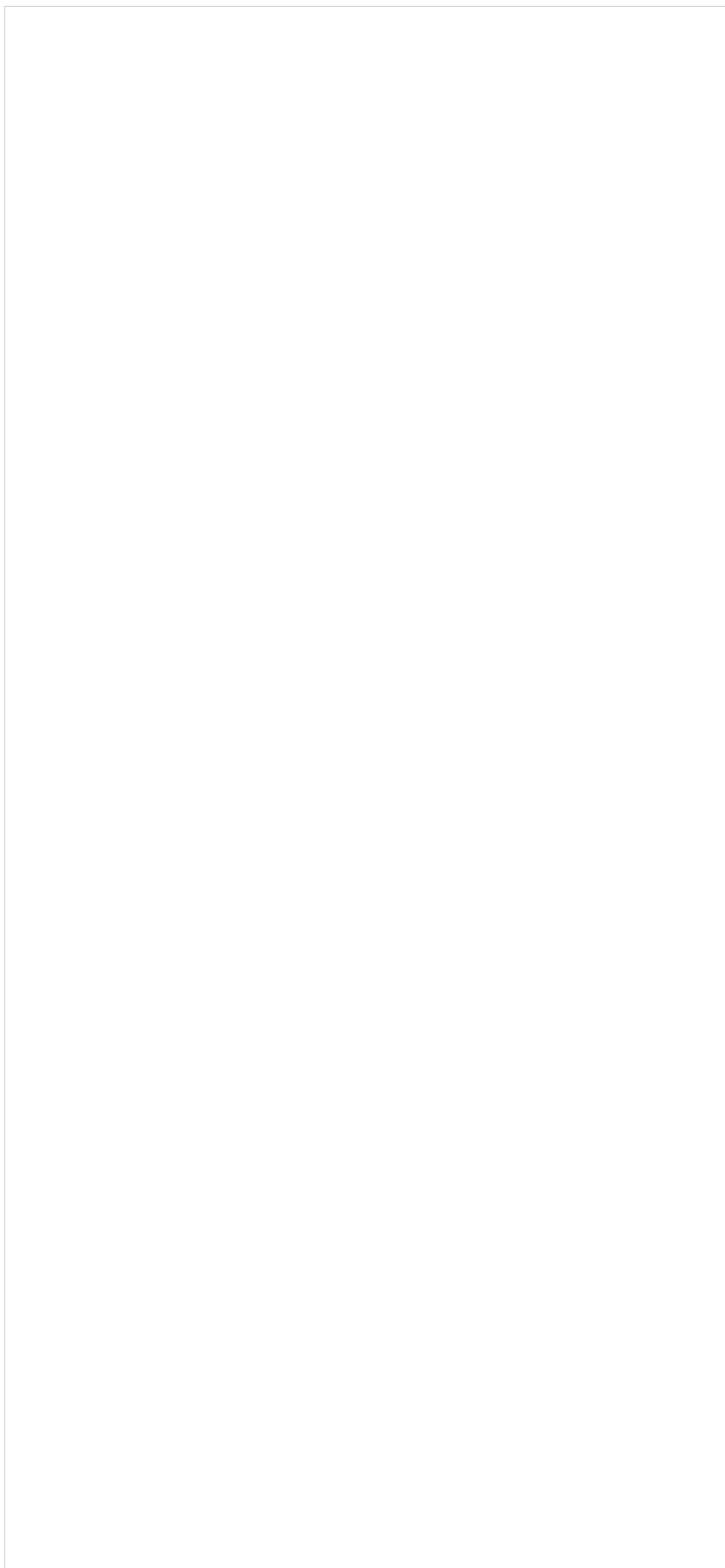
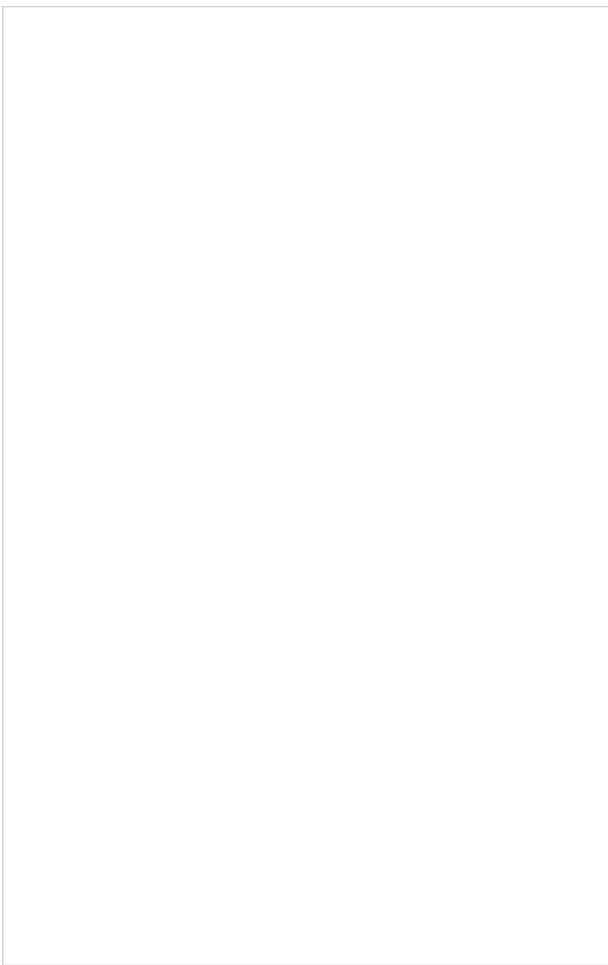
The Honor Guard Charge states, "My standards of conduct and level of professionalism must be above reproach."

"They grab those words and live them," said Garcia. "It's a higher calling – not a paycheck that brings them here. They follow the creed and honor it."

With adrenaline pumping and hard-earned training closing in, all agreed that nothing can really prepare a member for that initial moment upon seeing loved ones grieving during a funeral.

"But once that moment hits you, you realize it's not about you, it's about the family," he said. "The mission is very gratifying and rewarding. We might be the last image a family will see of the Air Force."

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A Better You

New student enrollment screenings, physicals

The 78th Medical Group will perform sports physicals Monday through July 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 the 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.

Meanwhile, the 78th Medical Group will perform school screenings for TRICARE-enrolled beneficiary students July 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 pro-

vided by the Immunizations Clinic.

The services listed earlier 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.

Diversity Run

The Robins Executive Diversity Committee will host a Diversity 5K Run Aug. 1 at the Fitness Center 5K trail from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

The 5K Run is free to enter. Race finishers may make a donation to the diversity committee.

For more details, call (478) -327-4276 or DSN 497-4276.

Civilian Health Promotion Services

You are always invited to join Civilian Health Promotion Services in the Fitness Center Annex conference room in Bldg. 301 east wing Wednesdays at 1 p.m. for a weekly wellness class. Classes are open to anyone with base access. Classes typically last 45 to 60 minutes, and they are very informative. Space is limited, so call DSN 497-8034 or email April.Gray.2.ctr@us.af.mil.

Upcoming classes include:

► **Skin Cancer Awareness** - Wednesday

► **Injury Prevention** - July 30

For a calendar of all our CHPS classes and health screenings, visit AFMCwellness.com.

Editor’s note: *Workload permitting and with prior supervisory permission, employees may be excused to attend CHPS classes. Employees may use any leave options that are available to them.*

As a reminder, full-time employees may be excused with no charge to leave, up to a combined total of three hours per week for fitness and wellness initiatives.

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HOME, EVERYWHERE.**

TEAM ROBINS



**"Making tomorrow
better than today."**

**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY?
CALL 468-EYES**

Keep your eyes open for stormwater pollution

BY JIM RIEKER

Water Quality Program manager

The Robins Water Quality Program team is responsible for complying with permit requirements for base stormwater discharges.

One such requirement is to conduct basewide inspections to reduce erosion, sedimentation and non-stormwater pollution in runoff.

In addition to those formal inspections, the team seeks everyone's assistance in reporting stormwater concerns observed during normal daily activities.

Stormwater pollution often results from either construction sites or illicit discharges.

Some things to report at construction sites could include mud being tracked onto roads, sediment-laden water running off the site, damaged silt fences, rutting or gullyng observed on slopes and excessive dust leaving a work site – to name a few.

Illicit discharges are discharges to a stormwater system that don't consist of stormwater – washwater that includes detergents, spills and the like. Generally, if it

isn't raining, flow through storm drain pipes, inlets and catch basins shouldn't be occurring. Therefore, issues related to illicit discharges may include seeing flow in storm drains during dry weather, observing someone pouring paint or other materials into a storm drain, observing a pump discharging into a storm drain, etc.

There are two ways to make a report – by phone, which can be reported anonymously, or through an online form which can be emailed to the Water Quality Program manager.

When reporting a concern, provide as many details as possible to help facilitate a quick response – things like the date, time, location and a description of observations.

With the help of all base employees and residents, we can be diligent in our efforts to keep our surrounding waterbodies healthy and clean.

For more information, call 468-9645.

Editor's note: Stormwater Straight Talk is a quarterly column intended to educate and inform base personnel about stormwater pollution.



TO REPORT CONCERNS

- ▶ Call 468-9645 for construction site concerns;
- ▶ Call 468-5657 for illicit discharges; or
- ▶ Fill out the online notification form at:

<https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/78abw/78ceg/cei/CEIE/Storm%20Water%20Management%20Program/Forms/AllItems.aspx> and email it per the instructions.

Out and About

FRI 18 SAT 19 SUN 20 MON 21 TUE 22 WED 23 THUR 24

ON TAP

Family Movie Night Rio 2

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

Membership Breakfast

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

Bowl till You Drop

Sunday

4 to 8 p.m.
Bowling Center
\$10 per person
For details, call 468-2112.

ONGOING

Afterburner July Special

Base Restaurant Bldg. 166
Monday through Friday
5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Mango Frappuccino
For details, call 472-7827.

Beginners 9 Hole Golf League

Sign up now.
Pine Oaks Golf Course
Open to all base personnel who want to learn the game while competing.

A weekly money list will be kept for bragging rights.
For details, call 468-4103.

Kids Bowl Free

Every day in July
Bowling Center
Children 12 years and younger can bowl up to 2 games free per day.
Rental shoe rates apply.
For details, call 468-2112.

Twilight Golf Rates

Every day
4 to 6:30 p.m.
Pine Oaks Golf Course
Play 18 holes with cart \$20 with cart, No cart \$12.
For details, call 468-4103.

Family Resiliency Retreat

The Robins Chapel will host a Resiliency Retreat to Banning Mills, Ga., for active duty members and their families Aug. 15 through 17.

The retreat is open for singles and married couples. Children ages 6 through 18 are invited to attend and participate in each of the sessions.

Lodging, meals and activities are included at no cost to participants. Transportation is not included. Space is limited, and slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, or to sign up, call Tech. Sgt. Erin Everhardt at 468-2821.

THINK GREEN
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Community helps less fortunate through food donation programs

BY HOLLY
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Robins Air Force Base's Commissary is partnering with Warner Robins food banks to put food on the tables of the less fortunate.

The effort is being done through the Food Bank Partnership Program.

"When the commissary has food items that are not sellable, but are still edible, we contact the local food bank in Warner Robins," Susan Edmonds, Robins Commissary store director, said. "They, in turn, pick up the product and distribute it to the appropriate people in the local area."

Edmonds said the partnership program took several months of work by Defense Commissary Agency headquarters officials to establish procedures for local food banks to receive approval from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to authorize the commissary to give this food to the local food banks.

Robins Commissary began participating in the program in October 2013.

Feds Feed Families

Robins is encouraging people to help save families from hunger through the Feds Feed Families campaign.

The program, which began in 2009, will collect non-perishable food items at various points across the base through Aug. 27.

Edmonds said the Defense Commissary Agency began participating in the program three years ago.

"Feds Feed Families allows us to showcase how caring and giving our people are, and demonstrates our commitment to helping people in need," she said.

Locally more than 2,000 pounds of food was collected through the program in 2013.

The commissary has boxes at its exits where customers can donate food.

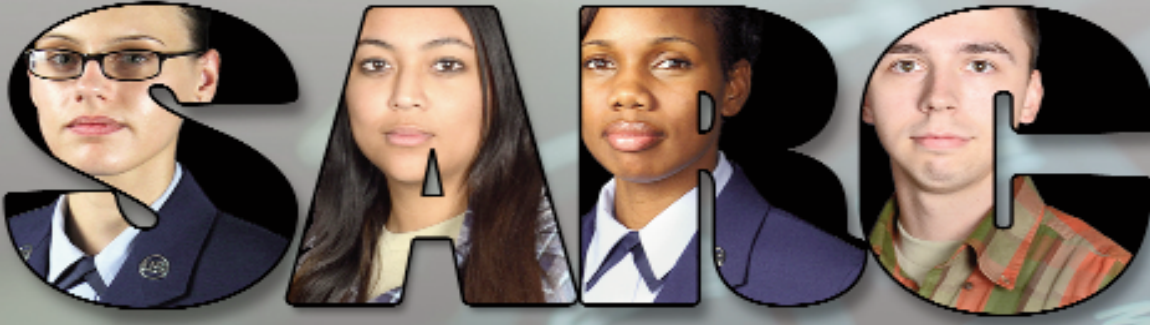
For more information on Feds Feed Families, contact Senior Master Sgt. Christina Myers at 468-3619 or Master Sgt. David Counts at 468-5333.



**CLICK IT
OR
TICKET**

**IT'S THE
LAW**

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator



The Robins AFB SARC is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Phone (478) 327-7272 or DSN 497-7272

The definition of sexual assault is intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. It includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim. Consent shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated or unconscious.