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Tornado exercise keeps Team Robins Prepared

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Team Robins recently participated in a tornado exercise with a scenario calling for emergency responders. For photos see Pages 8 & 9. (photo illustration)

#### **COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE**

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By GEN. DAVID L. GOLDFEIN
Air Force Chief of Staff

eople are the foundation of our Air Force. Our mutual support for each other is based on dignity, respect and trust ... a Wingman culture. As Wingmen we must continuously demonstrate courage and strength of character to do and say the right things, at the right times, to protect each other ... there is no other acceptable option.

When Airmen fail to live up to our core values - Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do - the reputation of all who serve and have served is tarnished. These values apply to behavior on social media. Any conduct or participation in activities, whether online or offline, that does not adhere to these core values is NOT acceptable.

From our newest airman basic to the chief of staff, we are all accountable for meeting ethical and performance standards in our actions. We should live our core values every day ... on and off duty. We must continuously conduct ourselves in a manner that brings credit to our nation and each other. Service in our Air Force is a higher calling and we carry this legacy forward for future generations of Airmen.

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## Squadron Revitalization Leads to EPME Changes

he reenlistment and extension ineligibility requirement will be removed from the enlisted professional military education program effective March 15, 2017 according to Air Force officials.

Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel and services Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, approved the change, removing the automatic reenlistment or extension ineligibility status for Airmen who fail to complete their enlisted professional military education distance learning course tests by their suspense dates.

"We continually review and evolve personnel policies to ensure it provides equity for Airmen, aligns with our Air Force strategy and supports our Airmen's ability to execute the mission," Grosso said. "While originally intended to drive increased development and professionalism, the previous EPME approach created a higher standard, particularly when compared to recent changes to our officer PME model. Additionally, as we grow the force the policy added unnecessary challenges and distractions to our Airmen. We certainly heard and listened to Airmen on this matter."

The former policy stated that if an Airman exceeded the suspense date for course completion, the Airman automatically became ineligible for reenlistment or extension, until the course was complete. This meant impacted Airmen were required to separate or retire on their date of separation. Although PME completion is expected and tied to promotion, non-completion is not directly tied to continued service under the officer system. This change brings both systems back into alignment.

The need for this policy change was confirmed during the Air Force Chief of Staff's Squadron Revitalization effort. "Airmen clearly identified this as an issue in both the Air Force Revitalization Survey and during the recent field interviews conducted at Joint Base Andrews," said Brig. Gen. S.L. Davis, Team Lead for the squadron revitalization effort.

The policy adjustment places authority and responsibility for reenlistments back at the squadron level and provides flexibility for commanders to retain high-performing experienced Airmen who meet the Air Force's mission needs, in line with revitalizing Air Force squadrons.

## LEARN MORE, STAY INFORMED

Airmen with questions about their individual situations are encouraged to contact the Total Force Service Center at (800) 525-0102.

Stay informed on the most current EPME information on the Force Development page on myPers, or select

"Active Duty Enlisted" from the dropdown menu and search "EPME."

"As we work to revitalize our squadrons, it remains important that commanders and supervisors who are closest to an Airman have a say in whether or not an Airman should be allowed to reenlist," Grosso said. "It has been a squadron commander's decision, and this policy adjustment restores that authority, placing the retention decision back in the hands of the local commander."

With the change in policy, Airmen who were previously impacted due to EPME non-completion will now be eligible to re-enlist or extend (unless otherwise ineligible), and should see their ineligibility code removed from their record in the Military Personnel Data System within 24-48 hours.

In line with placing the retention decision authority back in the hands of squadron commanders, the approval authority for EM-PE distance learning course deferments has also been changed and now rests with squadron commanders.

"Gen. Goldfein has been clear – we succeed or fail in our missions at the squadron level where we develop, train and build Airmen," Grosso said. "We must promote best practices, identify improvements and remove barriers, real or artificial, in order to support our squadrons – the most essential level of command."

No changes were made to the policy regarding promotion eligibility. Grosso said that was a deliberate decision as PME is critical to the development of all Airmen, both officers and enlisted, as leaders in the profession of arms.

## AFMC leaders craft new command vision, goals: strive for more agility, cost effectiveness

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- A revised vision statement and updated goals reinforce Air Force Materiel Command's continuous push to find more ways to be agile and cost effective in providing war-winning support to the warfighter.

Commanders, other senior leaders and even key community leaders from across the command gathered at AFMC Headquarters March 7-9 to refocus the command's current strategic plan that is a year old and must keep pace with rapidly changing technologies and world events.

"There are opportunities for us to do better and now is the time for us to refresh our strategy," said AFMC Commander Gen. Ellen M. Pawlikowski. "The Air Force wants to prepare for future conflicts that will occur in very dynamic environments across multiple domains," Pawlikowski said. "Command and control will be key to effective operations in a multi-domain fight. Developing and delivering command and control is right in AFMC's sweet spot."

The new AFMC vision statement is: "innovative Airmen, trusted and empowered, creating agile, cost-effective war-winning capabilities for the nation."

Pawlikowski said the change emphasizes that Airmen, trusted and empowered to take action, are the key element to delivering capabilities. The vision retains the elements of agility and cost-effectiveness. Also, it emphasizes that AFMC will strive to deliver capabilities that ultimately serve the entire nation.

While the command mission statement, "deliver and support agile war-winning capabilities," remains unchanged, command leaders overhauled three of AFMC's four strategic goals.

They wanted to emphasize the value and commitment of AFMC's 80,000-strong workforce by spotlighting them in the first goal: "strengthen and enhance the effectiveness and resiliency of the total workforce."

The command's determination to become more agile in its delivery of capabilities to the Air Force is highlighted in its second goal: "increase agility to improve AFMC support to the Air Force enterprise."

The third goal, "drive cost-effectiveness into the capabilities we provide," remains unchanged and reflects AFMC's commitment to manage every dollar in the most effective, responsible way.

"AFMC is the cost conscience of the Air Force," Pawlikowski told her command leaders.

The fourth, and newest, goal pushes AFMC to deliver and maintain technologies that give the warfighter the tools to win. The goal is: "rapidly develop, transition and deploy technology to assure our warfighting advantage."

For the first time ever, 15 members of the command's Community Liaison Program took part in crafting the new goals. The CLP consists of key civic leaders from communities around each AFMC installation.

"Our CLP members were thrilled to have the opportunity to take part and they made some good contributions," Pawlikowski said. "It's always good for us to hear different perspectives from outside our gates."



Each goal will have several objectives, underlying initiatives and actions that command officials will refine in the coming weeks before combining with the mission and vision statements and goals to create an updated command strategic plan.

Before tackling revisions to the goals, Pawlikowski highlighted several command achievements from 2016. She said the previous version of the strategic plan enabled AFMC to meet 81 percent of its planned commitments, validate \$2.2 billion in cost savings, deploy a new hiring process that streamlined the recruiting of civilian employees and accelerate the delivery of C-130 aircraft from its depots back to warfighters at Air Force Special Operations Command.

"We owe it all to our Airmen, military and civilian," Pawlikowski said. "They make it happen every day."

### SET THE DATE

### Program Executive Officer (PEO) Review & Outlook (R&O)

he Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce's Aerospace Industry Committee, in partnership with Robins Air Force Base, announces the 2017 Program Executive Officer Review and Outlook to be held Thursday, March 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar.

The event will build upon the theme of last year's meeting and the May 2015 U.S. Air Force Strategic Master Plan by continuing to examine objectives important to both industry and the Air Force, specifically, "Incentivize innovative solutions and improve competition in the defense industrial base by providing transparency and stability in requirements and funding, increasing competitive bids, reducing developmental risks, and encouraging partnering with industry" (AG2.4 from p. 34 of the May 2015 USAF Strategic Master Plan).

The one-day PEO R&O is designed to inform the private sector on portfolio focus areas and acquisition forecasts that are essential for Robin's organizations to achieve their mission of providing warwinning capabilities on time and on cost.

The PEO R&O accomplishes this by bringing interested parties together for a series of presentations by Air Force senior leadership.

Planned for this year are high level presentations on the Congressional Outlook, as well as Air Force Life Cycle Management and Air Force Sustainment Cen-

ter Outlooks.

In addition, program executive officers are invited to provide an overview of their respective portfolios, to include anticipated funding as well as projected future business opportunities.

PEO briefings in the areas of weapons, special operations, mobility, battle management, agile combat support and fighter/bombers are planned.

All materials and discussions will be unclassified

Attendance is open to all interested parties. Early registration price (by today) is \$85, then the registration cost increases to \$100.

Lunch is included. Current government employees will be admitted free and may purchase lunch for \$15.

Additional information including the latest agenda and speakers may be found at the following link:

Click here for registration and additional information on the PEO event and invited speakers.

Parties interested in the PEO R&O event may also be interested in attending the 2017 Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows' Electronic Warfare/Information Operations Symposium 42, which will be held at the same location March 19 through 23.



## Breaking Ground

## 78th CES director says DOD full of career opportunities for women

By HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON
Robins Public Affairs

orking as a hairstylist to support herself and two sons, Becky McCoy, 78<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron director, longed for a more challenging career.

That's when her life took a change for the better. McCoy pursued her love of math and money and went to college to earn her engineering degree.

Historically, only about 10 percent of engineers are women, McCoy said. But, that figure may change in the near future as more emphasis is being placed on science, technology, engineering and mathematics in education.

"I am not sure why women don't pursue engineering degrees the same way they do medical and law professions," she said. "Maybe it's the math."

McCoy began her time at Robins Air Force Base as a contractor and later landed a civil service position.

In her 18 years as a Defense Department civil servant, McCoy said she has seen an increase in women advancing in her area of expertise than in years past.

"I have seen more women be promoted to leadership roles in the engineering field than I have seen women become engineers," she said.

The engineer said she sees great career growth opportunities for women in DOD.

"The DOD has been out in front of promotion opportunities for women for years, and I expect that to continue," she said.

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— Becky McCoy 78th CES director

benefits women bring to the table and have steadily exploited diversity throughout the workforce which makes us all stronger and more innovative," she added. "DOD promotes choosing the most qualified person regardless of sex."

McCoy challenged others to better them-

selves to better their career opportunities.

"I would say to anyone trying to grow in their career in the DOD to get as much education as you can to include undergraduate, graduate and professional military education," she said. "If you are an engineer, you also should pursue getting your professional engineering registration."





Above, Master Sgt. Henrietta Bouknight welcomes a visitor at the Watson Boulevard Gate March 10.

## A day in 'Her'story

Above, Airman 1st Class Marie Mies returns an identification card to a motorist entering the Watson Boulevard Gate March 10. Mies was part of an all-female security forces detail manning the Watson Boulevard gate recognition of Women's History Month. Below, Airman Kylene Sheffield checks a visitor's identification card prior to allowing them on base. Staff Sgt. Maria Stonebraker and Military Working Dog Eris were also at the gate as an additional security measure.



## Riding the storm out

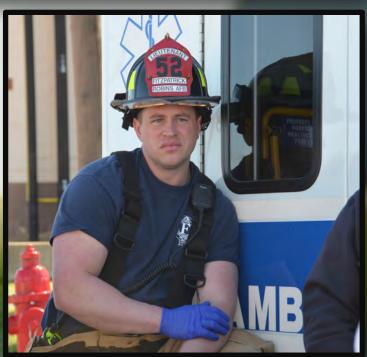
Tornado exercise keeps Team Robins Prepared



Robins Air Base Wing emergency personnel participate in a tornado exercise which resulted in simulated casualty response as well as simulated structure damage March 9.

(Top) A base firefighter prepares one of the simulated tornado victims for movement from the scene as part of the severe weather exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo/ED ASPERA

(Right) Lieutenant Kason Fitzpatrick, Base Fire Department, listens as information about structure damage and casualties is shared by the on-scene commander. (U.S. Air Force photo/TECH. SGT. KELLY GOONAN)







## Camellia Gardens Memorial Ceremony

ase officials will pay tribute to the living and deceased Team Robins members (military and civilian) at the annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service in the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar on May 25, at 10 a.m.

A guest speaker will provide the memorial address and the Robins Honor Guard will deliver a 21-gun salute followed by taps.

Nominated individuals are eligible if Robins Air Force Base was their last duty station.

If you would like to submit a family member, friend or coworker to be recognized (Nomination Deadline: May 12), Use the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S38H8HV

For more information, contact the Chaplains office via email at <a href="mailto:78abw.hcworkflow@us.af.mil">78abw.hcworkflow@us.af.mil</a> or by phone at 478-926-2821.



## Smiles for Miles

78th Dental Squadron takes message of oral hygiene to Team Robins kids he 78th Dental Squadron recently celebrated National Children's Dental Health month by taking the message of good dental hygiene to the kids.

Members from the dental clinic visited the base's Child Development Centers, the Youth Center and a kindergarten class off base.

Dental Squadron representatives educated the children on proper oral hygiene and nutritional habits.

Some members of the team dressed in costumes and were available at the medical group pediatrics reception area.

There, they provided information such as good oral health habits and how to sign children up for United Concordia dental insurance.

Goodie bags with toothbrushes and floss were given to the children.

"Oral health is something that has to be taught to children at an early age so that good hygiene and nutritional practices become habits," said

Lisa Sims, 78th Dental Squadron Preventive Dentristry manager and registered dental hygienist. "It's important for the dental community to educate both children and parents on ways to keep their teeth healthy."

Children's teeth are meant to last a lifetime, and a healthy smile is important to a child's self-esteem.

With proper care, a balanced diet and regular dental visits, their teeth can remain healthy and strong.

It's important for parents to take their children to a preliminary dental visit by the child's first birthday.

The first visit can help educate the parents on ways to help their child prevent dental decay at an early age and subsequent dental problems throughout their lives.

Editor's note: For more information contact Lisa Sims RDH Preventive Dentistry Manager at 478-327-4406.

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**Face Shield** 

Laser Safety Goggles

Welding Helmet

Goggles

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- C. Protects the whole face. Needs to be used with safety glasses.
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- E. Shaded lenses protect against intense light beams



ANSWERS: Spectacles — A; Goggles — B; Face Shield — C; Welding Helmet — D; Laser Safety Goggles — E





By RENEE DAUGHTRY
Robins School Liaison Officer

ach year Team Robins has provided the local school systems with volunteer test proctors during statewide standardized school testing.



This year's standardized tests will be on the following dates:

Elementary/Middle Schools: April 10 through 28 from 7:40 a.m. to noon, and 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (times vary depending on school)

High Schools: April 24 through May 12 from 7:30 to 11:45 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Military members must get supervisor approval to volunteer. Civilian personnel are required to take leave.

Those wishing to volunteer should contact the Robins Air Force Base School Liaison Officer, Renee Daughtry, at <a href="mailto:renee.daughtry.l@us.af.mil">renee.daughtry.l@us.af.mil</a> no later than March 24 to volunteer.

Volunteers should provide dates and times they are available to proctor along with a school preference if they have one.



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## 2017 - 2019 Honorary Commanders



















New members for 2017-2019 were inducted into the Robins Air Force Base Honorary Commanders Program today and outgoing commanders from 2015-2017 were also recognized. The program is designed to encourage an exchange of ideas, experiences and friendship between key members of the local civilian community and members of Team Robins.

Appraisal Services
\* Col. Mark Weber, 116<sup>th</sup> Air Control Wing commander, and his honorary commander, Steve Rigby, Owner, Rigby's Entertainment Center

\* Col. Jeremy Boenisch, 5<sup>th</sup> Combat Communications Group commander, (not pictured) and his honorary commander, Ron Weigle, first vice president, Commercial Banking, Suntrust Bank of Middle Georgia

honorary commander, Randall Walker, 2017 chairman,

\* Col. John Cooper - 461st Air Control Wing command-

er, and his honorary commander, Gary Garrard, owner,

Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee and Perry

- \* Col. Rod Bloker, Defense Logistics Agency Aviation commander and his honorary commander, Ron Shipman, vice president-central region, Georgia Power/ Southern Co
- \* Kent Wheeler, Defense Logistics Agency Distribution director, and his honorary commander, Sara Murph, Chief Financial Officer, Parrish Construction Group
- \* Col. Anna Morris acting Contracting director and her honorary commander, Monica Wilburn, judge & attorney, The Law Office of Monica Wilburn
- \* Kim Herren, 638<sup>th</sup> Supply Chain Management Group director, and her honorary commander, Dean Uppinder Mehan, Fort Valley State University

Top to bottom, left to right:

- \* Maj. Gen. William Waldrop, Air Force Reserve Command commander, and his honorary commander, Randy Toms, mayor, City of Warner Robins
- \* Brig Gen John Kubinec, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex commander, and his honorary commander, Jim Perdue, pastor, Second Baptist Church
- \* Tom Fischer, Engineering Director and his honorary commander, George Greer – Partner, Spivey, Pope, Green & Greer LLC
- \* Col. Jeff King, 78th Air Base Wing commander, and his Mehan, Fort Valley State University



## What's Happening

## 78th FSS

#### **On-Spot Café Special**

Club Sandwich, Fries & Medium Drink \$5.50 Bowling Center -478-926-2112

## Horseback Riding Experience (Single Airman Only)

March 25 Register no later than March 23 at Bldg. 984, Outdoor Recreation -478-222-1107

#### **Trap & Skeet Fun**

March 18 Noon – 6 p.m. \$20 Robins Skeet Range - 478-926-4733

#### **DEERS/ID Card Appointments**

If you need: A New ID Card, PIN Reset, DEERS Update, and Designated Agent Letter.

Schedule appointments at https://rapids-appointments.dmdc. osd.mil/ on any computer or mobile device.

#### **Base Library Hours**

Tuesdays through Fridays 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays, Mondays & Federal Holidays, closed Base Library 478-327-8761

## Join the Armed Forces Vacation Club

AFVC is free to join and open to all active duty, Reserve, Guard, DOD civilian employees and retired members of the armed forces. Stay



Travel & Recreation Show — Come see all the local travel and amusement opportunities both locally and in the surrounding states Thursday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. For more information, call ITT at 478-926-2945.

at a resort for seven days. See IT&T representatives, or go directly to www.AFVClub.com today!

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#### Aero Club

Take the time to learn to fly
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a private pilot's license.
The cost is \$50 to \$105 per flight.
The club is located in Bldg. 186.
Call 478-926-4867 to find













## 2017 Earth Day Photo Contest

Robins AFB Earth Day Photo Contest Entry Form

Name of Photographer (print)

Phone Number (day)

Email:

Identify the class and category you wish to enter – Only one entry per person per Class and Category

Age Group (circle one) 12 years old & under\*

13-17 years old\*

18 years old & over

Category (circle one)

Flora (plants, flowers, trees)

Fauna (animals, insects, reptiles, rodents) People Enjoying Nature

By signing, I understand any photos containing images of planes or restricted operations or areas, including the flightline will be disqualified.

Name of Photographer (sign)

\*By signing – I give my child permission to enter the Robins AFB contest and agree to the terms and conditions.

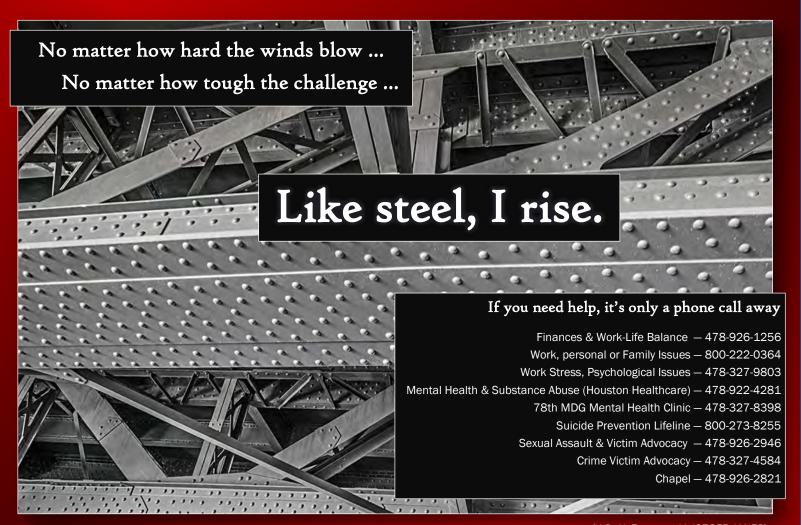
Name of Parent/Guardian (print)

Name of Parent/Guardian (sign)



## How do I submit my photos?

Photographs can be submitted through April 12 by emailing one digital photograph (5x7 inches, 300 ppi, jpg, 1500 x 2100 pixels) accompanied by one entry form to Kimberly Mullins (kimberly.mullins.2@us.af.mil) or Casey Lucas (casey.lucas.2@us.af.mil). Photographs received after midnight Wednesday, April 12 will not be entered. Submit a separate form for each photograph. Visit www.robins.af.mil for full details.



(U.S. Air Force graphic/GEOFF JANES)

## Parting Shot

Work is steadily moving along at the site of the new Air Force Reserve Command consolidated mission complex. AFRC initially broke ground Feb. 2. The new facility is designed to allow AFRC to be more effective and efficient by combining several Reserve Command facilities into one and allowing personnel to work in closer proximity to one another. (U. S. Air Force Photo/TECH. SGT. Kelly GOONAN)

