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Maintenance personnel from the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron tow a E-8C Joint STARS at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., July 17, 2018. This is the first JSTARS aircraft scheduled for depot maintenance at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex at Robins. See more photos on Page 3. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Roger Parsons)

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# MAKING MOVES



## *AIR LOGISTICS COMPLEX GETS FIRST JOINT STARS PLANE FOR MAINTENANCE*

An E-8C Joint STARS aircraft is towed from the 116th Air Control Wing flight line to the Warner Robins maintenance area for de-fueling as it begins depot maintenance at Robins Air Force Base., Ga., July 17, 2018. This is the first time a Joint STARS aircraft is going through depot maintenance at the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex. (U.S. Air Force photo by Ed Aspera Jr.)

The Air Force initiated its own depot maintenance here for the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System aircraft July 17, 2018, to deliver more aircraft faster, leading to increased readiness for warfighters.

Officials with the JSTARS program office at Robins AFB want to increase the number of aircraft available for operations and training as the service transitions to the Advanced Battle Management System, a capability that will fuse global air and space intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance information.

One way to deliver assets quicker and meet operational need is for the government workforce at Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex to supple-

ment the contractor workload, said Brig Gen John Kubinec, commander of the complex.

"We have a tremendously talented workforce of uniformed and civilian Airmen who are excited about the opportunity to prove themselves by working on this first JSTARS aircraft," Kubinec said. "We are leveraging the experience of the operational wings and the program office team here at Robins to improve warfighting readiness."

The proof of concept will help the Air Force better understand the costs of performing JSTARS depot maintenance organically. If the organic maintenance concept is proven successful, the Air Force currently plans to induct one aircraft per year at Robins over the next couple of years.

The Air Force intends to fly JSTARS into the mid-to-late 2020s while the follow-on Advanced Battle Management System is developed. ABMS will integrate battlefield surveillance information from a variety of sensors to provide commanders better situational awareness in combat. The Air Force has said ABMS is needed to provide critical capabilities to survive against adversaries in a contested environment.

The Air Force announced in June that Robins AFB will host the initial elements of the ABMS, paving the way for a long-term mission in Middle Georgia. Selecting Robins enables the Air Force to leverage existing infrastructure and the more than 40 years of experience resident in the Robins' workforce.



# You've got a choice

2018-2019 Public School transfer request open until Aug. 20

**Robins Public Affairs**

**T**he Houston County School System has published their House Bill 224 school transfer announcement. HB 224 gives a military service member who lives on base or in off-base privatized housing the option to request a school transfer for their child.

Application window is open now until Aug. 20 and will ONLY be accepted by mail.

If a military service member moves to Houston County and lives on a military base or off-base in military housing, the application must be submitted within 10 school days of registering their children at Central Registration.

**Some of the Highlights from the message are as follows:**

*Parents should list the top three schools they would like their child to transfer to.*

*Applications may be printed from the website or picked up at your child's school.*

*Applications will ONLY be accepted through Aug. 20 and ONLY by mail.*

*Parents will be notified by mail of approval or denial by Aug. 27.*

*Students must begin school year at their zoned school.*

*Students with approved transfers will begin their new school no later than Sept. 4.*

*Parents would be required to provide transportation for students who attend out of zone.*

The Houston County School System release about House Bill 224, is posted to the Board of Education website, [www.hcbe.net](http://www.hcbe.net), as well as on the School Zones webpage. The implementation procedures and an application to request a transfer through HB 224 can be found at the following link:

[http://images.pcmac.org/Uploads/HoustonCS/HoustonCS/Sites/DocumentsCategories/Documents/PSA%20HB%20224%20June%202018\\_%7BSISBCC5F7D811A1%7D.pdf](http://images.pcmac.org/Uploads/HoustonCS/HoustonCS/Sites/DocumentsCategories/Documents/PSA%20HB%20224%20June%202018_%7BSISBCC5F7D811A1%7D.pdf)

**Editor's note:** For more information, contact School Operations at 478-218-7513.

# Getting her KICKS

BY HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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lison Skidmore fell in love with soccer at the tender age of 5.

Skidmore, now chief of Customer Support in the 78th Force Support Squadron at Robins, pursued her passion in college, playing Division 1 soccer at the U.S Air Force Academy before commissioning as a second lieutenant in 2017.

"After finishing my last season in college, I knew I wasn't ready to be done with soccer, I missed it so much," she said. "And to have an opportunity to represent my country while doing what I love most was too good to be true."

The 23-year-old recently seized the opportunity to try out for the 2018 Women's All-Armed Forces Soccer team, landing the center-midfield spot.

"We trained for three weeks at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas, and then the 21-member team was selected on June 18," she said. "I was extremely honored to be given the opportunity to represent my country with 20 other women all serving in the United States military."

During its season, the team competed against 10 other nations for the 2018 Conseil International du Sport Militaire Women's Soccer Championship.

"We finished with the best record we have had in recent years," she said. "We beat Canada and the Netherlands, but lost to China and South Korea. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the final, but we will next year in China."

Skidmore said being able to live and play alongside a group of such inspiring and ambitious women was one of the highlights of being on the team.

The soccer enthusiast admits it wasn't entirely a mountaintop experience.

"About halfway through camp, I hurt my knee pretty bad," she said. "During one of the scrimmages, my knee made a popping sound, similar to the one I heard when I tore my ACL, and I freaked. Fortunately enough, it was more of a tendon issue than any torn ligaments."

The injury caused Skidmore to miss the team's first two games of the tournament, but with proper rehabilitation, she was able to finish out the rest of the tournament with her team.

Despite the minor setback, Skidmore considered her AAF Soccer Team journey an experience of a lifetime.

"I am so thankful to have had this opportunity and meet so many amazing people from all around the world," she said. "How lucky are we to be in a military that still allows us to play the sports we love at such a high level? Don't pass up the opportunity if you are considering it."



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**78th Force Support Squadron Customer Support chief**



# IT'S A PRIDE THING

By **Holly Logan-Arrington**  
*Robins Public Affairs*

**R**obins will host its initial first-Friday monthly base cleanup effort Aug. 3.

The Robins Community Cleanup, an Installation-wide effort encouraged by the 78th Air Base Wing commander, will bring all mission partners outdoors each first Friday of the month to remove natural debris, discarded trash, clean signs, monuments, empty trash receptacles, and report any maintenance needs and safety hazards to facility managers.

Jacob Tuttle, Natural and Cultural Resources Program manager who works in Environmental Compliance in the 78th Civil Engineering Group, said a combination of reduced budget for grounds maintenance and a need for facility and infrastructure deficiencies to be identified for maintenance, repair, and replacement led to the effort.

"This effort creates a better base community by encouraging ownership of the condition of the common areas and facilities, and unites the community with the common goal of base

beautification and environmental stewardship," he said.

Tuttle said base organizations are also encouraged to adopt a public area on Robins to maintain.

Units are able to adopt any area of interest across the installation, including nature trails, skeet range, horse stables, etc.

Tuttle said mission partner leadership is needed to actively encourage, incentivize, and/or reward participation within their organizations.

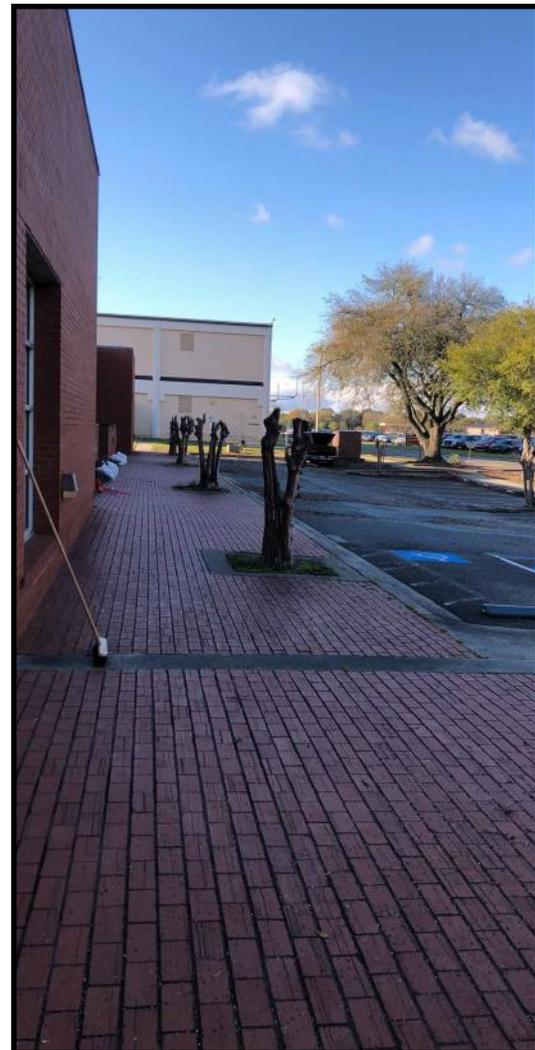
"If it's not important to you, it's not important to your people," he said.

Items, like trash bags, gloves, pick-up sticks, and safety vests, needed for the cleanup will be available for check-out at the Robins' Outdoor Recreation's Equipment Rental Office.

Tuttle said it's everyone's responsibility to take pride in their work place, reduce waste, recycle reusable products, and discard trash and cigarettes in the proper receptacles.

"This effort will ultimately lead to a cleaner and more attractive environment, with particular benefits for our storm water drainage system, and improvement to the overall aesthetics of our work areas," he said.

**Editor's note:** For more information, call 478-327-9273.



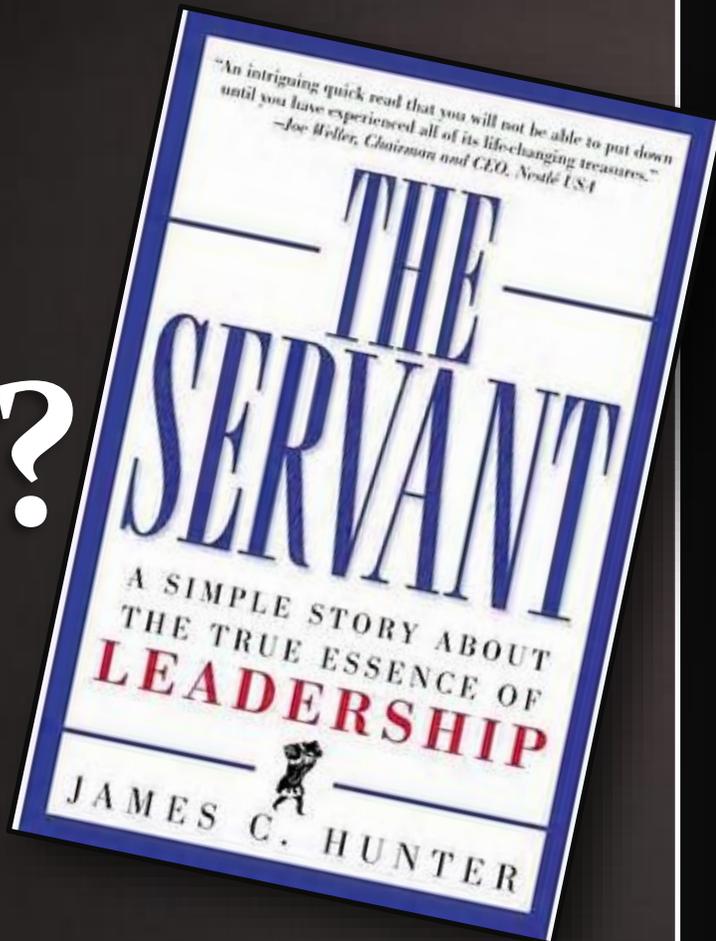


# Glow Run

Despite the evening rain, hundreds of Team Robins members showed up for the Fitness Center's Glow Run July 13. Along with the run, there was a DJ on hand to play music, Zumba and face painting. Following the run, there was a tent set up for a black light after party. (U.S. Air Force photos by Misuzu Allen)



Want to  
Join the  
**CLUB?**



Save the date! Col. Lyle Drew, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host his book club meeting with Team Robins members Aug. 27, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Heritage Club. August's book is "The Servant: A Simple Story About the True Essence of Leadership" by James C. Hunter.

If you want to get ahead, future books will include:

Sept. 24 – "The Power of Habit: Why

We Do What We Do in Life and Business" by Charles Duhigg

Oct. 29 – "Power: Why Some People Have It and Others Don't" by Jeffrey Pfeffer

Nov. 26 – Influence: The Psychology of Persuasion" by Robert Cialdini

December (Date TBD) – "The Happiness Advantage: The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology That Fuel Success and Performance at Work" by Shawn Achor

# *Flight Leader Course Available*

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**The Flight Leader Course is now being offered to Team Robins. The next class dates are in October. Here's what you need to know:**

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The Team Robins' Flight Leader Course is a four-day course for unit mid-level leaders to gain valuable leadership tools. This instructor-led course provides familiarization of the following: Base Mission Brief/History; 21st Century Leadership; Leadership Theories; Transformational Leadership–Four Lenses Self-assessment and Application; Military Workforce; Civilian Workforce; Unit Manning Document and Manpower; The Power of Vulnerability; Legal and Progressive Discipline; Flight Leader Roles and Responsibilities; Prioritize Your Workload – Know Your Boss; Performance Feedback; Finance for Flight Leaders; Communication Skills; Generational Diversity; Base Resources/Helping Agencies; Airmen Development and Education; Squadron Commander Panel; First Sergeant Panel; Enlisted Panel and Capstone.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

Military and civilian personnel in mid-level leadership positions (flight chiefs, flight commanders and flight leads) across all of Robins Air Force Base.

Next Class Dates: Oct. 15 -18, 2018

Signup Process: Supervisor's permission and coordination with Unit Training Manager

For scheduling purposes here's the course number: MRXMGT0004200SU - Flight Leader Course

# STORMWATER STRAIGHT TALK

## Rain gardens: a DIY filter for pollution

*During a rain event, stormwater flows out of downspouts, runs across lawns and streets, through storm drains, and ultimately into lakes, rivers, wetlands, and streams. Stormwater may collect pollutants such as pesticides, fertilizers, and vehicle oils before reaching one of these receiving waters. Rain gardens are versatile features that can aid in the reduction of stormwater pollution, and they be installed in almost any unpaved space.*

*Rain gardens are shallow, vegetated basins that collect rain water from rooftops, sidewalks, and streets. The porous soil of a rain garden acts as a filter and allows the stormwater to soak slowly into the ground. Vegetation, such as grasses and flowering perennials, can aid in the reduction of pollutants as the plants can use some of the nutrients found in the stormwater runoff.*

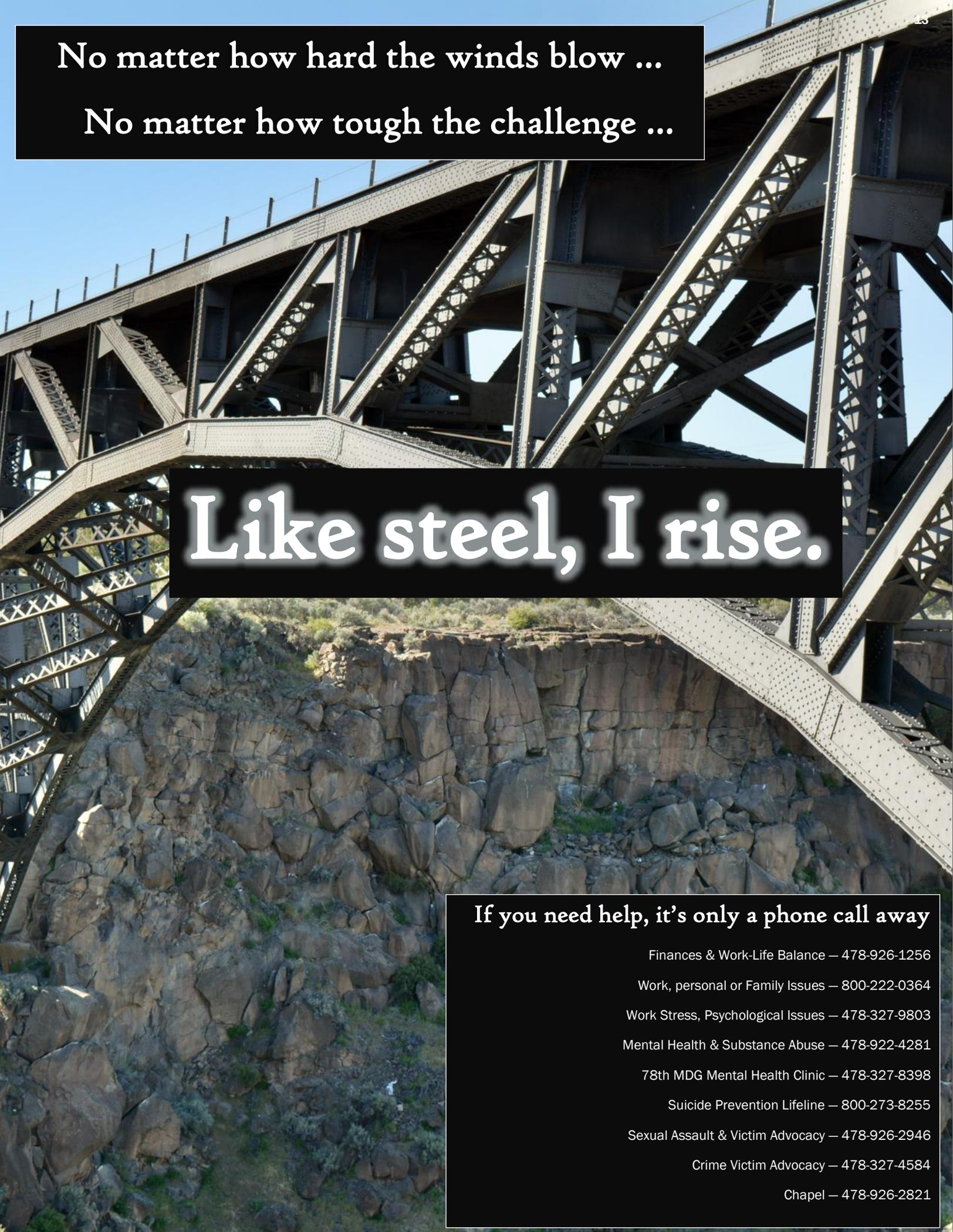
*Generally, a rain garden is constructed with three zones. Located at the center of the garden, Zone 1 contains plants that like standing water for long periods of time. Zone 2, which is located around Zone 1, contains plants that can tolerate occasional standing water. Located along the outer portion of the garden, Zone 3 is rarely wet for any length of time, and the area should be planted with species that prefer drier soil.*

*Below are some considerations for constructing a rain garden:*

- *Make sure that the rain garden is located at least 10 feet from houses or other buildings to protect the foundation and at least 50 feet from a septic system.*
- *Avoid areas with trees to avoid damage to tree roots.*
- *Place your rain garden in a flat portion of the yard to reduce erosion and allow water enough time to soak into the ground.*
- *Follow proper procedures (e.g., calling 811) to locate underground utilities prior to digging.*

*Rain gardens are easy to maintain and generally have the same amount of maintenance as other types of gardens. A rain garden can be a beautiful way to reduce stormwater runoff and help filter pollutants from runoff.*

*For more information, call 468-9645.*



No matter how hard the winds blow ...  
No matter how tough the challenge ...

**Like steel, I rise.**

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78th MDG Mental Health Clinic — 478-327-8398

Suicide Prevention Lifeline — 800-273-8255

Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy — 478-926-2946

Crime Victim Advocacy — 478-327-4584

Chapel — 478-926-2821



## ***PARTING SHOT***

Jeffrey Kinzer, Robins firefighter, takes a break while sitting in a ventilation hole cut by firefighters during training, July 11, 2018. Robins firefighters used Bldg. 945 for fire and ventilation training. Part of the training was to break windows for ventilation and use fans to release smoke. They also cut holes in the roof and in the walls of the building to release heat and smoke, easing the task of finding victims. (U.S. Air Force photo by Misuzu Allen)