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COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

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The Commanders Action Line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to live, learn, work and play. The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the responsible organization.

That gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes. If you do contact the Commanders Action Line, please fully explain whom it is you want to recognize and why, what you have a question about, or your suggestion. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed. Commander's Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

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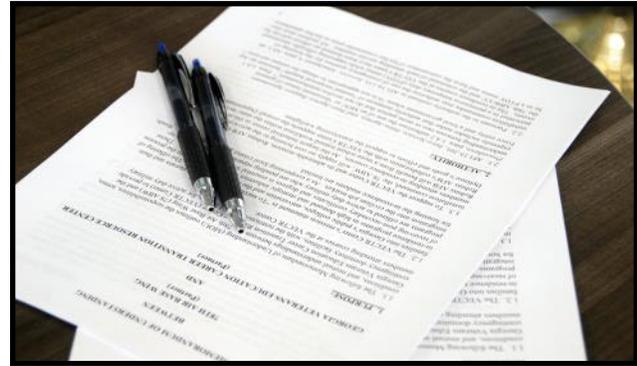
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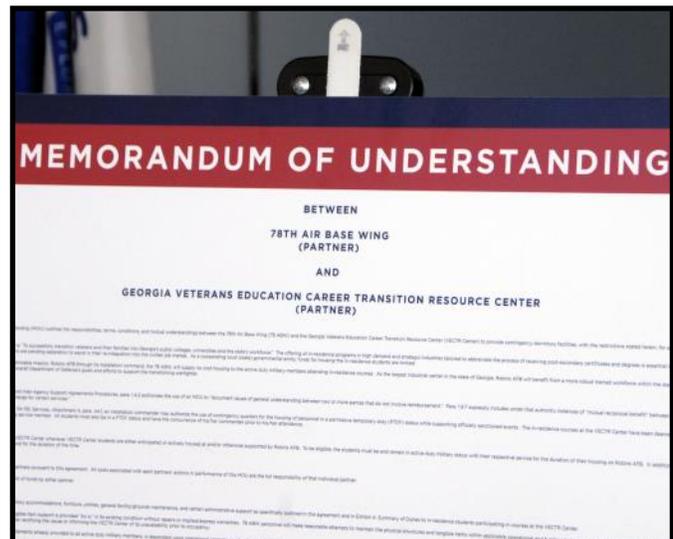


Col. Lyle Drew, 78th Air Base Wing commander, speaks at the VECTR Center prior to co-signing a memorandum of agreement with Patricia Ross, Georgia Veterans Education Career Transition Resource Center CEO May 30. (U.S. Air Force photos by Jon Bell)

Robins and VECTR sign one-of-a-kind agreement



Patricia Ross, VECTR Center CEO, speaks during the signing ceremony May 30. This partnership is a first within the Air Force because no other Air Force installation is providing housing or dormitory facilities in concert with community educational and training providers. The program falls under the various branch's transition programs as part of the DOD Skill Bridge program, better known by the individual services as the Career Skills Program. All someone needs to do is stop by their transition assistance office to see how they can leverage this opportunity.



An option worth exploring



One E-8C JSTARS to undergo organic depot maintenance

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—The Air Force plans to bring an E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, better known as JSTARS, into the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, for Programmed Depot Maintenance by Summer 2018.

The move would increase PDM capacity by demonstrating an organic depot-capacity proof of concept. If proven, this effort should help deliver needed JSTARS assets to operators more rapidly and efficiently and could provide a longer-term alternative to contractor-performed PDM.

“We’ve been focusing intensely for a couple of years on improving contractor-led depot performance, but aircraft are still remaining in depot too long,” said Steven Wert, the Air Force’s Program Executive Officer for Battle Management, who oversees these efforts. “We have to find ways to increase throughput and overall depot capacity, and we believe this option is well worth exploring.”

Inducting an aircraft, and potentially others in the future, at WR-ALC may offer numerous advantages. For instance, the program office, operational wings, functional check flight crews and Air Combat Command’s flight test detachment are all located at Robins AFB. In addition, WR-ALC has significant ex-

perience with JSTARS; the community of potential JSTARS mechanics is fairly broad; and transportation costs would be reduced.

“Our dedicated professionals and mission partners have extensive experience in overhauling and modifying large aircraft like the C-130, C-17 and C-5 fleet. I’m confident our team can leverage this experience and help the JSTARS community improve aircraft availability,” said Brig. Gen. John Kubinec, Commander, WR-ALC. “Our team is excited about this opportunity and we stand ready to support this effort by working closely with the PEO and Northrop Grumman.”

The Air Force has a Total System Support Responsibility contract with Northrop Grumman that runs through 2022. The proposed PDM work at Robins would supplement, not supplant, the work being done at Lake Charles. In fact, the Air Force will need Northrop’s help to successfully execute this proof of concept.

The Air Force is taking this action to increase aircraft availability, reduce depot flow days and add depot capacity, said Col. Ray Wier, chief of the Battle Management Directorate’s C2ISR Division.

“We believe this is one way to help achieve the goal of reducing depot flow days and increasing fleet availability,” he said.

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“We’ve worked hard with all stakeholders across the E-8C enterprise to make sure we’ll be ready to undertake this work and prove the organic depot concept.”

This proof of concept will also help the Air Force better understand the costs of performing E-8C depot work organically. Start-up costs are expected to be minimal due to the synergies of performing the work at Robins, which already hosts the E-8C operational wings.

Officials expect the E-8C induction at Robins to occur by July 2018.

AFMC MEETS COST-SAVING OBJECTIVES

Air Force Materiel Command captured more than \$2.5 billion in cost savings for fiscal year 2017, the second fiscal year in a row the command has achieved its strategic savings objective.

“Financial stewardship and budget discipline are not new concepts for AFMC,” said Gen. Ellen M. Pawlikowski, AFMC commander. “Air Force leadership looks to AFMC as the service’s cost conscience. It’s a responsibility we take very seriously and a goal we are constantly striving to work toward.”

Objective 3.1’s stated purpose is to “generate cost awareness to drive savings/avoidance by over \$2 billion per year,” according to the 2017 AFMC Strategic Plan. The objective aligns with the command’s third goal to “drive cost-effectiveness into the capabilities we provide.”

This objective encompasses multiple categories of savings, to include:

Cost savings: Funds, manpower or other resources which are tied to a budget line and offered back to the command and are removed from the organization’s budget;

Cost avoidance: Benefits from actions that reduce or eliminate the need for an increase in manpower or costs, to include funds, manpower or other resources. It also includes cost savings re-purposed and not returned to the command; and, **Time savings:** Employees’ time freed up through productivity gains and translated into dollars.

All AFMC centers, as well as many Headquarters AFMC directorates, actively contributed initiatives, with the top five highest dollar amounts originating from the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center. Some examples of savings initiatives, gathered from around the command, include the following:

Air Force Sustainment Center

The center’s Strategic Alternative Sourcing Program Office searched the commercial aviation sector for used aircraft parts to repair military aircraft, finding savings in parts with prices lower than those the Air Force has paid in the past. The program office manages the process of qualifying the parts and authorizing new vendors as additional sources of supply for procurement.

Savings: \$21.4 million in cost avoidance

Air Force Research Laboratory

The lab initiated Agile Business Processes in fiscal year 2016 aimed to gather improvements and resources savings from employees and throughout the organization. Reported cost avoidances include cancelling low-value support contracts,

divesting and transferring tasks to other agencies or organizations, and centralizing and streamlining processes.

Savings: \$17 million in cost avoidance

Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center

The center’s Air Force Installation Contracting Agency led the acquisition to implement contracted transient alert services across major commands. This \$145 million acquisition provides support to passing aircraft temporarily landing at, but not assigned to, the bases. It also provides support such as equipment and ensuring aircraft safety. The initiative covers 44 Air Force bases at nine major commands.

Savings: \$6.5 million in cost avoidance

Air Force Life Cycle Management Center

The center’s Engine Water Wash Program washed more than 416 bomber, tanker, reconnaissance, and airlift jet engines resulting in improved operating performance, saving more than 577,000 gallons of jet fuel. The program aims to reduce engine fuel consumption by using heated high-pressure deionized water to remove accumulated internal contaminants from an engine’s components.

Savings: ~\$1.9 million in cost avoidances

Air Force Test Center

The center developed a new, enhanced yaw testing technique, eliminating damaged balances and preventing testing delays caused by obtaining replacement balances. The prior technique involved a 90-degree roll, followed by pitching, to simulate yaw, which regularly led to broken balances.

Savings: \$375,000 in cost savings

Brig. Gen. James Peccia III, director of the AFMC Financial Management Directorate, said that though these savings were achieved during the most recent fiscal year, there remains a continual need for innovative approaches resulting in reduced costs and more efficient processes.

“Our Airmen’s ingenuity is inspiring,” Peccia said. “Month after month they keep finding new ways to work smarter and more efficiently. Those savings can go directly to our mission readiness and support of the warfighter.”

AFMC personnel interested in sharing a cost savings initiative with the AFMC Financial Management Directorate can send an email to AFMC.FM.Workflow@us.af.mil. The message should include a title for the initiative, a short description, the organization represented, and the submitter’s contact information.



Don't feed the gators

In the southeastern United States, the growing number of people living near water and taking part in water related recreation has led to a steady rise in the number of alligator sightings and reports to local officials.

The majority of reports relate to alligators being where they simply are not wanted. At Robins Air Force Base, Airmen are increasingly using trails, pavilions and bodies of water for recreation and physical fitness activities. That results in increased interactions between people and alligators.

Alligators are an important part of the ecosystem and play a valuable role in wetlands, swamps, rivers and lakes. Alligators are predators that help keep other animal populations in balance and contribute to the overall health of our natural areas.

Alligators can be found in every body of water across the installation, and occasionally come out of the water to bask in the sun or move between wetlands.

In most cases, if left alone, alligators will move on to areas away from people. A better understanding of the following safety tips will help ensure that people and alligators can continue to coexist.

Safety Tips

An alligator should have a natural fear of humans. If an alligator seems interested in you or approaches you unprovoked, it has lost its natural fear and can pose a serious threat. This is a dangerous situation, and you need to get away immediately.

Unless handled, alligators less than 4-feet in length are not large enough to pose a significant threat. However, if you encounter an alliga-

tor of any size that you believe poses a threat to people, pets or property, get away and call the Natural Resources Program Manager (478-327-9273). Please be aware, nuisance alligators are killed, not relocated.

Leave alligators alone. State and federal law prohibits feeding, killing, harassing or possessing alligators. Handling even small alligators is illegal and can result in injury.

Never feed alligators – it's dangerous and illegal. When fed, alligators overcome their natural fear and learn to associate people with food. When that happens they become dependent on that food source, grow increasingly aggressive and eventually have to be removed and killed.

When near water for recreation or physical fitness, dispose of fish scraps, excess bait, water bottles, etc. in the appropriate trash receptacle. Do not throw them into the water, although you are not intentionally feeding alligators when you do this, the result can be the same.

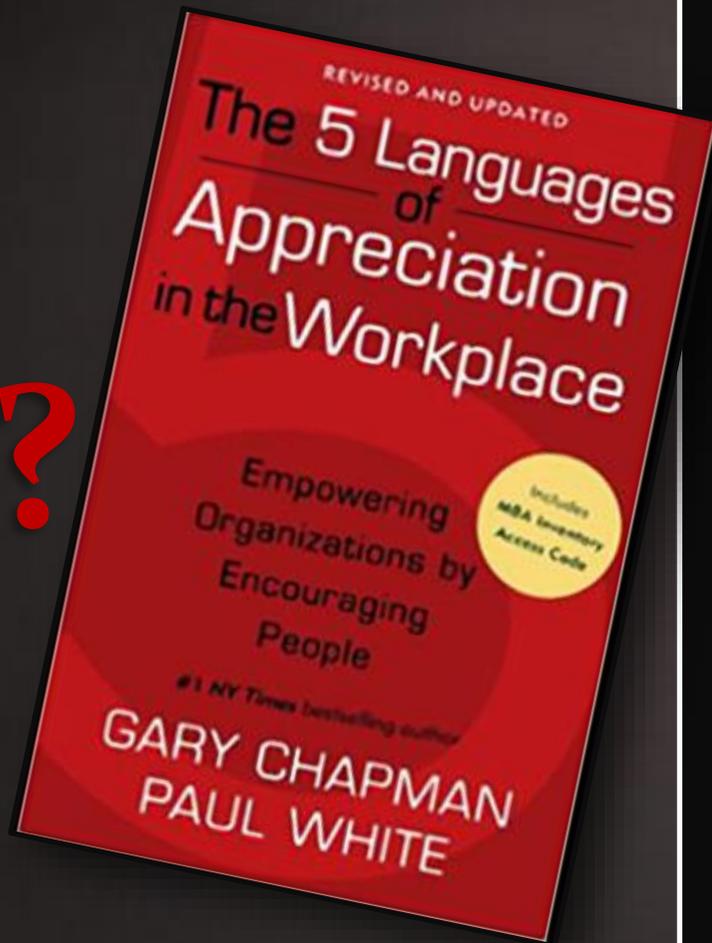
Fish that are caught and released should be placed in the water and not thrown in close proximity to an alligator.

Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn. Therefore, take precaution during these times near bodies of water.

Dogs and cats are similar in size to the natural prey of alligators. Don't allow pets to swim, exercise, or drink in or near waters that may contain alligators.

Swimming and wading is not permitted in any body of water on Robins Air Force Base. Observe and photograph alligators only from a distance. Remember, they are an integral component of our ecosystem.

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 June 25, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Heritage Club. May's book is "The Five Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace" by Chapman and White.

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

July 30 – "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking" by Susan Cain

August 27 – "The Servant: A Simple Story About the True Essence

of Leadership" by James C. Hunter

September 24 – "The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business" by Charles Duhigg

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

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

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

Toy Story



AFRC partners with charity to bring joy to Reservists' kids

Robins Air Force Base Public Affairs

It was all about the kids when Air Force Reserve Command and National Children's charity Kids Wish Network united through Kids Wish Network's Project Toy Drop at the Museum of Aviation May 12.

The program is designed to help children facing life-altering challenges and children with parents or guardians in the military.

Kids Wish Network's Project Toy Drop arrived at the Museum of Aviation with a truckload of new toys, educational items, games and necessities.

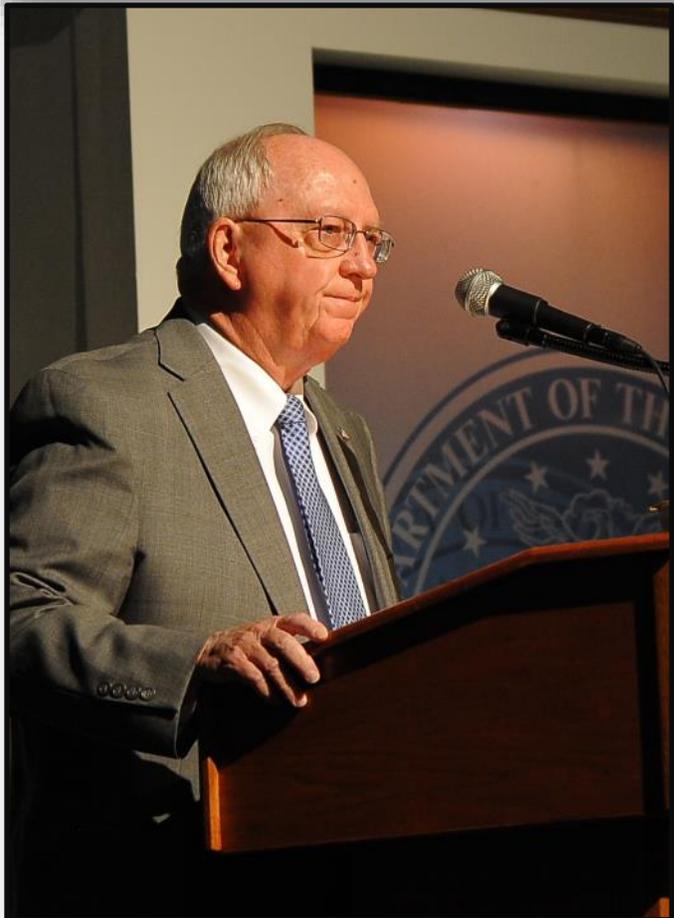
During a festivity-filled day, Reserve Citizen Airmen placed those items directly into the hands of deserving children whose parents are in the military.

In addition to bringing miles of smiles to deserving children, the event was meant to foster better relationships between the kids, their families and their community.

Showing these families Air Force Reservists truly care about the community helped make a positive impact on their relationships in the future. (U.S. Air Force photos by Ed Aspera)



IN MEMORIAM



The 42nd annual Airmen's Memorial Service was held at the Museum of Aviation May 24, 2018. During the service Houston County Board of Commissioners Chairman Tommy Stalaker delivered the memorial address. The Robins AFB Honor Guard rendered full military honors as a ceremonial wreath was laid in honor of 68 deceased Team Robins members. See more photos, next page. (U.S. Air Force photos by Misuzu Allen)





2018 Airmen's Memorial Service Honorees

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WORKLIFE4YOU

Avoiding Burnout

Caring for an ill, injured, or disabled loved one can be both rewarding and exhausting. For family caregivers who are already juggling many priorities, it can take a lot out of you. Sometimes you may be left feeling rundown or sick. WorkLife4You can help you take care of yourself as you care for others. Here are five tips for avoiding burnout:

Learn about the condition or illness affecting the person you care for. Learn as much as possible about the condition and how it could change over time. This can help you be better prepared.

Having an idea of what to expect can lower your stress level.

It will help you plan for future medical needs. It might also give you time to learn skills you will need later.

Some health problems may cause your loved one to act out, say harmful things, or not even remember who they are. Staying educated about the illness can help you understand when this is a symptom and not act negatively toward it. Remember, sometimes your loved one is not sure how to deal with it either.

Do not be afraid to ask for help. Think positively about the hard work you do, but remember that it is OK to ask for help.

Make a list of tasks you would like help with and people you can call.

Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up some items for you from the store.

Ask family members to assist with household chores, paperwork, or research. You might be surprised at how willing they are to help.

Contact your local area agencies or volunteer groups for assistance. Many groups offer meal delivery, transportation, and respite care. WorkLife4You specialists can connect you to these services and other resources.

Take breaks. Find some time each day when you can safely step away — for example, when you have respite care or a trusted friend or family member visiting. During your break you can:

Go outside for a walk.

Go for a bike ride.

Read a book.

Listen to music.

Chat with a friend.

Schedule weekly or monthly respite care to give yourself breaks.

Even if you only have a few free minutes, give yourself a much-needed breather.

Take care of your health, too! To give the best care possible, you need to stay in good health. Your overall wellness is essential to your ability to keep providing for those you care for.

Eat healthy meals and snacks.

Engage in daily physical activity. It can help lower stress, increase your energy, and help keep your heart healthy.

Get regular health and dental checkups, and any health screenings you may need annually.

Make sure you get your annual flu shot and other appropriate immunizations.

Try to maintain regular sleeping patterns as much as possible.

Connect with other caregivers who may be going through the same thing. Your mental health is important too.

Stay positive! Be realistic about what you can and cannot do. This can help you keep a positive attitude, which can lighten the duties of caregiving.

Even if the person you care for is not able to show happiness or appreciation, you can feel good about the care you are giving and the love he or she is receiving. You may not be able to make the person you care for better, but you can protect his or her dignity and do your best to help them feel safe and loved. There are many things you cannot control, but you can control your actions. Learn to recognize the things you cannot control, and do not lose time worrying about how you cannot change them.

Being a family caregiver can be challenging; there is no doubt about it. You are there to support your loved one, and we are here to support you. Call WorkLife4You today for expert guidance and resources that can help you take care of yourself.

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SAVE LIFE

If you get in a bind, don't get behind the wheel

By **GEOFF JANES**
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If you're going to drink, have a plan. Call a cab, stay the night or have a designated driver. It's just that easy. But ... plans sometimes fall through, and when that happens, Airmen Against Drunk Driving will be there to help. AADD is a non-retribution program designed to decrease the number of drunk driving incidents. There is a whole group of motivated airmen who volunteer to pick up intoxicated individuals when plans fall through.

AADD is available Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. They will pick people up anywhere from Macon to Perry, and the service is free.

So, who can take advantage of the service? Military, civilian employees and contractors with a DOD identification card are eligible.

The cost of a DUI will run you roughly \$6,000 to \$10,000, jail, probation, a suspended driver's license and an elevated insurance bill. It could cost a lot more. It could cost you your life and the lives of others.

Did we mention AADD is free? Did we mention it's a no-retribution program? If you get in a bind, don't get behind the wheel. Call AADD at 478-222-0013. It's a phone call you won't regret.

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