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Submissions should be of broad interest to the base populace. For information, call 478-926-2137.

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COMMAND MESSAGE

Sustainment Commander focuses on maintaining center's top priorities

One month into leading the more than 43,000-strong workforce of the Air Force Sustainment Center, Lt. Gen. Gene Kirkland is intent on evolving the same priorities that have guided the Center in delivering combat power for America since AFSC's inception.

Priorities built on providing expert logistics and sustainment support while taking care of Airmen are the result of the complex mission of the Center and its importance in the nation's state of readiness.

"We cannot meet the requirements of the National Defense Strategy without the readiness the professionals of this Center deliver," Kirkland said. "Given the scale of operations and unique capabilities of this Center, our people, organizations and installations are nothing less than national resources."

The experience, skill, patriotism, and dedication of both the civilian and military workforce make it uniquely valuable, he said. "We will continue to build on the integration of the top-notch teams of Airmen at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; Hill Air Force Base, Utah; and Scott Air Force Base, Ill., that have proven the Center's excellence."

The playbook for achieving the center's goals will not change, either. "Art of the Possible is our culture and this is how we are going to do business," Kirkland said. "All work is a process, whether we are talking about the depot mission, the supply chain, or the air base wings, which are our power projection platforms. Each of these missions is crucial." Kirkland also emphasized he will focus on the effectiveness of depot production and supply chain management, as well as the security of AFSC's bases.

Kirkland also recognizes the contribution of the tenant unit mission partners at each AFSC location. "Our efforts are interconnected and our end game – the defense of our nation – is identical," he said.

As the only AFSC leader who has been both an air logistics complex commander and air base wing commander, Kirkland has a unique perspective on the challenges facing the Air Force logistics and sustainment community and its installation support.

"Aging infrastructure, installation security, workforce development – these are all topics we will continually address because, while it's about readiness, it is also about supporting our wingmen, keeping them safe and prepared for their jobs," Kirkland said.

Partnering with the local education community to provide opportunities for both new and existing employees is key to creating a trained and viable workforce so that AFSC can continue the growth of the center's workload, he said.

Workforce development is one priority the general holds as a father as well as a commander. The Kirkland children, who are in their 20s, are both Air Force civilians outside of AFSC and the general's wife, Judy, is a long-standing volunteer who contributes her time to agencies that deliver direct support to Airmen and their families.

Airman support is a commander priority Kirkland takes seriously. "We all must have zero tolerance for actions that fall outside of AFSC's culture of dignity and respect," Kirkland said. "Things such as sexual harassment and assault and equal opportunity violations diminish our fellow Airmen and cannot be tolerated."

The AFSC embraces the wingman culture and strives to model the Air Force core values.

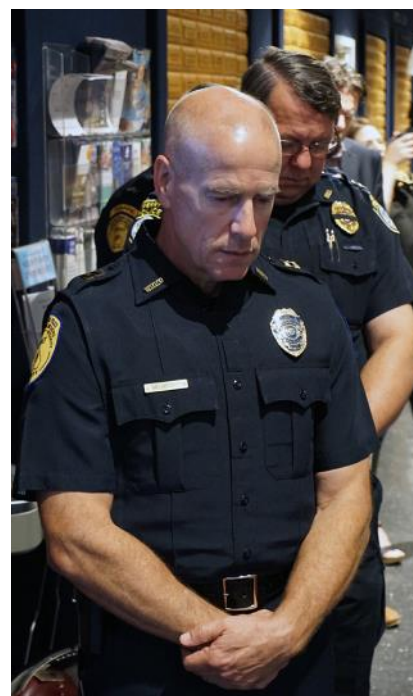
"I am so proud to be back and part of this team," Kirkland said. "Our Air Force counts on the mission readiness AFSC Center delivers; I am confident our Center is up to the task."



WE REMEMBER



Col. Lyle Drew, Robins Air Force Base Installation Commander, and Middle Georgia community members gathered at the Museum of Aviation to honor military and first responders during the Patriot Day ceremony, Sept. 11, 2018. Drew, the mayors of the City of Perry, City of Centerville and City of Warner Robins spoke at the event, which also included a moment of silence and A Litany of Remembrance reading. The Sept. 11 attacks were a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks by the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda against the United States on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. The attacks killed 2,996 people, injured more than 6,000 others and caused at least \$10 billion in infrastructure and property damage. (U.S. Air Force photos by Jonathan Bell)





By HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON

Robins Public Affairs

So often, suicide leaves friends and family in its aftermath wondering what they could have done to prevent their loved one's death.

Did something happen to cause the person to choose suicide?

Capt. John Terry, a clinical psychologist and Installation Suicide Prevention Program manager at Robins, said suicides are caused by multiple factors and are rarely explained by a single event.

"Several co-occurring factors including relationship or marital problems, financial, legal/disciplinary problems and mental health issues are risk factors for suicide," he said.

Terry said preventing the accumulation of risk factors by engaging in Comprehensive Airmen Fitness is the best strategy to prevent risk for suicide.

"CAF consists of ensuring engagement in and balance between physical, social, spiritual and emotional resiliency," he said.

Promoting CAF and ensuring a culture of Wingmanship are the best strategies to prevent suicide, Terry said.

"Wingmanship increases awareness of risk factors that a fellow Wingman may experience and allows for action to be taken to ensure the individual seeks help," he said.

"The acronym ACE – Ask, Care, Escort – communicates the steps to ask if someone is having thoughts of suicide, demonstrate caring by listening to their concerns, and escort them to an appropriate helping agency or supervisor."

Noticeable changes in a person's behavior such as talking about suicide, increased alcohol/drug use, changes in mood, withdrawal from family and friends, problematic or excessive sleep, and seeking access to weapons are all possible warning signs for suicide.

If you notice these signs in someone, step in and take the necessary steps to help prevent suicide.

WHAT TO KNOW:

For more information on suicide prevention and the tools mentioned above to help, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), the Employee Assistance Program at (800) 222-0364, or call Robins Mental Health at 478-327-8398. To find the Wingman Toolkit, visit <http://wingmantoolkit.org/>.

'LIGHTNING WITHIN 5'

Lightning poses serious threat to personnel, equipment

By HOLLY LOGAN-ARRINGTON

Robins Public Affairs

Thunder and lightning are commonplace for in Middle Georgia.

On July 22, however, Mother Nature demonstrated just how dangerous such weather can be when lightning struck Robins' taxiway, damaging the asphalt.

"We had a lightning strike occur where the asphalt on Southwest taxiway shoulder at the intersection of Taxiway Hotel and Alpha was struck and damaged," said Rod Eady, 78th Operations Support Squadron airfield manager. "The strike resulted in large pieces of asphalt debris scattered around a 3 foot by 3 foot area and smaller pieces in a 25-foot radius."

Roddy Nixon, Jr., meteorological technician and lead forecaster in the 78th OSS Weather Flight, whose team tracks weather for the base, said his flight had been aggressively monitoring activity during the afternoon and early evening that day.

"A lightning watch was in effect from 3 p.m. through 9 p.m. Sunday evening," he said. "Observed lightning advisories for storms within 10 miles and observed lightning warnings within 5 miles were issued as required,



as well."

Nixon said weather flight team members carefully assess Doppler weather radar, satellite data and lightning detection sensors continuously during periods of convective activity and potential.

"This process allows us to assess movement, intensity and frequency of activity thus facilitating a timely warning process," he said.

Eady said lightning strikes on Robins' airfield happen more often than people

may think.

"It's pretty much known that we are accustomed to weather watches and warnings and what actions to take when prompted," he said. "In the airfield management world, our job takes it a step further. What we do after the weather event has occurred is just as important as the preparation for the weather event.

"This was a significant event for the airfield due to the fact that debris that was on Taxiways Hotel and Alpha, restricted aircraft movement until the airfield sweeper was able to sweep the area to ensure all debris was gone to prevent Foreign Object Damage to an aircraft engine," Eady said. "At the end of the day, ensuring that crews have a safe airfield to depart from and land to safely at Robins is job one."

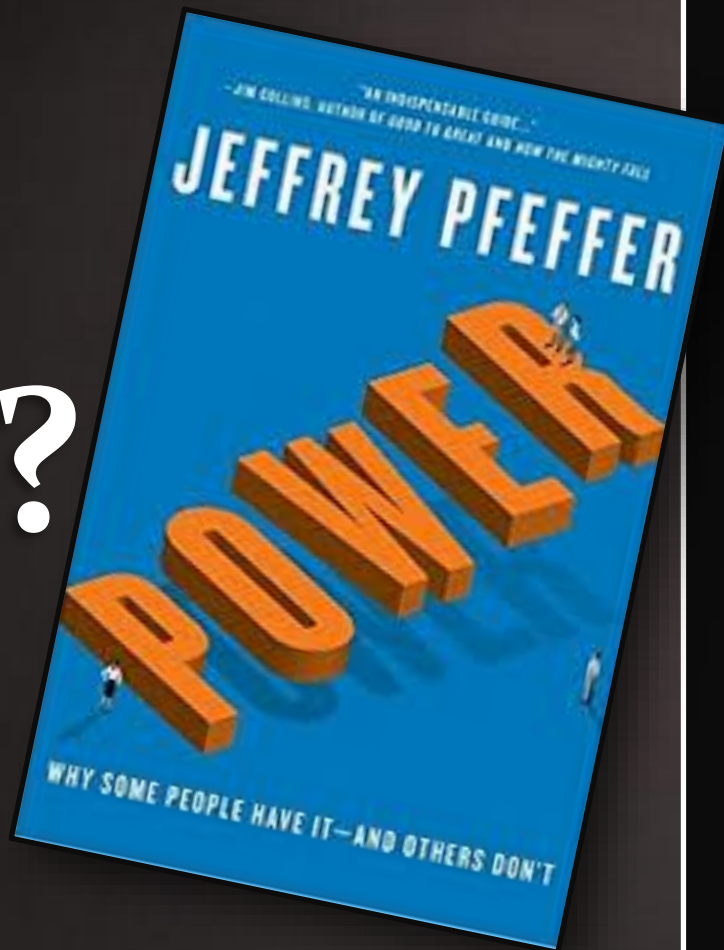
Nixon said Robins AFB's weather notices are among the tools the base uses to keep Air Force assets and workers safe.

"Safety is our number one priority," he said. "Lightning is a proven killer and it is absolutely essential to provide early warning in order to ensure personal safety, safety of flight and facility security."

The 78th OSS and 78th Civil Engineering Group workers are coordinating the repair of damage to the taxiway, Eady said.



Want to
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date! Col.

Lyle Drew, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host his book club meeting with Team Robins members Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Heritage Club. October's book is "Power: Why Some People Have It and Others Don't" by

Jeffrey Pfeffer.

If you want to get ahead, future books include:

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.

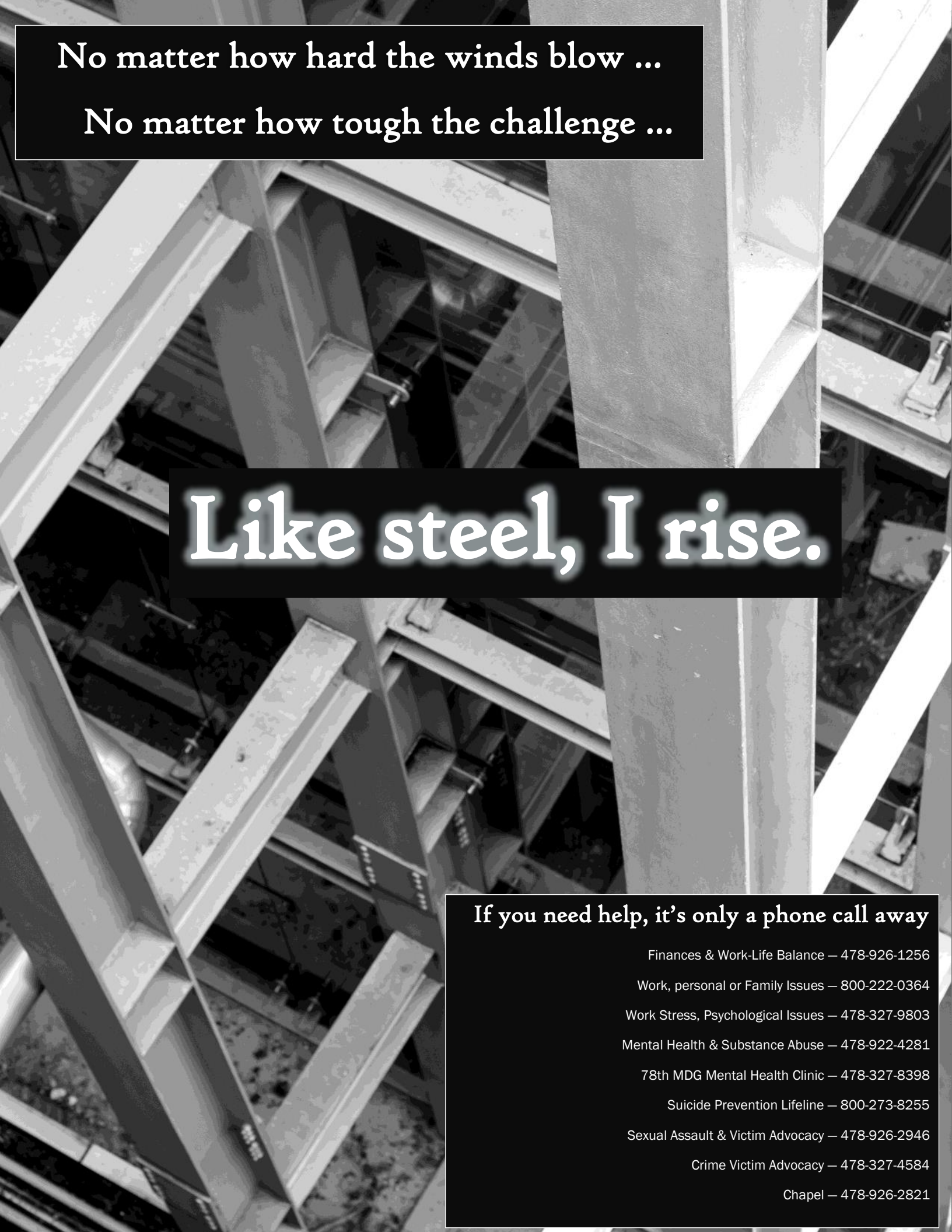
TARGET AUDIENCE

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



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

Like steel, I rise.

If you need help, it's only a phone call away

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Work, personal or Family Issues — 800-222-0364

Work Stress, Psychological Issues — 478-327-9803

Mental Health & Substance Abuse — 478-922-4281

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

DOG DAY AFTERNOON



Team Robins members and their dogs celebrate the end of the Dog Days of Summer with a final splash in the Heritage Pool, Sept. 8, 2018. Families took advantage of the pool being drained for the season by joining their furry friends for a swim. (Air Force Photo by Misuzu Allen)