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The first part of a major initiative aimed at reducing power costs at Robins through metering is now online.

The first phase of the two-phase install-

ment went on line in December, said Paul Kelley, the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron's chief of operations.

The meters in the buildings allow facility managers and others to spot trends in electricity use so they can identify ways to reduce consumption. Called the Automated Meter

Reading System, the meters transmit information to software which can be monitored from any computer on the base system.

Kelley said the metering system is already yielding important information.

"It brings to light the big consumers, so you can go out and see why this particular

building is using this much energy, and what you can do to reduce it," he said.

Not surprisingly, the system has shown the biggest users on base are Bldg. 59, which is the C-5 depanel hangar, and Bldgs. 640 and

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Robins supporting U-2S, other Haiti relief missions



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON

The U-2S is a high altitude, multi-intelligence reconnaissance aircraft. It can fly above 70,000 feet and provide near real-time imagery and intelligence to warfighters.

A U-2S surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft will be flying missions from Robins in support of Operation Unified Response, the ongoing relief effort in Haiti.

Advance teams and equipment arrived Monday from Beale Air Force Base, Calif., and the aircraft arrived Wednesday.

Officials expect the U-2S to begin flying reconnaissance missions over Haiti as early as Saturday. The U-2S will be gathering high-quality imagery, broad area shots, that will eliminate the need to 'patch together' smaller images gathered by other Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance assets. It will give decision makers on the ground a broader picture to use when making decisions on how to get help to those most in need.

Personnel from the 78th Air Base Wing and 116th Air Control Wing

worked closely together to help bed down the U-2S's support team and aircraft and will continue to provide support during the team's stay.

Robins' 560th Aircraft Sustainment Group has been supporting the Haiti mission through its management of the U-2S and other Command, Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance assets. Wing members are working on engineering solutions and architectural drawings to be used by the Air Staff in determining how to use the new MC-12 reconnaissance aircraft in Haiti.

An RQ-4A Global Hawk unmanned aerial system is also flying missions over Haiti, as are 10 MQ-1 Predator UASs, which provide 24/7 full motion video support.

The Air Force is orchestrating military and commercial efforts to update maps and locate areas of

greatest distress. The focus of ISR assets is on support to security of the relief operations, force protection, and monitoring migrations of displaced persons.

Air Force Reserve Command headquarters staff members here have also been integral in planning and supporting Haiti relief efforts from Reserve installations across the country. Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., is one of two ports of entry for Operation Unified Response and Reserve Airmen at Homestead have processed more than one million pounds of cargo bound for Haiti. Reserve aircrews across the U.S. have flown more than 70 missions, transporting more than two million pounds of cargo and 500 people into the country since Jan. 13.

The command's Crisis Action Team has been operating around the clock since Jan. 14.

Contracting brings home awards

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is the winner of six Air Force Materiel Command awards for contracting.

Three of those went to units and three to individuals. Of those, three will go on to compete at the Air Force level. The others won't compete at the Air Force level because those categories exist only at the AFMC level.

Steve Zamparelli, the WR-ALC director of contracting, said it was a good showing for Robins.

"I believe the achievements of these exceptional contracting individuals and teams are reflective of our contracting workforce as a whole," he said. "They exemplify the dedicated warfighter support provided by Robins Air Force Base."

The award winners are:

▶ Ability One Award: 78th Comptroller and Contracting Squadron.

The award is for contracting units working with businesses and organizations which employ the handicapped. The unit will compete at the Air Force Level.

▶ Outstanding Contracting Unit (Large): Logistics – 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing contracting office.

▶ Outstanding Contracting Officer - Field Grade: Logistics – Lt. Col. James E. Boles Jr., 542nd Combat Sustainment Group contracting office.

▶ Outstanding Contracting Civilian – GS-12 and above: Logistics – Robert N. Jones Jr., 730th Aircraft Sustainment Group contracting office.

▶ Outstanding Contracting Team: Logistics – C-17 Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership Contracting Team, 730th Aircraft Sustainment Group contracting office. The unit will compete at the Air Force level.

▶ Outstanding Reservist in Contracting: Major Stephen D. Smith, Jr., 78th Comptroller and Contracting Squadron. He will compete at the Air Force level.

Robins Airmen deploy to support Global Strike Command

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Four Airmen from Robins will spend five months at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., to help set up the communications architecture of a new major command.

The Airmen from the 78th Communications Directorate will provide a variety of initial communications capabilities for Global Strike Command, which stood up Aug. 7 at Barksdale.

The mission of Global Strike Command is to oversee all nuclear forces in the Air Force.

The Airmen left Robins last weekend to go to their temporary assignment. They will be there for 155 days.

"It was an honor to have them come down and ask us," said Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Batten, superintendent of network operations in the directorate. "It just shows how well our communications here on base are thought of."

The Airmen and their specialties are Staff Sgt. Curtis Arens, network security; Staff Sgt. Kevin Miniano, communications focal point; Senior



Airman Robert Lawrence, information assurance; and Airman 1st Class Christopher Romine, network infrastructure.

Global Strike Command was created as a result of efforts to improve shortcomings in the Air Force's nuclear mission.

"The activation of Global Strike Command is part of a broader, comprehensive strategy the Air Force is undertaking to ensure we have the proper focus on our critical missions that provide nuclear deterrence and global strike forces for the combatant commander, the joint team and our allies," said Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz, commander of Global Strike Command, at the standup ceremony.

Engineer retires after nearly half century in civil service, praised for efforts

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A lot has changed at Robins since Ulysses Bernard came here in 1965 and he had something to do with making many of those changes happen.

Bernard, 73, retired Jan. 2 after 49 years in civil service. He spent most of that time as a civil engineer at Robins. His last position was chief of planning and programming for the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, which had a role in many of the construction projects on base while he was

here.

His co-workers held a retirement ceremony for him Tuesday at the Museum of Aviation's Eagle Building. Col. Carl Buhler, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, officiated the ceremony.

"During his long and distinguished career, Mr. Bernard demonstrated exceptional performance by leading, being involved, and by being dedicated," Buhler said. "While doing this, he also made major contributions to our base facilities and base infrastructure."

Bernard said he stayed at the job so long because he enjoyed it.

"You get a chance to come up with new ideas and new ways of doing things," he said in an interview prior to the ceremony. "You get full management support. It lets you operate beyond your potential."

He graduated from Tuskegee



Ulysses Bernard

University in Alabama in 1963 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He came to Middle Georgia right afterwards to take a job with the Naval Ordnance Plant in Macon. When the plant closed two years later, he came to work at Robins.

He said the atmosphere here also played a role in him staying on the job for so long.

"From a people standpoint, you won't find an organization on base that takes care of the people like civil engineering," he said. "They go the extra mile."

Bernard handed out gifts to

several of his co-workers at the ceremony.

Buhler presented Bernard with the Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award, along with other awards.

"Mr. Bernard is an institution," Buhler said at the ceremony. "He dedicated his entire career to getting things done, and you can see the results across our base and across the Air Force."

Bernard said he now plans to do some traveling with his wife, starting with a trip to Seattle where they will drive the Pacific coastline.

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Fire Alarm Testing

The final phase of testing will be conducted Saturday and Monday on a new fire alarm system in Bldg. 301.

The horns and speakers will be activated Saturday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The system will be tested Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., with the horns and speakers activated between 4:30 and 8 p.m.

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330th ASW names new vice director

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Marian Fraley, vice director of the 402nd Maintenance Wing, will be the new vice director of the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing.

She is essentially swapping jobs with Gregory Stanley, who had been deputy director of the 330th ASW and will take Fraley's place in the 402nd MXW. Fraley will start her new job Feb. 8.

Fraley is a 32-year veteran of civil service, starting

in 1978 as a retail clerk at the base commissary at Anderson Air Force Base in G u a m .

She came to Robins in 1980 as a secretary in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and has been steadily moving up through numerous positions.

"I'm excited," Fraley said of the new job. "It has



Marian Fraley

been a tremendous opportunity here to learn more about what we do in our maintenance wing and I'm excited to take that knowledge back to the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing. I am going back with new insight that will be very valuable for both organizations."

She is no stranger to the 330th ASW. She served as director of the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Group, then known as the Tactical Airlift Sustainment Group, before moving to the 402nd in April, 2008.

Black Heritage Observance events begin Monday

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Robins is planning events throughout February for Robins' Black Heritage Observance.

An event will be held each week of the month, said Shandanh Thomas, co-project officer with Tracy Gilchrist.

This year's observance will be hosted by the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing. The theme is "The History of Black Economic Empowerment."

The events begin Monday with a proclamation signing by Col. Tim Freeman, commander of the 330th ASW. The signing will begin at 11 a.m. at the Base Exchange. After the signing, cake will be served and an African dance troupe will perform.

Other events include:

►A golf tournament Feb. 12 at Pine Oaks Golf Course. The cost is \$45 per person and includes lunch. POC is Jeanette McElhancy

at 926-3857 or 397-0212.

►Kindergarten through fifth graders can participate in an art contest and sixth through 12th graders can participate in an essay contest. Winners will be announced Feb. 20 at the Black Heritage Observance Health & Education Fair at the Museum of Aviation. The deadline to enter is Feb. 12. POC is Capt. Catishia Mosely at 327-8019 or Thomas at 327-7086.

►"Walk the Path of Health" is a contest aimed at promoting weight loss during February. Participants must weigh in at the Health and Wellness Center on or before Feb. 1 and participate in eight walking activities during the month. \$100 prizes will be given to the top male and female losers. POC is Brenda Frazier at 926-9660.

►An "I Love You" Dinner Theater will be held Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Davis Hall Conference Center on North Davis Drive in Warner Robins.

The evening will include music, entertainment, dinner, and more. Tickets are \$20. POC is Hildred Jones at 926-3939.

►A luncheon is scheduled Feb. 18 at 11 a.m. at the Heritage Club. A local physician, Dr. Samuel Palmer, will speak about healthcare reform and how it can affect the economy. The cost is \$12.95. POC is Laticia Little at 926-3004.

►The Black Heritage Health & Education Fair will be held Feb. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation's Hangar One. Health and wellness screenings will be offered. POC is Capt. Catishia Mosley at 327-7613.

►The Black Heritage Observance Community Mass Choir will hold a program Feb. 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the Base Chapel. The event is free. POC is Hildred Jones at 926-3939.

Flyers for the events can be viewed by clicking on the Black Heritage Observance link on the Splash Page.

American Legion national commander tours Museum of Aviation



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Dan Hart, Museum of Aviation volunteer coordinator, and Clarence Hill, American Legion national commander, discuss the history of various aircraft at the museum during Hill's recent visit to Warner Robins. One aircraft they talked in length about is an MH-53 Special Ops helicopter at the museum which had recently been flown in Iraq.

Keeping up with your CAC

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People walk into the 78th Force Support Squadron's Customer Service Office every day seeking to replace a lost Common Access Card or identification card.

What those people usually don't know is getting a replacement card requires a lot more paperwork than what is required for the initial issue of a card or replacement for one set to expire.

In 2007, to stem a growing rash of lost cards, new rules were issued by the installation commander making it more difficult to get replacements.

The problem has gotten better as a result of those

rules, but it hasn't gone away, said Richard Colquitt, deputy superintendent of the customer service office.

"Basically, we want people to be more careful and be attuned to their ID cards," he said. "Security is the number one issue."

Because the cards may be used to gain base access, Colquitt pointed out a lost card found by the wrong person could allow that person to possibly enter the base and gain access to Robins' computer network.

Prior to the new rules, all people had to do to replace a lost card was go to the customer service office and get one.

Now, the customer must go to the 78th Security Forces Squadron and sign a

statement explaining that he or she has lost his or her card and has made every effort to find it. The military member or civilian must then take the statement to his or her squadron commander or first sergeant (or equivalent for civilians) and have him or her endorse the form. Next, the individual must go to his or her immediate supervisor and together contact his or her security manager and fill out an Air Force Form 1168, before returning to the 78th SFS to process the documents. Once the 78th SFS endorses the documents, a new card can be issued.

According to the 78th SFS, 1,168 lost cards were replaced between November 2008 and December 2009.

Around the Air Force

What's making the news

The following are excerpts of stories from various Air Force news agencies:

COORDINATORS WORK TO FACILITATE RELIEF FLIGHTS

WASHINGTON –

U.S. military officials are working across organizational boundaries in a concerted effort to keep supplies and people flowing into Haiti's main airport, Air Force officers said.

Lt. Col. Brad Graff of the 601st Air and Space Operations Center at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., has reached out to Haiti's neighbor, the Dominican Republic.

"They have been more than helpful in opening up other areas we can now flow relief supplies into," he said. Dominican Republic officials are expected to allow use of San Isidro Airport outside Santo Domingo and Maria Montez airport in Barahona.

"We are doing the best we can, working with the individuals on the ground, to make sure that the right priorities are identified and that we can flow those priorities [into Haiti]," Graff said. "But I want everyone to know we want to do that safely."

Due to the emergency, Air Force Col. John Romero, chief of the air mobility division for the

612th Air and Space Operations Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., said his organization – which usually supports U.S. Southern Command – is being supported by the 601st.

Options for bringing relief to Haiti are expanding, Romero said. Canada is operating a small Haitian airstrip at Jacmel, and officials of the U.S. Air Force's Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., coordinated two successful air deliveries yesterday.

"They did a fantastic job; on time, on target - 40 bundles for each aircraft at two different locations, delivering humanitarian relief supplies of water and meals to the people in Haiti," he said.

WILFORD HALL TEAM HEADS TO HAITI

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas –

A team of more than 30 Air Force medics, including 13 from the 59th Medical Wing here, travelled to Haiti this week to provide medical support to earthquake victims.

The 59th MDW team is composed of doctors, nurses and medical technicians specializing in pediatric and gynecological care.



At the time of their departure, they were unsure of where they would be billeted, where they would set up medical care, or what to expect upon their arrival.

"I feel very honored that we can take the military medical training that we have received and apply it to the needs of the injured citizens of Haiti," said Col. (Dr.) Mary Pelszynski, the 59th Maternal/Child Care Squadron commander. "We are all very excited to help in any way we can."

"We anticipate seeing a significant amount of orthopedic trauma, skin and wound infections, and illness due to poor public health conditions and dehydration," Pelszynski added. "We originally thought we would be attached to an expeditionary medical squadron, but then we were issued tents and sleeping bags and advised we might be roughing it."

The medics could be deployed as long as six months.

REAPER EXHIBIT OPENS AT AIR FORCE MUSEUM

DAYTON, Ohio –

Air Force and industry officials joined National Museum of the U.S. Air Force officials Monday for

the opening of the museum's new MQ-9 Reaper exhibit.

As a medium-altitude, long-endurance remotely-piloted aircraft, the Reaper locates and destroys time-critical and highly mobile targets, and provides real-time intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to military commanders.

"The Reaper provides the best combination of lethality and persistence most valuable to commanders," said retired Gen. John P. Jumper, the former Air Force chief of staff. "We've come a long way since the days of two Hellfire missiles on a (MQ-1) Predator A."

After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, Congress directed Air Force officials to order two pre-production YMQ-9s for testing. On Oct. 17, 2003, the YMQ-9 Reaper made its first flight from the General Atomics facility in California. Because of the pressing need for an asset with the Reaper's capabilities, the Air Force sent the two YMQ-9s to Afghanistan in 2005. The production model MQ-9 Reaper made its first flight in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on Sept. 25, 2007.

The museum's Reaper is one of the two pre-production YMQ-9s sent to Afghanistan. The aircraft was used for initial weapons testing, flew 14 missions for the Department of Homeland Defense during October-November 2003, and was the first Reaper to fly in Afghanistan. In four years, it flew 3,266 combat hours and 254 combat sorties.

LONGEST-RUNNING

JET ENGINE TEST

UNDERWAY AT AEDC

ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE, Tenn. –

Engineers at the Arnold Engineering Development Center are excited about setting a new record with a performance and evaluation test on the most widely-used, advanced technology fighter engine in the world.

An increased performance aircraft engine, the F100-PW-229 is at AEDC's Sea Level 3 test cell for the longest-running engine test ever conducted at the base.

The F100-PW-229 engine being tested will be the most current operational version available to power the Air Force's fleet of F-15 Eagles and F-16 Fighting Falcons.

The year-long Accelerated Mission Test will subject the engine to 6,000 Total Accumulated Cycles to simulate the operational stresses it would experience in flight between depot overhaul visits.

TAC is a unit of measurement for major rotating engine components tracked during an engine's operational life. The F-100 engines are currently rated at 4,300 TACs.

RESEARCHERS

EXAMINE VIDEO

GAMING'S BENEFITS

WASHINGTON –

Research underway by the Office of Naval Research indicates video games can help military members and other adults process information much faster and improve their fundamental abilities to reason and solve problems in novel contexts.

"We have discovered that video game players perform 10 to 20 percent higher in terms of perceptual and cognitive ability than people who are non-game players," said Ray Perez, a program officer at the ONR's warfighter performance department.

"Our concern is developing training technologies and training methods to improve performance on the battlefield," said Perez, who holds a doctorate in educational psychology.

"We have to train people to be quick on their feet - agile problem solvers, agile thinkers - to be able to counteract and develop counter tactics to terrorists on the battlefield," Perez said. "It's really about human inventiveness and creativeness, and being able to match wits with the enemy."

It once was widely believed, Perez said, that after the age of 20, most humans had achieved their brain cell capacity, and new brain cells were acquired at the expense of existing ones. But conventional beliefs about brain plasticity and aging are changing," he said.

Commentary

“Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind.”

— Theodore Roosevelt

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Haiti: A mission of hope

The approach is much like flying into Baghdad or Balad. Pitch-black darkness with night-vision goggles and the adrenalin flowing. But this isn't Baghdad or Balad, even though it looks like a war zone when you hit the ground.

Our C-17 was chock full of supplies, from water to blankets. We even had a bulldozer to move debris out of the streets.

In the air was the smell of smoke. Fires were burning everywhere as the sun came up over the fallen city.

"It smells like being back in Iraq," said one Army troop who

had just landed with the 82nd Airborne and was sleeping on the tarmac.

Sleeping on the tarmac was commonplace as American military aid began flowing to help the people of Haiti. Tent cities were going up, and all the services were on the move from dozens of nations, including Canada and Spain.

We ran into a rescue and recovery team from Madrid which was camped out, waiting for daybreak to start back at their sad, but desperately-needed job of finding survivors and counting the dead.

As the offload of supplies pro-

gressed, our aircraft happened to be parked right in front of NBC's Today Show setup.

"We're sleeping in tents and on the ground," said NBC anchor Ann Curry as she talked about our mission and how they were trying to cover it. "Thanks for doing what you do," she said to one of our crew members who was working just a few feet away.

The aid the Air Force and United States is providing will be a vital part of getting the Haitian people back on their feet.

Currently, all around, it's just people in the streets, afraid or unwilling to go back into their

houses, if they are still standing. Groups of people huddle around as old school buses go speeding by, overloaded with passengers.

The airport at Port-au-Prince is quickly becoming a hub of support activity as hundreds of people try to get out of the country by air.

This is just the beginning of what will be a lengthy operation as America reaches out, along with many of its world partners, to bring some hope to a country desperate for humanitarian aid.

— Commentary by Maj. Bill Walsh, 315th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

Caring for fallen and families a true calling

Death isn't something we like to think about. For a group of people at Dover Air Force Base, Del., though, caring for our fallen warriors and their families is all that is on their minds.

I had the honor of working with members of the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center, more commonly known as AFMAO, for 45 days. These men and women have one of the hardest but also one of the most honorable jobs in the Department of Defense.

They receive Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and civilian employees who lose their lives overseas, and then prepare them for the journey to their final resting places.

They also provide support for family members who lose loved ones.

Every AFMAO staff member, whether permanent party or on temporary assignment there, lives up to the center's motto — Dignity, Honor and Respect for the Fallen; Care, Service and Support for their Families.

While some of the staff members are trained in funeral duties, most are Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard services specialists with minimal training in mortuary affairs.

The staff goes into action as soon as a casualty notification is received.

They work with service liaisons to ensure next of kin are notified and the families' intentions are known. Since April 2009, families can attend the dignified transfer — an event where their loved one's flag-draped transfer case is carried from the aircraft to a waiting vehicle — and can authorize media coverage of the event if they so choose.



U.S. Air Force photo by BRIANNE ZIMNY
A U.S. Air Force carry team transfers the remains of Senior Airman Bradley R. Smith of Troy, Ill., at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Smith was assigned to the 10th Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Riley, Kan.

AFMAO personnel make those arrangements and assist the family if they attend.

A dignified transfer is a solemn, heart-wrenching event to watch. The transfer case, or sometimes cases, containing the fallen warrior's remains is lined up in the aircraft by AFMAO members.

A carry team, made up of members of the fallen member's service, marches into the aircraft followed by an official party consisting of a chaplain, a senior officer from Dover, and a senior officer from the warrior's service. A prayer is said, and the carry team lifts the case and slowly carries it to the transfer vehicle.

The doors to the vehicle are closed and a final salute is rendered by all the participants as it drives off under police escort to the center.

Once at the center, the remains are X-rayed, pho-

tographed and fingerprinted.

A full body CAT scan is done and dental X-rays taken to ensure proper identification. Each fallen member is then autopsied by a medical examiner, assisted by AFMAO members.

They are then embalmed by a licensed mortician, once again assisted by AFMAO members.

In another section of the center, AFMAO members prepare dress uniforms for each fallen member.

As one Airman told me, the uniform is perfect when it leaves his shop, with every badge and ribbon in place, and every loose thread clipped. AFMAO members dress the fallen member and place him or her in a casket selected by the family.

When the member is ready for the final trip home, AFMAO members assemble in front of the building to honor the warrior one last time as the hearse pulls away.

One of the areas that always tugged at my heart was the personal effects section. Reservists and guardsmen here collect everything the fallen member had in his or her possession when he or she died. If the item can be cleaned and returned to the family, they clean it.

Getting so up close and personal with a fallen warrior — seeing family photos, letters from home, the things that make up an individual's life — is clearly one of the toughest jobs at AFMAO, but one that is always done with the utmost professionalism.

That professionalism runs through every aspect of AFMAO's operations, and for one very big reason. Everybody who works there knows they are helping return one of America's fallen to their loved ones.

— Commentary by Ed Drohan, 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs.

Severe Weather Awareness Week kicks off here Monday

Georgia will observe Severe Weather Awareness Week during the first five days of February.

During the week, the 78th Operations Support Squadron's Weather Flight will work to enhance knowledge and situational awareness of procedures here at Robins.

The effort will include a briefing to key component commanders on severe weather preparedness, and tours and on-camera interviews with local media explaining severe weather preparedness processes here.

In addition, the flight will highlight preparation efforts to assist the base populace with handling impacts associated with severe weather.

Severe weather can occur in several fashions, according to senior meteorologist Roddy E. Nixon, Jr. of the Robins weather flight.

"Tornadoes are the first thing that most people think of when severe weather is mentioned but hail, damaging winds, flash flooding and lightning can be just as dangerous. As a matter of fact, lightning and flash floods kill more people annually than do tornadoes," Nixon said. "Early awareness of the threats and adequate planning is essential."

In an average year, Georgia has six days with tornadoes, seven days with large hail, and 19 days with the potential for storms with damaging winds.

These events can occur at any time during any month of the year; however, the spring transition – mid-February to Mid-May – historically is the greatest threat window in the mid-state.

Nixon said recent severe weather events which have resulted in extensive damage and loss of life, include the September/October 2009 floods in Atlanta and

the damaging tornadic storms in Macon in 2008 and Americus in 2007. "We need everyone to take time to assess the dangers, have a plan of action, and be prepared for the difficult times that occur after an event," he said.

Applicable severe weather watches and warnings for Robins include:

►**TORNADO WATCH:** Conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes in and close to the watch area.

►**TORNADO WARNING:** Issued when a strong rotation in a thunderstorm is indicated by Doppler weather radar or a tornado is sighted by trained personnel.

►**SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH:** Conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms in and close to the watch area. A severe thunderstorm contains hail larger than three-quarters of an inch in diameter and/or damaging winds greater than 58 mph (50 knots or greater). Isolated tornadoes are also possible.

►**SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING:** A severe thunderstorm is indicated by Doppler weather radar or sighted by trained personnel.

►**LIGHTNING WATCH:** Conditions are favorable for the development and occurrence of lightning in and close to the watch area.

►**LIGHTNING WARNING:** Issued when lightning has been observed within a designated radius.

NOTE: When severe weather is forecast by the weather flight, a message is sent to the Robins Command Post, which then uses either the Giant Voice or siren system to alert the base populace.

– *Courtesy 78th Operations Support Squadron*

Robins military justice actions

Courts-Martial

►A master sergeant was found guilty in a General Court-Martial of wrongfully and knowingly possessing one or more visual depictions of what appear to be minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

The accused received a sentence of a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 13 months, and reduction to the grade of E-1.



►A master sergeant was found guilty in a General Court-Martial of committing indecent conduct upon the body of a minor; of engaging in sexual contact with a minor; five counts of committing an indecent act upon the body of a minor; four counts of taking indecent liberties with a minor; and of communicating indecent language to a minor.

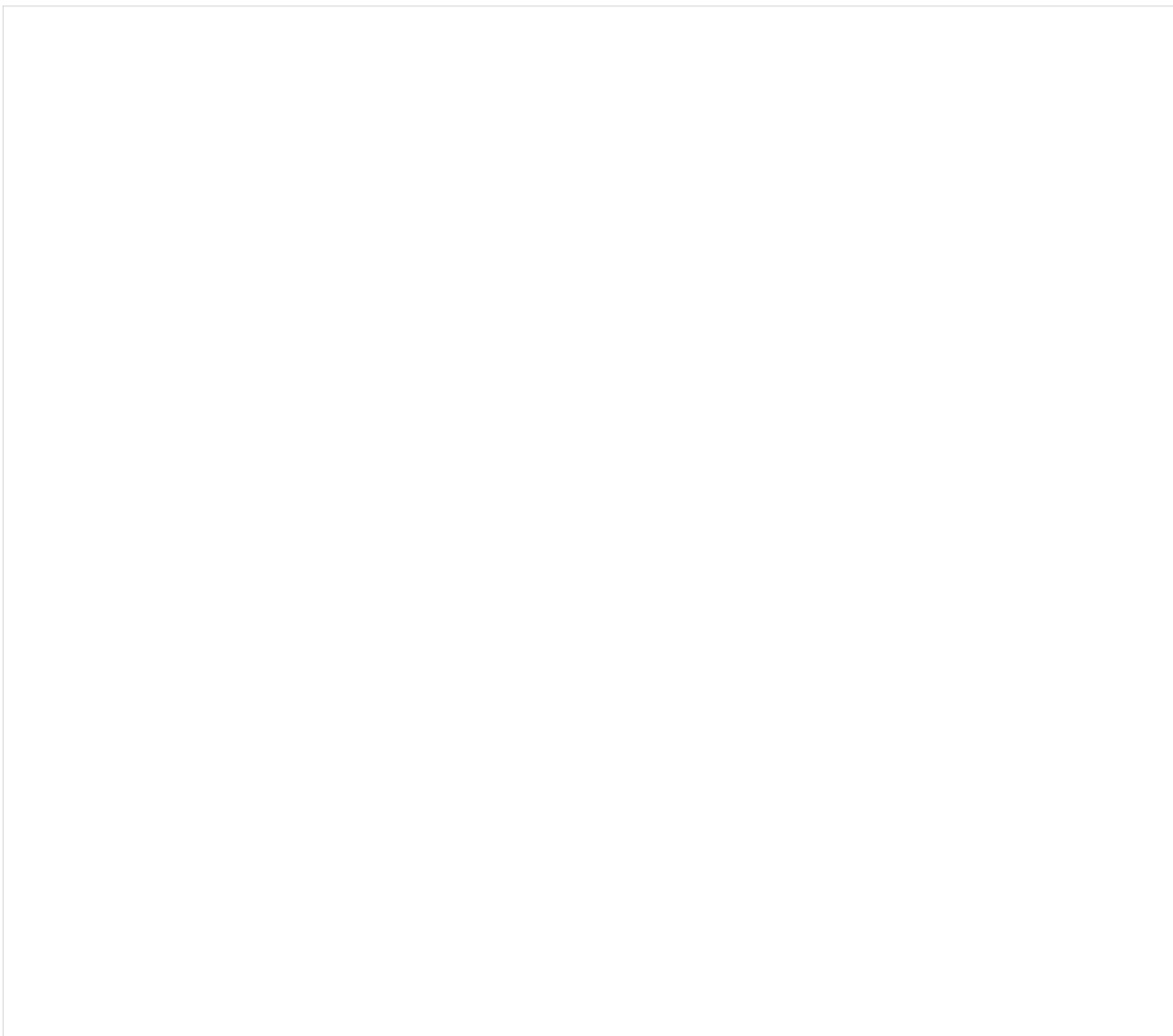
The accused received a sentence of a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 50 years, and reduction to the grade of E-1.

►A staff sergeant was found guilty in a Special Court-Martial of drunk driving.

The accused received a sentence of confinement for two months, reduction to the grade of E-1, forfeiture of \$933 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

– *Courtesy Robins Legal Office*

TURN OFF THE JUICE WHEN NOT IN USE



78th FSS BRIEFS

SATURDAY

Texas Hold 'Em will be held Saturday and Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27 in the Heritage Club. Sign up starts at 1:30 p.m. with games beginning at 2 p.m. Prizes will be based on customer participation. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. All ranks and grades are welcome. For more information, call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

SUNDAY

Watch WWE "Royal Rumble" Sunday in the Heritage Club. The action begins at 8 p.m. Cost is free for members and \$5 for non-members. All ranks and grades are welcome. For more information, call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

UPCOMING

Enjoy several February specials in the Heritage Club. Specials include free hot dogs to club members Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22; bring your own mug night (20 ounce max) for \$2 drafts on Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24; and karaoke with DJ Rockmaster D on Feb. 11 from 8 to 11 p.m. For more information, call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center holds events each month for active duty, retired, spouses, and family members. Upcoming: Friday Fun Night will be held for deployed spouses at the Robins Youth Center Feb. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. Deployed spouses can also make Valentine's Day greetings Feb. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call the A&FRC at 926-1256.

Let's celebrate the month of the hearts during Support National War Red Day Feb. 5 from 5 to 6 p.m. Afterwards, enjoy elegant and affordable dining from 6 to 9 p.m. Choose from one of two specials: tri-colored ravioli with roasted red pepper sauce and asparagus for \$9.95; or baked rainbow trout stuffed with

crab in lobster sauce, wild rice pilaf and French baby carrots for \$12.95. Open to all ranks and grades. For more information, call Horizons at 926-2670.

Cheer on your favorite team during the Indianapolis Colts vs. New Orleans Saints Super Bowl Party on Feb. 7 at the Heritage Club. Doors open at noon and the game begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call the Heritage Club at 926-2670.

Bring your loved ones to a Valentine's Sunday Brunch Feb. 7 at Horizons from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brunch will include breakfast and dinner entrees, an omelet station, carving station, salad bar, dessert and ice cream bar, and more. Cost is \$11.95 for members, \$14.95 for guests and \$7.95 for children (3 – 10 years old). Children two years and younger eat free. For more information, call Horizons at 926-2670.

Members of the Robins community can make submissions for the Office Make-over Contest (a \$1,500 value) starting Feb. 16. Submissions can be for either a person's own office or that of someone else in that person's organization and must include two photos of the office (CD or print); the submitter's name, organization and telephone number; and delivered to the Arts and Crafts Center, Bldg. 984, on Tenth St. by 5:30 p.m. on April 1. The contest is open to all active duty as well as civilians and contractors permanently assigned to Robins. The winner will receive a custom desk accessories package including an engraved name plate, coin holder, pen holder, engraved pen set, paperweight, photo frames, original work of art with custom-framing and a custom-made bookshelf. For more details, call the Arts & Crafts Center at 926-5282.

A "You've Got Talent" Family & Teen Contest is scheduled

Travel show to expand horizons



U.S. Air Force photo file by SUE SAPP

Staff Sgt. Tim Gordon, 5th Combat Communications Group, right, gets information about Big Kahuna's Water & Adventure Park in Destin, Fla., at last year's travel show. Information Tickets and Tour's 10th Annual Explore & Expand Your Horizons Travel and Recreation Show is scheduled March 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Club. Visitors can get help planning their next weekend getaway or vacation and register to win a number of prizes. For more information, call ITT at 926-2945.

March 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Heritage Club ballroom. Contestants may enter in one of eight categories: solo or group act (6 – 8 years old); solo/individual act (9 – 12 years old); group act (9 – 12 years old); solo/individual act vocal (13 – 18 years old); solo/individual act instrumental (13 – 18 years old); solo/individual performance/specialty (13 – 18 years old); group act (13 – 18 years old) and family performance. Finalists will compete on April 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the base theater. For more details, call the community center at 926-2105.

ONGOING

ITT has the following specials available:

► Tickets for the Atlanta Hawks; LA Lakers on March 31 for \$35 and \$58; and Cleveland Cavaliers

on April 14 for \$58.

► Two "Salute You" specials to include Walt Disney World Armed Forces 2010 from \$99 - \$151 for four-day tickets and Universal Studios Military Salute for \$94. For more details, call ITT at 926-2945.

Families of deployed members are eligible for a DePLAYment Tag Pass Pack! Packs are available in the 78th FSS Marketing Office, in Bldg. 983, on the corner of Tenth and Warner Robins streets. Marketing is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Once the packs are picked up, Tag-pass holders should log on to www.myairforcelife.com to register their tag-passes.

Tag-passes are available for all Air Force active duty members with children and/or a spouse upon issuance of current deployment orders. Also eligible are Air

National Guard and Air Force Reserve families when located at a participating Air Force base upon issuance of deployment orders and those identified by the Air Force Wounded Warrior (under AFW2 program) and families of Fallen Warriors. For more information, call Marketing at 926-5492.

Write a short story by Feb. 14 and possibly have your story featured in Military Spouse Magazine.

You may read the short stories and vote at www.robinservices.com or www.myairforcelife.com.

Other Year of the Family contests include: Make A Video Feb. 14 – April 4; Show Us Your Talent with an original song April 4 – May 23; and Take Your Best Shot photography contest May 23 – July 4.

For more details visit www.myairforcelife.com.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

Do you think you know a little bit about ancient history? Take this quiz and see how much you really know.

QUESTIONS:

Q1: What was the first capital of ancient Egypt?

A) Memphis, B) Thebes, C) Alexandria, D) Baltimore

Q2: How many of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still exist?

A) Three, B) Two, C) One, D) Zero

Q3: When did the first documented Olympic Games take place?

A) 776 B.C., B) 432 B.C., C) 112 B.C., D) 6 A.D.

Q4: Who is credited with making the first map of the known world?

A) Archimedes, B) Anaximander, C) Euclid, D) Christopher Columbus

Q5: What historic event took place in Rome in 64 A.D.?

A) Assassination of Julius Caesar, B) Goths Destroy Rome, C) Rome Burns, D) Third Punic War Ends

ANSWERS:

A1: A. The first capital of ancient Egypt was Memphis, a city whose name can be roughly translated into English as "White Walls." Located in Lower Egypt, just below the Nile Delta, Memphis was founded by Menes, the first king of Egypt, around 3,000 B.C., following his unification of the country.

A2: C. Of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, only one remains: the Great Pyramid of Giza. The lost wonders include the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Statue of Zeus at Olympia, the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, the Colossus of Rhodes, and the Lighthouse of Alexandria.

A3: A. The first documented Olympic Games took place in 776 B.C. Many historians, however, believe that the Games had already been established for many years at that point. According to legend, the Olympic Games were founded by Heracles, the son of Zeus.

A4: B. Anaximander, a philosopher from Miletus who lived during the first half of the 6th century B.C., is credited with making the first map of the known world around 540 B.C. He also invented a type of sun dial.

A5: C. That's right! In the summer of 64 A.D., a terrible fire broke out and Rome burned for six days and seven nights, destroying almost three quarters of the city. Many people believed that the Emperor, Nero, had started the fire for his own amusement.

Source: usefultrivia.com

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. The following have been approved as leave recipients: **Valerie Kirchhefer, 580th ACSG.** POC is Catherine Jackson 222-0443; **Michael O'Neal, 78th ABW.** POC is Charydi Gambill 926-814; and **Mary Savage, 561st ACSS.** POC is Cheryl Lloyd 222-1344. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, send information to Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

78th FSS DIRECTORY

- FSS Administration 926-3193
- Community Center 926-2105
- Outdoor Rec 926-4001
- Arts & Crafts 926-5282
- Horizons 926-2670
- Heritage Club 926-2670
- Library 327-8761
- HAWC 327-8480
- Fitness Center 926-2128
- Fitness Center Annex 926-2128
- Youth Center 926-2110
- ITT 926-2945
- Bowling Center 926-2112
- Pine Oaks G.C. 926-4103
- Pizza Depot 926-0188

Additional information on Services events and activities can be found in **The Edge** and at www.robinservices.com

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic — Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. (vigil the day before), and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic — Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish — Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian — St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant — The traditional service meets Sunday in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Contemporary service meets at 6 p.m. in the Chapel sanctuary. The gospel service meets at 8 a.m. at the Chapel. Religious education meets in Bldg. 905 at 9:30 a.m.

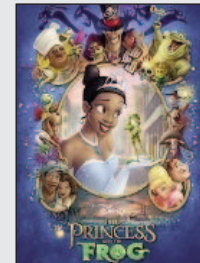
CHAPEL — 926-2821

NOW PLAYING



JANUARY 29
7 P.M.
BROTHERS

Captain Sam Cahill and younger brother Tommy are polar opposites. A Marine about to embark on a tour of duty, Sam is a family man married to his high school sweetheart. Tommy is a drifter just out of jail. When his Black Hawk helicopter is shot down, Sam is presumed dead. Tommy tries to fill in for his brother assuming responsibility for himself, his brother's wife, and their children.



JANUARY 30
3 P.M.
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG

From the heart of Louisiana's mystical bayous and the banks of the mighty Mississippi comes an unforgettable tale of love, enchantment and discovery with a trumpet-playing alligator, a love sick Cajun firefly, and a host of other charming characters at every turn.



JANUARY 30
6:30 P.M.
EVERYBODY'S FINE

Widower Frank Goode spent his adult life working in a local wire factory earning every dollar he could to support his family. His late wife was always his main point of contact with his kids, but he decides that it's now his responsibility to keep an eye on them. He invites the whole extended family for a barbecue weekend, but one by one, they all have good reason to cancel.

Tickets: \$4 adult; \$2 children (11 years old and younger. For more information, call the base theater at 926-2919

P3I

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645, where the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group does avionics work. All three are very large, climate-controlled buildings.

However, the metering isn't just for large operations, it also helps some of the smallest buildings on base identify ways to cut power use.

"Bills" are sent to building facility managers so they can see how much electricity their buildings are using.

Although the buildings

identified as the largest users were to be expected, Kelley said some buildings have shown more power usage than expected.

The total project calls for installing 500 meters by the end of this year, which would cover 95 percent of the total power consumption on base. That exceeds the federal mandate for metering, Kelley said.

The first phase of the project accounted for 338 of the 500 meters and those cover 82 percent of power used on base, Kelley said.

The 78th Medical Group had its meter up and run-

ning before the entire Phase 1 system went online. Since then, the group has reduced its power consumption by 25 percent.

The metering is the key part of the base's "infrastructure" focus area, which is one of four focus areas in Robins' P3I initiative. The others are people, process, and performance.

The infrastructure initiative is aimed at reducing energy consumption through metering to achieve a 10 percent reduction in electrical consumption by October.

AETC SPECIAL DUTY TEAM VISIT

Have you ever been interested in becoming an Air Force recruiter, military training instructor, military training leader, or professional military education instructor?

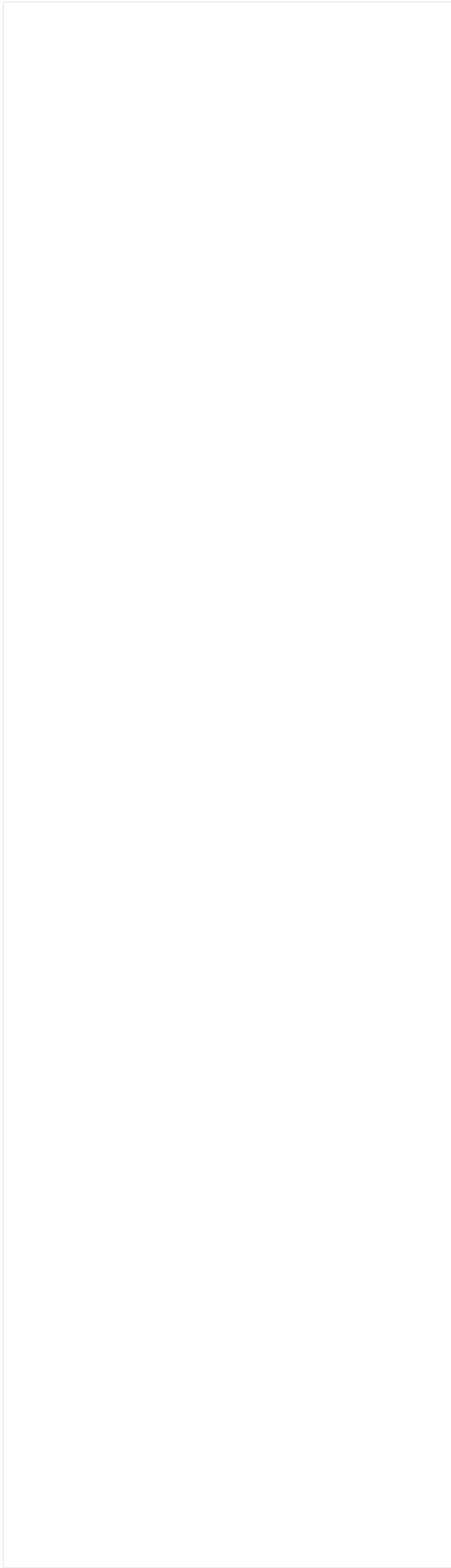
The AETC Special Duty Team will host a special duty briefing Feb. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Professional Development Center, Bldg. 941.

If you're an Airman 1st Class with

at least 24 months time in service through Technical Sergeant with less than 17 years total active federal military service, you are eligible to attend and learn more. Spouses of potential applicants are also invited.

For more information contact Master Sgt Shondi Morrison, career assistance advisor, at 222-0168 or via e-mail at shondi.morrison@robins.af.mil.

**LEAN IS A JOURNEY,
NOT A DESTINATION.**



Robins civilian education, training programs spotlight

The civilian workforce development section of the Robins Education and Training Office administers five education and training programs which benefit civilian employees. Formal Civilian Training is spotlighted this week.

Formal Civilian Training includes: Civilian Acculturation Leadership Training, Squadron Officer School, the Civilian

Developmental Education Program, the Defense Senior Leader Development Program, and distance learning correspondence courses.

The Civilian Acculturation Leadership Training develops future leaders. Civilians with two to five years of federal service, no prior military experience, and a bachelor's degree are eligible. Squadron Officer School is for

GS-9s to 12s and those in NSPS Pay Band 2 (or the equivalent) with a minimum of four years of continuous civilian service and a bachelor's degree.

The Civilian Developmental Education Program prepares high-potential employees for increased responsibility and shared leadership with their military counterparts.

The Defense Senior Leader

Development Program is the premier civilian leader development program and is for GS-14s, GS-15s and NSPS Pay Band 3s (or equivalent) with two years civil service by the nomination due date.

Distance learning correspondence courses are open to all civilians. Courses include the NCO Academy, Squadron Officer School, Air Command &

Staff College, and the Air War College.

For more information on the programs call Beverly Lawson at 327-7316.

Information on the programs can also be found at <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/FOWRALC/dp/dpt/DPTCA/default.aspx>.

— *Courtesy Robins Education and Training Office*

