SAFETY

Members of the congressionally-appointed Department of Defense Task Force on Suicide Prevention recently visited Robins as part of its fact-finding mission.

Panel discussions were held with various personnel here.

The task force includes both enlisted and officer military members, civilian representatives of each service, a Psychiatrist, two psychologists, and researchers.

The group will produce a report and make recommendations to the defense secretary for improving the DoD’s suicide prevention program.

http://www.dodonds.dod.mil

REACHING GOALS

New facility’s consolidation on track with P3i plan

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

at Freddy’s brings a more efficient, safer, and more cost-effective facility.

A recent campaign by employment recruiters at Robins to publicize hundreds of maintenance-related job openings here is already paying dividends.

The base has more than 2,500 applications for apprenticeship program sheet metal mechanics and 2,218 applications for apprenticeship program aircraft mechanics.

Applications are also pouring in for the co-op program and for positions for experienced aircraft mechanics, said Emma Hudson, chief of the Support Team in the Directorate of Personnel.

Most of the jobs, including some related to software engineering, are in the 402nd Maintenance Wing. In what has been billed as the largest hiring push in a decade, the wing has hired 750 people since last May and expects to hire 400-500 more over the next six to eight months.

For that reason, base officials are working hard to get the word out that good-paying jobs are available here for those with the right skills and a willingness to serve their country. Donna Frazier, director of business operations in the 402nd, said the unit’s current and anticipated workload is driving the effort.

“We are having to look at all available options,” she said.

Robins Air Force Base is seeking employees who embrace the Air Force core values of “Integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.”

Other core competencies desired by new employees include communication and interpersonal skills, time management, and critical thinking.

Those who have experience or are looking to enter the apprenticeship program should go to the Robins Employment Office at the Museum of Aviation or call (478) 926-6666. They can also visit www.usajobs.com to search for jobs at Robins.

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Open for business

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BY WAYNE CRENSHAW
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Do you think outside the box?

Does hearing the phrase “Because that’s the way we’ve always done it” make the veins in your neck pop out?

If so, the Air Force may have up to a $10,000 check for you.

The Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program, or IDEA, rewards military and civilian employees for ideas which enhance processes, improve productivity and efficiency, or improve safety. Awards range from $200 to $10,000.

Beringer said there is a misconception the IDEA program does not apply to improvements within the employee’s normal work area. Validating an idea can be a lengthy process, she said, but if you are patient, it could be up to a $10,000 award, she said.

Information on the IDEA program can also be found on the Air Force Portal under Top Portal Links or the Robins Home Page under Special Interest. Anyone interested in submitting an IDEA can contact Beringer at renee.beringer@robins.af.mil.

LeaveWeb use vital for proper approval

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Airmen must enter their request in the LeaveWeb system. Failure to follow the second step can mean Airmen are taking leave and not actually being charged for it.

Should they get injured while on uncharged leave, they can be denied benefits. Failure to follow the proper procedures can also result in disciplinary action.

It is also important for Airmen to log in their exact physical home address, not just “Warner Robins,” as LeaveWeb, said Young-Payne. Additionally, before departing on leave, members need to ensure their supervisor has approved their request in LeaveWeb and the 78th FSS Customer Support Element has issued an authorization leave number.

For more information about leave requests and LeaveWeb, call the 78th FSS Customer Support Element at 222-6862.

Air Force program rewards ingenuity

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Airmen sometimes fail to follow proper procedures when requesting leave, and should be aware they can get in some serious trouble if they don’t.

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Snap Shots

Staff Sgt. Melvin Perry, a flight engineer in the Air Force Reserve Command’s 758th Airlift Squadron at Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pa., performs maintenance on a C-130 Hercules in Southwest Asia.

Airman 1st Class James Moreland, a metals technology apprentice in the 437th Maintenance Squadron, welds a vertical arc at the Aircraft Metals Technology Shop at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. The shop’s technicians perform welding on ground support equipment and fabricate parts for C-17s.

President Barack Obama meets U.S. troops at a dining hall at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. The commander in chief made a surprise visit to the country last week.

U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF SGT. QUINTON RUSSELL

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U.S. Air Force photo by JAMES BOWMAN

White House photo by PETE SOUZA
Motorcycle safety could mean difference between life, death

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I made the conscious decision to prepare for my first ride in more than two months in the same way we prepare for a flight. Would you fly a sortie without doing your pre-flight? I rolled my bike out on Monday and did a “pre-flight” safety inspection. I took it for a short ride to get my head back in the game. I’ve been riding for 33 years, but I fell a little rusty.

I planned my route to work, running it through my head. I imagined the road, the landmarks and the twists and turns of each curve, reviewing them over and over in my mind.

I also did my gear check. Would you show up on your bike without your gear? I had my leather chaps, helmet, boots, gloves and heavy leather jacket with my bright fluorescent green reflective vest. I even went to bed early, getting the proper amount of rest.

The ride started perfectly. As I rode, I ran through all of my training in my head. “Look left, push left, lean left, look right, push right, lean right, enter the curve on the inside, exit on the high side.”

After 62 miles, I topped a rise and could have been prevented. The paramedics arrived, but had no sense of urgency. This motorcycle could have been a fatal accident.

The ride continued. The weather was clear and the temperature was brisk – ideal riding weather.

A few miles later, I made the conscious decision to ensure that I was prepared for the next ride. When I arrived at work, I found it easier to hit the road and continue my ride without any sense of urgency.

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Recent award winners

The accolades keep rolling in for members of Team Robins.

The latest awards: 2009 Air Force Space Command Airfield Operations – Air Traffic Controller of the Year award goes to Staff Sgt. Reginald Davis, 5th CCG; the national-level American Society of Military Comptrollers, Intern/Trainee-Unit Under a Major Command award goes to Kasie Cornelius, WR-ALC/FM; and the 2009 AFMC Outstanding Aviation Resource Management, Small Unit Category award goes to 78th OSS.

Donate your leave

Leave recipients approved through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

— Marshall Cook of the 402nd MXW. POC is Lisa McGuire at 222-3231.
— Michael O’Neal of the 78th ABW/SCOSC. POC is an employee relations specialist at 926-5307 or 926-5802.
— Christopher Wozniak of Flight A, 580th Software Maintenance Squadron. POC is Randy Ford at 926-0485.
— Lori Hill of the 78th Aerospace Medical Squadron. POC is Lee Langley at 327-7520.
— Karen Murphy of the 78th Medical Support Squadron. POC is Maj. Michael Cartwright at 327-8164.

To have the name of an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, e-mail Lanorris Askew at: lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

The 78th Medical Group Public Health Office conducts influenza-like illness surveillance of Robins and monitors flu activity in the local community.

While flu activity across the United States is relatively low, the Southeast is experiencing an increase in activity. Symptoms of the H1N1 flu are similar to those of seasonal flu: fever, lethargy, lack of appetite, and coughing. Some people with H1N1 flu also have a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. The Centers for Disease Control recommends influenza vaccination as the first and most important step in protection against the flu.

The CDC continues to encourage vaccination for all persons six months and older. Robins vaccine availability:

— Seasonal flu vaccine is no longer available.
— H1N1 vaccines are available for all TRICARE beneficiaries and Department of Defense civilian employees.
— H1N1 vaccinations are mandatory for all uniformed personnel.

Upcoming

The Perry Dogwood Festival will be Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at the Georgia National Fairgrounds.

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will hold a membership meeting Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Wellston Center, at 151 Maple St., in Warner Robins.

For more information, call Celesta Busch at 328-3641 or visit www.narfe.org/home.

The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center will host an Environmental, Safety and Health Fair on May 11 at the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight Hanger.

The event will include exhibits on workplace, home and vehicle safety, environmental protection, fitness, and health and wellness.

The fair will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase.
This year, for the first time, it was extended to organizations outside the 402nd MXW. Units participating in the latest survey, conducted in the fall, were the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Engineering Directorate, Plans and Programs Directorate, Contracting, Financial Management, Judge Advocate General and Equal Opportunity office.

The voluntary survey was conducted Oct. 26 through Nov. 6 and 6,500 people participated. Gail Floyd-Sims, the base contact for Gallup, said the survey has been an effective tool in the four years it has been used here. 

Everyone who participates really gets a lot of good information," she said. The survey was able to be expanded this year because additional funding was available. Johnson said the hope is not only for the survey to eventually be offered base wide, but across Air Force Materiel Command.

SURVEY
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A wet winter may mean the snake population at Robins will increase.

Ampel rainfall means more swamp and other pools of water, and therefore more frogs and other critters snakes love to eat. Bob Sargent, natural resources manager, said although reports of people seeing snakes are not on the increase just yet, he expects snake sightings to go up over the next few weeks as their breeding season begins.

However, while people should use caution to avoid snakes, there is no reason to go on a snake killing spree. "They perform ecological roles that are important to us," he said. "They eat rodents and invertebrates we don’t like."

Non-venomous snakes are also protected by state law, said Sargent.

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But most snake reports here are of non-venomous snakes such as rat snakes, banded water snakes, racers, brown snakes and garter snakes.

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Still, people should assume all snakes are venomous, said Sargent, unless they are really confident in their identification skills.

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Texas Hold 'Em
For details, call 926-2105.
$7 per table
Heritage Club parking lot
8 a.m. to noon
April 17
Yard Sale
UPCOMING
Lottery drawing April 20.
Applications
For details, call 327-8761.
Tuesday
Library Worker’s Day
Bldg. 905, Room 139
For details, call 327-8761.
Base Library, Bldg. 905
Sunday to April 17
For details, call 926-2112.
$7 a plate
Today
Youth League
For details, call 926-2670.
Horizons and the
5 to 6 p.m.
Today
Youth and Adult $40
Mommy & Me $30
Registration begins April 27.
9-Pin No-Tap Tournament
For details, call 926-1256.
S-Pino No-Tournament
April 28
6 p.m. $15
For details, call 926-2112.
Swim Lessons
Registration begins April 27.
Mommy & Me $30
Youth and Adult $40
For details, call 327-4001.
Link Up 2 Golf Classes
Through April
Pine Oak Golf Course
$99 for adults and $99 for children 16 and younger
For details, call 926-4013.
Get Connected Club Drive
Through May
Three trophies of free membership.
For details, call 926-2970.
Monthly Watch-Off
Car Show & Competition
May 15
Registered by April 15.
For details, call 926-5282.
Wednesday Night
Golf League
Staves May 19
Entry fee $50 per team by Monday, May 17.
Greens fee $13 (canteen payable each week)
Shaggin’ 4:30 p.m.
Check-in at 4 p.m.
League is limited to the first 10 teams to register.
For details, call 926-4103.
Pizza Depot
Birthday Celebration
June 1
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Heritage Club
For details, call 926-0186.
AF Teen Leadership Camp
July 12-16.
San Antonio, Texas
Eligible applicants include teen dependents of AF active duty, retired, civilian employees, or activated ANG, or AF Reserve at CONUS installations only.
Priority will be given to dependents with deployed sponsors.
Applications due to Youth Center today.
For details, call Ron Hayes at 926-6763.
Dinner Drama}
Walt Disney World
Armed Forces Passes
On sale through July 31
Four-day tickets $99 - $151
For details, call 926-2945.
Disney World
Walt Disney World
Air Force Hoops
Ticket Office
Mon to Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Bi-Weekly (inside Base Restaurant)
For details, call 222-7627.
Veteran’s Day
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Spouses are available and reservations are made up to 120 days in advance.
For more information, call 926-2100.

To www.afvclub.com
Lunch Buffet
Pizza Depot
Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
Open to all ranks & grades.
For details, call 926-2700.

Heritage Club Renovations
Due to renovations at the Heritage Club, bar activities have been temporarily relocated to the Wellston Center behind Horizons. The renovations do not interfere with Pizza Depot, the barber shop and other activities in the building.
The four-month, $240,000 project will give the bar area a more upscale appearance. The bar will be used during the day when the bar is closed, for other functions.
www.militaryblood.dod.mil

Heritage Club
Summer Camp Applications
Through April
Youth Center, Bldg. 1021
Lottery Drawing April 20.
For details, call 926-2105.
Texas Hold ‘Em Fair
April 17
To noon
Horizon’s Heritage Club parking lot
97 per table
For details, call 926-2015.
Texas Hold ‘Em
Saturday, April 17 and 24
Sign up at 1:30 p.m.
Games begin at 2 p.m.

Heritage Club
Members $15, Guests $20
For details, call 926-7653.
Animal Clinic
Closed April 19, 21 and 30
Open all other days during regular hours
Extended clinic hours for April 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Open to all active duty, military, retirees and family members.
For details, call 327-8448.

“BMT New Training Block- Combat Pillow Fighting”
Congratulations to 78th Force Support Squadron’s Master Sgt. David Stewart, who provided the winning caption.

STAFF
David Stewart,

ON-TAP
Spring Celebration
Today
5 to 6 p.m.
Horrors and the Wellston Center, Bldg. 543
For details, call 926-2870.
Youth League
Barbecue Fundraiser
Today
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cooking center
$7 a plate
For details, call 926-2112.
National Library week
Sunday to April 17
Base Library, Bldg. 905
For details, call 327-6761.
Key Spouse Training
Today
6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bldg. 905, Room 139
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Library Worker’s Day
Tuesday
1 to 3 p.m.
Base Library, Bldg. 905
For details, call 327-6761.

UPCOMING
May 15
For details, call 926-2670.
“Oh, No. I have to Interview!” Class
April 22
9 to 11 a.m.
For details, call 926-2970.
Reservations required.

For details, call 327-6448.

For details, call 926-2919.
FRIDAY
6:30 P.M.
COP OUT
Two long-time NYPD partners on the trail of a stolen, rare, mini-condition baseball card find themselves embroiled in a murder, a monuments-obsessed gangster.
(Rated R)

SATURDAY
6:30 P.M.
THE LIGHTNING THEIF
Trouble-prone teen Percy Jackson and his friends must embark on a cross-country adventure to unravel a mystery more powerful than the gods themselves.
(Rated PG-13)

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POC: Melanie Caraman 950-0804

CONSERVE ENERGY

Earth Day 2010

April 10 and May 1

Bird Watching with Dr. Bob
8 - 11 a.m.
Meet at the Lodge at Luna Lake
Bring Binoculars & Field Guides
POC: Bob Sargent, 327-3974

April 15-21

Environmental Awareness Display
April 15, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Base Restaurant
April 19, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bldg. 210, AFRC
April 20, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bldg. 905
April 21, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bldg. 1555
The display will also be set up at the QRP Grand Opening on April 28, the ES&H Fair on May 11 and at the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce “Business and Green Expo” on May 7. Earth Day T-shirts for Sale, POC: Esther Lee, 327-3976

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