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689th!**  
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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## FINAL SALUTE

### Robins honors fallen Georgia Airman

BY FAYE BANKS-ANDERSON  
Public Affairs deputy director

Everything was put into perspective for me Saturday when the flag-draped coffin of Senior Airman Michael Buras was removed from an aircraft on the Robins flightline.

It was the first time I had witnessed a dignified transfer of a fallen military member.

Buras, 23, of Fitzgerald, Ga., died Sept. 21 of wounds suffered during an IED detonation in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

What I saw made me realize all the problems I thought were important are really not that significant. Seeing the coffin of this warrior who gave his life for our country, his grieving family, and the



U.S. Air Force photo by GARY CUTRELL

Robins Honor Guard members carry the casket of Senior Airman Michael Buras to an awaiting hearse on the Robins flightline Saturday.

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Rider Instructor Donn Johnson gives instructions during the basic riders course here.

## Two-wheel talks

### Motorcycle safety briefings mandated for active-duty riders

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW  
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Many Robins Airmen who ride motorcycles can expect to get some high-level safety instruction in the near future.

In an effort to curb motorcycle accidents, Gen. Donald Hoffman, Air Force Materiel Command commander, issued a directive for all active-duty riders in the command to have a one-on-one meeting with their commander or director to discuss how to make sure every ride ends safely.

Hoffman said the directive is the result of an investigation into a motorcycle fatality which indicated a need for additional guidance.

John Ainsworth, safety specialist at Robins, said some commanders are already giving safety briefings to military and civilian riders, but the new directive makes this briefing

mandatory for active-duty riders to ride on or off base and spells out specifics to be discussed.

While civilians are not required to have the briefing, they are encouraged to do so, Ainsworth said. Civilians who want the briefing should ask their supervisor.

“The benefit for a rider receiving this briefing is if it’s important to supervision, it’s reinforced to the rider,” Ainsworth said.

Riders already cleared to ride on base must have the briefing, even if they have had a similar briefing in the past, he said.

The directive says the briefings will cover topics such as standards of conduct, reckless behavior, and recommendations for further training based on the rider’s experience and type of bike. It also calls for commanders to monitor “high-risk” riders.

## Fitness Center undergoes renovations

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Part of the Fitness Center is closed for a few weeks for renovations.

The main gym is closed for the next three weeks for replacement of part of the floor and resurfacing of the entire floor. The project also includes adding the Air Force logo in the center, along with a new paint scheme and wall padding.

Starting Oct. 18, the cardio/weight room will also close

for replacement of its floor. The room is expected to re-open Dec. 3.

The cardio/weight room houses most of the equipment used in the Fitness Center, including treadmills, ellipticals and weightlifting equipment.

Lesley Sparks, center director, said some of the non-electrical equipment such as stationary bikes will be moved to an area at the old gym for use during the closure. She also noted the Fitness Center Annex will be



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

John Glass of CBA Sports, works on the gym subfloor at the fitness center.

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## Energy initiatives still reaping rewards

BY COL. CARL BUHLER  
78th Air Base Wing Commander

Since early June, we’ve been using Bldg. 905 to identify a number of energy-reduction initiatives which can be applied to other facilities across the installation.

With the help of the Robins Energy Office, we’ve analyzed the building’s operations, both when it’s occupied and when it’s not in use.

The data we’ve collected has already helped us identify numerous initiatives to reduce energy consumption and save a moderate amount of money. It’s interesting to note the majority of the changes are not things the building’s occupants notice.

For example, we turned off the architectural wall lighting

surrounding the Base Library and removed half the bulbs from the building’s bathrooms. It turns out bathroom lighting levels were significantly over-lit based on Air Force lighting standards.

Upon further examination, we discovered these efforts will save us an estimated \$700 annually. Although this may not seem like a lot, if you look at the number of buildings and bathrooms across the base, the potential for savings is huge.

Plus, we discovered good ideas can come from a multitude of sources. The architectural lights idea came from a comment made by a presenter at the recent AFMC Senior Leader Conference at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Another recent energy initiative in the works for Bldg. 905 is

the installation of occupancy sensors in the building’s bathrooms.

This work is scheduled for October. The sensors will automatically turn lights off when the bathrooms are unoccupied, but will have motion and infrared beams to keep from turning the lights off prematurely.

As we move forward, we will continue to look for additional energy savings in the building and use those ideas as a test bed to encourage leaders at all levels, across the base, to duplicate and find similar energy saving ideas in their buildings and work centers.

With your help, Robins will be recognized as the Air Force leader in “making energy a consideration in all we do.”

## IMA Primer

Have you ever wondered what an IMA does?

**Who are we?**

By definition, we are Air Force Reserve Individual Mobilization Augmentees. In actuality, we are the folks next to you in the staff meetings, on the shop floor, in the work centers, or possibly your next door neighbor in Perry. We might even live next door to your parents in Colorado. We are critical system technicians in all areas who work directly for the commanders, directors and supervisors here.

**What do we do?**

We support virtually every mission in the Air Force, and we support the total mission of Team Robins. We support the warfighter at every step. In most cases, IMAs are not assigned to deployable positions and are used to

maintain continuity and backfill deployed personnel. Once called to duty, we are fully capable and prepared to be assigned anywhere in the world. In fact, many IMAs have deployed (typically volunteering) to work side-by-side with active duty, civilians and contractors.

**How do we do this?**

We aren’t your father’s reservists; the IMA program is no longer a traditional “strategic” reserve. We still do an annual tour like the “weekenders,” but we generally work Monday through Friday, whenever and wherever assistance is needed. Still, we must maintain our training and competencies to be prepared to support critical operational missions during surge activities. This

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### THINK SAFETY

Days without a DUI: 31  
Last DUI: 116th MXS  
— courtesy 78th Security Forces

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### TWO-MINUTEREV

#### ASBP Blood Drive

The Armed Services Blood Program will conduct a blood drive Oct. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cotton Auditorium and the old gym basketball court. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information or to make an appointment online, visit [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil).

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# Page Two

## Voluntary Leadership Program offers mechanics supervisory skills

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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Simple facts indicate the 402nd Maintenance Wing's new Voluntary Leadership Development Program must be a good thing.

Those who take the course, which is designed to give aircraft mechanics the skills to move into supervisory positions, do so on their own time, and it's a substantial commitment—three-hour sessions two nights a week for seven months. The attendance policy is strict, which means vacations and other plans must be postponed.

Yet a record 700 people applied for the 40 slots in the VLP's 2011 class.

"The program over time has gotten a good reputation," said Abe Banks, the 402nd's chief of training and transformation.

"When you take artisan skills and marry them with leadership skills, there is only good that can come of it," he said.

Among this year's class graduates is Michael Thomas, who was working as an electronics technician in the 402nd Software Maintenance Group when the course started in February. Two months ago he was promoted to a management position.

Thomas spent 20 years in the Air Force and wasn't sure he wanted to be a supervisor, but the first day of the class changed his mind. That's when the instructor talked about "servant leadership", the same philosophical concept he embraced as a Security Forces officer.

In addition to such concepts, the class also teaches the many technical aspects of management, including over-

time, personnel policy, and other administrative responsibilities.

The class has produced a total of 397 graduates and 97, or 32 percent, are now in supervisory positions.

However, taking the class is no guarantee of getting promoted, and mechanics can get a supervisory job without taking the class, Banks said.

Some participants even decide after taking the class that management is not for them, Banks added.

"I would rather they know now than get in a supervisor's job and be miserable," he said.

But, Banks explained the principles of the class can be put to use even if the participants do not become supervisors.

"You can be a supervisor and not be a leader, but you also can be a leader without being a supervisor," he said.

## Public prayer should be inclusive, follow Air Force guidelines

The United States is one of the most religious-tolerant nations in the world. This is because Americans, for the most part, respect other's religious beliefs, even though those beliefs may be inconsistent with their own.

Closely intertwined with religious tolerance is the proper use of prayer. This is especially important in the Air Force, where the vast majority of those in uniform and civilian employees practice a religion, and prayer, by natural extension, is part of many official Air Force activities and events.

Commanders and supervisors, as activity and event owners, should first decide if prayer is needed or whether a reflective "thought for the day" or moment of silence may be more appropriate. They should be particularly careful not to enforce prayer by individuals in their units, "which would be a consequence of offering a prayer for functions with mandatory attendance."

If prayer is desired, it should adhere to Air Force guidelines which regulate the manner and use of prayer in official meetings.

In general, any such prayer should be



given by the Chaplain's office and must be nondenominational and interfaith in nature. Further, it should be reflective and respectful of the entire audience; the prayer should serve to bind together those who are present and not be divisive.

If an activity or event is important enough for a prayer to be offered, it is important enough to make sure it is done within these guidelines.

It's up to leaders to take the time to make sure it happens.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding public prayer, contact the Base Chapel at 926-2821.

— Base Chapel

## DLA mission vital to warfighter support

As America's premier combat logistics support organization, the Defense Logistics Agency provides full-spectrum logistics support every day to Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and civilians around the world.

"DLA provides the entire 'life cycle' of logistics support to the Air Force," said Col. Tammy E. Farrow, the senior DLA representative here. "We buy, order, store, distribute, print and dispose of materiel needed to accomplish the Air Force mission."

DLA manages nearly five million items through eight supply chains; fills more than 131,000 requisitions per day; completes nearly 10,000 contract actions per day; and processes more than 28 million receipts and issues, and does approximately \$38 billion in business annually.

"If a Soldier, Marine, Sailor or Airmen wears it or eats it, receives medical treatment with it, or uses it as fuel, it comes from DLA or a DLA source," Farrow said. "When military or civilian artisans need an item to build a new operating area or repair a weapons system, DLA is the foremost

provider of those items as well."

DLA employs more than 26,000 civilians, active duty and reserve personnel in 48 states and 28 countries. About 680 of those employees work here and are vital to the mission of Team Robins, Farrow said.

The Robins DLA team is a group of five DLA organizations. Employees in these units perform numerous critical duties ranging from supply and materiel support, and acquisition, to storage and distribution, disposal, and printing.

— DLA Aviation Customer Operations at Warner Robins provides supply and materiel support to the 402nd Maintenance Wing. It processes more than 300,000 annual requests.

— DLA Aviation Strategic Acquisition at Warner Robins provides procurement management and supplier-relationship management services for all DoD components and other federal agencies. The organization awards about 450 new contracts per year valued at \$425 million, while managing 850 active contracts worth \$2.1 billion.

The main focus of this organization is procurement of depot-level reparable parts in support of aircraft managed and overhauled at the



Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

— DLA Distribution at

Warner Robins performs wholesale receiving, storage, and on-and off-base shipping and delivery functions for supplies and materiel to DOD and foreign military customers around the globe. The organization is responsible for 22 warehouses and storage lots, where they receive and ship more than one million items annually, including hazardous and classified material. The on-hand inventory is valued at about \$11.8 million.

— DLA Disposition Services at Warner Robins provides disposal, transfer and reutilization services for Robins, as well as other Air Force and Army installations in Georgia and Alabama.

The organization processes more than 3,000 different line items annually which are collectively worth approximately \$38.9 million.

— DLA Document Services at Warner Robins provides services such as printing and high speed, high volume duplicating. The organization produces approximately 81 million printed pages, 50,000 CDs, and scans or converts 500,000 pages annually.

— Defense Logistics Agency  
Warner Robins

## Working Together 560th human resource supervisor focuses on mission, mechanics

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW

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A lot has been said lately at Robins about the importance of returning planes as quickly as possible to the warfighter, but to Michelle Smith the well-being of the mechanics here is also important.

With the constant pressure to get maintenance done as fast as possible, she wants to make sure it isn't forgotten mechanics are not machines and have lives off the flightline.

She is a human resource supervisor in the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's C-Flight. The 560th is responsible for maintenance of C-130s.

Her job is to make sure mechanics have the training and resources they need to get their jobs done, and she listens to and addresses any concerns they have.

"For them to have somebody they feel is on their side means a lot to them," she said.

"No matter what I am doing, if they have something they want to talk about, they can come to me, and I will stop what I am doing and listen."

She was recently recognized for efforts to improve labor/management



Michelle Smith

relationships here on base with the Foster Leadership in People award. The award states she works constantly to make sure the motto "People First, Mission Always"

is a part of her squadron's culture, adding "She is a vital part of the partnership efforts in the 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron by constantly working closely with the Union to ensure all issues are handled at the lowest level."

She said the creation of her position three years ago has done a lot to improve labor and management relationships in the unit.

Previously, there were only production supervisors, whose focus is largely on getting planes out the door. Her position largely focuses on the needs of the mechanics.

She was nominated for the FLIP award by Brian Smith (no relation), a union steward in the flight and directorate steward over the entire 560th.

"She makes my job a lot easier. I can go to her and she will listen. She is a joy to work with," he said.

# SnapShots

## MAKING THE PLEDGE

Robins leaders show support for CFC



**Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner**  
Air Force Reserve Command commander



**Brig. Gen. Lee Levy**  
402nd Maintenance Wing commander



**Col. George Riebling**  
116th Air Control Wing vice commander



**Col. Theresa Giorlando**  
689th Combat Communications Wing commander

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U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

From left to right, Col. Chris Davis, Aerospace Sustainment Directorate director; Tom Scott, American Federation of Government Employees Local 987 president; Maj. Gen. Polly Peyer, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander; Col. Robert Stambaugh, WR-ALC vice commander; and Col. Carl Buhler, 78th Air Base Wing commander.

The Robins Combined Federal Campaign runs through Nov. 17, with a local goal of \$1.4 million. That's \$25,000 more than last year's target, which Robins shattered by donating \$1.64 million.

More than 4,000 charities have been approved for the campaign, and federal employees have the opportunity to donate to these charities through payroll deduction.



### Campaign Monitors

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Maj. William Bath, 339 FLTS       | Shaneka Wright, WR-ALC/GR       |
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| MSgt. Tobias Chipman, 689 CCW     | Regina McGill, DLA              |
| SSgt. Dwainie Clarke, MAG 49      | Agent Rhoshonda McGruder, OSI   |
| Dawn Dixon, AFAA                  | MSgt. Marjorie Mitchell, 78 ABW |
| Penny Greer, 402 MXW              | Maj. Ember Johnston, 78th ABW   |
| Regina Huston, 402 MXW            | Marsha Reynolds, 78 ABW         |
| Kristine Griffis, 638 SCMG        | Caroline Shedd, 116 ACW         |
| 2nd Lt. Daniel Haigler, WR-ALC/GR | Capt. Sharon Spudic, AFRC HQ    |
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| 2nd Lt. Anthony Maxie, WR-ALC/GR  | Shelly Ward, WR-ALC Staff       |

# ViewPoints

“Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable.”

— **Sidney J. Harris**

## 689th CCW celebrates first birthday

**BY COL. THERESA GIORLANDO**  
689th Combat Communications Wing commander

This week, the first combat communications wing in the U.S. Air Force — the 689th Combat Communications Wing — celebrated its one year anniversary.

As one of three new wings under the recently-established 24th Air Force in Air Force Space Command, we spent this first year building a strong foundation as well as developing future cyber combat capability.

Part of that strong foundation is defining our wing identity in our wing motto: ‘Fear the Beast,’ which represents who we are, what we do, and what we believe. “B” is for the Brave Airmen and their families who sacrifice and serve our nation; “E” is for Expeditionary Excellence our Airmen exhibit everyday in executing the mission; “A” is for the outstanding, motivational can-do Attitude of our warriors; “S” is for the Standards we are committed to enforce, uphold and exceed; and “T” is for the Teamwork we exhibit



every day, whether it is working within the wing, with our guard and reserve partners or our mission partners in intelligence, special operations, our sister services or our coalition partners. Our combat communication warriors are indeed the “Best of the BEAST!”

Continuing the legacy of excellence set by our groups — the 3rd Herd at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and the 5th Mob here at

Robins, we successfully deployed 690 Airmen to 54 locations across the world during the year.

We supported combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and humanitarian operations at home, in Haiti and in Chile. We established new capabilities by being the first to deploy in support of Project Liberty.

Under Air Force Space Command’s Guardian Challenge, we resurrected the prestigious

Combat Challenge competition to showcase the best of our combat comm warriors. In fact, we named our trophy for Chief Master Sgt. Dick Etchberger. In a year of many firsts for the wing, one of the most significant was attending the presidential presentation of the Medal of Honor to Chief Etchberger — the first chief master sergeant and first combat communications warrior to be awarded our nation’s highest honor.

As we are inspired by Etchberger’s heroism, I am also inspired by the phenomenal warriors who serve in this wing every day.

As we solidify our foundation and continue to grow cyber combat capability to the tactical edge, our continued success will be because of the outstanding leadership, dedication and selfless sacrifices of our Combat Comm warrior Airmen and their families.

Happy Birthday Combat Comm! It’s been a GREAT first year ... And hold onto your helmets, you ain’t seen nothing yet! “Fear the Beast — HUAH!”

### WR-ALC VISION STATEMENT

Be recognized as a world class leader for development and sustainment of warfighting capability.

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### DELIVERY

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The 689th Combat Communications Wing uses unique skill sets to conduct tactical operations in austere, deployed, and joint/coalition environments.

# On the Fly

## Flu shots available

The best protection against the flu is to receive an annual flu shot. The CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated.

This year's flu vaccine has been formulated to protect against infection from flu type A, flu type B and H1N1 viruses, and is available in both the injectable and nasal mist forms.

The flu vaccine is mandatory for active duty members and required for health care workers involved in direct patient care, as well as for child development center workers.

The 78th Medical Group has limited flu vaccine for active duty, family members and retirees available. As additional vaccine is received, the base populace will be notified.

Staying healthy is the key to enduring this year's flu season. Everyone should remember to:

- 1) Wash your hands frequently.
- 2) Avoid close contact with people who are sick; stay home if possible if you are sick.
- 3) Muffle coughs and sneezes with tissue instead of bare hands; discard tissues immediately, then wash your hands using soap

and water or a hand sanitizer.

4) Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth; cold and flu viruses enter your body through these areas.

5) Drink plenty of fluids, exercise regularly and eat healthily.

6) If you smoke, quit - smoking increases the severity of the flu if you do become infected.

For more information or to check on vaccine availability, call 327-7922.

## Energy slogan contest

The Energy Office is running an energy slogan contest. It will run through the end of October.

The theme for the contest is "Energy Conservation and Efficiency."

The contest is open to all Robins employees; one entry per person. Slogans should be original, memorable and short (10 words or less), and should focus on energy efficiency and conservation.

Prizes will be awarded to first- and second-place winners, and winning slogans will be used in energy awareness campaigns.

Send contest entries to [jeane.paris@robins.af.mil](mailto:jeane.paris@robins.af.mil). For more information, call the Energy Office at 327-8663.



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## Spouse immersion

**Col. David Southerland, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, gives welcome remarks to new military spouses during a recent Heart Link orientation class.**

**Organized by the Airman & Family Readiness Center, the day-long event introduces military spouses to the Air Force and to the many helping agencies on base.**

## Upcoming

The Robins Energy Office and Health and Wellness Center are sponsoring a **5K Run/Walk** today at the Fitness Center. The event is to increase awareness about the importance of energy efficient practices.

For more information, contact the Energy Office at 327-8663.

The **Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association** Middle Georgia Chapter will host a free Technology Expo on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Horizons. Come and see the latest state-of-the-art technologies from over 25 companies.

Attendance is free to all DoD, government and contractor personnel with base

access.

For more information call David Grosche at 926-8581.

**A Robins Military Retiree Appreciation Day** is Oct. 23.

Breakfast will be served at 6:30 a.m. at the Wynn Dining Facility.

A formal ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Club, followed by

guest speakers. Vendor booths will provide information about AAFES, TRICARE and other organizations, and door prizes will be given away throughout the day.

For more information, call Ernie Munson at 327-4707.

There will be a **base-wide cleanup** Oct. 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. See next week's Rev-Up for details.

## Etcetera

The following are leave recipients approved through the **Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:**

— *Debra Abbott* of WR-ALC/DPRS. POC is Reginald Kiper at 222-0740.

— *Greg King* of the 78th ABW/SC. POC is Charydi Gambill at 926-8141.

To have the name of an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, e-mail Lanorris Askew at: [lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil](mailto:lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil).

Submissions will run for two weeks.

## Legal notice

Any person having any claim against the estate of Chaplain (Col.) Charles M. Bolin should immediately contact Chaplain (Capt.) S. Aaron Meadows at 327-1041.

# Columbus Day holiday offers Team Robins chance to ‘kill a watt’

**BY MARK BYRD**  
Robins Energy Office

As the upcoming holiday nears, let us ponder the significance of Christopher Columbus’ journey. He persuaded a king to fund a trip many believed would end at the edge of the world. Yet, through perseverance and a little luck, he discovered a new land which proved to hold many riches.

With today’s energy crisis making headline news monthly, weekly and daily, many ask: “What about solar, hydro, thermal, and the multitude of other possibilities for energy generation?” they see, read and hear about. Although a few have been around for years, solar, photovoltaic, geothermal, biomass, waste-to-energy and

wind, to name a few, are, for the most part, often complex, expensive to establish, and generally not applicable in all areas of the country.

Wind, for example, as Columbus so efficiently utilized, may be appropriate for an area such as the California coast or the plains of Nebraska. But the area around Robins cannot support the requirements to make it cost-effective locally.

Meanwhile, the energy initiative to develop, adopt and utilize alternative fuels as sources of energy to supply our infrastructure is a daunting task. It will take years and tens of thousands (if not millions) of dollars to properly position ourselves to efficiently utilize alternative fuels with

reliability.

But that doesn’t mean we have to sit idly by to help fight humanities’ insatiable desire and need for energy.

If everyone takes seriously the adage of “doing their part,” we can take major steps in the right direction.

We’re talking about doing simple things... such as turning lights out when not needed; reducing the number of lights burning, without compromising the mission; reducing/raising thermostat settings.

Just like Christopher Columbus did, it may lead to the discovery of a new world. The discovery of a new energy source that does not rely on fossil fuel but utilizes more efficiently the wonderful world that has yet to be harnessed.



U.S. Air Force photo by RAY CRAYTON  
Commander Killawatt is the Robins energy mascot.

## SALUTE

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Robins Honor Guard, made me realize it’s time to stop complaining, stop feeling bad when my job isn’t all I think it should be, and stop blaming everyone else when things don’t go the way I think they should.

But what the ceremony

did most was remind me the importance of my job, which is to support the warfighter.

Whether you’re civilian, or contractor, officer or enlisted Airman, or management or employee, know your job also supports those in harm’s way and is important.

It’s not often we have such poignant reminders of the battles in which our

country is engaged.

It’s not every day our sacrifices, no matter how many and no matter how big or small, are justly put in to perspective.

But, every day, the sacrifices of Senior Airman Buras and the other brave Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice, should never be far from our thoughts.

## 235th United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebration

The 235th United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebration will be Nov. 6 at the Galleria Metroplex Convention Center, 2922 Watson Blvd. Centerville.

Cost of event is \$50 per person

Cocktail Hour: 6 p.m.

Ceremony Begins: 7 p.m.

Dinner: 8 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Maj. Gen. Larry Taylor, USMC retired

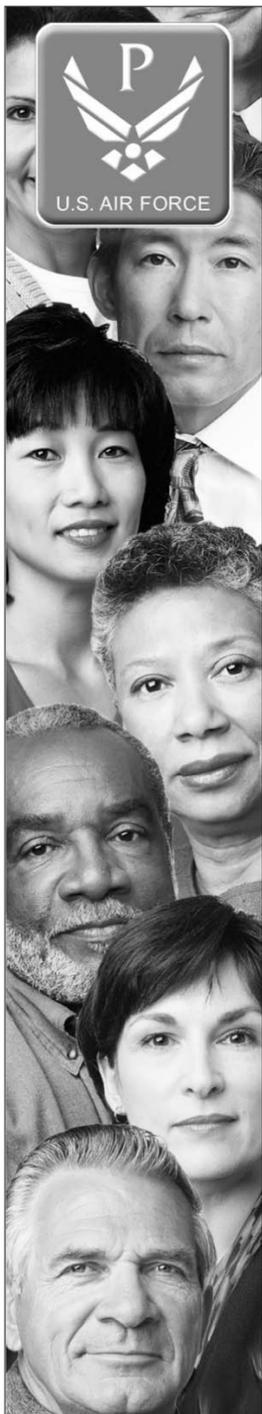
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POC: Staff Sgt. Lee

478-222-5464

Military: Dress Blue Alpha/Mess Dress or Service Alpha's

Civilian: Coat and Tie



# Stormwater Straight Talk

## Protecting base waterbodies from construction sediment release

BY RUSSELL ADAMS

Water Quality Program manager

Sediment originating from construction sites is often considered the number one cause of water quality pollution. If not managed properly, construction activities have the potential to release decades worth of sediment into storm sewer systems and local streams during a short time span. This rapid release of sediment can lead to a decline in water quality and destruction of the natural habitat in our waterbodies.

Because of the harmful effects of sediment on our waterbodies, the state of Georgia requires construction sites one acre or larger to obtain a permit to discharge stormwater. To obtain a permit, construction site operators must develop an Erosion, Sediment, and Pollution Control Plan.

The goal of the ESPCP is to develop strategies and measures, referred to as best management practices, to limit the amount of sediment released from a construction site.

Construction stormwater BMPs are generally either actions taken (also referred to as non-structural) or physical devices (also referred to as structural) installed before, during and shortly after construction which control erosion and sedimentation and protect water quality. BMPs should be

designed and implemented to keep sediment as close to the source as possible.

An example of non-structural BMP is street sweeping to prevent sediment on construction equipment from tracking off-site and into the stormwater management system.

An example of structural BMP is silt fence along the perimeter of a construction site, to capture sediment from leaving the site and entering into streams.

In accordance with State requirements, construction projects at Robins greater than one-acre are required to have an ESPCP reviewed by the Environmental Management Branch prior to the start of construction. During construction, personnel from EM conduct site inspections on a regular basis to evaluate if the ESPCP is being implemented correctly.

Additionally, the base has established a dedicated Hotline for reporting stormwater concerns. So, if you observe sediment-laden stormwater leaving a construction site on base, contact the 78th Civil Engineer Group Service Call Desk hotline at 926-5657.

**Editor's note:**

*Stormwater Straight Talk is a quarterly column intended to educate and inform base personnel and families about stormwater pollution.*

### BASEWIDE CLEANUP

There will be a base-wide cleanup Oct. 27 from 9 to 11 a.m. See next week's Rev-Up for details.

Shred Day  
is  
Back!



Protect your identity.

Dispose of personal documents safely.

**Warner Robins:**

Thursday, October 21

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

803 Watson Boulevard

**Macon:**

Friday, October 22

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

5999 Zebulon Road

**Things to Shred:**

- Receipts
- Bank statements and any documents containing account numbers
- High profile and personal information

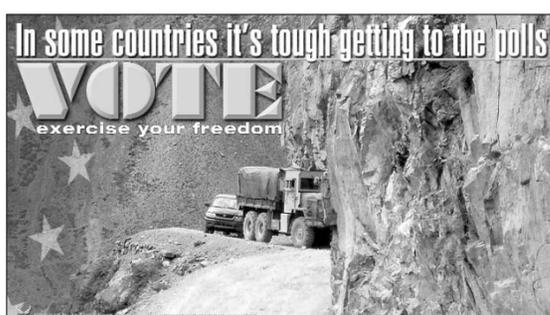
\* Limit 60 lbs per person (equivalent to 2 copy paper boxes)

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## Robins Exchange ID check goes hi-tech

Implementation of an updated point-of-sale system which uses “smart” Common Access Card technology is streamlining the identification process for age-restricted items at the Robins Exchange.

“According to DoD Instruction 1330.21 and Army Regulation 215-8, exchanges are required to restrict the sale of certain items such as alcohol and tobacco,” said Exchange General Manager Anthony Ventura. “Prior to implementation of the ‘smart’ ID cards, exchange associates had to visually inspect the identification in order to complete the sale. Now, our scanners at the register can work directly with the card to verify eligibility.”

The Robins Exchange’s new point-of-sale system prompts associates to check identification when a restricted item is scanned.

Scanning the bar code on the front of the shopper’s ID card allows the exchange system to determine the customer’s age and quickly complete the transaction. The system does not print the customer’s birth date on a receipt or store the information in any way.

“This is a convenience issue,” said Ventura. “It’s simply a matter of what is easiest for the shopper and, because the process is mechanical, another measure to help ensure minors are not in possession of age-restricted items.”

According to Ventura, scanning IDs to verify age is consistent with DoD Instruction 1000.13 which deems “U.S. Armed Forces Identification” cards as “the primary ID for active duty Uniformed Services members and shall be used to identify the member’s eligibility for benefits and privileges...”

“In this case, the exchange is identifying whether the shopper is eligible to purchase age-restricted items,” he said. “Furthermore, I’m confident this process is protecting the benefits of authorized shoppers by verifying ages on items, such as knives and mature-rated music.”

— *courtesy*  
*Robins Exchange*

## RENOVATION

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available during the closure.

The cardio room is also getting a 20-foot fan to promote better air circulation and conserve energy by allowing the air condition-

ing thermostat to be set higher.

"At about 3,000 users per day, improving their health, decreasing their medical costs and increasing their mission readiness is well worth the investment," Sparks said.

A new rule on shoes will be implemented once the

cardio/weight room reopens.

Due to problems with people tracking in dirt, grass and pebbles with their shoes, Sparks said people will be required to bring a second pair of shoes with them when they enter the gym. That's to ensure they have a clean pair of shoes on when they exercise.

## IMA

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can include deployments, natural disaster, operational readiness exercises, even air show's and inspections.

### What are our accomplishments?

IMAs have many significant accomplishments at Robins. We have supported key program office initiatives as new workloads are transitioned and we have supported major events, such as air shows, tattoos, UCIs, and senior leader conferences. We have provided key supply and logistics support capabilities in support of programmed depot maintenance work. IMAs have even provided direct support to our energy conservation initiatives and represented Robins community and industry events.

### What makes us different?

IMAs come from many walks of life, just like traditional “weekenders.” Many of us live close by,

but others travel from as far away California. Many have prior service, sometimes with our sister services. Most IMA's have distinct civilian careers, sometimes in unrelated fields. This allows us to offer unique and sometimes “out-of-the-box” perspectives and ideas.

### What makes IMAs the same?

IMAs are members of the U.S. Air Force.

They are “All In.” They wear the same uniform as the active force, shop in the same stores, and bring to the table a breath of experience from our civilian jobs to ensure that tomorrow’s Air Force is as well prepared as possible for the future. Last, and most important, they firmly believe in and adhere to the U.S. Air Force core values of “Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do.”

— *Col. Ed Yarish,*  
*Mobilization Assistant to*  
*WR-ALC commander*

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## RECYCLE THIS PAPER

# Robins IMA doubles as Olympic pentathlete

BY MAJ. DAVID BELTON

Public Affairs IMA



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

**Maj. Eli Bremer gets in some laps Wednesday at the Robins Fitness Center pool. He is a member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Modern Team and competes in the Modern Pentathlon.**

You might be training with an Olympic athlete the next time you work out in Robins' fitness center.

Maj. Eli Bremer was recently assigned to Robins, to work in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center as an IMA, or Individual Mobilization Augmentee.

Bremer is a member of the 2008 United States Olympic modern team. His sport is Modern Pentathlon.

The event – based on the “ideal qualities” of a Napoleonic cavalryman – combines horseback riding, fencing, shooting, swimming and running.

Bremer, a 2000 Air Force Academy graduate where he competed in swimming and fencing, trained for the Athens Games in 2004. But, a broken foot kept him off the team, and instead he became the first-ever rookie commentary announcer for NBC.

Training for the Beijing Games in 2008, Bremer dominated American pentathlon by winning a Gold Medal in the 2007 Pan-American Games and a Bronze Medal in the 2008 World Cup Finals.

“Qualifying for the Beijing Olympics has been the highlight of my career,” Bremer said. “Just being

there is 90 percent of it. When a city hosts an Olympics, that city becomes the Olympics. Everything becomes so international. It's not Beijing, it's ‘Beijing during the Olympics.’”

He just returned from the 2010 World Championships in Chengdu, China, and is now preparing for the Olympic Games in London. But he's also busy as a motivational speaker, advocating athletic excellence, family

values, and the United States Air Force.

“I tell kids to choose something productive and pursue it with all their hearts. Set your mind on something and just go do it, instead of letting life pass you by,” Bremer said. “At their age, they still have time.”

“I've always enjoyed representing the Air Force,” he said. “Both my brothers are in the Air Force. I'm proud to travel the globe, telling the Air Force story.”

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## 78th FSS BRIEFS

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## Only you can prevent fires

Sparky, the Robins Fire Department mascot, talks to children at Child Development Center East about the importance of fire safety. It was just one effort aimed at raising awareness of the importance of fire safety during Fire Prevention Week.

## COLUMBUS DAY HOURS

<p><b>OPEN</b> Bowling Center, open from 1 to 8 p.m. Fitness Center, open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flightline Kitchen, open 24 hrs Golf Course, open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lodging, open 24 hrs Rasile Indoor Pool, open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours of operation</p> <p><b>CLOSED</b> Aero Club Airman and Family Readiness Center Airman Leadership School (ALS) Arts &amp; Crafts Center Auto Skills Center Base Library Base Restaurant Cafeteria All Mobile Routes All Snack Bars Vending The Afterburner CDC East and West Community Center Equipment Rental/Outdoor Recreation</p>	<p>FAMCamp Fairways Grille Family Child Care Fitness Center Annex Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food) Food Service Office Heritage Club Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness (answering machine checked every 2 hrs) Horizons Human Resource Office Information, Tickets and Travel Manpower &amp; Personnel Flight (MPF) Marketing Military Education &amp; Training Office Pizza Depot Professional Development Center (PDC) Resource Management Office School Age Program Skeet Range The Afterburner US Veterinarian Services Wood Hobby Shop Youth Center</p>
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7 P.M.  
**THE SWITCH**  
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3 P.M.  
**NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS**  
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▶ Base Chapel	.....	926-2821
▶ Arts & Crafts	.....	926-5282
▶ Horizons	.....	926-2670
▶ Heritage Club	.....	926-2670
▶ Library	.....	327-8761
▶ HAWC	.....	327-8480
▶ Fitness Center	.....	926-2128
▶ Fitness Center Annex	.....	222-5350
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