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Camellia Gardens Memorial Service

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service – which pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins – will take place May 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the tranquil garden across from Horizons.

The service is a 35-year tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce.

The three teamed up in 1976 to establish and dedicate the garden.

At the garden's entrance are the names of 1,782 deceased military and civilian Robins members who have been honored.

To submit a family member, friend, or coworker who worked at Robins to be honored this year, visit <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/78abw/HC/default.aspx> or contact Tech. Sgt. Derek Johnson at 468-2821 or derek.johnson@robins.af.mil.

Robins leadership classes

The following leadership classes are scheduled for May:

►Mickie Cranford will present "Human Capital Management" Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's conference room in Bldg. 301.

►John Adams will present "Lessons Learned from 20 years of ALC Leadership" May 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

►Doug Keene will present "High Velocity Tenets" May 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Aerospace Sustainment Directorate's conference room in Bldg. 301.

►Col. Evan Miller will present "Promote Collaboration & Teamwork, Problem Solving" May 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

Road closure

Eleventh Street from Macon Street to Warner Robins Street will be closed for several days in early June while new paint and signage is installed. The street is being designated as a one-way street to the east. Work should begin on or about June 4, weather permitting.

The change in designation is needed to improve pedestrian and traffic safety in the areas of buildings 660 and 988, both of which have had recent major changes in use. For more information, call Bill Deaver, base traffic engineer, at 497-2930.

Energy reduction remains a priority

BY JENNY GORDON

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Reducing energy at Robins remains a top priority. With an Air Force goal of reducing energy intensity 30 percent by the end of fiscal 2015, a number of projects are currently in progress.

Lighting upgrades are taking place on a few maintenance docks on the eastside of base, and also in Bldg. 350 and Bldg. 376.

Extensive light renovations were also completed last fall

at the Fitness Center, resulting in more energy-efficient lighting in buildings 826 and 827.

Solar lighting was also installed near gym windows, and lighting was replaced in the racquetball and basketball courts, and around the indoor track.

These changes will result in an estimated savings of more than \$10,000 per year, according to Terry Landreth, 78th Civil Engineer Group Energy Office supervisor.

High-mast lighting controls were also recently installed on

more than 90 outdoor lights across the base. These control systems allow lights to either be turned off or reduced by 50 percent at night to reduce energy, while taking into consideration overall safety and security.

Those changes will be implemented in the next few weeks.

Several large-scale projects have also been proposed for fiscal 2013. They include improving monitor and control systems to reduce energy, base-wide building improvements, water conservation efforts,

additional lighting projects and other initiatives.

As budgets get tighter, energy budgets will be affected, explained Landreth.

Everyone will need to play a crucial role during the changing times by using best-management practices to reduce energy consumption. That includes turning off lights, computer monitors, fax machines and other office equipment when not in use.

"We are looking for people to conserve energy the best way they can," he said.

Black Hawk Down ... A survivor's first-hand account



U.S. Air Force photos by ROBERT TALENTI

Above, Matthew Eversmann, a retired Army first sergeant immortalized in the film "Black Hawk Down," discusses what it was like to be involved in the Battle of Mogadishu to more than 300 5th Combat Communications Group Airmen during his visit May 4 to Robins. Eversmann's presentation is part of an ongoing guest speaker series the group provides to its Airmen and the Robins community.

Right, First lieutenant Patrick Belleville, 52nd Communications operations flight commander, listens as Eversmann explains what was involved in the Battle of Mogadishu.



Installation to honor military spouses

BY JENNY GORDON

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Team Robins will celebrate military spouses this May and June, highlighted by a Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 22.

Activities will be conducted at the Airmen & Family Readiness Center and Health & Wellness Center.

Activities include: Youth Center Tour, May 22; Auto Hobby Shop car care, May 23; Wynn Dining facility tour, May 24; "Married to the Military" class, May 29; firearms safety training, June 2; library tour and story reading with children, June 4; and a self-defense class taught by the Warner Robins Police Department (date yet to be determined).

The appreciation day will begin with family activities at 8 a.m. They include a family 5K run, family Zumba class, kids coloring table, and massages in the relaxation room. There will also be breakout sessions available on home-based businesses for spouses. Children are welcome to all events.

The Horizons Club will host an appreciation reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with food, games and fun. There will be guest speakers and performances from local talent. To register, call 926-1256.

Events are open to all military spouses in the Air Force, Air National Guard, Reserves, Marines and Army. To learn more, call the A&FRC at 926-1256 or the HAWC at 327-8480.

Base to recognize National Police Week

BY LANORRIS ASKEW

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Next week the 78th Security Forces Squadron Defender's Council will host this year's National Police Week.

The week-long observance, which recognizes state and local police officers for their bravery and sacrifices, has been in existence since President John Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 in 1962.

The law designates May 15 each year as Peace Officers'

Memorial Day, in honor of the officers who have given their lives in the line of duty, and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week.

The following events are scheduled at Robins and in the local community:

Static Display and K9 Demo

The Warner Robins Police Department, along with the 78th SFS Combat Arms Training and Maintenance and Military Working Dogs sections, will host a law enforcement exhibit Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at

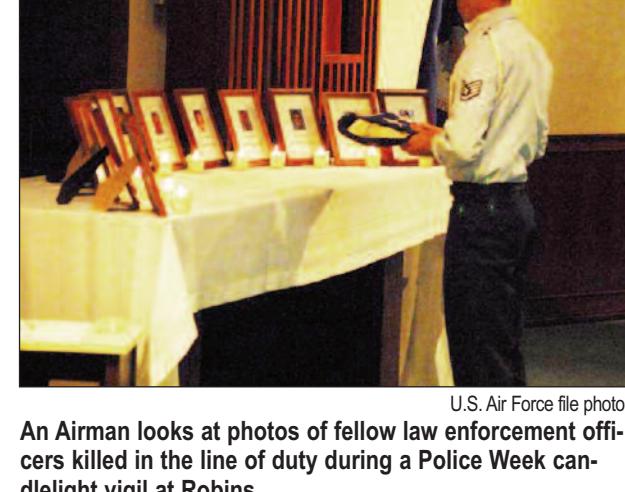
the Home Depot located on Watson Boulevard.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Jason Balcita at 472-1974 or Staff Sgt. Monica Carlsson at 468-5973.

Reveille

Reveille Monday at 7 a.m. at the flag pole in front of Bldg. 905 will officially commence the 2012 National Police Week at Robins and in the local community. Lt. Col. Thomas Morea, 78th SFS commander, will brief events that

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U.S. Air Force file photo
An Airman looks at photos of fellow law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty during a Police Week candlelight vigil at Robins.

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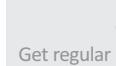


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U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

Airmen from the 78th Medical Group decontaminate a simulated victim during the In-Place Patient Decontamination Exercise.



An Airman simulating being exposed to hazardous substances goes through the decontamination process during the In-Place Patient Decontamination Exercise. The exercise teaches IPPD team members to quickly set up a shelter to decontaminate patients who could be exposed to chemical spills or other harmful substances.

X marks the spot

Robins Base Exchange to get new name, 12-phase redesign

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Renovations inside the Robins Exchange are projected to begin this month, with a tentative grand opening in mid-November.

The original start date was scheduled for early January, but was pushed back due to floor plan changes, according to Anthony Ventura, Robins AAFES general manager.

Shoppers may have already noticed a name change as part of a rebranding campaign across the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

The new name is the "Exchange," with a large 'X' displayed above it.

There will be 12 phases in the redesign, which will divide the store into 'lifestyle' centers, including fitness, home, active lifestyle and fashion centers.

Also, look forward to new low-maintenance, polished, concrete flooring.

There will be information boards at the main store's front entrance so customers can see what phase the redesign is in, and where merchandise is located. Toys will be relocated to the furniture store during the renovation to allow space for transition during each phase.

During the last phase, furniture will be relocated into the main store, which will provide improved customer service and shopping hours.

Another big change will be offerings in the food court. Dunkin' Donuts will be a new addition, as will Subway and Popeyes. Taco John's, Charley's Grilled Subs and Anthony's Pizza will remain in their current spots.

All store fronts will also receive new facelifts.



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ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE

Training to contain

■ 78th Medical Group sets up mock decontamination shelter, hones skills needed during disasters involving hazardous materials

BY TOMMIE HORTON

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The 78th Medical Group conducted In-Place Patient Decontamination training April 24 through 26 at the base medical facility.

During training, IPPD team members quickly set up a shelter and decontaminated patients injured during a mock disaster or major chemical spill.

In the event of a real emergency, patients would be washed off in the shelter area to prevent

them from contaminating other facilities where healthcare workers are present.

A total of 19 team members were trained to decontaminate patients for a variety of agents, including chemical, biological, radiological, and conventional hazardous or toxic materials.

Capt. Scott Walker, IPPD team lead and 78th MDG general dentist, said the goal was to make sure decontamination tents can be set up quickly in real-world situations.

The team physically set up a tent, hooked up a water heater to a fire hydrant, set up an area where excess water could be drained, and got fully dressed in protective suits in about 12 minutes.

The timed allowance was 20 minutes.

"It was good training because now as a team we are much more prepared," said Walker.

Training is conducted every two to three years, and was led by DECON LLC instructor and consultant Theresa Casey.

Interstate Educational Compact levels playing field for military students

BY KENDAHL JOHNSON

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One of the key issues facing military families – particularly when it comes to children's education – is frequently transitioning from one installation to the next. Georgia hopes to help remedy that by becoming the 42nd state to join the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

When a military member has a permanent change of station, inconsistent school transfer policies can often inhibit a student's academic standing and social integration.

The compact helps military-connected children have an equal and fair opportunity for academic success when transitioning to new schools.

"Education is the number one concern of military families with school-aged children," said Leslie Butikofer, wife of the installation commander, Col. Mitchel Butikofer. "I'm hopeful that the next place I go, my girls will be able to say, 'I already tested.'"

District superintendents are being asked to review the compact and consider ways of making their policies and proce-

dures consistent with the guidelines and rules set forth in the agreement.

They're also being asked to honor and respect the previous academic standing and accomplishments of military-connected children new to their districts, and to be flexible and open to ways to help students transfer earned courses and credits to their schools.

Editor's note: For more information about the compact, visit www.mic3.net.

very military-friendly state, and that they want to make the accommodations necessary to assist military families," said Leslie Darley, school liaison officer at Robins. "They already sacrifice so much with deployments, relocations, temporary duty, that their child's education should not be one of those sacrifices."

Yonkers visits Robins



U.S. Air Force photo by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Terry Yonkers, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, is greeted by David Smith, 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron director, during his visit last week to Robins.

ViewPoints

"Sometimes you can't see yourself clearly until you see yourself through the eyes of others."

— Ellen DeGeneres

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submissions must be received by 4 p.m. Wednesday, the week prior to the requested Friday publication.

They should be e-mailed to lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil and vance.janes@robins.af.mil

AFMC commander: Be responsible, don't drink and drive

AFMC Warriors,

The number of drunk driving incidents in our command has doubled at this time during each of the past three years.

This number of DUIs — already at too high of a rate — is very alarming. I expect everyone in AFMC to make the responsible decision to not drink and drive. I don't want to lose any of our AFMC family to a poor choice. It's incomprehensible that any of you would consciously place yourself, your passengers



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and others on the roadway at risk.

I call upon each of you to make a responsible plan before you go out. Don't drink. If you do drink, always drink responsibly. If you choose to drink, take the contact information for Airmen Against Drunk Driving and local taxi companies with you. Have a designated driver who doesn't drink and be a good Wingman.

Additionally, if you think you need help with dependency issues, please take advantage of the resources available to you. I encourage you to enroll in the Alcohol

and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program and seek assistance from your commander, first sergeant, substance abuse counselors or medical professionals. If you self-identify, the fact that you asked for help cannot be used against you for disciplinary purposes, as long as you're proactive and not currently under investigation or pending action as a result of an alcohol-related incident.

Each of you is smart enough to make the right choice to not drink and drive. Commit to making that choice upfront and then follow through.

Now is the time for bold leadership

BY CHIEF MASTER SGT. JAMES ROY

Chief Master Sgt of the Air Force

A few weeks ago I sent an email message titled "Leadership vs. Policy" to command chiefs and career field managers. You may have seen it, or parts of it, but I'd like to address it with you directly.

The theme of the message was too much arbitrary guidance could prove to be counterproductive. As supervisors, the more leverage we have to deal with situations on a case-by-case basis, the better.

Junior Enlisted Airmen

Young Airmen are our most precious resource. We spend millions of dollars recruiting, training, and equipping them to execute the tactical parts of the mission, and they never let us down.

We owe Junior Enlisted Airmen the proper training, education and experiences it takes to develop them into leaders in their field. We owe it to them to explain what is expected of them, and to follow up with

how they are meeting our expectations. We owe them the mentorship and guidance they need to succeed, and they should be expected to do everything they can to meet the high standards set by the supervisor.

NCOs
What our Junior Enlisted Airmen learn about leadership and mentorship will shape how they eventually supervise. Therefore, first-line supervisors have an incredible responsibility. NCOs should set young Airmen up for success by outlining specifically how to earn their highest rating. Following that, mentoring and additional feedback should address specific shortfalls and how to overcome them.

We are growing leaders, not judging Airmen on their ability to get it right on their own. As a supervisor, you should do all you can to help your Airmen succeed. When used properly, the formal feedback process is a good foundation for making



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this happen.

Senior NCOs

Our most senior enlisted Airmen have a tremendous amount of impact on the process. SNCOs should hold their NCOs and senior Airmen accountable for conducting required

feedback sessions, and support their fair ratings. SNCOs should understand that a 4 is not a bad rating, and some Airmen will earn that rating in a given period.

Rating Airmen fairly will not hurt his or her career; it should help them grow.

Commanders

In addition to the email message I sent to chiefs, I sent a similar message to MAJCOM commanders, asking them to pass it down to their commanders. Because most of our reports are signed by a commander, I felt it was important they understand where we're coming from. Commanders are the key and final component of this process, and their support for fair and

accurate ratings is critical.

Bold Leadership

Some have suggested we set some arbitrary quota for the number of 5 ratings allowed in a given shop. They claim that would make things easier.

I'm not interested in doing what's easy; I'm interested in doing what's right.

Implementing a quota would strip first-line supervisors of the leverage they need to grow tomorrow's enlisted leaders.

We don't need quotas.

Instead, we need bold leaders to set high standards and help Airmen achieve them. We need bold leaders to confront those Airmen who don't meet standards and document that feedback.

We need those bold leaders to rate each individual fairly and accurately, and that isn't easy. They will need the support of SNCOs and commanders to make it work.

It takes bold leadership on everyone's part to develop Airmen.

Now is the time to do everything you can at your level to make this happen.

Commander's Action Line

The action line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to live, learn, work and play.

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the responsible organization. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes.

Please include your name and a way of reaching

you, so we can provide a direct response. Anonymous action lines will not be processed. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will also not be processed.

Commander's Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

For more information, visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. To contact the Commander's Action Line, call 468-2886 or e-mail action.line@robins.af.mil.

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New maintenance certification briefing slated for May 22 at Base Theater

BY MICHELLE ALDANA
402nd Maintenance Wing

There's a new maintenance-focused career development program headed to a theater near you ... the Base Theater.

The Professional Maintenance Certificate Program, or PMxCP, was developed in response to the Office of the Secretary of Defense's goal of developing enterprise logisticians.

Air Force Materiel Command headquarters led the development of a maintenance-specific certification program to formally recognize the maintenance workforce's skills and experience. The program was developed with input and participation from professionals from each of the air logistics centers, Air Force Flight Test Center, the HQ AFMC Depot Maintenance Workforce Development Branch and Air Force Personnel Center.

"PMxCP is focused on recognizing the attainment and sustainment of the competencies, education, training and experience needed to perform the duties of the maintenance workforce," said Steve McBride, AFMC Depot

Maintenance Workforce Development Branch member.

The PMxCP consists of five levels of certification, which form a command standard for maintenance force development structured to provide an enterprise-wide perspective. Five occupational certificate codes have been added to the personnel system that can be used to document the Professional Maintenance Certificate Program in an individuals' career brief.

Those codes are available now.

The program delivers numerous benefits to the workforce in a consistent and attainable format.

"PMxCP provides a professional framework with consistent expectations, increases the marketability of maintenance professionals, and increases our focus on understanding where we all fit into the big picture," said Sandra Wimberly, Workforce Development Team lead and PMxCP Program coordinator. "It accomplishes all of this while implementing a critical component of the OSD Logistics Human Capital Strategy."

"Don't let the PMxCP scare you off," McBride added. "Attaining certification is a straight forward process. The integrated process team

WHAT TO KNOW

To register for the briefing, or to review PMxCP tools and resources, visit the PMxCP Community of Practice at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/AFMCPxCP>.

Alternatively, you can reach the CoP via the Air Force Portal page if you are using a ".mil" computer. Simply locate the Air Force Indexes A-Z on the right hand panel, select Applications, select the Air Force Knowledge Now (AFKN) link and type Professional Maintenance Certificate Program into the search box.

For additional information about the Warner Robins PMxCP briefing contact Abe Banks, 402 MXW/OBH (abe.banks@robins.af.mil) or Ken Hall, 402 MXW/OBLL (kenneth.hall@robins.af.mil).

has developed a series of useful tools and resources which guide maintenance employees through the application process."

In addition to these tools and resources, the IPT is also conducting roadshows to explain the program and demonstrate the application process.

The briefing on the program will be conducted May 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Base Theater.

Exercises evaluate Robins' response capabilities

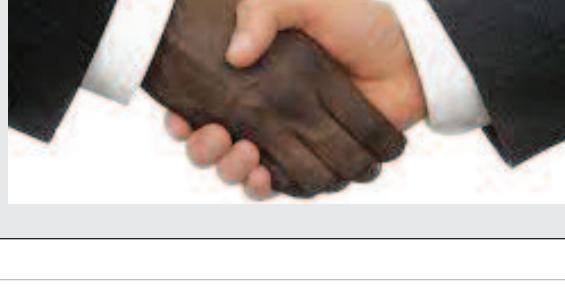


Two Emergency Management Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear responders take samples of suspicious materials located in a simulated suspect's residence May 2 during installation-level exercises Ardent Sentry 2012 and Team Robins 12-3. The exercises wrap up today.



U.S. Air Force photos by ROBERT CLAY

A team of responders is briefed on the simulated emergency and the plan for responding at the start of the exercises.



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On the Fly

Defense Dept. summer camp selections

The following local students have been selected to attend Department of Defense summer camps:

-Teen Aviation Camp, Colorado Springs, Colo.:

Julia Guidry, daughter of Capt. Robert and Michelle Guidry. Julia is a freshman at the Washington Latin Public Charter School, Washington D.C.

-Teen Leadership Camp, San Antonio, Texas:

Alexis Jefferson, daughter of Chief Master Sgt. Morris and Ivette Jefferson. Alexis is a sophomore at Veterans High School, Kathleen.

-Teen Leadership Camp, San Antonio, Texas:

Abby Butikofer, daughter of Col. Mitchel and Leslie Butikofer. Abby is a sophomore at Warner Robins High School.

-Advanced Space Academy, Huntsville, Ala.:

Brandon Hudson, son of Joseph and Tiffany Hudson. Brandon is a freshman at Veterans High School, Kathleen.

annual one-mile fun walk May 25 near the Robins Fitness Center. Same-day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the run and walk starting at 8 a.m. or shortly thereafter.

Although there is no entry fee to participate, runners are encouraged to secure sponsors. Sponsors can pledge by the kilometer, mile or give a flat donation.

All proceeds support the Robins Chiefs Group's Scholarship Program – a base-wide quarterly and annual awards program; Airman, noncommissioned officer and senior noncommissioned officer development programs; Community College of the Air Force graduation activities; and Airman and Family Support Center programs.

Registration and instruction materials can be downloaded at www.robinschiefsgroup.org or send an email to info@robinschiefsgroup.org.

The Base Chapel is sponsoring a free weekend marriage enrichment retreat for active-duty couples June 29 through July 1 at Callaway Gardens.

Register by June 15. For more information, call 468-2821.

Upcoming

A celebration honoring **Robins' newest Master Sergeants** will be conducted Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Heritage Club.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Stephanie Norris at 497-8177.

The Robins Chiefs Group will hold its 9th annual 5K run and 4th

be an enlisted military member or the dependent of an enlisted military member (Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired or deceased) assigned to or retired from Robins.

Any enlisted rank or branch of service is eligible.

In the case of retired or deceased sponsors, the applicant must have remained in the Robins area.

Applicants must have applied to, been accepted at, or currently attending an accredited institution of higher learning (university, college, technical college, etc.) on a full-time basis.

For more information, visit the Robins Chiefs Group's website at www.robinschiefsgroup.org or send an email to info@robinschiefsgroup.org.

The following leave recipient has been approved through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

Jacqueline Jones of HQ AFPC. POC is Connie Freeman, who can be reached at 468-4756.

To have a leave recipient listed here, email Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.

Robins continues to partner with **The Clean Air Campaign** to help reduce local traffic and air pollution. To participate, visit www.logyourcommute.com.



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Moment of prayer

Above, Chaplain (Capt.) Patrick Konester offers a prayer for military personnel and their families during the National Day of Prayer May 3 at Warner Robins City Hall. Konester was one of 12 area clergymen to offer prayers on specific topics of concern. It was the 61st anniversary of the National Day of Prayer.

Right, Athena Romo (left) and Connie Mitchell (right) pray at the Robins Chapel.



Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	468-1256
Health and Wellness Education	Health and Wellness Center	497-8480
Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	497-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	497-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	(478) 922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	468-2946
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	497-4584

AFMC Wellness Support Center — www.afmcwellness.com

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Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month profile

Vivian Siu

Human resources specialist, Directorate of Personnel

What is your heritage? Vietnamese

What does your heritage mean to you?

Heritage is a profound reflection of my family and cultural history, and present and future situations. I might have been born in the U.S., but I haven't forgotten the stories of my family history and cultural roots. It's impossible to forget I am the daughter of hard-working and poor Vietnamese War refugees. In 1975, my parents fled from Saigon to the U.S. My parents married in California, and we moved to Perry when I was 8. The hardships my parents encountered in Vietnam and the U.S. are part of my history. Heritage connects the gaps between generations. We should never forget where we came from.

Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.

What makes you most proud about being Vietnamese-American? I'm proud

that many of my fellow Vietnamese-Americans have succeeded in the U.S. despite facing many obstacles, such as cultural assimilation and poverty. They proved that anyone, regardless of economic status and cultural background, can work hard and achieve their dreams. I'm proud of my parents as well, because they started from scratch. When my dad was single, he worked three jobs. My mom worked full-time while she was a full-time high school student. My parents made many sacrifices for me and my three younger siblings.

As a Vietnamese-American, what are your favorite foods? My favorite

Vietnamese dishes are Phở Tái Näm (rice noodle soup served with raw thin slices of beef. The hot broth cooks the raw beef); Bánh Xèo (Vietnamese crepe stuffed with shrimp, pork, green onions and bean sprouts); Bánh Mì Thịt (sandwiches); Bún Chả Giò (rice vermicelli topped with fried spring rolls and herbs); Bánh Bao (steamed pork buns); and Bánh Tiêu (deep-fried hollow doughnuts).

Who do you think has been the most influential Asian-Pacific American?

Bruce Lee. Like Lee, I have an intense passion for mar-



tial arts. He has been my role model since I was a child.

What is an interesting fact you would like to share about your heritage?

Vietnam is a very diverse country with 54 ethnic groups. Each ethnic group has its own unique cultural costumes and customs. My parents are descendants of the mountain ethnic minorities in the central highlands. My mom belongs to the Koho (Cờ Ho) ethnic group; my dad, the Bahar (Ba Na) and Jarai (Gia Rai) ethnic groups. This is why my surname is Siu and the reason why I do not have a common Kinh surname like Nguyen or Pham or Ngo.

Do you have a favorite cultural event you like to celebrate? I really like to celebrate the Asian New Year by cooking my favorite Asian dishes and watching martial arts movies.

Have you had the opportunity to visit the country of your ancestors? I visited Vietnam for the first time in 2010. My favorite place was Dalat, my mom's birthplace. I felt I somewhat found inner peace when I experienced my mom's hometown. Since I was a kid, she told me stories of her childhood there. The scenery is breathtaking. The mountains, waterfalls and flowers are beautiful. In Dalat, I also had the chance to ride an elephant, and I toured the exquisite Bao Dai Summer.

Upcoming Asian-Pacific American Heritage events

►Fashion Show today at 11:30 a.m. at the Base Exchange

►Food tasting will be conducted at the Base Exchange May 18 at 11:30 a.m.

►5K Run/Walk May 24. Meet at the Health and Wellness Center at 7 a.m.

►Dinner Celebration May 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage Club. For tickets contact 2nd Lt. Bryanna Wooley bryanna.wooley@ang.af.mil.

Get Out

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HAPPENINGS

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Tybee Island

Register by today
Trip is June 11
\$35 per person
For details, call 468-4001.

Casino Cruise

Register by today
Trip is June 16
\$35 per person
For details, call 468-4001.

Spring Fling at Base Restaurant

Ends today
Make purchase of \$4 or more and receive a scratch-off ticket for a chance to win prizes.
For details, call 468-6972.

Dogs & Burgers on the Patio

Saturdays in May
Golf Course/Fairways Grille
For details, call 468-4103.

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Horizons
Members \$15.95
Guests \$18.95
For details, call 468-2670.

Mother's Day BINGO

Sunday
2:45 p.m.
Heritage Club
For details, call 468-4515.

Mother's Day Bowl

Sunday
Moms bowl for \$1 a game
Bowling Center
For details, call 468-2112.

Interview with Confidence

Monday
1 to 3 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

Pine Oaks Golf League

Sign-up now
League starts Tuesday
Team entry fee \$50
For details, call 468-4103.

SERVICES DIRECTORY

- FSS Admin 468-3193 ► HAWC 497-8480
- Community Center . 468-2105 ► Fitness Center .. 468-2128
- Outdoor Rec 468-4001 ► Fitness Annex ... 472-5350
- Base Chapel 468-2821 ► Youth Center ... 468-2110
- Arts & Crafts 468-5282 ► Tickets, Travel ... 468-2945
- Horizons 468-2670 ► Bowling Center ... 468-2112
- Heritage Club 468-2670 ► Pine Oaks G.C. .. 468-4103
- Library 497-8761 ► Pizza Depot 468-0188

Note: Unless otherwise noted, numbers listed in the Rev-Up are DSN numbers. If calling from a commercial or off-base phone, dial prefix 222 if listed as 472; 327 if listed as 497; or 926 if listed as 468.

Bundles for Babies & Passport to Parenthood

Tuesday
8 a.m. to noon
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

Financial Beginnings

Wednesday
9 to 11 a.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

Armed Forces

Kids Fun Run

Register through Wednesday

Event is May 19
Sign-up at 8:30 a.m.
Run starts at 9 a.m.

Youth 5 through 13 years

For details, call 468-2110.

Armed Forces

Kids Fun Run

May 19

Sign-up at 8:30 a.m.

Run starts at 9 a.m.

Youths 5 through 13

Register through May 16

For details, call 468-2110.

Armed Forces Day

May 19

Show ID card and receive

a complimentary game

when you bowl a game

Bowling Center

For details, call 468-2112.

Low Country Boil

May 23

6 p.m.

Members \$13.95

Guests \$15.95

Fairways Grille Patio

RSVPs needed

For details, call 468-4103.

Navigating USAJobs

May 24

9 to 10 a.m.

Bldg. 794

For details, call 468-1256.

9-Pin No-Tap Season End Tournament

May 19

6 p.m.

\$15

Bowling Center

For details, call 468-2112.

Family Day Bowl

May 25

Three games

with shoes for \$5

Bowling Center

For details, call 468-2112.



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Student curators to open exhibit

Three high school student curators will be joined by about 100 of their classmates and representatives from the Museum of Aviation, 116th Air Control Wing, Northside High School, and the Houston County Board of Education to recognize their work on the Museum of Aviation's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Exhibit. The event, which culminates their time in the Professional Interest Exploration Program, will take place in front of the exhibit on the second floor of the Eagle Building today at 10 a.m.

Wesley Paskett, Jaikel "Jay" Robinson, and Keynan Callum spent an hour and a half a day, two days a week working on the exhibit.

When the exhibit opens today they will have spent more than 40 hours at the museum. Through PIE, students have a chance to explore a professional interest



area within the community, in an attempt to determine a possible area of concentration for them in college and in life. For more information about the program, call Arthur Sullivan at 222-5331 or email

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will take place during the week.

5K Run and walk

A 5K run and walk will be conducted Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. starting at the Health and Wellness Center, Base Fitness Center parking lot. All proceeds will go to Law Enforcement United.

For more information or to register, contact Staff Sgt. Curnita Brisby at 472-1997.

Team Bowling Tourney

A bowling tournament will be conducted Wednesday at the base bowling center from 1 to 5 p.m. The event is open to civilian and military law enforcement agencies, military members and their dependents, and civilians affiliated with the installation (independent access is required.)

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Kyle Wade at 472-1992. All proceeds will go to Law Enforcement United.

Candlelight Vigil

A memorial service for all law enforcement officers in the State of Georgia, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and Security Forces members who have given their lives in the line of duty during the past year will be conducted May 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Base Chapel.

The guest speaker will be Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigations director.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Jason Balcita at 472-1974.

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