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### Camellia Gardens ceremony today, new look revealed

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service – which pays tribute to the men and women who have served their country from Robins Air Force Base – will take place today at 10:15 a.m. in the gardens across from Horizons.

A reception will follow at Horizons.

The service, which is a 36-year tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society and the Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce, will have a new backdrop according to Chaplain (Capt.) Jeffrey McMillen, 78th Air Base Wing chaplain.

"The Camellia Gardens team was tasked by Col. (Mitchel) Butikofer, (78th Air Base Wing commander,) to give the memorial a refreshed look," he said.

Through a teaming effort which included the memorial team, 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, Youth Center and the Hobby Shop, that new look will feature fresh landscaping as well as a new look to the memorial wall.

At the garden's entrance are the names of 1,782 deceased military and civilian Robins' members who have been honored. As the list of names has grown annually, space became an issue so a redesign of the name plaques in a uniform size and location is also part of the

### 402nd MXW recognizes aircraft, sheet metal graduates

BY JENNY GORDON jenny.gordon.ctr@robins.af.mil

By investing in its workforce, Robins Air Force Base is looking ahead to the future.

Facing a challenge in manpower shortages within the 402nd Maintenance Wing in late 2009, a team of senior leaders, human resources training specialists and subject matter experts developed a formal training program that included hiring external candidates with industrial, production and other metal-related experience.

The goal – to hire, train and groom future aircraft and sheet metal mechanics dedicated to sustaining the Air Force aircraft platform of C-5s, C-130s, C-17s and F-15s at Robins.

Their hard work throughout the compre-

hensive two-year program, which combined valuable classroom instruction with on-thejob training, resulted in 167 graduates receiving certificates during a pregraduation ceremony May 16 at the Heritage Club.

While requirements were being finalized for the 402nd MXW Wage Grade Helper Formal Training Program in early 2010, there were additional challenges of developing course instruction, job announcements, and the review of more than 4,000 applications. That pool of applicants was narrowed to 204 potential trainees, hired through the spring and summer of 2010. The first group began work at Robins in May 2010.

Men and women were hired from a range of career fields, from electricians, roofers and carpenters to teachers, farmers and first through third-generation employees.

Col. Evan Miller, 402nd MXW commander, extended congratulations, emphasizing the group's initiative in applying and laying the foundation for future success.

"You have progressed through a program that has made you a more skilled and valuable member of the Robins and Air Force team," Miller said to the audience of several hundred. "The foundation here at Robins is about the aircraft we produce. With our mission here in the 402nd MXW, we cannot do it without what you do."

"I applaud you for your initiative," he continued. "With the performance I have seen over the last year – from 48 percent on-

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CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER Kickoff at Robins BY JENNY GORDON

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Friday marks the beginning of the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign, which runs through Sept. 3. This year's theme is "Safety – It's Personal."

"This year's theme is a reminder that safety is everyone's responsibility and the decisions we make impact our friends, families and Air Force community," Maj. Gen. Gregory Feest, Air Force Chief of Safety, is quoted as saying in a release. "Summer is a wonderful season to enjoy the great outdoors ... I urge you to incorporate thoughtful planning in all your activities and get sufficient rest before strenuous events as well as extended road trips.

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"It's a phenomenal breath of fresh air to this long-standing tradition, said McMillen. "It looks the best I have seen it look since I was stationed here in 2009. It shows our community the continued support we have honoring the memories of our fallen Team Robins members."

The facelift also included the removal of 14 dead trees and the replacement of the sprinkler system as well as the inclusion of the Air Force shield and the newly-designed Team Robins shield.

The project, which has been in the works for about 2 months, will yield a beautiful memorial and those who walk through will have much better vistas.

All military should wear the uniform of the day and civilians should wear business attire for the ceremony.

- By Lanorris Askew

#### Traffic changes

▶ Beginning Tuesday, Gate 4 will be permanently closed to outbound traffic for safety and security reasons. Gate 4 inbound traffic will also change as the commercial search area will be located further south along Page Road. Gate 5 will reopen to outbound traffic Mondays through Fridays from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; however, Gate 5 outbound lane operating times are subject to revision. Gate 4 and 5 inbound lane operating hours will not change. For more information, call Radena Lane at 468-3727.

U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

### **Police Week vigil**

Staff Sgts. Rocky Foreman (left) and Brian Judkins, 78th Security Forces Squadron, carry candles during the National Police Week Candlelight Vigil May 18 at the Base Chapel. The memorial service recognized all the law enforcement officers in the state of Georgia, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and Security Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty during the past year. The guest speaker was Vernon Keenan, Georgia Bureau of Investigations director. See more photos on page 9.

"Give some consideration to your personal limits and capabilities and exercise sound judgment. We want every Airman to come home safely at the end of the day," he said.

The summer campaign calls attention to the tragic loss or

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### May, June activities honor military spouses

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In honor of military spouses at Robins, activities for families will be held throughout May and June. For new military spouse Elizabeth Yarbrough, the gettogethers provide an ideal chance to network and get to know the local community.

"I really enjoy these," said Yarbrough, whose husband, 2nd Lt. Jace Yarbrough, is a development engineer with the 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group. "It gives me an opportunity to meet other spouses."

She was able to attend

some of Tuesday's Military Spouse Appreciation Day activities at the Health and Wellness Center, including learning how to start a homebased business, and luncheon festivities at the Horizons Club.

Also in attendance was Tammy Pilcher, spouse of retired Master Sgt. Paul Pilcher, who works in the 78th Dental Squadron. She has supported military spouses as a key spouse the last several years, providing resources to families whose loved ones are deployed.

Annual spouse appreciation days, sponsored by the Airman & Family Readiness



Center, are a wonderful way to recognize those who selflessly give of themselves.

"I think it's really good for morale," said Pilcher. "It gives spouses a chance to be with other adults while the children U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Melissa Goins and daughter, Felicia, admire a flower given to each military spouse who attended a Military Spouse Appreciation Day reception on Tuesday at Horizons. They are the wife and daughter of Maj. Joshua Goins, center legal office attorney.

do activities. It helps these spouses know they are not alone."

The Spouse Appreciation lunch was attended by about 50

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## Page Two Executive director reflects on 36 years

#### BY CHRISSY MINER christine.miner@robins.af.mil

ay Charles may have had Georgia on his mind, but Deryl

Israel has Georgia in his heart.

"All roads lead to Georgia – that's my saying," gleaned the executive director of the Warner Robins Air

Israel

Today, he retires from federal civil service after 36 years.

#### Growing up

Logistics Center.

As a boy, Israel grew up around the base, but really didn't know too much about what went on behind the gates.

"I could throw a rock to where I grew up, just over the interstate in Peach County," said the career engineer. He may not have known much about it, but his curiosity was ignited one day while plowing the fields at his family's farm.

"I remember riding on the tractor when I was about 15 and seeing a large C-5 doing a circle over our place... I remember thinking how big it looked – like it was suspended in the sky," exclaimed Israel.

The awe of seeing the largest weapon system in the Air Force fleet up close and personal drove Israel's interest in math and science that eventually landed him in the halls of Georgia Tech for college. The path from plowing the Peach County farm field to top civilian at Robins did not come easy. "My father passed away

#### WHAT TO KNOW

of service, love for the Peach State

A retirement ceremony for Israel will be today at 2 p.m. in the Museum of Aviation

Century of Flight Hangar.

when I was 7," Israel said. "My mother, Evelyn, and my brothers and sister really worked hard to take care of me."

Israel also distinctly remembers being on the free-lunch program at school. "That keeps me grounded – reminds me that I need to pay it forward," said Israel. Israel also credited his mother

for putting away his father's social security death benefit to pay for his college tuition at Tech. Sadly, his mother, Evelyn Sledge, passed away last January at the age of 94. "She almost made it to 95," Israel said with a smile. "She was one amazing lady."

It wasn't until his junior year in college that a job at Robins seemed to be a possibility. It seemed like a good fit; both his brothers and numerous other family members worked on the base. The money wasn't as competitive as some of the other offers for a fresh Tech graduate, but ultimately, it came down to one simple thing – "I love Georgia – but Middle Georgia is very near and dear to my heart," said Israel.

#### In the beginning

He began his career at the WR-ALC, working as an engineer in the electronic warfare, counter measures and jamming systems. "It was very exciting to me to be involved in the really significant projects that had a huge impact in protecting the warfighter," said Israel, beaming with pride. "The systems I worked on helped to jam the enemy's radar systems, so our pilots could come home and fly another day."

While Israel spent about 25 years of his 36-year career at the center, he did choose to leave the state a few times for career broadening. He had assignments on the Washington D.C. beltway, and eventually landed at Ogden Air Logistics Center, in Utah, where he was named the first Director of Engineering. Prior to his current assignment, he also spent time in Florida, working acquisition issues at the Air Armament Center.

"I thought I would finish my career in Florida – until my dream job came open," said Israel with a grin. The seasoned engineer did land his dream job – capstoning his career with the top civilian job on Robins Air Force Base.

#### What's next

After retirement, Israel plans to spend time with family at their Kathleen home, catching up on his "honey-do list." He is also considering taking up some new hobbies.

"Jeanne and I bought some jet skis a few years back ... we hope to spend some time at the lake and do more fishing," he declared with a grin.

He also noted their love of traveling to different wineries in the Southeast. Among other things, he will need to set aside time to be the family referee when it comes to school rivalries in the family. He has two Tech grads in the family, but his eldest son rebelled and graduated from the University of Georgia. "We'll forgive him – eventually."



### 78th FSS Family Day, holiday hours

#### Open Friday

- ►Afterburner closes at 12:30 p.m.
- ►Auto Hobby Shop
- ► Big Bingo
- Bowling Center
- CDC West
- ► Fast Food Cafeteria closes at 12:30 p.m.
- ► Golf Course, normal hours
- Fairwavs Grille
- ▶ FamCamp
- Fitness Center, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Flight Line Kitchen, 24 hrs
- Heritage Club normal hours
- ► Heritage Pool, noon to 7 p.m.
- ► Horizons normal hours
- ► Horizons Pool, noon to 7 p.m.
- ▶ITT from 9 a.m. 5 p.m.
- ►Lodging normal hours
- ▶Outdoor Rec, 8 a.m. to 5p.m.
- ►Pizza Depot
- Rasile Indoor Pool, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  Snack Bars Bldgs. 91, 645, 640, 125, 300 hallway and foyer,
- 301, 140 and 210 close at 1 p.m.
- Bldg. 125 night bar closes at 7 p.m.
- ►Wood Hobby Shop
- ►Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours
- Youth Center

#### **Open Monday**

- Bowling Center, normal hours
- Fitness Center, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ► Flight Line Kitchen, 24 hrs
- ► Fairways Grille, breakfast only
- ► Golf Course, normal hours
- ►Lodging, 24 hrs
- ▶ Rasile Indoor Pool, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Horizons Pool, noon to 7 p.m.
- Heritage Pool, noon to 7 p.m.
- Wynn Dining Facility, normal hours

- Editor's note: All Services facilities not listed will be closed.

### Asian-Pacific American Profile

Francis Santos

What does your heritage mean to you? I was born and raised in the Philippines, and ventured to different continents to bring out the best in my culture through skill, love and respect for family values – the simplest of living. I remember living the hard way, but keep us going. Filipinos work hard for their families and value education and success in our professions. We are peace-loving and talented.

As a Filipino-American, what are your favorite foods? I love adobo, pancit (rice noodles), lumpia (our famous egg rolls), and our filling rice cakes.

Philippine Department of Tourism and MTV Asia. He has also launched his own music label, Jeepney Music, which he hopes will provide a platform for emerging Filipino musical talent.

Do you have a favorite cultural event you like to celebrate? The Santa Cruzan celebration in May, which includes nine days of prayer in honor of the Holy Cross. A procession is always the final part of the festival of Flores de Mayo, and is held in many cities and small villages. Where is your favorite place to visit? Boracay. Beaches in the Philippines are among the world's finest. Boracay beaches are famous for powder-white sand, and breathtaking sparkling emerald waters.



#### Johnson

Wife of Master Sgt. Jonathon Johnson, 116th Air Control Wing executive assistant to the Command Chief

Hometown: Quezon City, Philippines What is your heritage? Native of the Philippines



What makes you most proud about being Filipino-American? I am proud to be a Filipino because we are known to be hardworking ... because no matter how bad things get, we always seem to find something positive or something to smile about to Who do you think has been the most influential Asian-Pacific American? Black Eyed Peas' Allan Pineda Lindo, was born in the Philippines. He moved to the U.S. at 11, and met Will.i.am when he was in high school in Los Angeles. He has been involved in projects in his native country, including a recent performance in a music video, created in partnership with the



# ViewPoints

"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." - Bertha Calloway

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#### SUBMISSION

### Salute valor, mourn loss and appreciate sacrifice BY MAJ. GEN. **ROBERT MCMAHON**

Commander. Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

In this time of change for our command, Robins people are fully realizing that some things just won't be the same anymore. There exists an inescapable sense this will be the last time for certain aspects of our working lives that have been commonplace and comfortable.

With that in mind, and noting a significant red letter date just ahead on the calendar, I paused to ponder a comparative thought. What if we walked into our jobs every day knowing that this truly may be the end? How would we conduct ourselves if every day could be our last?

On Monday, our nation will pause to honor the noblest of Americans who not only lived that scenario, but died realizing it.

Memorial Day is a holiday established to pay respect to those who gave their lives serving

our nation. It is the day we set aside to solemnly remember the brave men and women who knew well the perils of war, vet courageously reported to duty knowing they may not survive. It is a day to salute their valor, mourn their loss, and appreciate their sacrifice - the precious price paid for our sake ... for the cause of freedom.

Stories of the actual beginnings of Memorial Day are many. We do know that, by the late 1860s, Americans in various towns had begun performing springtime tributes to fallen Civil War soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers. Fittingly, the national observance was originally known as Decoration Day, a title made official in 1868. and observed on May 30. Although Waterloo, N.Y., was declared the birthplace of this tradition. numerous other cities and regions claimed to have originated the remembrance and practiced the rites on different dates.

we salute on this day purchased our precious liberty, our very way of life, with their lives. For this, we owe an infinite debt of gratitude."

**McMahon** 

say. World War I gave us cause to commemorate our casualties from all American conflicts, a need that would grow as history unfolded. The federal holiday was established as Memorial Day in 1971 and affixed on the calendar for the last Monday of May. Those longtime regional disputes over the tribute's genesis would give way to national unity over respect for the ultimate sacrifice made by our nation's best.

No matter the name, the date or the specific origin of the tradition, Memorial Day stands as perhaps the most important of American holidays. The valiant warriors we salute on this day purchased our precious liberty, our very

way of life, with their lives. For this, we owe an infinite debt of gratitude.

"The valiant warriors

So remember we must. And remember we will. All across the nation, ceremonies, parades, tributes and prayers will commemorate our departed heroes.

Here today, we continue a 36-year Robins tradition of gathering in our Camellia Gardens to remember not only those lost on the battlefields of history, but also to honor the men and women military and civilian who worked side-by-side with us in dedicated service to their country.

On Memorial Day itself, we have the chance as a nation to stop and pay respects during the national moment of remembrance at 3 p.m.

However you choose to remember, Hope and I ask every member of the Robins team to join us this Memorial Day in honoring the courage and commitment of those who died in service to our country throughout our rich history. And as we think of those who gave their all in wars past, please keep in your thoughts and prayers those deployed at this very time -584 of those our very own from Robins, as I write this message.

I also urge every member of our team to take the long weekend to enjoy the freedoms our warriors won for us. You've all worked hard and deserve a fun break. As you make the most of the holiday, please, ensure safety and accident prevention are key parts of your leisure activities for this weekend and throughout the summer.

As always, my sincere thanks to each of you for all that you do for our base, our U.S. Air Force and our nation.

History would have its

### They answered the call so we may know peace

BY COL. MITCHEL BUTIKOFER

Installation commander

hile most of us will be doing different things on Memorial Day, one thing we all should do is spend time remembering our fallen heroes.

Memorial Day is the time for us to reconnect with our history and core values by honoring those who gave their lives for the ideals we cherish. More than a million American service members have died in the wars and conflicts this nation has been involved in since the first colonial soldiers

took up arms to fight for independence - an unbroken chain of proud men and women who served their country with honor; who waged war so that we might know peace; who braved hardship so that we might know opportunity; who paid the ultimate price so we might know freedom.

I'm reminded of poignant remarks by President John F. Kennedy.

"Let every nation know, whether it

wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

So, it doesn't matter how we choose to pay tribute to our heroes – whether it be placing flowers and flags on their graves, participating in observances, or simply pausing to reflect on and give thanks to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great nation. We need to take the time to remember their service and revere their sacrifice, and honor them as they deserve.



Butikofer

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### DLA commander: "Remember the fallen"

#### **BY COL. DANIEL HICKS**

**DLA Aviation Warner Robins** commander

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves.

It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. The General Order that gave the observance momentum nationwide read, "The 30th of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land.

"In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit."

During the first Decoration Day, Gen. James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, the burial

place for more than 20,000 union and Confederate soldiers. By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and after World War I, obser-

**Hicks** 

vances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed the last Monday in May. Its purpose remains to honor all those who died in America's Wars.

In the American Civil War there were more than 600,000 deaths in four years. About 425 men died every day for four straight years. The U.S. population was around 31 million, so, one in 50 Americans died. As the General Order said, Soldiers' bodies were buried in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. And, virtually every family suffered loss firsthand or knew loss secondhand. That was 150 years ago, and no one alive today remembers it.

In World War II the



every 300 citizens died fighting in Europe or the Pacific.

citizens, one of

bloodiest war in

human history,

Americans died

each and every

day. More than

their lives. With

130 million U.S.

400,000 gave

about 300

For decades following that war, millions could go to the grave of a son, a brother, a father, or an uncle on Memorial Day to pay honor to their sacrifice. That was nearly 70 years ago; those alive today who can remember it are few.

Forty years ago, our country's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines were dying in Southeast Asia, in a country most Americans had never heard of before 1965. Our population was just more than 200 million; one in 3,800 citizens gave his or her life – quite a change from one in 50 a hundred vears earlier.

An average of 16 died in Vietnam daily. Fewer families were irreparably damaged; fewer had a reason to make a trip to a cemetery on Memorial Day.



Since Sept. 11, 2001, about 5,700 servicemen and women have died fighting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan – that's less than two per day, and one in 55,000 U.S. citizens. A Civil War family was 1,000 times more likely to feel the pain of death. But, that doesn't diminish the sacrifice of someone like Air Force Staff Sgt. Dustin Peters. who gave his life protecting a convoy in Iraq on July 11, 2004; nor does it diminish the pain his mother felt as we buried Sergeant Peters' body in the hills of southwest Arkansas.

It just makes the visit to the cemetery for Dustin's family lonelier because fewer will go with them to our nation's cemeteries than would have 50 years ago. That's partly because memories are fading. And, partly because nowadays we are enticed to do things that are more fun and less sobering on the Memorial Day weekend.

But, it's also partly because fewer U.S. servicemen and women have to make their final trip to those cemeteries from places like Shiloh, Tenn., the Ardennes Forrest in France, Guadalcanal, the Chosin Reservoir, Khe Sahn, Hue, Mosul and Fallujah.

And, I am absolutely certain every veteran alive today, and every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, and Marine in uniform, thanks God for that. Remember the fallen.



### MEMORIA

"Memorial Day is an opportunity to pause and reflect on the of the more than one million Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen who have made the ultimate sacrifice to secure our fre

**Gen. Norton Schwartz** 



# On the Fly

### Summer PCS Essentials

With summer right around the corner, peak season for permanent changes of station is on the way. Individuals relocating during peak season need to be flexible in their packing, pick-up and delivery dates.

To maximize the opportunity to secure desired movement dates, customers should provide orders 60 days prior to, and no later than 30 days from their move to the Traffic Management Element in Bldg, 914.

If orders aren't provided by the force support squadron in a timely manner, customers or their commanders should intercede, since this will most likely delay moving.

Ultimately, receiving timely orders is the area which negatively affects customers the most.

Requested pick-up dates should have flexibility so an additional few days between requested and actual pick-up dates won't negatively impact plans to vacate housing, commence travel and execute other PCS-related activities.

Customers must provide primary and alternate movement dates to the Traffic Management Flight during precounseling.

Once precounseling is completed, the service member will be scheduled for a mass briefing.

Primary and alternate

pack and pick-up dates provided at precounseling should tentatively be scheduled no earlier than 21 calendar dates after the scheduled mass briefing. However, counseling appointments won't be made over the phone.

For more information, contact the customer service section at (478) 222-0119.

### WR-ALC partners with Ga. Tech

An education partnership agreement was signed Wednesday between the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The agreement was signed by Maj. Gen. Robert McMahon, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, and G.P. "Bud" Peterson, Georgia Tech president.

The collaboration will not only encourage and enhance study in disciplines such as science and engineering, but also tap into academic opportunities at the Atlanta university.

"This is an investment in future leaders of Robins Air Force Base," said Deryl Israel, Center executive director. "It's a big deal for us as far as community support and the long-term positioning of the base."

Base leaders are continuing to look for future educational opportunities to benefit Robins; they met in May with the Georgia Board of Regents.

Discussions centered on the newly-designated Middle Georgia State College – a consolidation effort of Middle Georgia College in Cochran and Macon State College.

Currently, there are local opportunities to pursue advanced degrees at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville and Mercer University in Macon.

### Upcoming

The **Base Thrift Shop** in Bldg. 945, across the street from the Base Exchange, will be closing for the summer.

The last day to take consignments will be Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (shopping until 1 p.m.).

The Thrift Shop will reopen Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

Don't miss out on the \$4 bag sale Friday (clothing and shoes only).

For more information, call 472-7480 on Wednesdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m and between 3 and 6 p.m.

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.



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### **Higher Education Forum**

Max Wyche, Personnel director, talks with Mary Roberts, Georgia College and State University Career Center director, during a break at the Higher Education Forum Tuesday at the Museum of Aviation. Representatives from colleges and technical schools in Middle and Southern Georgia attended to learn about the educational requirements and skill sets needed in the coming years at Robins.

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Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	497-4584

#### AFMC Wellness Support Center — www.afmcwellness.com

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#### Et cetera

The following leave recipients have been approved through the **Voluntary Leave Transfer Program**: Jacqueline Jones of HQ AFPC.

Point of contact is Connie Freeman, who can be reached at 468-4756. Claude Lazarra of 78th Air Base Wing. Point of contact is Michael Pierce, who can be reached at 497-4841. To have a leave recipient listed here, email Lanorris Askew at lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil.



### Base prepares for hurricane season

The Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1 and continues through Nov. 30. Sunday through June 2 is Hurricane Preparedness Week.

Meteorologists and emergency managers nationwide will be taking time to inform the public on the impacts of tropical weather and preparations to consider.

And, just as they have each year, the men and women of the 78th Operations Support Squadron's weather flight are working to ensure Team Robins is aware of the threats posed by landfalling tropical features.

"Preparedness and continuing situational awareness are critical during tropical season," said Roddy E. Nixon, Jr., senior meteorologist. "Given the economic strain on all levels of government and the public at large, now is the time to make a plan and test it."

Forecast teams are calling for a "below aver-



#### KNOW THE LINGO

#### HURRICANE WATCH

Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or greater associated with a hurricane are possible within 48 hours.

#### HURRICANE WARNING

Issued for interior counties when sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or greater associated with a hurricane are expected within 36 hours. age" season, anticipating 10 named storms in 2012.

Of that number, we're forecasting four hurricanes, of which two will become "major" hurricanes with winds of 110 mph or greater.

"The risk of high winds, tornadoes and heavy rains are of immediate concern to the greater Robins community, said Capt. Devan Lynch, weather flight commander. "The weather flight stands ready to provide senior Robins leadership and key decision makers with the information needed to ensure safety, resource protection, and response readiness."

Lynch and her team suggest all assigned Team Robins personnel and their families take time to review the preparedness tips and concepts below.

> — Submitted by the 78th Operations Support Squadron.

#### **ROBINS HURRICANE CONDITIONS (HURRCONs)**

#### CONDITION FOUR:

Sustained winds greater than 58 mph are forecast to occur within 72 hours. CONDITION THREE:

Sustained winds greater than 58 mph are forecast to occur within 48 hours. CONDITION TWO:

Sustained winds greater than 58 mph are forecast to occur within 24 hours.

Sustained winds greater than 58 mph are forecast to occur within 12 hours.



#### ROBINS FORECAST AND WEATHER LINKS

www.robins.af.mil/library/weather.asp (Severe Weather Awareness information is located on the right hand side of page)



### Community College of the Air Force Grads

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### Arrive Alive. Don't Drink and Drive.





U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON Senior Airman Kyle Shy, 78th Security Forces Squadron, walks with members of local law enforcement agencies during the candlelight vigil at the Base Chapel.



A Macon police officer bows his head.



### **Robins celebrates National Police Week**

he78th Security Forces Squadron Defender's Council hosted the installation's 2012 National Police Week celebration.

The 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 week included an event with a static display and working dog demonstration, special Reveille ceremony, 5K walk/run, bowling tournament and a candlelight vigil.



Security Forces Airmen and local police officers fold the American flag during the vigil.







#### **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2012**

WE CONSUMED 2,204,961 KWH IN 2011 LET'S USE LESS IN 2012!

> TURN THINGS OFF NOT NEEDED FOR SAFETY, SECURITY, MISSION.



### Air Force Climate Survey opens communication

Airmen, both military and civilian alike, will soon be able to give their leaders a piece of their mind.

The 2012 Air Force Climate Survey, which touches on topics ranging from resources and recognition to satisfaction and unit performance will be available for Airmen's input through June 12.

Electronic invites which include personalized links to the survey will be sent in the coming weeks.

For more information, visit www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123302191.

#### New Social Media Guide helps military, families communicate online

The Air Force Public Affairs Agency recently released a new guide which helps military members and their families better navigate in the social media arena.

The updated and revised guide is geared toward all Total Force members and their families, in addition to Air Force leaders.

It covers security issues, social media platforms, and other key topics.

While information on social media has been around for several years, the types of platforms people use evolve and new ones start up nearly every day.

No matter which social media platform you use, and whether you use social media personally or professionally, many basic principles apply.

For more information, see www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123301694.

### Expanded Palace Chase applications due June 1

Air Force officials are using an existing program to meet new fiscal challenges.

It was announced in December that the Palace Chase Program and other voluntary force management initiatives would be implemented to help meet authorized end strength levels.

Eligible officers who are interested may still be thinking about the option, but waiver applications are due to Air Force Personnel Command by June 1.

The fiscal 2012 program is one of several voluntary force management initiatives implemented to help reduce manning numbers. Those approved must separate by Sept. 29. For more information, read story at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123302439.

### Prior enlisted retirement restriction

#### waiver requests due June 1 Some officers who are prior enlisted may

have a chance to end their careers early. Prior-enlisted officers with eight years of active duty commissioned time may be able to retire through the Air Force 10-8 Commission Waiver Program, which was originally announced in December Air Force Personnel Services officials reminded Airmen of the option May 17.

"AFPC announced this program last December as a voluntary force management initiative designed to help us meet mandatory end strength," said Lt. Col. Tara White, AFPC retirements and separations chief. "But, the application window closes June 1, so interested eligible members need to act quickly or they will miss their opportunity."

Normally, a prior enlisted officer must have at least 10 years of active duty commissioned time to be eligible for retirement, said White.

To learn more, visit

www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123302448.

#### Additional civilian employee selfservice requests available online

The Air Force Personnel Center has given Defense Department civilians the ability to make make many of the personnel record changes online that they would've previously made in person.

Employees can now request updates for resumes, name changes, veterans' preference for reduction in force, awards, education, training, certification and licensure.

The initiative empowers employees by eliminating the need for them to contact their local civilian personnel office to accomplish these updates. The initiative also makes it easier for former military members to update information on their civilian employee record.

To learn more, see

www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123302812.

#### Air Force officials launch myPers

The Air Force Personnel Services website has assumed a new name and relocated with the purpose of providing better service.

Airmen can access myPers via a secure link, https://mypers.af.mil, to use existing personnel services information and transaction applications. All transactions are conducted within a secure environment, officials said, who remind Airmen to use the "https" prefix when entering the URL.The site is customized, recognizing the user's affiliation as officer, enlisted, civilian, Reserve or Guard. There are also links to the most commonly used applications that allow Airmen to navigate the site with greater ease, which enhances user experience.

"The site provides our Total Force customers a single entry point into Air Force personnel services," said Debra Warner, the AFPC Delivery Transformation chief. To learn more, visit

www.afpc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123302802.



## Warm weather leads way for motorcycles, safety

S pring has sprung bringing plenty of sunny days to Middle Georgia – not to mention plenty of motorcyclists onto local roads.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is encouraging motorcycle riders and all other motorists to focus on sharing the road and making it a safe summer for everyone.

The "Hurt Study," conducted in 1981, highlighted that intersections are high-vulnerability locations for motorcycle collisions with other vehicles. The key reasons are right-of-way and traffic control violations. Other findings included failure of motorists to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic. Being seen and making yourself known as a rider to other motor vehicle operators is a critical factor to reducing multiple-vehicle accidents.

The study also showed that accident involvement is significantly reduced with continuous operation of motorcycle headlights and wearing high visibility yellow, orange or bright red jackets.

The most critical step any rider can take to reduce the probability of being involved in a multivehicle mishap is making themselves conspicuous.

In fiscal 2011, the Air Force lost 15 members in motorcycle mishaps. It's lost three so far in fiscal 2012.

Most accidents were due to excessive speeds and failure to negotiate a turn; others were due to unfamiliarity with the motorcycle itself.

Active-duty military members who ride motorcycles are required to wear a DOT- or ANSIapproved helmet; a longsleeved shirt or jacket; long pants; full-fingered gloves; and sturdy footwear and eye protection, because a windshield on the motorcycle does not constitute proper eye protection. Those requirements are outlined in AFI 91-207.

For guidance on motorcycle safety, visit the Air Force Rider website at www.afsec.af.mil/airforceri der/index.asp.

#### Providing riders with safe summer tools, education

The Department of Defense takes motorcycle safety seriously.

Along with having the appropriate license to

operate a motorcycle, the DoD also requires individuals to successfully complete an approved rider or operator safety course before operating any motorcycle.

The course must follow the Motorcycle Safety Foundation curriculum taught by certified instructors, and include hands-on training and a performance and knowledge-based evaluation.

The Robins Air Force Base Motorcycle Safety Program provides base personnel with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, Basic Rider, Experienced Rider and Military Sport Bike Class courses for free.

All personnel who wish to ride a motorcycle on base are required to have the MSF class, while the BRC is designed for beginning riders – riders with less than six months riding time.

The ERC is designed for riders who have been riding for more than six months.

The MSRC is a oneday course for those who have completed the BRC and ERC, and who ride sport bikes.

To sign up for a



#### May is Motorcycle Safety Month.

class, drop by the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office in Bldg. 707 or visit the Robins public website at www.robins. af.mil and select the Motorcycle Safety tab. Riders are required to have a commander's briefing prior to attending and to bring a copy of the briefing to the class.

It's strongly urged that riders take the ERC

and MSRC classes once every three years. For more information, contact the 78th ABW Safety Office at DSN 468-6271 or commercial (478) 926-6271.



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### HAPPENINGS

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#### ON TAP

**Navigating USAJobs** Today 9 to 10 a.m. Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256

#### **Pools Open**

Friday Noon to 7 p.m. Free For details, call 468-4001.

#### Family Day Bowl Friday

Three games with shoes for \$5 **Bowling Center** For details, call 468-2112.

**Dogs & Burgers** on the Patio Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fairways Grille For details, call 468-4103.

**Summer Strike Force** Monday through Aug. 5 **Bowling Center** For details, call 468-2112.

**UPCOMING** Summer Leagues **Now Forming Bowling Center** For details, call 468-2112.

Pizza Depot 24th Birthday Party June 5 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Heritage Club For details, call 468-0188.

#### Jekyll Island

Register by June 8 Trip is July 27 through 29 \$300 for two per room \$375 for three per room \$400 for four per room For details, call 468-4001.

**Club Scholarships** Due July 2 Essay title "What do the words 'America the

#### SERVICES DIRECTORY

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Beautiful' mean to me?" For details, call 468-5492.

**Tubing & Water Slide Trip** in Helen, Georgia Register by June 8 Trip is July 14 \$60 per person For details, call 468-4001.

#### **ONGOING** Information, **Tickets & Travel** Wild Adventure Tickets Bldg. 956 For details, call 468-2945.

**AF Vacation Club Robins Installation** Code is #79 \$349 per week Visit www.afvclub.com or call 468-2945.

**New Family Dining** Fridays, Saturdays only, 5 to 8 p.m. Horizons For details, call 468-2670.

#### **New Lunch Buffet**

Horizons Tuesdays and Wednesdays \$9.95; members receive 20 percent off; Thursdays and Fridays \$10.95: members receive 20 percent off For details, call 468-2670.

Breakfast at the golf course Daily 7 to 10 a.m. Fairways Grille For details, call 923-1717.

**PLAYpass program** Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bldg. 983 For details, call 468-5492.

**FSS Gift Cards** \$5 to \$1,500 No expiration dates Pick up cards at the Arts & Crafts Center, Bowling Center, Horizons, ITT and Outdoor Recreation.

#### **FSS Wireless** Hot Spots

Participating facilities include the golf course, Base Restaurant, Afterburner, Heritage Club, Horizons, Library and Bowling Center.

#### **Remote Control**

**Bowling Ball** Now available for Wounded Warrior Program and those with special needs. For a small fee, it can also be used as a novelty for bowling parties.



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

### **Pools open Friday**

Summer kicks off this week with the opening Friday of the pools at Horizons and Heritage Club. The Horizons pool will be open Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays through Sundays from noon to 7 p.m. The Heritage pool will be open Tuesdays through Sundays from noon to 7 p.m. Both pools will be open on Memorial Day; however, the Heritage pool will close Tuesday for cleaning. There will be no charge to swim. The pools are open to all ID card holders with sponsorship capabilities. Also, swim lesson registration is ongoing until classes are filled. To learn more, call 468-4001.



#### **Great Rewards and Discounts to Support Our Deployed Families and Single Airmen**

The PLAYpass program has been extended through December 2012. To get your PLAYpass, stop by the 78th Force Support Squadron Marketing Office in Bldg. 983, at the corner of Tenth and Warner Robins streets, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more details, call Venus Mansourzadeh at 468-5492.



## What's happening with X-ray, Pharmacy?

BY CAPT. AMANDA RUST Pharmacy Services Element Chief

The 78th Medical Group's Diagnostics and Therapeutics flight has its sites set on providing the prescription for what ails you.

The flight, which consists of Radiology and the pharmacy, is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It's closed for training the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on weekends and federal holidays.

#### RADIOLOGY

The following procedures are offered with a valid provider's order: Routine X-rays; Ultrasounds; Mammograms, and Fluoroscopy studies.

► Self-requesting mammograms are now available for women 40 years old and older, if assigned to a 78th Medical Group primary care manager.

That means a patient in need of a routine annual screening exam no longer needs to see her PCM to make an appointment with radiology. She can now call and set up her mammogram appointment. However, if she is experiencing any breast symptoms, she must make an appointment with her PCM to schedule a diagnostic mammogram.

#### PHARMACY

► There are new Prior Authorization criteria in place for TRICARE patients who are taking Singulair and are 18 years of age or older. The new policy may delay new prescriptions or refill processing if the criteria are not met. If we see that you have been on a med-



ication that meets these criteria, we will automatically fill your prescription. Want to know if this applies to you? See the post on our Facebook page or ask a staff member for details.

► The automated ticket machine has been temporarily replaced by manual tickets, increasing wait times at the pharmacy. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we all work with the new system.

Mornings are still the best time to come to the pharmacy if you need to wait for your prescription. Remember, you can always drop a prescription off and pick it up within five duty days.  An updated list of drugs we carry will soon be published on our website, with hard copies available at the pharmacy.
 For up-to-date pharmacy information at your fingertips, "Like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Robin sPharmacy.

> -Courtesy 78th Medical Group

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Recognizes

Robins donors

David Foskey

Marcus Gardner

TSgt. William Glass

Dennis Garrett

Cindy Gilder

The Armed Services Blood Program honored its Team Robins donors earlier this month with a recognition ceremony at the Museum of Aviation. During the last two years, Robins personnel have contributed 6,050 pints of blood, or an average of 218 units per drive. The ASBP plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families in both peace and war. The organization began making regular visits to Robins in 2006.



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time performance to 98 percent today – and with the quality of workmanship, the things we do continue to get better."

He also challenged the group to remember that crew members across the world depend on their skills and knowledge, and to help sustain the next generation of air power.

Trainees began at the WG-5 level. Once each became proficient in his or her respective aircraft work areas, and completed required classes and final evaluations, they were promoted to WG-8.

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injury to Airmen during this time. The goal is to ensure that all have zero preventable mishaps and no injuries this season.

Since fiscal 2002, the Air Force has had 218 fatalities during the campaign, which included 201 off-duty, 17 on-duty.

In 2011 at Robins there were 29 off-duty injuries, which included seven domestic mishaps (around the house); 19 sports and recreationrelated injuries; and three vehicle accidents.

The summer months are a busy and exciting time for everyone. Thinking safety should be on everyone's minds.

Dave Decker, 78th Air Base Wing Ground Safety chief, emphasized that safety precautions should be maintained, even during times when we don't think they are needed. This can include when we are doing yard work with equipment, such as weed-eating or mowing the grass. Safety Following a second year of formal classroom and job-site training, they were promoted to WG-10, becoming journeyman mechanics.

Graduate success was also attributed to a team of highly-skilled work leaders or supervisors who worked closely with student trainees the past two years. Classroom instruction was enhanced by a partnership with Middle Georgia Technical College in Warner Robins, and courses through Air Education and Training Command's 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 6 (Robins Maintenance University).

tection should be worn to prevent injuries. "There are many

things we do that are preventable," said Decker.

This includes practicing the buddy system when swimming or boating, for example, and paying attention to our surroundings. Motorcycles are a popular means of transportation around base, and car drivers should also be aware of their movements as they are driving.

The Air Force Safety Center has provided helpful information, including being aware of the hazards of drinking and driving, speeding, distracted and aggressive driving, the risks of allterrain vehicles, trip planning, riding smart with bicycles and motorcycles, lawnmower safety, barbecue safety tips and summer weather.

These campaign modules will be presented in 10 installments and are available by visiting http://www.afsec.af.mil. Look under featured links and ground statisSPOUSES Continued from 1

spouses, and included musical entertainment and games. Upcoming activities include: "Married to the Military Class," Tuesday; 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). Events are open to all military spouses in the Air Force, Air National Guard, Reserves, Marines and Army.

To learn more, call the HAWC at 327-8480 or A&FRC at 926-1256.

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