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# ROBINS REV-UP

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## Robins Pride celebrated all year long

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Pitching in to clean up our base is no longer something done only during Earth Day events in April. Now you can help to keep Robins a clean and green community all year long through Robins Pride.

In what began as one organization adopting the clean up needs in one area, has now blossomed into a volunteer program which includes organizations overseeing the clean up needs of 12 of 16 areas across the installation.

“The whole idea is to have base organizations get more involved in helping to take care of our community,” said Bob Sargent, Robins’ natural resources manager and wildlife biologist. “This not only instills a greater sense of community spirit, it also saves maintenance dollars.”

Members of the 78th Medical Group approached Sargent last winter to ask if they could assist with the maintenance of the Historic Forest on the parade field, that lead to the creation of a green map depicting other areas which could be maintained by volunteers.

So far, the program includes mainly military members who take up a rake, gloves and tools to clear debris along base roadways, perform minor repairs along trails, and pick up fallen limbs or prune bushes. Civilians can also get involved.

Volunteers might empty trash cans and often clean up frequent gathering spots such as Gator, Friendship and Robins parks, and Duck, Scout and Luna lakes.

Other volunteers include the base Teen Council which has adopted the Camellia Gardens, and Boy Scout Troop

220 which has adopted the Treefrog Trail behind Luna Lodge, repairing signage and pruning bushes.

The remaining four un-adopted sections run alongside Ga. 247 and Hannah Road.

Organizations wishing to adopt an area should contact Bob Sargent at 497-3974 or email bob.sargent@robins.af.mil.

To view the green map, visit the 78th Civil Engineer Group web site at <https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/78abw/78ceg/default.aspx>, and click on Robins Pride.

### NEWS

#### YOU CAN USE

##### Robins Leadership Academy

Leadership Academy classes are taught by Robins senior leaders and designed to develop other leaders. The classes are open to all Air Force Materiel Command military leaders and civilian supervisors. Attendance is voluntary but encouraged. The following leadership classes are scheduled for September:

►Col. Mitchel Butikofer will present “Leadership Insight” Wednesday from 8 to 10 a.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

►Carl Unholz will present “Diversity” Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 141.

##### Found Property

The following is a list of found property found at Robins:

Three black mobile panel/floor display cases, one silver support bracket and one computer hard drive in return box addressed to “Western Digital Technologies in Riverside, California.”

To claim any of these items, contact Staff Sgt. Monica Carlross at 472-7850.



##### Hannah Road closure

Hannah Road remains closed so repairs can be made to the culvert near the cattle guard and the asphalt around the bridge.

The project’s estimated completion is Oct. 29.

Hannah Road motorists are urged to exercise caution around the area and follow all road signs.

Signs are located along Seventh Street and Richard Ray Boulevard to redirect traffic.



Attendees dance the night away Saturday during the Air Force Birthday 65th Birthday celebration at the Museum of Aviation. Keynote speaker was Lt. Gen. Andrew Busch, Air Force Materiel Command vice commander. The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve also performed. For more photos, see page 7.

U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

## Leaders talk budget, strategy, force mix at conference

BY COL. BOB THOMPSON  
Air Force Reserve Public Affairs



U.S. Air Force photo by SCOTT ASH  
Lt. Gen. James Jackson, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, discusses Reserve vision and strategy Sept. 17 during the Air Force Association Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition in Washington, D.C.

As Air Force leaders look to the future, their vision is shaped around leveraging strengths of the Total Force – Active, Guard and Reserve as a team – to address the challenges of budget cuts and a new national strategy.

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley addressed the future of the Air Force Sept. 17 to more than 6,000 attendees at the 2012 Air Force Association Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition in Washington, D.C.

“Trading size for quality” is the Air Force’s guide for its strategic choices, he

said. “Standing firm” and getting the “right mix between active and reserve components” are key issues, he told the crowd of industry leaders, lobbyists, media, and Air Force and military leaders from all services, as well as representatives from other countries.

After the opening ceremonies, Donley addressed the “conscious choices” the Air Force made to comply with the Budget Control Act that features a \$487 billion DoD budget drawdown over the next 10 years and new strategic guidance that focuses on supporting Pacific Command.

This resulted in the AF’s fiscal 2013

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## 128th ACCS accepts national aerospace award

BY 116TH AIR CONTROL WING  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Combat Crew One of the 128th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, 116th Air Control Wing, accepted the Air Force Association’s Earl T. Ricks Award Monday.

The 128th ACCS accepted the award for “distinguished service” in support of operations Odyssey Dawn and Unified Protector.

It operated the E-8C Joint Surveillance Attack Radar System, which led the dynamic targeting air campaign and enforced the no-fly zone.

Combat crew one detected ground movement, correlated intelligence and paired shooters to 177 surface to air missile systems, 11 aircraft, 175 ammunition

depots, 169 tanks and 250 technical vehicles.

The crew’s ability to rapidly assess the changing battlefield allowed them to relay changes to the air tasking order and ensure offensive counter air shooters were safely positioned to deliver bombs on target on time.

“This is a testament of our warfighting capabilities and of our airmanship in contingency operations with NATO forces” said Lt. Col. John Verhage, commander, 128th ACCS. “I’m extremely proud of the crew’s accomplishment.”

The Earl T. Ricks award, a national award for Air National Guard personnel, was established in 1954 in honor of Maj. Gen. Earl T. Ricks, who served as chief of the Air Force Division, in the National Guard Bureau.



U.S. Air Force file photo

The E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System is the only airborne platform in operation that can maintain real-time surveillance over a corps-sized area of the battlefield. A joint Air Force – Army program, Joint STARS uses a multi-mode side-looking radar to detect, track, and classify moving ground vehicles deep behind enemy lines and in all conditions.

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Bonnie Jones, 638th Supply Chain Management Group director, shows off the sticker she was given after getting her flu shot Sept. 11 from the 78th Medical Group immunization team. Team Robins personnel are encouraged to get the shot to protect themselves against the flu.



## Civilian employees getting armed with free flu shots

BY AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND WELLNESS SUPPORT CENTER

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio –

For the second year in a row, Air Force Materiel Command is making the influenza vaccine available to its civilian workforce. This is in addition to the flu vaccine for military and TRICARE beneficiaries.

There's a limited quantity of the flu vaccine purchased for the AFMC Civilian Workforce Flu Immunization Program.

The vaccine is available on a first-come, first-serve basis to all government civilian workers.

### WHAT TO KNOW

For more information on where and when to get the shot, call the 78th Medical Group Immunization Clinic at 497-7921.

As a reminder, the flu vaccine remains mandatory for military personnel.

Being immunized can help protect you, as well as your family and co-workers, from getting the flu.

While the severity and timing of the annual flu outbreak can be unpredictable, getting immunized early provides protection for the entire season.

The best way to prevent influenza is to get a flu shot this fall.

## 'Be Ready' national campaign urges preparation now, year round

BY JOHN BURT

Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) – With September designated as National Preparedness Month, Air Force Emergency Management experts are emphasizing the tools available to help Airmen and their families "Be Ready."

National Preparedness Month is an annual campaign to raise awareness on the importance of being ready in the event of disaster. The observance was instituted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security a year after the devastating events of 9/11.

With the theme of "Pledge to Prepare: Awareness to Action," the goal of this year's campaign is to encourage all Americans to take specific steps to be prepared for all kinds of disasters and emergencies.

The message of personal readiness is one that Airmen should heed, according to Air Force emergency managers.

"National Preparedness Month is a FEMA-sponsored event," said Mike Connors, the Air Force emergency manager. "The Air Force has its 'Be Ready' initiative, which is a year-round campaign that dovetails nicely into that. Between the two campaigns, it helps raise awareness and prompts people to take action to be prepared for whatever threat may arise."

Air Force emergency managers are trained to support base communities by preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering



from emergencies. That includes educating base members on what to do if they encounter a hazard, whether it's a natural disaster or man-made incident.

Emergency managers recommend some basic steps Airmen should take now which could make a big difference in the event of a disaster.

"Three things that we constantly stress to our Airmen is get a kit, make a plan and be prepared," said Master Sgt. Ernie Rude, Air Force emergency management integration NCO in charge. "If every Airman will take those steps, effects from disasters can be minimized and lives can be saved."

Rude said there is a comprehensive set of resources available on the Air Force's "Be Ready" website.

"This site is available to the public and offers checklists to assist users in properly planning for whatever contingency arises. There is even a 'Be Ready Kids' section, where you can download activity sheets to help educate younger family members," he said.

For more information and resources to help prepare for any disaster, visit [www.BeReady.af.mil](http://www.BeReady.af.mil).

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# THE AIR FORCE

NEWS FROM AROUND

## F-35A reaches 'huge milestone' in program development

Air Force officials have begun their F-35A Lightning II Operational Utility Evaluation, an instrumental step in beginning Joint Strike Fighter pilot and maintenance training for the service.

Two 33rd Fighter Wing pilots at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., along with two Air Force test pilots, will conduct the review, which is expected to last about 65 days.

"The start of the OUE is another huge milestone for the Air Force and the program as a whole," said Col. Andrew Toth, 33rd Fighter Wing commander. "We've been preparing for this event since the arrival of our first aircraft in July last year. So far, the men and women of the 33rd Fighter Wing have proven we can successfully execute safe and effective flying operations in addition to academic training."

Since February's Military Flight Release, 11 experienced fighter pilots have checked out in basic F-35A operations. They will be prepared to be the military's first cadre for the fifth generation fighter.

## Panetta welcomes new National Guard chief

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta hosted a change of responsibility ceremony at the Pentagon Sept. 7, swearing in Army Gen. Frank Grass as the new National Guard Bureau chief and paying tribute to outgoing chief Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley's nearly 40 years of service.

Grass received his fourth star during the ceremony.

Joining Panetta, McKinley and Grass on stage in the Pentagon Auditorium were Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

The standing-room-only audience included Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki, Joint Chiefs Vice Chairman Navy Adm. James Winnefeld Jr., Air Force Secretary Michael Donley, defense civilian and military leaders, senior enlisted members, National Guard state adjutants general, former Guard Bureau chiefs, and international partners from many nations. To read more, visit [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov).

## Air Force, NASA leaders review F-22 findings, fixes with congressional subcommittee

Air Force and NASA leaders testified about the F-22 Raptor Sept. 13 before the House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces.

Specifically, the leaders testified about the comprehensive studies, findings and actions taken and also underway to address previously-unexplained physio-

## Guardians at the gate

Airman 1st Class Willie Fox, 377th Security Forces Squadron, inspects a commercial vehicle at a Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. gate.



U.S. Air Force photo by KEN MOORE

logical incidents reported by F-22 pilots.

Retired Gen. Gregory Martin, Aircraft Oxygen Generation Study chair for the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board; Maj. Gen. Charles Lyon, Headquarters Air Combat Command director of operations and F-22 life support task force chair; and Clinton Cragg, NASA Engineering and Safety Center principal engineer, testified before the subcommittee.

"Beginning in 2008 ... the F-22 began to experience a significantly higher rate of hypoxia-like instances with unknown causes as reported by the pilots," said Martin.

That's when the Air Force started an intense search for possible causes of what experts can best describe as physiological incidents and how to fix them.

For further details, visit [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

## New AFSC coming for AFSOC enlisted aircrew

Almost 470 flight engineers, aerial gunners and loadmasters who fly Air Force Special Operations Command's CV-22, AC-130 and Non-Standard Aviation aircraft are transitioning to one Air Force specialty code – 1A9X1 Special Mission Aviation – starting in November.

Master Sgt. Ben Lerman, AFSOC's aerial gunner functional manager, said in the case of aerial gunners, the transition to the new AFSC will combine their traditional duties with those of loadmasters on AC-130s and flight engineers on HH-60s, providing the Air Force more flexibility to field and employ aircrews with the new 1A9X1s.

"Having all of the Airmen in the same AFSC will help us to develop SOF warriors equivalent to our

sister service counterparts," said Lerman. "The Sailors and Soldiers grow up as SOF operators. Now, we will be able to better manage the assignment system and give our Airmen more opportunities."

For further details, visit [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil).

— compiled by Lanorris Askew



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN ETHAN MORGAN

## Spill drill

Senior Airman Andrew Leal, 100th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels technician, shuts off the valve of a fuel truck during a major accident response exercise at RAF Mildenhall, England.

## Air Force Sustainment Center News

# F108 jet engine overhaul expected to save improve fuel efficiency, \$2 billion

BY MIKE RAY

Tinker Air Force Base Public Affairs

The Air Force and the Navy have teamed up to develop a propulsion upgrade that will keep aircraft vital to both flying longer and at less cost.

The two services worked with private industry to upgrade the F108 (CFM56-2) turbofan jet engine, which is used in Air Force KC-135 Stratotankers and the Navy's E-6B Mercury command and control aircraft. Both planes are maintained at Tinker Air Force Base.

The engine renovation project will boost efficiency and increase reliability of the engine by replacing components, said Brian W. Johnson, Chief, F101/F108/F110/F118 Branch, Propulsion Sustainment Division, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center.

"We're installing newer parts," including new high-pressure turbines, compressor blades and vanes, during the rehabilitation project, Johnson said. Afterward, the engine will be "much more reliable and durable," he added.

The engine renovation project is referred to as C-PUP (for CFM Propulsion Upgrade Program).



Jet engine mechanic Craig Richards, of the 546th Propulsion Maintenance Squadron, works on an F108 engine. The powerhouse of the Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker and Navy E-6B is getting attention as proposed upgrades promise to reduce the maintenance price tag, step up fuel efficiency and save money for the two services.

After the overhaul, the engines will consume less fuel and money, Johnson said. The savings – from fuel conservation and avoided maintenance expenses – have been estimated at more than \$2 billion for the Air Force and the Navy

combined.

Testing indicates fuel efficiency will increase by 1.5 percent to 1.7 percent, said Tim Misner, the F108 engine lead program manager at Tinker. The fuel economy alone will be a substantial

savings because, "This fleet gets a lot of use," Johnson noted.

In addition, the engine refinement will reduce maintenance costs significantly, Misner said.

The F108 engine has been a reliable producer for many years. More than half of them on KC-135s have not been reworked since they were bolted onto the aircraft's wings, some as far back as 1984, records reflect. (The Air Force's Air Mobility Command supervises 414 Stratotankers, including 247 that are assigned to the Reserve and the Air National Guard.)

F108 engines have "been in use for a long time, and a lot of them have not yet been back to the depot for maintenance," Misner said.

The upgrade is expected to add years of life to the engines. "With these improvements, we expect the engine to stay on wing for 20-plus years," said Steve Walsh, logistics management specialist in the F108 Program Management Office.

Editor's note:

To read the full story, visit <http://www.afsc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123318050>

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# On the Fly

## Robins Airman earns Sijan award

BY JENNY GORDON

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Capt. M. Truett Kinard, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron operations officer, has been awarded a Lance P. Sijan Air Force Leadership Award.



Kinard

During the time period of the award, Kinard served as the LRS' deployment and distribution flight commander and was charged with overseeing deployments, the Transportation Management Office, vehicle operations and air freight.

He was also deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq, where he oversaw redistribution property assistance teams, which included the writing of policy and execution of redistribution of equipment out of Iraq.

"I was working for the Army, trying

to get a mountain of stuff out of Iraq," said Kinard. "We were the last Air Force unit to do the mission, so we got to take part in some really history-making moves. We also had a lot of JSTARs short-notice missions, so I was able to work closely with our friends across the runway to get them wheels-up in short order to support real-world requirements."

At home, "I was able to help the LRS to achieve its highest ever "Excellent" rating during our Logistics Compliance and Assessment Program. It really just came down to me, being blessed to work with some amazing people and be in the right place at the right time," he continued. "The only reason I was able to receive an award like this is by working alongside the amazing men and women of the 78th LRS."

The Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award was created in 1981 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership in their jobs and personal lives.

Beginning Oct. 1, the new base library hours will be Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. The library will be closed Sundays and federal holidays.

The Robins Chapel is looking for a Catholic music director. Applicants must have experience playing the organ and at least four years experience directing Catholic parish choirs.

Applicants must submit to a criminal history background check. Resume deadline is Monday. Interviews and skill demonstrations will be Wednesday.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Derek Johnson at derek.johnson@robins.af.mil.

A Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program workshop will be Sept. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center in Bldg. 794.

PREP is a prevention program designed for couples who are thinking about getting married, newlyweds, and long-term married couples.

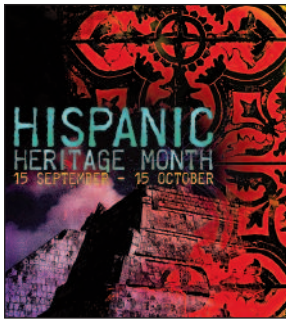
For more information, call the Family Advocacy Program at 327-8422.

## Hispanic Heritage Observance events

The Robins Hispanic Heritage Committee is celebrating the month-long observance, which runs through Oct. 15, with the following events:

►A picnic is scheduled Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Gator Park.

POCs are Marisol Soto at 472-2856 and Gopi Weldon, at 862-3382.



►A luncheon will take place Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Heritage Club. The guest speaker is

Col. Kimberly Ramos, Air Force Reserve Command director of communications and chief information officer.

POC is Mary Lou Medina at 472-3447.

►A Hispanic Heritage 5K Fun Run will be at the Health and Wellness Center Oct. 5.

POC is Tech. Sgt. Lizbeth Martinez at 497-1777.



Left, During the opening of the 65th Birthday of the United States Air Force and 71st Anniversary of Robins Air Force Base celebration Saturday at the Museum of Aviation, a joint service detail performs a special ceremony to honor those American service members who have yet to return from the field of battle. The detail consisted of members from each of the nation's four military services.

Below, Headquarters Air Force Material Command Vice Commander, Lt. Gen. Andrew Busch, delivers the keynote address.

# Cause for Celebration

Robins, community celebrate 65th Air Force Birthday



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON



Far left, the Band of U.S. Air Force Reserve performs. Left, 78th Air Base Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Bowen presents a plaque and letter of appreciation to retired Master Sgt. Clyde Mathe, a World War II veteran. At 19, Mathe enlisted in the Army Air Forces. During his 28 years of service, Mathe was stationed across the United States, and in Guam, Japan and England. His final duty station was Robins.



Riders get ready for their turn to practice a maneuver during the Robins Air Force Base basic riders course.

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

## Get your motor runnin'

### Motorcycle safety classes offer tools for a successful ride

BY JENNY GORDON  
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A Basic Rider Course is offered here each month (except January and February), which includes five hours of classroom instruction, a written exam and 10 hours of range exercises.

During the two-day course, instructors teach the fundamentals of bike riding, safety, proper personal protective equipment and traffic laws.

Perhaps the biggest lesson instructors impart on their students is one of awareness.

"Just because you're riding a motorcycle doesn't mean drivers are looking out for you," said Will Hilton, an instructor since 2008. "You're more vulnerable on a bike—riding is as much mental as it is physical."

The Air Force Traffic Safety Program's goal is to prevent or reduce the frequency and severity of vehicular mishaps.

Instructors discuss different personal protective equipment that all riders must wear, including a helmet which meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard. Base safety officials said many riders have been seen on base riding novelty helmets, such as 'skull caps,' which aren't safety approved.

Other PPE includes adequate eye protection, over-the-ankle footwear such as sturdy boots, and abrasion-resistant, full-fingered gloves and long pants.

Protective clothing should always include a long-sleeved, bright upper outer garment. Abrasion-resistant motorcycle jack-

#### FUN FACT

According to the Motorcycle Unit Safety Tracking Tool, there are currently 723 motorcycle riders on Robins.

ets are also encouraged.

The beginner's class is for students who have bought their first bike and those wanting to brush up on riding skills. Hilton said the class not only teaches basic rider techniques, but also how to handle situations as they come up to prevent panic, yet also have fun.

"One of the biggest thing we teach students is being smooth with the throttle," Hilton said. "I also want them to remember that not everyone rides a motorcycle. If you don't ride, then there are a lot of things you don't

think of courtesy-wise when you're in a car."

A few other safety precautions Hilton pointed out included: not riding through an intersection assuming traffic has stopped at a red light; giving yourself space between cars; having a way out in case of danger; physically turning your head when looking which way to go; and above all, staying focused on the ride.

"There's nothing like riding a bike. It's a whole other experience," he said.

To learn more about bike safety, you can visit the Air Force Safety Center at [www.afsec.af.mil/airforce\\_rider/index.asp](http://www.afsec.af.mil/airforce_rider/index.asp) and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation at <http://online2.msfsa.org/msf/Default.aspx>.

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## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ROBINS OUT AND ABOUT

### ON TAP

**Golf Course Closed**  
Today  
Annual GA Invitational  
For details,  
call 468-4103.

### Boss N' Buddy

Today  
4 to 5 p.m.  
Heritage Club Lounge  
Members free  
Guests \$5  
For details,  
call 472-7864.

### Friday Family Night

9 to 11 p.m.  
12 years and under \$5  
13 years and older \$10  
Bowling Center  
For details,  
call 468-2112.

### Teen Council Meetings

Saturday  
3 p.m.  
Youth Center  
For details,  
call 468-2110.

### Keystone Meetings

Saturday and  
Sept. 29  
4 p.m.  
Youth Center  
For details,  
call 468-2110.

### Six Flags Military Appreciation Days

Saturday and Sunday  
For details,  
call 468-2945.

### Glow-In-The-Dark Bowling

Saturday nights  
9 to 11 p.m.  
Bowling Center  
\$10 per person  
For details,  
call 468-2112.

### Interview w/Confidence

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

### Credit Management

Tuesday  
2 to 3 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details,  
call 468-1256.

### Navigating USAJobs

Thursday  
9 to 10 a.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details,  
call 468-1256.

### Pre-Separation Briefings

Retirees  
Thursday  
12:30 to 4 p.m.  
Bldg. 794  
For details,  
call 468-1256.

### UPCOMING GA National Fair

Oct. 4 – 14  
Admission \$7  
Child 10 years  
and younger  
free with paying adult  
Ride Sheets \$10 at ITT  
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call 468-2945.

### ONGOING Blue Man Group Orlando

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Child \$29  
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## Team Robins Bash set for Oct. 13

The Team Robins Bash will be Oct. 13 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Robins Park, and the Fitness Center and Youth Center grounds. The park is located at the corner of Ninth and Warner Robins streets.

The event will include rides, entertainment and activities for all ages, including pro wrestling, wine tasting, an arts and crafts sale, a Mini-Adventure Race (registration is at 8:15 a.m.; start time is 9 a.m.), and much more. The event will also feature the Air Force Reserve Generations Band. Entry and all rides are free.

## 'Long Shot'

By Harry Paige



The use of portable headphones or other listening and entertainment devices while walking, jogging, running, bicycling, skating or skateboarding on roadways is prohibited on base. Use of listening devices impairs recognition of emergency signals, alarms and approaching vehicles.

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TURN OFF THE JUICE WHEN NOT IN USE**

## Two radiology services to end in October

Beginning Oct. 15, the 78th Medical Group Radiology Department will no longer provide mammography or fluoroscopy services. Patients will be required to obtain these services at an off-base location. Please contact your local TRI-CARE office to obtain a list of approved off-base providers.

Prior to obtaining a mammogram at another location, patients must report to the Radiology Department to pick up their previous studies. The off-base facility will require these images



## Medic's message

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for comparison. Mammography patients who require 3- or 6-month follow-up imaging will be contacted with further instructions.

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budget submission that included retiring 286 aircraft and cutting 9,900 Total Force Airmen over five years.

“This is what has to be done to align with a \$487 billion drawdown,” said Donley, acknowledging the proposed Air Force structure changes were not popular with the congressional members who ordered the budget cuts. Also, if the congressional plan called “Sequestration” kicks in after the January 2013 deadline, it will add another \$55 billion in cuts to the FY13 defense budget, he said.

“We are part of the solution,” said Lt. Gen. James Jackson, chief of Air Force Reserve at the Pentagon and commander of Air Force Reserve Command at Robins. “Your Air Force Reserve provides 17 percent of the Air Force’s capacity and capability for only 4 percent of the Air Force’s budget.

“We are a seamless Total Force,” said Jackson. “All three components – Active Duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve – bring something valuable to the table, and each fulfills responsibilities assigned by the Constitution and law,” he said.

“We’re a Title 10 MAJCOM, and we’re an integral part of every other MAJCOM and every mission,” said Jackson, referring to how Air Force reservists are activated and assigned roles and missions aligned with federal forces and the Air Force’s major commands.

The Air Force Reserve has units at 56 locations. Of those, the Reserve has the lead for only 10 installations and cost-effectively shares facilities across the United States and in other countries.

Improving communication and integration inside the active and reserve component relationships is a priority, according to Donley. He said the Total Force has 100 associate units and will grow to 115 and include the Air Force’s newest weapon systems, such as the F-35 fighter and the KC-46 tanker.

Associate units work together in partnerships that share equipment and facilities around a common mission. This model has flourished for more than 40 years in strategic and tactical airlift communities and, according to officials, enhances combat capability and increases force-wide efficiency.

“Everyday our Active Duty, Guard and Reserve are adding new chapters to our Air Force history,” said Donley. By working as one air force, the three components ensure the success of the joint team, he said.

Today, Air Force reservists work in every job specialty and mission area. Originally designed for strategic surges during the Cold War, the reserve components are relied upon as daily operational forces as directed by Department of Defense policies in February 2010.

“The Air Force Reserve will remain an operational force and continue to provide surge capability for our nation’s needs,” said Jackson. “This is one of our guiding principles and part of how we best match the Air Force Reserve to the Air Force mission and our nation’s security.”

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