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Sequestration would affect base

BY ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Robins will be forced to take measures that will substantially impact the base if sequestration takes effect March 1.

The measures, along with those at other installations across the globe, will harm overall Air Force readiness, say officials.

Among other things, sequestration will result in cuts in thousands of flying hours and funding needed for

the sustainment of aircraft, communications and other critical weapons systems.

It will also result in funding cuts for base support activities, which will trigger changes in a wide range of things from computer and telephone service to Robins' recycling program.

Additionally, if directed by the Department of Defense, the more than 14,000 civilian employees here could be furloughed for up to 22 days between April and September.

These measures are in addition to a number of cost-saving measures the service implemented in January. Those included a temporary civilian hiring freeze, release of non-mission critical term and temporary employees, cancellation of non-mission critical travel, limiting supply purchases, reducing some service contracts, and postponing non-emergency facility repairs.

If sequestration occurs, these near-term actions will continue through the remainder of the year, say officials.

NEWS

YOU CAN USE

VERAVSIP applications now being accepted

The Civilian Personnel Office began accepting applications from civil service employees Monday for the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay program – commonly referred to as “early out.”

The application window will be open until Feb. 17. Applications won't be accepted if submitted after that date.

Targeted employees received the application link via email. The email contains specific instructions for submitting applications for consideration.

Paper copies of the application are available in the customer service area of Bldg. 376.

For employees who receive an offer, the retirement/separation date is April 30.

For more information, submit questions by email to wralc.dp.veravsip@robins.af.mil

Gate construction projects

Repairs to the barriers at Gate 1 (Green Street), Gate 14 (Russell Parkway) and Gate 3 (Main Gate) are scheduled to take place Feb. 15 through 19.

For a detailed schedule, visit the Robins Splash Page link <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/splash/Repair%20of%20Gate%20Barriers.pdf>.

MilPDS outage

Migration of the Military Personnel Data System is slated for March 4 through 27.

During that period MilPDS will be unavailable. However, provisions have been made to handle critical transactions.

For more information, call 497-7337.



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Making an IMPACT

Robins releases 2012 Economic Analysis

New process brings statement in line with other bases

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To read the report,
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Good Samaritan

Former SFS Airman aids injured S.C. officer, named Citizen of Year

BY JENNY GORDON

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A former Robins Security Forces Airman was honored as the Charleston Police Department's Citizen of the Year during an awards ceremony Feb. 1.

Jeffery Aldana – who was a staff sergeant at the time – and his family had been vacationing in Folly Beach in early 2012, and while driving back to Charleston one night on a stretch of road, witnessed an officer being hit by a vehicle as he was directing traffic from an earlier accident.

Aldana, 28, immediately responded, jumping out of his car to assist the officer until local emergency personnel arrived.

“It's one of those unfortunate circumstances ... I really didn't even think; as soon as I saw what happened, I just ran,” recalled Aldana, who recently separated from the Air Force after 10 years of service in security forces. “We'd been looking to him for direction and saw that

an SUV was not stopping and hit him.

“He flew pretty far,” Aldana added. “I remember thinking ‘Oh God, I hope he's OK.’ The impact sounded like an actual vehicle hitting another vehicle. That's how hard he was hit.”

Aldana found Wes Foster – a veteran law enforcement officer who joined the Charleston Police Department just six months earlier – unconscious. Using the skills he learned in the Air Force, he performed self-aid and buddy care by speaking to him to try to get him to regain consciousness. He stabilized his neck, attempted to remove some of the officer's gear, and reassured the father of two that he was going to be OK.

Once local EMS arrived, Aldana directed traffic until other officers arrived.

Aldana deployed less than a week later without knowing the condition of the officer. It was Aldana's wife, Michelle, who



Courtesy photo by JIM MOSSMAN

Officer Wes Foster, right, with the Charleston Police Department thanks former Staff Sgt. Jeffery Aldana following a recognition and awards ceremony for saving his life.

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Head of the class

Robins units win Air Force-level awards

U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

The 116th ACW operates the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System. Joint STARS is an airborne battle management, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform.



116th again recognized as outstanding unit

BY TECH. SGT. REGINA YOUNG

116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

National Guard Bureau officials have recognized the 116th Air Control Wing among the very best, awarding the unit the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

This is the 16th time the unit has won the award.

“The competition is extremely keen and the dedication and commitment of the members enable the Air National Guard to fulfill its commitment to the missions of peacekeeping, humanitarian relief, domestic improvement and most important of all – defense of America,” said Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt, Air National Guard director.

In 2012, Team JSTARS flew in support of six combatant commands, performing missions across the spectrum of conflict: homeland defense, counter insurgency support, theater-level conflict in Libya, crisis-response and maritime domain awareness missions.

Team JSTARS has been on a continuous deployment cycle for more

WHAT TO KNOW

The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is given to units which perform exceptional meritorious service, accomplish specific acts of outstanding achievement, excel in combat operations against an armed enemy of the U.S., or distinctly conduct military operations involving conflict with or exposure to a hostile action by any opposing foreign force.

than 10 years supporting operations such as Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Odyssey Dawn and others. The unit has accrued more than 82,000 combat hours.

“I see the dedication on the faces of the Airmen of the 116th ACW whether they’re supporting real-world missions or participating in a major inspection,” said Col. Kevin Clotfelter, 116th ACW commander. “And, to the families who provide us unending support, this award is yours too.”

Team JSTARS has earned a 95.8 percent mission effectiveness rate on a fleet of aircraft that averages 44 years old.

5th CCG tops in ‘info dominance’

BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT MCNABB

24th Air Force Public Affairs

The 5th Combat Communications Group has won the 2012 Air Force Information Dominance Major General Harold M. McClelland (Large Unit) Award.

Some of the 5th CCG’s accomplishments include having the last cyber Airmen in country during the drawdown of Operation Iraqi Freedom; leading cyber support for more than 3,000 International Security Assistance Force personnel, and establishing an Operation Enduring Freedom command and control radio net.

Fifty-six Airmen also volunteered more than 600 hours to help repair an aqueduct for an Afghan village.

Col. William Waynick, 5th CCG commander, said the award is a validation of the hard work and sacrifices the 5th MOB Airmen and their families have put forth.

“This award is a culmination of several years’ worth of leadership, training, innovation, and the ‘Let’s Go’ attitude by current and former 5th MOBsters,” he said. “To be recognized as the Air



U.S. Air Force photo by STAFF AGT. MIKE MEARS

Senior Airman Jarod Bierman, 5th Combat Communications Group, helps assemble a tactical satellite communications system at Sather Air Base, Iraq.

WHAT TO KNOW

The Information Dominance Team Award recognizes a group of Air Force ID personnel brought together to work as a team (tiger team) for accomplishments associated with a one-time, special project, process improvement, or short-term endeavor that resulted in tangible or intangible benefits to the Air Force and produced goal-oriented results that, when put in place, significantly improved information dominance and cyberspace to Air Force and DoD missions and operations.

Force’s premier information dominance unit is both humbling and a motivator to continue to set the bar higher.”

Waynick said the accomplishments leading to the award started with the work the unit’s Airmen did at home station, honing their skills and taking care of their equipment so they are also in a high state of readiness for deployment.

According to the commander, the group is unique in that it’s not just

made up cyber warriors, but air traffic control and landing systems operators and maintainers; power production and heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians; logisticians, transporters and supply troops; trainers, vehicle operators and maintainers; civilian engineers, resource managers and program coordinators.

“The point is this unit is rich in capability and is manned with the most professional Airmen in the U.S. Air Force,” he said.

Historical building to get makeover

BY JENNY GORDON

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Renovations are slated to begin on the first floor of Bldg. 110 this month.

A historical building at Robins, its first floor break room will not only receive a new look, but restrooms will also be renovated, said John Gunn, 778th Civil Engineer Squadron construction project manager.

The men’s restroom on the east dock and the women’s and men’s restrooms on the west dock will receive new sinks, flooring, etc., and open area hand-washing machines will be replaced.

During the approximate 120 days of construction, portable



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Building 110, also known as Base Ops, will be undergoing a four-month renovation project.

restroom trailers will be set up for building employees.

Artesian is the prime contractor.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE

Dover C-17 aircrew delivers to Mali

While the U.S. has flown more than a dozen missions into Mali, the first was flown by a Dover C-17. That first mission involved delivering French personnel, equipment and supplies to the war-stricken region. The airlift mission took nearly six hours and carried a load that was near the C-17's maximum capacity. The aircraft commander, Capt. Matthew Hood, 3rd Airlift Squadron evaluator pilot, said he was proud of the way his crew performed during the mission.

"I was really lucky to have a crew that was flexible and passionate about getting the mission done," he said. "There were a lot of changes made throughout the mission. Considering all of the hurdles, every single person rose to the occasion and did an amazing job."

The native of Smyrna, Ga., said the short-notice nature of the mission forced his crew to be extremely flexible, as many details were being decided as they waited on alert. He said his crew did a good job of being patient and focused on taking care of the things that they could.

To read more, visit www.amc.af.mil.

AFMC continues education focus

Building on the success of its "Year of the Community College of the Air Force" campaign in 2011 and "Year of Continuing Education" campaign in 2012, Air Force Materiel Command rolled out a plan for the "Year of the Graduate" for 2013.

The Year of the Graduate, or YoGrad, will still emphasize continuing education across the command but will also recognize those who have completed degrees during this three-phase education campaign.

Efforts from the Year of the CCAF resulted in 1,685 graduates at AFMC bases, the most in the history of the command. The number of AFMC's enlisted Airmen with a CCAF degree went from 24 percent to nearly 30 percent in just one year – more than double the command's goal of a 10 percent increase. With the Year of Continuing Education, the command achieved another 10 percent overall increase, this time at all levels of education rather than just CCAF degrees.

The goal of YoGrad is to inspire those considering or currently working on an education plan to start, continue or complete that plan. Along the way, the campaign will recognize members of the AFMC workforce who have completed a degree program during the two previous campaigns – or do so during YoGrad.

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Warner, AFMC command chief, describes the YoGrad campaign as an excellent way to conclude the three-year focus on education initiatives.

To learn more, visit www.afmc.mil.

Air Force implements voluntary force management programs

Air Force Personnel Center officials have announced the service will implement several voluntary officer and enlisted force management programs for fiscal 2013.

Announced in the January release of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2013, the author-

Move out!

Staff Sgt. Greg Biondo shouts directions to Airmen during an Ability to Survive and Operate exercise at North Auxiliary Air Field, S.C. The exercise trains Airmen to function as combat documentation specialists.



U.S. Air Force photo by SENIOR AIRMAN GEORGE GOSLIN



U.S. Air Force photo by 1ST LT. STEPHANIE SCHONBERGER

Welcome Home!

Maj. Brandon Tellez greets his 15-month-old son at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. Nearly 200 people and a number of F-22 Raptors from the base returned from a nine-month deployment to Southwest Asia. Tellez is a 7th Fighter Squadron F-22 pilot.

ized active duty Air Force end-strength is 329,460; a reduction of 3,340 authorized personnel from fiscal 2012. In order to meet congressionally-mandated end-strength by Sept. 30, the Air Force will continue executing its multi-year force management strategy, said Lt. Col. Letitia Marsh, Headquarters Air Force Separation and Retirement Policy Branch chief.

For officers, voluntary measures will be offered in certain year groups and overage career fields to allow for time in grade waivers for eligible lieutenant colonels and colonels, limited active-duty service commitment waivers, Palace Chase transfers to the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve, and the 10 to 8 Commissioned Years of Service Waiver program.

For enlisted members, voluntary programs open to Airmen who are not in critical specialties include limited active-duty service commitment and time-in-grade waivers, waivers to enlistment contracts, and Palace Chase transfers to the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve.

All applications must be submitted, via the virtual MPF, by Aug. 1, 2013. Approved separations must be complete by Sept. 29.

To learn more, visit www.af.mil.

New surcharge on Visa purchases

As of Jan. 27, merchants in the United States and U.S. Territories are permitted to impose a surcharge on credit card transactions using a MasterCard or Visa card, including the Government Travel Charge Card – both Individually Billed Accounts and Centrally Billed Accounts.

The surcharge is permitted in all states except California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Oklahoma and Texas.

While some merchants may not charge the fee, those who do are required to notify customers before they make an actual purchase – at the store entrance, at the point of sale and in an online environment. The surcharge will be included in the total transaction amount and will be listed separately on the sales receipt. The surcharge is an authorized reimbursable expense while on official travel.

For additional information, visit: http://usa.visa.com/personal/using_visa/checkout_fees/index.html

– compiled by Geoff Janes

Perspective

Alternative transportation just makes 'cents'

BY TOMMIE HORTON

Robins Public Affairs Office

Carpooling and mass transportation save money, reduce traffic congestion, lessen fuel emissions and ease parking constraints.

Did I mention that they save money?

So why aren't you carpooling or riding the bus?

In an effort to address issues created by the mass number of vehicles operating on base, Robins has actively been encouraging employees to use alternative options to commute to work.

The benefits are so plentiful that it just doesn't make sense for employees not to participate. Some might argue it doesn't make much "cents" either.

Perhaps you don't believe paying for alternative transportation would be the most economical option. Here's an interesting fact. Programs aimed to off-

WHAT TO KNOW

- BiRD bus schedule available at www.mta-mac.com
- Clean Air Campaign information available at www.logyourcommute.org.

set commuting costs for active-duty military members and government civilian employees have been in place for some time now.

The Transportation Incentive Program offers financial benefits to those who share rides in vehicles carrying six or more passengers. Enrolling in the program is as simple as filling out a one-page application.

There are currently 19 vanpools to choose from.

Robins is also a partner with the Clean Air Campaign, which operates the website www.logyourcommute.org. Atlanta area and Bibb County commuters can use the site to find carpool-

ing partners who live near them and have similar working hours. Users can also log their commute mileage saved through carpooling, making them eligible to win cash and prizes through the CAC Commuter Rewards program.

Maybe you're a Macon resident who doesn't feel a convenient mass transit pickup point exists for you.

Since November 2010, the Macon Transit Authority has run a weekday bus route to Robins from Macon known as "Buses into Robins Daily" or "BiRD." The cost for the ride is \$6 a day round trip, but is reimbursable for active duty military members and civilians enrolled in TIP.

The reimbursement effectively makes this a free ride to work. With increased participation in current services, MTA could foresee additions to the number of BiRD pickup locations.

Some may believe alternative transportation won't work for them due to

varying work schedules, but they'll probably change their minds after reviewing the BiRD bus schedule on the MTA website www.mta-mac.com.

Both morning and evening schedules offer staggered pickup and drop-off times. Also, coordination with supervisors can help carpoolers and bus riders avoid conflicts with changing work hours.

For the sake of the environment as well as the workforce, Robins officials remain committed to continued efforts to reduce the number of vehicles in operation on base. Participation in alternative commuting has slowly but steadily increased over the last two years. With continued positive progress more Team Robins members may realize increased savings, less traffic congestion and a cleaner environment.

It's time we all commit to embracing changes in our routines, stop making excuses and start making cents.

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On the Fly

SE&TM awards

Congratulations to the following 2013 Robins Science, Engineering and Technical Management Award winners:

► **Junior Military Engineer:**

Capt. Benjamin Switzer

► **Mid-Career Military Engineer:**

Capt. Philip 'Mike' Lampley

► **Junior Civilian Engineer:**

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► **Chief Engineer:**

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► **Engineering Technician:**

David Frase

► **Career Achievement:**

Ronald Hollingshead

and Gary Plaisted

► **Support:** V. Kay Dietrich

► **Gen. Ferguson Engineering:**

William Roberts and Dean Silver

► **Gen. Randolph Engineering**

Team: Kelly Power Supply

Tester/Depot

Automated Test Station for

Avionics Rehost Team

► **Gen. Lyles:** EN Team

► **Capt. R. Obenland Engineering**

Award: 2nd Lt. Jace Yarbrough

► **Outstanding Scientist Team**

Award: TMRS Team

► **Director's Award:**

Alvin "Clay" Mims

Editor's Note: *Winners will now compete at the AFMC level.*

The Robins Tax Center will open Monday for the 2012 filing season. Hours of operation will be Mondays through Thursdays from 8 to 11 a.m., and 1 to 4 p.m. It will be in Bldg. 995.

For eligibility, visit www.robins.af.mil.

The following leave recipients have been approved through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

Lori Shad of AFRC. Point of contact is Jan Brister, who can be reached at 497-1323.

Karen Buckner of AEDC. POC is Sherri Lamas, who can be reached at 340-4314.

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Education and preparation

Roddy Nixon, 78th Operations Support Squadron senior meteorologist, and Staff Sgt. Benjamin Reeves, weather forecaster, hand out information to patrons at the Base Restaurant Tuesday in conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week.



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ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

About the statement

The Economic Impact Statement provides information about the economic impact of Robins Air Force Base on the surrounding community. It is made available to federal, state and local officials, as well as the general public.

An installation's economic impact on the local community is calculated by identifiable on- and off-base local area spending from gross expenditures. Some figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Editor's Note: This statement is for fiscal 2012. This report is based on numbers provided by the Sustainment Center Financial Management Directorate, Robins Operating Location.



AT A GLANCE

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Net Payroll
\$1.41 billion

Retiree Payroll
\$692 million

Annual base expenditures in Georgia
\$245 million

Annual value of indirect jobs created
\$1.218 billion

Total Economic Impact in Georgia
\$2.874 billion

Replacement value of Robins facilities
\$7.67 billion



SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL

APPROPRIATED FUND & MILITARY	Living on base	Living off base	Total
Active Duty	1,205	2,707	3,912
Non-AD Reserves	0	1,943	1,943
Non-extended AD Reserves	0	679	679
Total	1,205	5,329	6,534

AD Military Dependents	1,377	4,464	5,841
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APPROPRIATED FUND CIVILIAN	TOTAL
General Schedule.....	8,394
Federal Wage Board.....	5,497
Other.....	1,394
Total	15,285

OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
Civilian Non-Appropriated Fund.....	535
Base Exchange.....	216
Contract Civilians.....	2,038
Private Businesses on Base.....	84
Total	2,873

SUMMARY OF CONSTRUCTION & CONTRACTS

CONSTRUCTION	COST
Military Construction Program.....	\$27 million
Operations and Maintenance.....	\$41 million
DMAG/Architectural & Engineering Services.....	\$26 million
Total Expenditures	\$94 million

CONTRACTS & PROCUREMENTS IN GEORGIA	COST
Services Contracts.....	\$29 million
Advisory & Assistance Services Contracts.....	\$67 million
Commissary.....	\$2.4 million
Base Exchange.....	\$2 million
Health.....	\$31 million
Education.....	\$7 million
Temporary Duty.....	\$7 million
Other Materials, equipment and supplies.....	\$7 million
Total Expenditures	\$245 million

SUMMARY OF CONTRACT INFORMATION

TOTAL FOR ALL CONTRACTS - Dollars (Billions)					
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
\$4.74	\$5.16	\$5.83	\$5.5	\$5.34	\$7.85

TOP TEN CONTRACTORS

Contractor	Dollars (Millions)
Boeing.....	\$3,534
Northrop Grumman.....	\$798
Lockheed Martin.....	\$805
Raytheon.....	\$330
BAE Systems.....	\$295
Al Raha Group.....	\$189
L-3 Communications.....	\$181
Alenia North America.....	\$116
Rolls Royce.....	\$108
ITT.....	\$73

CONTRACT VALUE BY COUNTY (in millions)

Houston	\$206	Dougherty	\$2.5
Cobb	\$120.8	Laurens	\$1.9
Fulton	\$21.7	Paulding	\$0.74
Bibb	\$8.3	Bulloch	\$0.58
DeKalb	\$4.9	Dooly	\$0.27
Peach	\$3.4	Glynn	\$0.26
Muscogee	\$3.1	Other (aggregate only) ...	\$0.91
Gwinnett	\$2.7	Total	\$343.06

RETIREE IMPACT

NUMBER	
Civilian.....	17,778
Military.....	7,560
Total	25,338

ANNUITIES	
Civilian.....	\$493 million
Military.....	\$199 million
Total	\$692 million

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

LAND	ACRES
Fee Owned	6,779
Easement	138
Right-of-Way	11
Leased	4
License	3
Total	6,935

BUILDINGS	NUMBER	SQ FT
Administrative	111	2,380,301
Shops/Hangars	140	4,427,008
Warehouses	152	4,366,244
Terminal	1	68,258
Other	11	269,495
Family Housing	0	Privatized
Total	415	11,508,306

FLIGHTLINE FACILITIES	SQ YDS
Taxiways.....	504,414
Aprons.....	1,319,425
Overruns.....	66,666
Paved Shoulders.....	507,486
Dangerous Cargo Pads.....	26,917
Warm-up/Holding Pads.....	60,816
Power Check Pads.....	4,212
Total	489,936

RUNWAY – Northwest/Southeast
Length – 12,000 feet, **Width** – 300 feet

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

SCHOOL IMPACT FUNDS	
Houston.....	\$1,061,410
Bibb.....	\$21,840
Crisp.....	\$8,900
Dooly.....	\$4,490
Macon.....	\$6,420
Total	\$1,103,060

The school aid program compensated Georgia school districts in fiscal 2012. Funds were distributed among five counties and amounted to 5.6 percent of the total funds received in Georgia.

UTILITIES CONSUMED

Utility	Quantity	Cost*
Electricity (KKWH)	335,438	\$22.21
Natural Gas (KCF)	859,992	\$2.57
Water (K Gallons)	565,152	\$2.18
Fuel Oil (Gallons)	2,176	\$0.01
Propane (Gallons)	220,200	\$0.43

* in millions

Celebrating heritage

U.S. Air Force photos by RAYMOND CRAYTON

Top, Hillary Fobbs of Mitchell's Academy of Music & Dance Studio in Perry, performs a tap solo as part of this year's Black History Month Observance proclamation signing.

Bottom, Col. Mitchel Butikofer, Installation commander signs the proclamation kicking off the observance.

Another event is the Grand Finale Soul Train Dance Contest scheduled Feb. 22 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Horizons Event Center. Cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. POC is Henrietta Bouknight at 468-2068.



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reached out to the police department a few weeks later, much to the organization's relief since they didn't know the name of the person who assisted at the scene.

Foster, a 41-year-old husband and father of two, was later told by accident scene investigators that he landed about 60 feet from where he was hit.

"The doctors said they didn't know what (Aldana) did, but whatever it was kept me from having permanent brain damage," he said.

After being transported to a nearby trauma center, doctors diagnosed a fractured skull and orbital, a broken left hand, and two broken bones in his right leg. His right knee required extensive reconstructive surgery.

As a result, he was out of work for the next four months and released for light duty work in the summer. Foster was able to return to full duty in December.

"I have no doubt I owe a lot of what

Jeff did to my recovery," said Foster.

Upon meeting Aldana and his family last week during the awards ceremony, he said as the two families' children played together that it was nice to finally meet face to face.

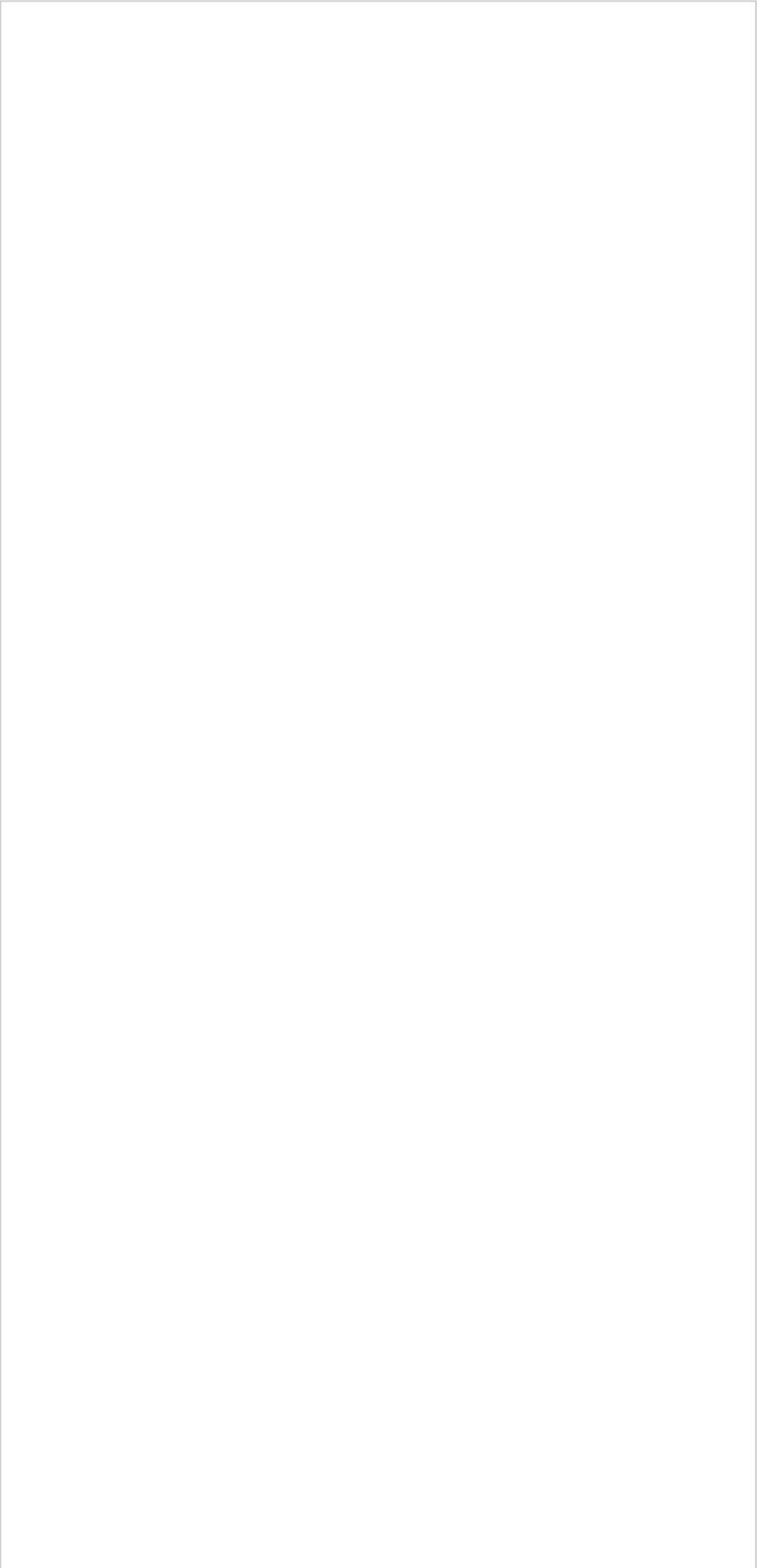
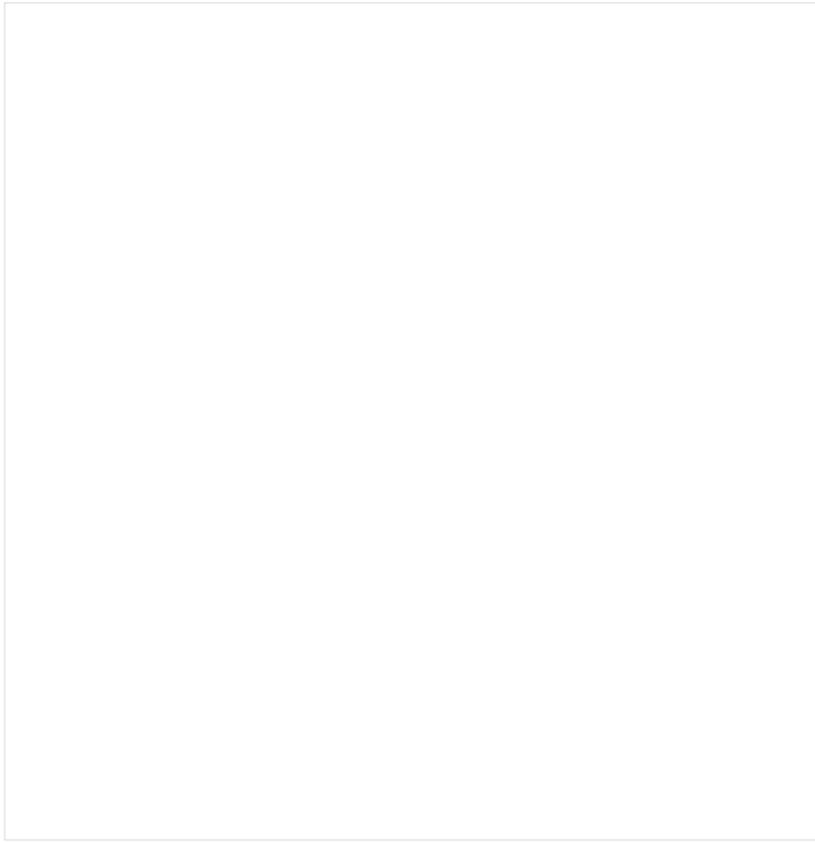
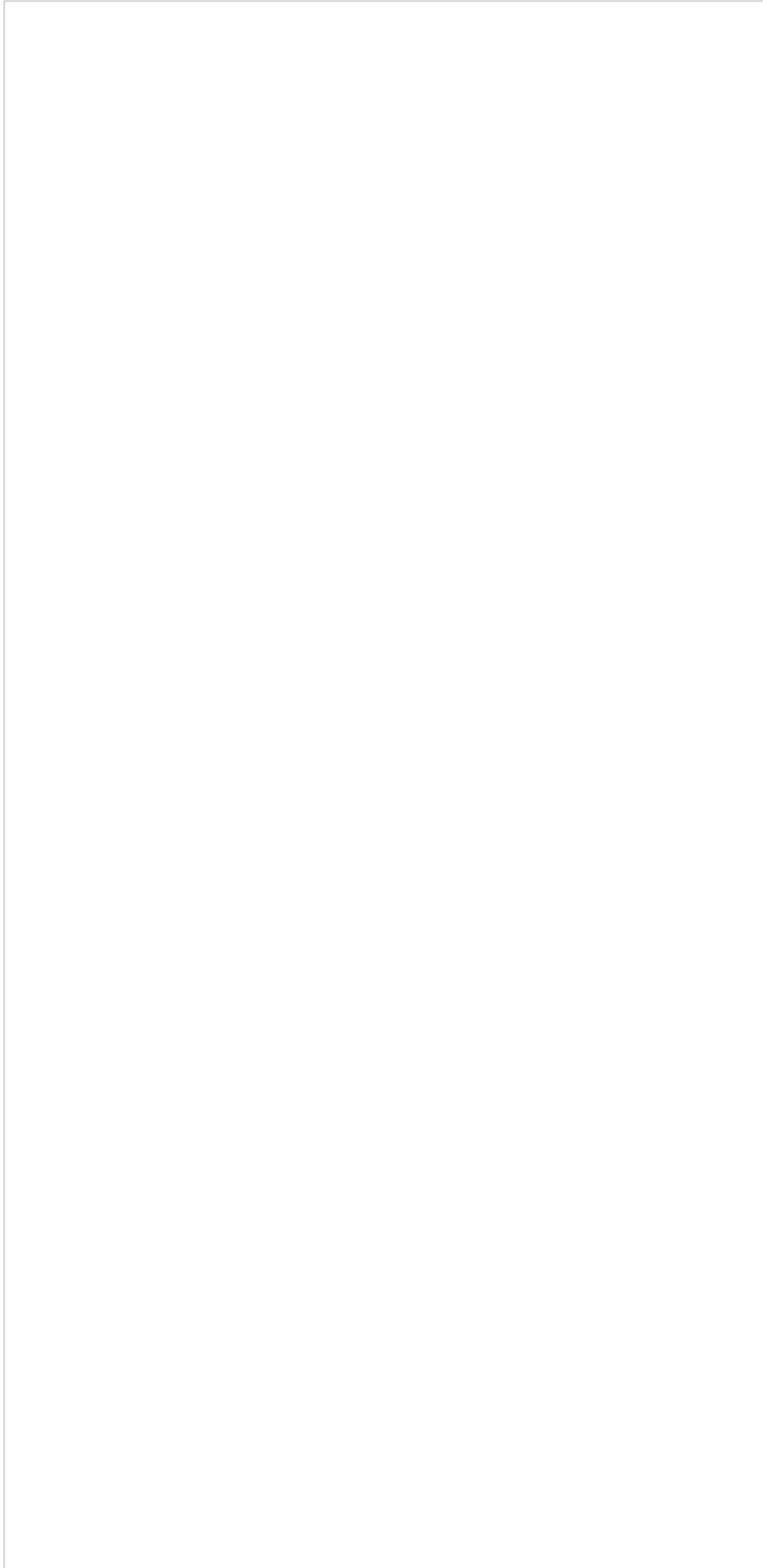
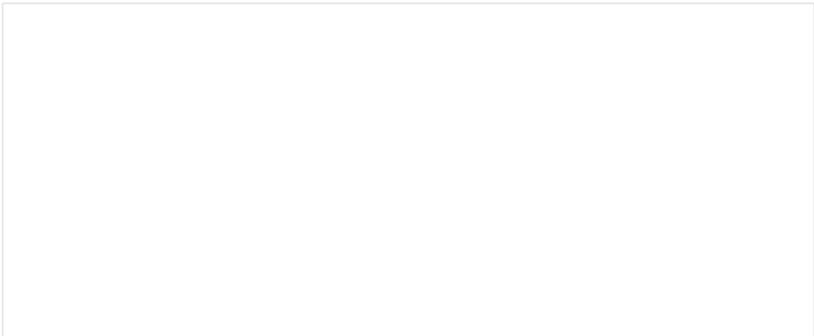
"It worked out really well," said Foster. "I don't know how to explain it, but it was like talking to someone I'd known forever."

Aldana, currently a full-time student at Macon State pursuing an information technology degree, was amazed at how well Foster had bounced back.

"It was so nice to see him; he looked great!" Aldana said.

Potentially losing a friend and fellow officer is never a situation anyone wants to deal with, said a member of the Charleston department.

"There's no worse call a police commander can get than the one from dispatch saying they think you've lost one," said Lt. Rusty Myers, Charleston PD's Team Three commander. "I will never forget what Aldana did to keep me from losing one of mine."





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Kim Wilson, Civilian Health Promotion Services, checks Terry Westmoreland's blood pressure at the Base Restaurant Tuesday. CHPS employees offer the checks every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the restaurant.

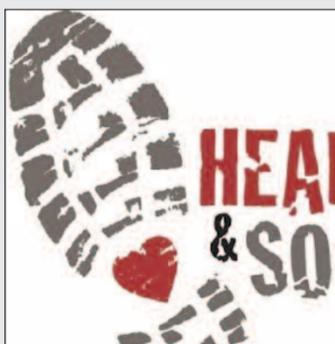
Raising awareness

February is American Heart Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about heart disease and the importance of heart health.

To help prevent heart disease and educate the workforce about healthy heart lifestyle habits, the Robins Civilian Health Promotion Services staff will offer the following series of classes at 1 p.m. in the Fitness Center Annex Conference Room; Bldg. 301 East Wing. Space is limited.

To register call 497-8034 or email April.Gray.ctr@Robins.af.mil.

- ▶ Know your numbers Feb. 20.
- ▶ Blood Pressure Education Feb. 21.
- ▶ Cholesterol Education Wednesday and Feb. 27.
- ▶ Stroke Education Thursday and Feb. 28.



The Health and Wellness Center will host the following events:

- ▶ Healthy Heart Commissary Tour and "Road Show" Today and Feb. 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- ▶ "Road Show" Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Base Restaurant
- ▶ Cooking for a Healthy Heart Feb. 20 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the HAWC, Bldg. 827.
- ▶ Health Heart Class Feb. 25 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the HAWC, Bldg. 827.

Resources available to families with special needs

BY ANN SHELTON

EFMP-M/Special Needs Coordinator

The Exceptional Family Member Program is designed to provide support to military family members with special needs.

It integrates support services, medical clearances and identification as well as assignments. The goal is to ensure personnel are assigned in locations that support both the accomplishment of the mission and the well-being of families.

When a family member has been identified with a special medical need or special education need, it requires enrollment into the EFMP.

An assignment limitation code indicates an Airman's family member has a special need, which must be considered in the assignment process. It's initiated by the local Special Needs

Coordinator and is updated in the Military Personnel Data System by the military personnel staff.

Q-Coded personnel require verification of availability of services for their family members at the gaining location during the assignment process for accompanied assignment.

The 78th MDG is proactively identifying family members with special needs to ensure that members are aware of available resources for their family and to prevent undue delays when a member has an upcoming PCS move.

Some conditions that may meet the criteria for enrollment into the EFMP include chronic medical or physical conditions and current or

chronic mental health conditions. If you are notified that your family member has been identified with one of those conditions, you will be asked to make an appointment with our EFMP-Medical office for completion of the enrollment paperwork.

Enrollment in the EFMP is mandatory once conditions are identified that meet EFMP eligibility criteria.

The EFMP is a DoD program ensuring your family member's medical needs are being met while you are stationed at Robins and to assist in coordinating your next PCS move.

For more information, call the EFMP-Medical office at 497-8415 or 2988.

Medic's message

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According to Air Force Instruction 91-207, all motorists and passengers must wear seat belts when operating or riding in a moving vehicle.

Individuals found not wearing a seat belt in a moving vehicle may be issued a ticket by the 78th Security Forces Squadron.

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FRI 8	SAT 9	SUN 10	MON 11	TUE 12	WED 13	THUR 14
EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES						
<p>ON TAP Teen Night Saturday and Feb. 23 5 to 10 p.m. Youth Center For details, call 468-2110.</p> <p>Single Airman Tandem Skydiving Sign-up by Monday for Feb. 23 trip For details, call 468-4001.</p> <p>Dept. of Labor /TAP/VA Workshop Monday through Feb. 15 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.</p> <p>Valentine's Big BINGO Thursday More money, games Heritage Club For details, call 468-4515.</p> <p>UPCOMING T-Ball, Baseball and Softball Registration Feb. 15 through March 1 5 to 17 years Youth Center For details, call 468-2110.</p> <p>Need childcare during Winter Break? Feb. 15 through 20</p>	<p>For details, call 468-2110.</p> <p>Boss N' Buddy Feb. 15 4 to 5 p.m. Heritage Lounge Members free Guests \$5 For details, call 472-7864.</p> <p>'Cooking with Ms. Jackie' Italian Meatloaf Feb. 16 6 p.m. Youth Center For details, call 468-2110.</p> <p>Pee Wee Spring Bumper League Register Feb. 16 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bowling Center \$32 per person For details, call 468-2112.</p> <p>Hook Up 2 Bowling Feb. 18 9 to 11:30 a.m. Children \$89 Adults \$119 For details, call 468-2112.</p> <p>Winter Break Bowling Specials Feb. 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. Bowl three games for \$5 Feb. 19 Thunder Alley</p>	<p>from 2 to 4 p.m. \$6 per person Feb. 20 Bumper Bowling 75¢ per games For details, call 468-2112.</p> <p>Bundles for Babies Feb. 19 8 a.m. to noon Bldg. 794 Call 327-9398 to sign up For details, call 468-1256.</p> <p>Starting a Small Business Feb. 19 1 to 3 p.m. Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.</p> <p>Money & Credit Management Feb. 25 1 to 3 p.m. Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.</p> <p>Writing a Business Plan Feb. 26 1 to 3 p.m. Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.</p> <p>Spending Plan Basics Military Saves Week activity Feb. 27 9 to 10 a.m. Bldg. 794</p>	<p>For details, call 468-1256.</p> <p>Interview with Confidence Feb. 27 1 to 3 p.m. Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.</p> <p>Debt Reduction/ Military Saves Week activity Feb. 28 3 to 4 p.m. Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.</p> <p>College Prep for Parents & Teens Military Saves Week activity Feb. 28 5 to 6 p.m. Bldg. 794 For details, call 468-1256.</p> <p>ONGOING Club Membership Drive Through March 31 Three months free dues Unlimited cash back For details, call 472-7864.</p> <p>Dog Obedience Class Coming in March For details, call Trudy Reynolds at 953-4488.</p>			

Chapel job opening

The Robins Chapel is looking for a Chapel Tithes and Offerings Account Manager.

Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint is desirable. Minimum of a bachelor's degree and five years experience in accounting is preferred.

Knowledge of Chaplain Corps Central Accounting is a plus.

Resume deadline is Wednesday. Interviews will be scheduled for Feb. 20. A statement of work and bid instructions can be picked up from the Base Chapel. The contract will be awarded on "Best Value" to the government. Upon award, applicant must submit to a criminal history background check.

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

of a difficult partner and reduce relationship mistakes.

The classes will be conducted Thursday, Feb. 21, 28 and March 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Bldg. 941, the Professional Development Center.

To sign up, call 327-8398.

New rates at golf course

Pine Oaks Golf Course has new rates for 2013.

For E1s through E4s, the new annual rate is \$250 – a savings of 51 percent from the old fee of \$506.

For E-5s and above, and Department of Defense civilians and contractors, the new annual rate is \$350 – a 58 percent savings from the former \$825 fee.

Family rates are available. Membership is open to anyone with a valid ID card.

The new rates are due to the loyal support of Team Robins during a profitable 2012.

Golf course improvements also included the addition of new or enhanced tee boxes, and drainage system and irrigation upgrades.

To learn more, call 926-4103.

Family Advocacy Singles Class

Robins Family Advocacy will host 'How to Avoid Falling in Love With a Jerk or Jerkette – Are you the one for me?' a five-session singles class to help participants identify the warning signs

