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C2ISR has potential for growth, huge cost savings

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Looking to the future and expanding future software intelligence capabilities is a primary focus of the Robins Command & Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division.

Currently, division leadership is looking at areas where there is not only room for consolidation, but opportunities for partnerships, specifically on increasing workload in the 402nd Software Maintenance Group.

“As we build more and more capability here in ISR, we think it puts Robins Air Force Base and SMXG in a good position to be very valuable,” said Alan Mathis, C2ISR Division deputy chief.

Not to mention there’s a huge cost savings potential involved for the Air Force.

For example, it’s estimated the cost savings potential is more than 35 percent just in leveraging SMXG capabilities.

“ISR is a tremendous opportunity for 402nd SMXG to grow into current technology areas,” said Brigid O’Hearn, 577th Software Maintenance Squadron director.

Based on the architecture of systems, SMXG is now doing things with new programming languages and more commercial off-the-shelf hardware, something very different from the test program sets and operational flight program work that is currently performed.

This includes work on the Forward Process Exploit

Disseminate System and Remotely Piloted Aircraft Squadron Operations Center System.

On roles typically performed by contractors, O’Hearn explained that integrating various functions in one location will create synergy as well as cut costs.

“We really are in the beginning stages,” she continued. “We’ve been in the ISR business for about four years now. A lot of our work has been in creating centralized integration labs – now we focus on developing expertise in the systems.”

An example of cost savings is consolidating integration and test labs that provide support to the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System (AF DCGS), a weapon system that produces intelligence

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Studies to show how Robins compares to similar-sized installations

BY JENNY GORDON

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Robins Air Force Base and Middle Georgia should soon have a better idea how they stack up against comparable-sized military installations and communities in a number of specific areas.

A series of studies conducted by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission will find what the base’s and area’s strengths and weaknesses are in relation to like installations and regions. The information is aimed at helping the base and local area better position themselves for the future, including a possible BRAC, Base Closure and Realignment Commission, in fiscal 2015 or 2017.

An in-depth comparative analysis of Robins to 12 military installations across the U.S. will look at things such as encroachment, air quality and capacity to accept new missions.

A comparative analysis will also be completed of Middle Georgia and the same 12 military communities looking at things such as education, crime, medical services, cost of living, transportation, housing and the capacity to grow.

For example, the analysis will look at student test scores and access to higher education; the number and types of law enforcement resources; the number of urgent care medical facilities; access to interstates and major highways, airports and public transportation; and the air quality profiles of each base and its surrounding community.

The 15 studies are expected to be completed by the end of June.

WHAT TO KNOW

Comparison installation and communities include Hill Air Force Base, Utah; Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas; Red River Army Depot, Texas; Anniston Army Depot, Ala.; Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.; Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa.; Marine Corps Maintenance Center, Albany, Ga.; Marine Corps Maintenance Center, Barstow, Calif.; Fleet Readiness Center Cherry Point, Havelock, N.C.; Fleet Readiness Center, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Fleet Readiness Center, San Diego, Calif.



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

Blue Summit participants tour the Advanced Metal Finishing Facility Monday. The facility is the newest building in the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex. The group was also on a windshield tour of the Robins flight line.

Blue Summit

Gathering serves as update, outreach for local, state leaders

At right, retired Lt. Gen. William Hallin, (left) former Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander; gets a briefing from Jim Cunningham, 402nd Commodities Maintenance Group Process Engineer, during a tour of the Advanced Metal Finishing Facility.

Lt. Gen. Bruce Litchfield, Air Force Sustainment Center commander, visited Robins Monday through Wednesday as part of Blue Summit. The visit served as an opportunity to update and reach out to the base, local community leaders and state and federal legislative officials. The three-day event included a commander’s call with AFSC personnel here and tours of various base facilities. Also visiting was Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Vegas, AFSC command chief master sergeant.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

(L to R) Matthew Thomas and Michael Hope, 578th Software Maintenance Squadron electronics engineers, demonstrate an iPad App. Robins software engineers are developing iPad Apps for cargo aircrews as part of the Electronic Flight Bag initiative.

Robins partners with AMC in new iPad initiative

BY ROBINS
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Some Air Force aircraft are now a touch bit lighter when airborne, thanks in part to the work of software engineers here.

Since February, a number of C-5, C-17 and C-130 aircrews have been using iPads instead of bulky manuals, charts and other reference materials to help pilot and maintain their aircraft. The 578th Software Maintenance Squadron is sustaining and maintaining

those iPads, as well as developing associated Apps, as part of Air Mobility Command’s ‘Electronic Flight Bag’ initiative.

For instance, the squadron is currently converting PC-based Windows programs already in use in the cockpit to Apps for the iPad.

“Aircrews regularly take laptops onto aircraft to run applications such as Weight and Balance and Take Off and Land Data,” said Rob Frisch, the 578th’s program manager for App develop-

ment. “We are now converting these for use on the iPad.”

The 578th SMXS is also looking to automate many of the forms crews have to fill out to gauge the health of aircraft before taking off.

“The 402nd Software Maintenance Group wants to take a lead role as tablet-based technology rolls out to our Airman and as new technologies become available for the warfighter,” said Wayne Osborn, director of the SMXG – the 578th’s parent organization.

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

BY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE
COORDINATOR OFFICE

Sexual assault is a crime and has no place at Robins Air Force Base or the U.S. Air Force.

To bring attention to this important issue and to show support for all victims, each April is observed as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This year’s theme is “We own it. We’ll solve it. Together.”

While many victims have come forward and filed a report of sexual assault, there may be more victims who have chosen not to report their sexual assault. It is the goal of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program to help all victims heal and become survivors.

Victims of sexual assault come from all walks of life. While they are overwhelmingly female, males also report being victims. Some victims have little or no education, some dropped out of high school; yet other victims have college education and hold advanced degrees. Victims are military, while others are civilian, according to Cindy Graver, Robins’ Sexual Assault Response Coordinator.

“Sexual assault is an epidemic. We have to fix it – now,” said Graver. “We have to provide the best possible care to victims of sexual assault. We have to help victims of sexual assault become happy, healthy, productive and functioning survivors.”

Victims are young and old, she continued. They are family members and friends. They are our coworkers. They sit next to us at church and they are our neighbors.

“Statistics tell us that one out of every four females will be sexually assaulted during her lifetime, and one out of 33 males will be sexually assaulted during his lifetime. Victims of sexual assault are now members of our ‘circle of concern’ – our families and our friends. We are now affected,” she continued.

“We have to have frank discussions with young people, middle age people, and old people about being a perpetrator.

SAAM ACTIVITIES

►Tuesday and Wednesday T-Shirt painting From 3 to 5 p.m.; Bldg. 708; call 497-7272 to make a reservation or to make other arrangements.

►Thursday, Walk A Mile in Her Shoes Meet between buildings 300 and 301 at 1 p.m. to help spread awareness.

►Basketball Robins vs Ft. Valley State Army ROTC, April 26, 1 p.m. main gym.

►Clothesline of Courage. Displayed at various locations on base.

►Every Friday Leaders Lunch and a Movie from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Today: The Invisible War (97 min)

April 12: The Bro Code (56 min)

April 19: The Invisible War (97 min)

April 26: The Bro Code (56 min)

We cannot assume everyone understands what a perpetrator is, or that the behavior they have exhibited for years is not okay. We have to hold perpetrators accountable for their actions and stop blaming the victim for the perpetrator’s actions,” she said.

Every person at Robins Air Force Base must be committed to eliminating sexual assault. Together, the goal is to prevent and respond to this crime in order to enable military readiness and to eliminate sexual assault – period.

The success of every program and initiative is dependent on the daily and continued commitment of every single one of us in fostering a climate of mutual dignity and respect, where sexual assault is not tolerated, condoned, or ignored.

Anyone who commits this crime – or thinks they can get away with it if they do commit it – will be held appropriately accountable.

“Solving this problem is up to us – we own it. As commanders, as leaders, as fellow Airmen, it is essential that we all live the core values of our profession of arms and treat each other with dignity and respect. Our victims and our fellow Airmen are depending on us.”

For more information, call the SARC Office at 327-7272 or DSN 497-7272.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

A gas tanker delivers 7,500 gallons of E-85 fuel to Robins. Base personnel and contractors check lines for leaks and to ensure the system was working properly. The pumps are now open.

Got Gas?

An E85 biofuels tank project, which has been ongoing since December 2009, is finally complete and the 12,000-gallon above-ground tank recently serviced its first official customer.

The tank is located in the storage area beside Bldg. 194, and is for use by government vehicles only.

The push to get the fuel tank installed was spurred by an executive order calling for military installations to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

This order mandates a 15 percent reduction in fossil fuel usage by 2015, using the fossil fuel usage numbers in 2005 as the baseline. Currently, government vehicles need to leave the installation and



Airman 1st Class Billy Mitchell, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels journeyman, conducts the ceremonial first fueling of the new E-85 tank. Col. Mitchel Butikofer, 78th Air Base Wing commander, visited the LRS fuels flight for the ceremony where 115 alternate fuel vehicles on base will be able to be fueled with E-85.

The ceremony was symbolic of the long-awaited self-service E-85 issue tank that will save vehicle operators all over base time and gas as operators will not have to go off base to receive E-85.

travel about six miles to fill up with E85 fuel.

By installing the E85 tank on base, it allows

all government vehicles which use E85 to save gas, eliminating the six-mile trip to get fuel.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE

AIR FORCE



B-2 bombers conduct extended deterrence mission to South Korea

YONGSAN GARRISON, Seoul (AFNS) – U.S. Strategic Command officials sent two B-2 Spirit bombers for a long-duration, round-trip training mission from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., to South Korea March 28 as part of the ongoing bilateral Foal Eagle training exercise.

The exercise demonstrates the commitment of the United States and its capability to defend South Korea and to provide extended deterrence to our allies in the Asia-Pacific region.

This mission by two B-2 Spirit bombers assigned to 509th Bomb Wing, which demonstrates the United States' ability to conduct long range, precision strikes quickly and at will, involved flying more than 6,500 miles to the Korean Peninsula, dropping inert munitions on the Jik Do Range, and returning to the continental U.S. in a single, continuous mission.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

AF to implement force structure changes

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Air Force released its plan March 28 to implement force structure changes mandated by the fiscal 2013 National Defense Authorization Act.

The bill authorized the service to complete actions approved in previous years, such as aircraft retirements, and directed execution of Congressionally-approved force structure actions.

Some of these changes were outlined in the Air Force's Total Force Proposal, developed in coordination with the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. Others were congressionally-directed.

"Our Air Force continues efforts to maximize the strength of our Total Force, and we are pleased with the progress that is being made on this front," said Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley. "This implementation plan illustrates the Air Force's continued commitment to transparency as it completes the force structure requirements directed and authorized by the NDAA."

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Dover AFSO21 project helps improve C-5M

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. – Using Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century, active-duty and Reserve Airmen here were able to improve the reliability and life expectancy of the C-5M Super Galaxy.

AFSO21 is the Air Force's dedicated effort to maximize value and minimize waste in all of our processes.

"We identified the whole process with our Dewars and fire suppression system of the aircraft as being one of the leading causes of downtime for the aircraft," said Master Sgt. Jay Haller, 512th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron electro environment person. "Sometimes it was taking three weeks to get an airplane back in the sky because of some of the defects."

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

Live fire

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho -- Firefighters start a controlled live fire for training during an Operational Readiness Exercise at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, March 4. The fire department used reclaimed JP8 fuel to make a realistic fire around a training structure designed to simulate an aircraft fire.



Photo by **TECH. SGT. SAMUEL MORSE**

C-130 maintenance training team helps Royal Thai AF counterparts

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. – A mobile training team from the 373rd Training Squadron's Field Training Detachment 4 returned here March 9 from a month-long deployment to Thailand providing C-130 maintenance training to the Royal Thai air force.

Nine members of the field training detachment made up the team of instructors who helped provide formal maintenance instruction to the RTAF C-130 community Feb. 6 through March 9.

"We provided training to 101 total students," said Senior Master Sgt. Nathan Lakin, 373rd TRS FTD 4 chief. "It took about four months of planning on our end to put all the pieces in place. It was a great experience for us as a team and the training was worthwhile to the RTAF as well."

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

AF system improves homeland air defense

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. – An Air Force system designed in the wake of Sept. 11 to provide comprehensive air surveillance and defense for North America recently got even better.

The Battle Control System-Fixed program reached a major milestone with the full deployment of Increment 3. The BCS-F, produced by ThalesRaytheonSystems, is a modern real-time battle management command and control system. Fielded at the North American Aerospace Defense Command's Air Defense Sectors, BCS-F provides NORAD commanders with a highly interoperable and reliable platform in support of the nation's homeland defense air mission.

Following the 2001 terrorist attacks, NORAD and its force provider, Air Combat Command, realized there was an enormous need to upgrade the legacy equipment in the sectors to provide their commanders with an increased capability to see not only the traditional air defense approaches to North America,



U.S. Air Force photo by **SENIOR AIRMAN BRETT CLASHMAN**

Lifeline

A pararescueman hoists a survivor into an HH-60 Pave Hawk during a terminal employment phase March 13 at the Orchard Combat Training Center, Idaho. The hoist is a quick, effective method of recovering survivors. The phase is one out of a series of advanced training programs administered at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

but also as much of the internal airspace over the continent as possible.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

– compiled by *Holly Logan-Arrington*

Perspective

Commander's Challenge Stop List

Team AFMC,

We completed another very successful Senior Leaders Conference last week with more than 100 of our Command's senior leaders in attendance via VTC. I am very pleased with the progress we continue to make as we execute our critical missions and march toward the 5-Center Reorganization Full Operational Capability scheduled for the end of fiscal 2013. One takeaway that I want to share with you all is the "Commander's Challenge Stop List." During my opening comments at the SLC, I discussed sequestration impacts in AFMC, both to our mission and to our people. My direction to our Senior Leaders was to get serious about eliminating or deferring the least important things we do and to find more cost effective ways to continue the things we must. I'm not willing to accept a "more with less" or even "the same with less" approach. I challenged all attendees to take a hard look at things we can "stop doing" in order to mitigate the impending impact of civilian furloughs. I asked your leaders to propose by the end of the conference at least one thing that's low

enough in priority to stop – and they delivered! Within 24 hours, I received over 100 inputs.

I'd like to share with you just some of the items determined to be "quick kills" at the Headquarters level. Immediate direction was given to stop or alter these tasks. Examples are:

- 1) Minimize Info-Only emails such as "This Day in Air and Space History;" we will explore alternate distribution means such as digital bulletin boards
- 2) Reduced weekly HQ AFMC staff meeting (Tuesday) content and the weekly stand up (Friday) no longer requires PowerPoint charts
- 3) Simplified our preparation packages for contractor courtesy visits
- 4) Eliminated the HQ AFMC Quarterly Awards Breakfast and replaced it with AFMC Senior Leaders visiting the award winner(s) in their work center to



Wolfenbarger

offer our personal congratulations.

While these examples reside at the Headquarters level, we have roughly 20 additional "quick kill" items under review that will reach all levels of the command; I expect to see some of those take effect very soon.

This first data call is only the beginning. I encourage every Airman (officers, enlisted, and civilian) at every level to take a step back, look at those daily demands across your organization, and create your own proposed "stop list." Bring that information to your Supervisors and Commanders so action can be taken immediately. Our warfighters depend on our ability to efficiently execute our mission sets – and I depend on you to challenge the norms so that our Command can continue to succeed, even in this difficult budget environment.

Thank you for all you do for AFMC, our Air Force, and our nation!

– By *Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger*,
Air Force Materiel Command commander

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On the Fly

Civilian developmental education application window opens

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas – Eligible civilians are now able to apply for intermediate and senior developmental education opportunities, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced. Civilian nominations are due May 1. Intermediate programs include the Air Command and Staff College, Air Force Institute of Technology, international services program opportunities and a variety of fellowship and internship programs. Senior programs include Air Force and defense fellowships, Army War College, Air Command and Staff College with an Air War College follow-on, international services senior development program opportunities, and more. Requirements and eligibility vary depending on the program, so applicants should carefully review the program guide before preparing application documents. The Civilian Developmental Education Board will convene in September to consider high-potential employees for education opportunities that best suit their career goals and the needs of the Air Force, said Loretta Brown, AFPC Leadership Development Chief. “In spite of budget cuts and the impending

furlough, the Air Force has a mission to accomplish and needs capable leaders,” said Brown. “The Air Force will continue to develop current and future leaders to expand their knowledge and increase their understanding of the role of air, space and cyberspace power. Approximately 700 civilians between GS-07 and GS-15 (and equivalent grade) will be selected for schools and programs that range from Squadron Officer School to Air War College. Applicants must be nominated by local leadership and endorsed by their chain of command, said Brown. All applicants must meet basic eligibility requirements, including appropriate grade and education levels required for the specific program and two years in the Air Force civil service by May 1. Completion of intermediate or senior level professional military education is also required for senior developmental education applicants.

Editor’s note:
To read the full story, including required documents and instructions, visit <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123341344>.

AFAF campaign wraps up fifth week

The Robins 2013 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign has completed its fifth week. Total donations as of March 29 have topped \$55,000. The six-week campaign ends April 12. The theme is “Commitment to Caring,” with Robins’ goal of \$78,833. In 2012 through the AFAS, the official charity of the Air Force, Robins was able to provide 116 forms of emergency loan assistance and four grants, which included over \$47,000 in loans to assist Airmen. To donate to the AFAF, primary unit project

officers include:

- Tech. Sgt. Jehu Forte, 461st ACW
- 2nd Lt. Diana Hall, 78th ABW
- Master Sgt. Thomas Williams, 689th CCW
- Senior Master Sgt. Lisa McCarthy, AFRC
- Staff Sgt. Vernon Pifer, WR-ALC
- 1st Lt. Greg Cappuzzo, AFLCMC
- Master Sgt. Thomas Sorken, 339th FLTS
- 1st Lt. Yvonne Johnston, 638th SCMG

Those interested in applying for aid must meet eligibility guidelines, and complete an application by visiting <http://www.afas.org>.

Senior Airman Below-the Zone

Congratulations to the following Senior Airman Below-the-Zone Promotion Board selectees for April through June:

- Airman 1st Class Wilson Adkins, 78th SFS
- Airman 1st Class Michelle Hussey, 5th CBCS
- Airman 1st Class Justin Mason, 53rd CBCS
- Airman 1st Class Jonathan Reinersmann, 78th SFS
- Airman 1st Class Jeremy Worthy, 51st CBCS

Academy graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates of Airey NCO Academy:

- Tech. Sgt. Oliver Dexter
- Tech. Sgt. James Lane
- Tech. Sgt. LaShundra Nesmith
- Tech. Sgt. Tina Wade

The Traffic Management Office in Bldg. 914 will close Wednesday at 10 a.m. for an official function. It will re-open for normal hours Thursday. For more information, call 472-0111.

The United States Air Force Academy has been working to develop the **Leaders Encouraging Air Development Program**. This program serves to provide the best and brightest Airmen in the AF the opportunity to compete for a USAFA appointment. In an effort to broaden program outreach, the USAFA admissions office is sending representatives to Robins. By speaking to a diverse group of audi-

ences, the USAFA hopes to share the LEAD Program message with as many Airmen as possible. Two briefings will be conducted on April 15 at the Horizons Event Center. The first briefing will be from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and is for commanders and senior NCOs to help them identify and nominate their superior Airmen. The second briefing will be from 11 a.m. to noon and is for officers and enlisted personnel. For more information, contact the Robins Education and Training Office at 497-7312 or send an email to 78fss.fsde.ed.off@robins.af.mil.

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

Michelle Price of HQ AFGSC. POC is Wilmon Bolden, who can be reached at 781-3288.

Donna Foster of 578th SMXS. POC is David Ensley, who can be reached at 468-9758.

Janine Jackson of 78th MDG. POC is Tammy Holland, who can be reached at 497-8390.

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

The following **leadership classes are scheduled for April:**

- Col. Mitchel Butikofer will present “Leadership Insights” Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 244.
- Carl Unholtz will present “Diversity” April 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 905, Room 244.

Please view the Robins Splash Page and click on Team Robins for any changes in class schedules.

AFMC promotes Be Active: Physical Activity initiative

BY AFMC WELLNESS SUPPORT CENTER

During April and May, Air Force Materiel Command will be promoting its ‘Be Active: Physical Activity Initiative.’

The Be Active initiative is designed to be progressive with frequency of physical activity. If someone has not been active for some time, this initiative allows him or her to start at a comfortable level and add a little more activity as times goes on. The initiative involves the use of the AFMC Wellness Support Center website, www.AFMCwellness.com, and physical activity log. The activity log has more than 27 physical activity options for participants to choose from.

The goal of Be Active is for participants to log a minimum of 840 minutes, or 14 hours, between April 1 and May 31. Participants who reach this goal will receive a completion award, and the top five individuals at each base with the highest minutes logged of physical activity will receive an AFMC travel blanket.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regular physical activity can help control body weight, reduce risk of cardiovascular disease, improve brain function and mood, and strengthen bones and muscles. Civilian Health Promotion Services will be offering a series of physical activity

classes throughout April and May, including Benefits of Exercise, Walk Your Way to Better Health, and Aging and Exercise.

To participate in the Be Active Initiative:

Create an account at www.AFMCwellness.com

- DoD Air Force civilians need to have a current Health Risk Assessment. Active-duty members do not need to complete an HRA to participate.

To enroll in the Be Active Initiative:

- For those logging in to the website for the first time during the enrollment period, a pop-up window should come up allowing the option to enroll. A participant may also enroll by going to the left -hand column of the homepage and clicking on ‘Programs,’ where the user will be prompted to ‘Register in Program Group.’

- Start logging your activity in the activity log tracker located on the website home page under Personal Logs.

Be sure to speak with a physician before beginning any exercise or physical activity program to make sure it is safe.

Visit the Wellness Support Center site often to learn of opportunities to be physically active during April and May, including your local installation’s fitness center class schedule, as well as sponsored fun run and walks.

For more information, call the Robins CHPS staff at 497-8030.



Month of the Military Child



U.S. Air Force photos by ED ASPERA

Gabriel Letchworth participates in the Georgia Child Identification Program where a complete identification kit including hair and eye color, scars, is compiled. The kit also contains contact information for parents or guardians and a DNA swab. To kick off activities as part of April's Month of the Military Child, A Fit and Healthy Family Fair and Picnic was conducted Saturday at the Robins Youth Center.

Family fair targets fitness and health

Micah Shea Raley tries to beat her first marker at the Bungee Power Stretch game. Other events included an Easter egg hunt, a free-throw contest, karate, vehicle demonstrations, and more.



Kayden Maxey (left) and Kaylee Dalman have fun with bubbles. Attendees were also treated to a health and wellness education fair, zumba and face painting.



Attendees take a break from activities and relax with a picnic in the grass during the Fit and Healthy Family Fair and Picnic. Nearly 2,000 people attended the event.

Changes to Air Force Profile System

In recent years, the process to obtain fitness testing exemptions has meant two different forms: an AF469, issued by the Air Force provider, and the AF422, issued by the exercise physiologist and approved by an Air Force profile officer.

Effective immediately, there are some changes to the process of obtaining a profile. In January, AFI 10-203 was published, which allows Air Force providers to document fitness restrictions directly on the AF469. This allows for less documentation required to receive Fitness Assessment Exemptions. Along with normal duty and mobility limitations, providers may also note any FAEs and training restrictions on the AF469 when the condition lasts for less than 181 days.

The AF422 will still be used by the exercise physiologist to document exercise prescriptions for those members who have conditions which will last longer than 180 days.

“The new procedure will expedite the process by

eliminating the middle man from the exemption process, said Stuart Bapties, Robins’ Health and Wellness Center Director, and will result in the Health and Wellness Center exercise physiologist having more availability to do hands on interventions for those Airmen in need of exercise prescriptions while recuperating from injuries or who are struggling with FA failures.”

Official notification of the forms remains electronic via the Aeromedical Services Information Management System. Typically, commanders, unit deployment managers and first sergeants receive these notifications at the unit commander's discretion. Unit fitness program managers may also be appointed by their respective commanders. The point of contact for updating these appointments is the 78th AMDS Public Health flight.

Members may review their own information via MyIMR, which provides

them access to completed documents as well as other readiness information. This tool will ensure that a member has the latest official information. Personnel can access MyIMR through the Air Force Portal.

The following are conditions when an AF422 will be issued by the exercise physiologist: Referral from any provider, UFPM referral for exemption from any fitness assessment component in a continuous 12 month period, UFPM referral for four fitness assessment component exemptions in 24 months, referral by the commander or UFPM as necessary or a self-referral by the Airman.

The Robins fitness assessment cell has been instructed that it can now utilize the current AF422 until existing AF 422s expire or the new AF469 (including working copy) containing FAEs is on hand.

— *Courtesy Robins Health and Wellness Center*

Counselor Connection

Lessons learned from EEO

BY ROBINS
OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission recently filed a lawsuit charging that Ramin, Inc., a Comfort Inn & Suites franchise owner in Taylor, Mich., violated federal law when it terminated a pregnant housekeeper because of her pregnancy.

According to the suit filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Ramin fired a housekeeper shortly after it learned of her pregnancy. The company stated it could not allow her to continue to work as a housekeeper because of the potential harm to the development of her baby.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, protects female employees against discrimination based on pregnancy, and the Supreme Court has expressly rejected the notion that an employer may exclude pregnant women from employment based on its own concerns about the safety of the unborn child.

The EEOC is seeking an injunction to prevent Ramin from discriminating against pregnant employees or applicants in the future, as well as monetary relief on behalf of the victim. The EEOC filed suit after first attempting to settle the case through its conciliation process.

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Money-saving tips to survive budget cuts

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With furlough days staring federal civilian employees in the face, the Department of Defense is not the only one looking at forced cutbacks.

Some employees have already begun thinking of ways to trim costs; they try to imagine walking the “*money’s tight*” rope when many don’t have a big financial safety net – if they have one at all.

Just the anticipation of living on less money has some people scurrying for ways to spend less and save more.

The following tips are aimed at helping readers craft a new way of living to help them through the

federal budget crunch. Furloughs will no doubt take their toll, but with the following tips, people could have a better financial mindset on the other side.

Lower interest rates

If you pay your credit cards on time, many creditors will reduce your annual percentage rate, especially if you tell them you have a lower offer with another credit card. Ask to waive the annual fee, if there is one.

Buy store brands

You can save up to 40 percent buying store brand foods. Many manufactures of “name” brands also

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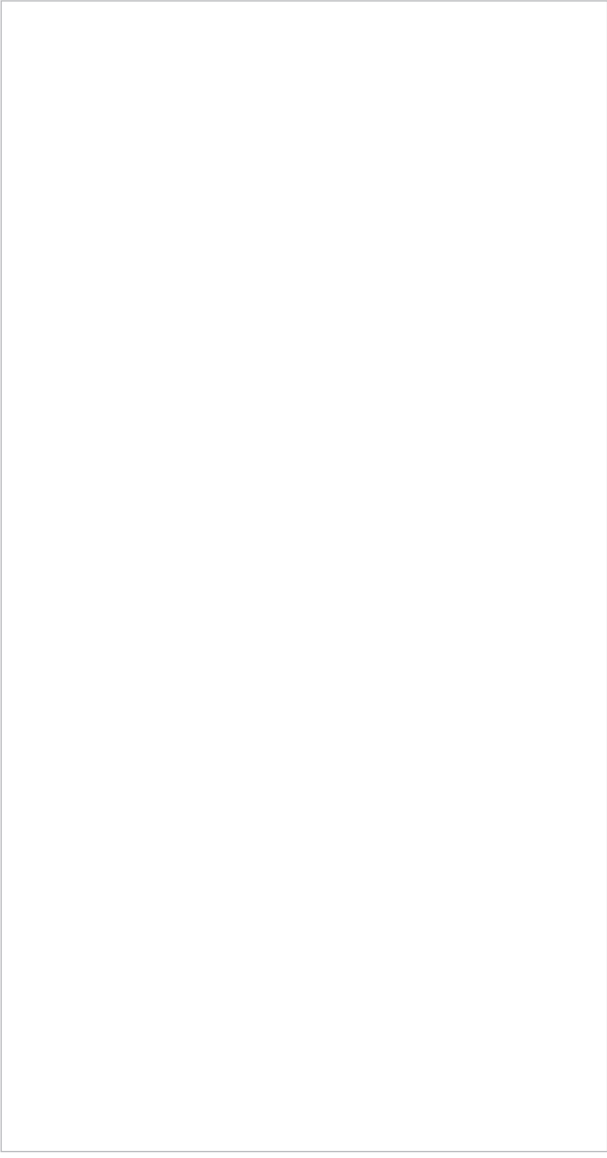
Coupons

Go to the source if you don’t see what you want in the paper. Call the 800 number or go to the website of your favorite brand. There are also several different coupon websites where you can find huge savings. Just use them!

Editor’s Note: *The accompanying tips are provided by the Robins Airman & Family Readiness Center. See more helpful info at www.robins.af.mil under the sequestration tab.*



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information collected by the U-2 and other ISR sensors. These labs are supported by the government but are located at various original equipment manufacturers that provide software to the AF DCGS weapon system. The idea is to consolidate these labs at Robins, bring that workload here, thereby centralizing capabilities in one location.

Growth potential for ISR software capabilities at Robins is an area that hasn't been fully tapped into. By taking advantage of SMXG's expertise and creating more partnerships, the move is a win-win for everyone.

A savings initiative under consideration by the C2ISR Division is to encourage software developers to write software from a local office in lower cost Middle Georgia versus other

higher cost locales around the country. A simple goal the C2ISR Division has set is for 30 percent of software code to be written by developers within 20 miles of Robins to achieve a 10 percent cost reduction in five years.

"Every dollar saved is a dollar back to the program to do more capability. As you have capability, you're not as dependent on other people," noted Mathis. "Every decision we're making this year is based on reducing cost."

Joint STARS is another ISR platform that has great potential. Its program office has also been working to implement a transition plan for its E-8C software. One initiative is to combine capabilities to do more of the work at Robins versus at contractor facilities.

As part of its overall transition plan, there is significant savings to be

realized. By the time the plan is in place, an estimated \$10 million per year might be realized in savings to the government, according to Wanda Watts, Capabilities and Software Section chief. This is more than a 35 percent savings just by increasing 402nd SMXG capabilities.

It is stressed that the idea is not to just take work away from defense contractors, as their expertise will always be needed, but rather creating partnerships to identify best value decisions where they make sense. The goal is to change the way business is currently conducted to accommodate the changing environment.

"The key is building the partnership and growing ISR capability," said Mathis. "As you build on that, it puts you in a position to do more. We think it makes good business sense."

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Pinwheels for prevention

Above, Capt. Mindy Davis, 78th Medical Group Mental Health Clinic, places a pinwheel for Child Abuse Prevention at Centerville City Hall. A proclamation signing and the placing of the pinwheels Monday were part of the National Child Abuse Prevention Month kickoff. The proclamation was signed by Col. Mitchel Butikofer, Installation commander, and representatives of the cities of Centerville, Perry and Warner Robins, and the Houston County Board of Commissioners.

At right, local boy scouts present the colors Monday during the Pinwheels for Prevention Ceremony Monday.

