

Holiday Greetings from Home

Robins Public Affairs will set up at the Exchange Tuesday beginning at 10:30 a.m. to allow Team Robins members to record video messages to the troops. This is a great chance for family members, coworkers and civilians to wish their deployed service members 'Happy Holidays.'

Team Robins is also encouraged to send generic greetings to service members, whether they have family in the military or not. The video messages will be posted on the official Robins Air Force Base Facebook page.



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Base CFC donations extended until Dec. 13

The 2013 Robins Combined Federal Campaign key workers will continue to collect donations until Dec. 13, and the CFC office will remain open until then. Donations through the myPay CFC link will be accepted until Jan. 15.

If you pledge through myPay, make sure your organization symbol mirrors your e-mail organizational symbol. Errors may result in your unit not being credited with your donation.

As of Thursday, the campaign had raised \$676,475.

For a list of super monitors visit the Robins Homepage at www.robins.af.mil.

Everyone loves a parade

The following holiday parades will be taking place in the local area with base representatives in their lineups:

Today

Cochran, 7 p.m.
Unadilla, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Warner Robins, 10 a.m.
Dublin, 2 p.m.
Perry, 4 p.m.
Hawkinsville, 4:30 p.m.
Fort Valley, 5 p.m.
Centerville, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Macon, 3 p.m.

Final days for open season benefits enrollment

The 2013 Federal Benefits Open Season will end Monday. That includes enrollment in the Federal Employees Health Benefits, Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance and Federal Flexible Spending Account programs.

Open season information may be visited using a government computer on the myPers benefits and entitlements website at <https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>. Common access cards are required.

The Office of Personnel Management's guides to federal benefits are available at www.opm.gov/insure/health/planinfo/guides/index.asp.

During open season employees can enroll, change health plans or options, cancel enrollment, change to self-only or self and family, and waive or begin participation in Premium Conversion.

Elections made during 2013 will be effective Jan. 12, and will be reflected on leave and earning statements Jan. 31.

Enrollments or changes will be made via the Employee Benefits Information System, at <https://www.my.af.mil> and <https://w20.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecurenet20>, or the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team automated phone system at 1-800-525-0102.

Complex prepares for future workload through employee development

BY JENNY GORDON

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When the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex hired a wave of external employees from 2010 to 2011, a formal training program at the time focused on sheet metal and aircraft mechanics.

The intensive two-year program's success was due to the dedication of many across Robins, including supervisors who worked closely with trainees to combine both classroom teaching and on-the-job training. Trainees in the program eventually were promoted to the WG-10 level.

A total of 150 sheet metal mechanics and 128 aircraft mechanics completed their respective formal training, actively supporting aircraft maintenance and modifications on the C-5, C-17, C-130 and F-15 weapon systems.

Now that the program has concluded, during fiscal 2013 and 2014, the focus has been to re-align personnel with appropriate skills to support the changing workload across the complex, according to Donna Frazier, WR-ALC Business Operations chief.

Completion of annual workload and skills analyses for fiscal 2014 resulted in a shift to realign internal workers who would like a chance to do new and different things.

"What we're trying to do is get the workforce trained for the mission that's coming to Robins," said Frazier. "These are great opportunities for our employees to move to a different career field."

There are currently more than 200 people participating in formal training programs at the complex. Employee development programs currently being offered

are from 12 to 36 months in duration.

An example of a target audience could be someone who is a secretary who may have security experience. This particular training program would last for one year with a target grade of GS-11 in security administration.

Electronics mechanics have also moved from WG to GS levels by participating in a training program to become electronics technicians.

Other examples include those with personnel experience who'd like to become training specialists, administrative personnel who can apply to become management analysts, or WG and GS supply personnel who would like to cross train to become industrial engineering technicians.

All upcoming advertisements will be available by checking www.usajobs.gov.



U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

Contractors lay asphalt between Ninth Street and Eleventh Street. Road construction on base is planned to continue into January.

Construction projects dot Robins landscape

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Page Road and Beale Drive are now open to traffic. As a result of the Beale Drive project completion, Air National Guard gate hours have now been reduced to 6 to 8 a.m. – outbound and right turn only.

Due to a delay in construction, Macon Street will remain closed until Dec. 20, weather permitting. It will stay closed until all construction is completed from Dec. 10

through 20. Access to the clinic, dormitories and dining facility remains accessible.

Please use caution when driving in those areas.

Pavement resurfacing at the Martin Luther King Gate will begin Jan. 6 – the inbound lane will be closed. The pavement and sub-base will be removed and replaced in order to repair failing pavement. The project will take two months to complete.

Check www.robins.af.mil, the Splash page and the official Robins Facebook page for continued updates.

78th MDG establishes first AF bone marrow registry in state

BY 78TH MEDICAL GROUP

The 78th Medical Group has established a walk-in registration site for the C.W. Bill Young Department of Defense Bone Marrow Registry.

This is the first walk-in site for an Air Force installation in Georgia, according to 1st Lt. Melissa Campos, 78th MDG Lab Flight commander and recruitment campaign coordinator.

Robins joins Fort Benning, the Army installation in Columbus.

"We are now open for business," she said. "I'm really excited to announce the start of this life-saving initiative called 'Salute to Life.'

"We have a large population of military, civilians, family members and retirees on and around Robins that we would like to reach out to."

Joining the registry is almost effortless and completely painless.

Participants fill out a short two-page DOD consent form, and a swab is taken from inside the mouth.

"It is easy to register and can be accomplished in less than five minutes," said Campos. "No one is obligated. They can always say no at any time during the donor selection process."

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A secure job

Base locksmith keeps things safe and sound

BY JENNY GORDON

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Barry Yuill has the keys to your door. That's because he's the base's one and only locksmith.

He's the go-to guy if you lost that extra key to get in your office ... the one who has the answer if combination numbers have long been misplaced. He can help you get into your office, maintain exterior and interior door locks ... yes, he knows how to do it all.

"I'm responsible for them," said the Michigan native. "I do anything from cutting keys to certifying and drilling high-security safes."

The 20-year Air Force veteran stays

pretty busy, not only in his office in Bldg. 1555, but also while he's driving out and about in an unassuming white utility truck.

"My truck is my shop," The 78th Civil Engineer Squadron employee said. "I probably spend 80 percent of my time in there going from job to job."

Did we mention he stays pretty busy? Currently his job order report is about five pages long, with 30 jobs on each page. There are jobs that take priority over others. But one thing is certain – there's always something to be done.

"People ask me why I get so carried away about a lock, but think about it – that lock is what's keeping your facility secure,



U.S. Air Force photo by JENNY GORDON

Barry Yuill, 78th CES locksmith, demonstrates replacing a lock core at a pinning work station in his office in Bldg. 1555.

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It is time to talk about Sexual Assault and how "IT" can affect an individual, his or her family, work environment and ultimately Team Robins. "IT" has to stop. To watch the "IT" video, visit the Robins Splash Page or the official Robins Facebook page.

Second Front

Supper with Santa

The Airman & Family Readiness Center will host Supper with Santa Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bldg. 794.

The event is free to all deployed or Exceptional Family Member Program families and will include food, fun and pictures with Santa.

Pre-registration is required. EFMP families should call DSN 468-1259

or 926-1259; deployed family members should call DSN 468-1256 or 926-1256.

Office closure

The 78th Comptroller Squadron will close at noon Dec. 13 for an official function.

If there are any emergencies please call Master Sgt. Pablo Rivero at 478-442-4427.

Robins top performers, graduates recognized



A1 Functional AFMC award winners

Congratulations to the following 2013 A1 – Manpower and Personnel – Functional Air Force Materiel Command award winners:

- ▶ Force Support SNCO of the Year – Senior Master Sgt. Tracie Timmerman, 78th Force Support Squadron
- ▶ Force Support Airman of the Year (Air Reserve Component) – Senior Airman Erin Wardlaw, 94th

- Aerial Port Squadron
- ▶ Force Support SNCO of the Year (Air Reserve Component) – Senior Master Sgt. Bernalhee McFadden, 78th Force Support Squadron
- ▶ Operations Program of the Year – Robins Air Force Base
- ▶ Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program of the Year – Robins Air Force Base

2013 AFMC Medical Service awards

Congratulations to the following 2013 Air Force Materiel Command Medical Service award winners from the 78th Medical Group:

- ▶ Outstanding Health Plan Management Team of the Year – 78th Medical Group
- ▶ Outstanding Civilian of the Year Medical Services Corps – Tammy Holland
- ▶ USAF Biomedical Clinician Category I Company Grade Officer of the Year – Capt. Kimberly Lane
- ▶ Clinical Dentist of the Year – Capt. Kevin Nail
- ▶ Outstanding Enlisted Health Service

- Management Airman of the Year – Senior Airman Amanda Van Speybroeck
- ▶ Outstanding Air Force Diagnostic Imaging Airman of the Year – Senior Airman Katherine Holmes
- ▶ USAF Outstanding Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award – Lt. Col. Tricia Garcia
- ▶ USAF Outstanding Patient Centered Medical Home Award – 78th MDG

Editor's Note: All AFMC winners will now compete against other MAJ-COM-level winners at the Air Force level.

Program Management Course graduates

Attendees from various Department of Defense activities with career fields in Program Management and System Engineering were given scenario-based practical exercises with topical themes such as interoperability, prototyping and evolutionary acquisition in a classroom setting.

Congratulations to the following Robins Defense Acquisition University Program Management Office Course graduates:

- ▶ Lt. Col. Laird Abbott, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center chief program manager, C-17 Sustainment

- ▶ Lt. Col. Matthew Glen, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Electronic Warfare Branch chief
- ▶ Maj. Jay Koetitz, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Electronic Attack Pod, program manager
- ▶ Maj. James "Ray" Pritchett, 407th Supply Chain Management Squadron deputy director
- ▶ Stephen Vorisek, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center Program Management
- ▶ Joey Walker, 429th Supply Chain Management Squadron Commodity Council

ALL in a Day's WORK

Name: Airman 1st Class Chi F. Wong

Work title: Radio frequency transmission systems technician

Unit: 52nd Combat Communications Squadron

Hometown: Elmhurst, N.Y.

Number of years in federal service: 2

What does your work involve? "My job involves setting up satellite communication and line-of-sight antennas, and programming radios such as the Land Mobile Radio and PSC-5D.

I also work on the global broadcasting system which provides news channels to troops at deployed locations."

What do you enjoy most about your work? "Getting to work on different communications equipment. I learn something new every week."

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? "We're a mobile satellite communications unit that provides combatant commanders the capability of longhaul communications platforms that reach back to the continental United States and all other commands throughout the Air Force."

What prompted your interest in your career?



U.S. Air Force photo by MISUZU ALLEN

"When I was in school, I developed an interest in wireless technologies and fiber optic communications.

Therefore, working as a RF Transmission Systems Technician allows me to learn and understand more about communications equipment."

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? "My dad was the biggest influence in my life. He taught me that work ethic and respect are very important. If you are respectful to someone, most of the time, that person will respond in kind."

What is an accomplishment you are most proud of? "One of my proudest accomplishments is joining the Air Force. It allows me to get out of my comfort zone and try new things."

New TRICARE.mil feature offers easy access to popular customer service options

TRICARE beneficiaries now have an easy way to access customer service features.

The TRICARE.mil home page has a new "I want to ..." section offering beneficiaries a gateway to links which help them manage their health care from prescriptions to enrollments and much more.

The "I want to ..." section of TRICARE.mil launched Dec. 1. The home page focuses on tools for beneficiaries to manage their health care benefits. "I want to ..." has quick links to secure login portals for more than a dozen customer service features including:



- ▶ Managing prescriptions
 - ▶ Enrolling or purchasing a plan
 - ▶ Finding a doctor
 - ▶ Updating personal information
 - ▶ Filing or checking on a claim
 - ▶ Paying a bill
 - ▶ Booking appointments at a military hospital or clinic
 - ▶ Changing a primary care physician
 - ▶ Viewing military health records
- The new look TRI-

CARE.mil home page is a hub for beneficiaries to manage their health care benefits from the comfort of home or on the go with mobile sites.

Mobile, online and toll-free customer service options are time savers and prevent unnecessary trips to a military hospital or clinic.

Other common requests, such as comparing plans or seeing what's covered, are also featured in the "I want to ..." section as well as links to download forms, or subscribe to TRICARE email alerts.

– Courtesy TRICARE Communications

DLA Aviation exceeds Small Business goal for fiscal 2013

BY TRINACE JOHNSON,
DLA Aviation Public Affairs

RICHMOND Va., – Defense Logistics Agency Aviation awarded 27.1 percent of total eligible small business dollars to small businesses in fiscal 2013 compared to 22.4 percent in fiscal 2012.

That amount exceeded the assigned goal of 26 percent. More than \$1 billion was awarded to small businesses in fiscal 2013.

At Robins Air Force Base, DLA Aviation's commitment to supporting the federal government's small business programs included using innovative contracting methods to make a competitive contract award for 11 items to a small business.

All of the items were previously purchased from a large business, and included electronic items that support the Versatile Depot Automatic Test Station.

A few other examples included a contract awarded to an electronics company in Kathleen, Ga., which provides C-130 and F-15 parts support to DLA Aviation, and another contract awarded to a small business in Dallas, Ga., which provides aerospace adhesively bonded components.

"Small businesses are important partners in warfighter support for the Defense Logistics Agency and for DLA Aviation at Warner Robins," said Col. Daniel Hicks, DLA Aviation commander at Robins. "DLA Aviation actively looks for ways to increase small business awards.



U.S. Air Force photo by JACKIE GIRARD
John Henley, associate director of DLA Aviation's Small Business Office speaks at a recent event.

"In fiscal 2013, DLA Aviation at Warner Robins' acquisition team awarded more than \$7 million to small business," he added. "In support of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex, the acquisition specialists who make procurements for my industrial support activity awarded 86 percent of their contracts to small business, accounting for \$1.4 million of the total \$7 million."

The remainder was awarded by local DLA contracting officers executing buys for Air Force-managed repairable items for the 638th Supply Chain Management Group, another Robins partner.

John Henley, associate director of DLA Aviation's Small Business Office, said this was the first year DLA Aviation met the goal since the assumption of the depot-level repairable mission in 2007.

"Notably, the small business percentage for consumable items increased to 44

percent in fiscal 2013, compared to 37 percent in fiscal 2012," said Henley.

"It took a lot of effort across DLA Aviation – from the acquisition specialists, contracting officers, product specialists, business process analysts, sourcing strategic specialists and demand and supply chain analysts," said John Henley, associate director of DLA Aviation's Small Business Office.

DLA Aviation fully embraced the DLA Small Business Improvement and Marketing Plan, according to Henley.

"Senior leadership emphasizing and monitoring progress toward goals were essential," he said.

The DLA Aviation commander, deputy commander and acquisition executive challenged the workforce to find ways to increase awards to small business.

DLA Aviation Commander Brig. Gen. Mark Johnson ensured a small business goal achievement plan was included in the Aviation Annual Operating Plan, Henley said.

DLA AVIATION AT ROBINS

- ▶ **PERSONNEL** — There are more than 250 employees at Robins
- ▶ **MISSION** — To provide direct logistics support for the agency's worldwide mission. They're responsible for daily operations of all retail supply, storage and distribution support at Robins.
- ▶ **MAKE UP** — Their customer operations team here includes five divisions: aircraft product support, commodities product support, electronics product support, depot products support and Integrated Prime Vendor Program.

"In October, he presented 24 commander's coins to employees who have supported the small business program. Morning coffee chats between DLA Aviation Deputy Commander Charles Lilli and myself occur on a monthly basis to discuss small business issues.

Also, Lilli presented senior executive service coins to small business program supporters," Henley said.

The Small Business Friday video teleconferences with Nancy Heimbaugh, DLA senior procurement executive, included participation from DLA Aviation senior leaders including the DLR directors of procurement operations.

Goal assignments were made with each acquisition directorate with performance reviews on a regular basis with DLA Aviation leadership to discuss small business initiatives.

Editor's note: Jenny Gordon contributed to this report. For the full story, visit www.aviation.dla.mil/externalnews/

Around the Air Force

Welsh: Air Force performs vital national security missions

WASHINGTON (AFNS) – The Air Force mission that calls for it to dominate the air, transport troops and materiel and provide communications and intelligence are all critical to American military success, but performing them is hard for the public to visualize because much of this goes on behind the scenes, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III said.

For example, achieving air superiority in a conflict has for decades been an exceptionally successful Air Force mission, Welsh said during an interview following his and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Cody's trip earlier this week to visit Airmen at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., and Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

Yet the air-dominance mission is hard to illustrate, Welsh said, because the scope of the undertaking is so massive. For example, even if reporters could embed to cover the action, they can't ride in the fighter aircraft. They would be on a tanker and would only witness the mission's air-refueling component.

"They won't see the other 15 tracks that are active at the same time or the hundreds of other airplanes that come through every day," Welsh said during the interview. "The reporters won't see the command and control that manages the airspace. They won't see the building of the air tasking order that goes out to everything that is flying in theater. You just can't go to one place and see it."

Welsh described one of his own experiences in discovering how much goes on behind the scene in support of every Air Force operation.

"As a pilot, I have never ... been to a refueling track ... where the tanker wasn't there," he said. "All the infrastructure behind making that happen – no one will ever see it. I just know it's going to happen."

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

KC-135 brings force extension to Iceland

KEFLAVIK, ICELAND (AFNS) – The 351st Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron and the KC-135 Stratotanker deployed from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, make up an important part of the 48th Air Expeditionary Group in Iceland.

The 48th AEG has been conducting air surveillance and policing missions as a part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Iceland since Oct. 28, in support of the U.S. – Iceland bilateral Defense Agreement of 1951.

In order to conduct air surveillance and policing, the group's F-15C Eagles, KC-135 Stratotanker and C-130J Hercules are on a 24/7 alert status.

The KC-135 has been in the Air Force's inventory for more than 50 years and is a key element in ensuring that the U.S. and its allies complete their mission without losing valuable time by having to land to refuel.

"For this mission and protecting the air space, fighters may not know how long they will need to be airborne," said Maj. Wiley Semrau, 351st EARS commander. "Without us being here they might have to come back down and land after only being on station for a few hours, but with us here they can extend that time." According to Semrau, the KC-135 can help the



U.S. Air Force photo by 1ST LT. SARAH RUCKRIEGLE

Jaws of life

Airman 1st Class Kevin Brittan, a 376th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, uses cutters to gain access to a vehicle during a joint vehicle extrication training exercise with Kyrgyz firefighters from Manas International Airport, at the Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyzstan. The fire departments train together regularly so they can efficiently perform rescue operations together in the event of an emergency.

F-15Cs, deployed from RAF Lakenheath, England, stay airborne for an extended period of time.

"Force extension is the big capability we bring to the mission," said Capt. Erika Palmer, 351st EARS pilot. "We give the fighters the capability to extend their range, track targets longer and complete intercepts."

Not only do the tankers do their job of air refueling, they also assist the fighters in performing practice aerial interceptions.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Last 'new' Phantom returns to service

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FLA. (AFNS) – The 82nd Aerial Target Squadron received the last of the "new" QF-4 aerial targets as the Vietnam-era aircraft landed at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Nov. 19.

The QF-4, Aircraft 68-0599, spent more than 20 years in the Air Force "Boneyard" at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., before being brought back to life for one last mission.

"It is bittersweet to receive the last QF-4," said Lt. Col. Ryan Inman, 82nd ATRS commander. "This aircraft has served the Air Force and the nation so well for so long. It is truly the end of an era."

The supersonic, reusable QF-4 provides a realistic full-scale target for air-to-air weapons system evaluation, development and testing. The 82nd ATRS will eventually launch the QF-4 on an unmanned flight where it will act as a target for a modern piloted jet. That last mission will provide vital data to American and allied forces.

Since the QF-4 replaced the QF-106 in 1998, more than 300 of the idle planes found a new purpose to continue to serve the Defense Department.

The Phantoms began returning to work after the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group reinstalled the parts to the aircrafts making them serviceable again, according to an April 2013 article from the Davis Monthan AFB website.

The next step involved contractors BAE Systems converting the F-4 to the QF-4, which would be flown remotely by highly-trained civil service pilots with an



U.S. Air Force photo by BRANDON SHAPIRO

Inspection time

Staff Sgt. Dustin Harris, a 6th Maintenance Squadron nondestructive inspection technician, washes a Ketos ring with a magnetic particle solution, at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. The Ketos ring, which checks overall performance of the magnetic particle examination system, is inspected weekly.

average of 4,000 flight hours.

Jeff Percy, the BAE Systems director of flight operations, has delivered close to 50 QF-4s in the last four years.

To read more, visit www.af.mil.

Perspective

Why is Dec. 7 so important?



U.S. Air Force photo

The first Japanese plane shot down during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

December 7th.

Thanksgiving turkey has been eaten, games have been watched, Black Friday is past and the numbers are in. How well did the merchants do?

Talking heads will tell us.

Christmas is just around the corner.

It's a busy time for us all. What to do for New Years?

We have so much to consider – so much to worry about. So, when someone mentions Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Day, it's only natural to wonder, "What's the point?"

If you're older than 18, you no doubt remember Sept. 11, 2001. Well, for most of us older than 30, Dec. 7, 1941 is like Sept. 11th.

While we probably didn't live through that infamous day, we grew up hearing about it, and of how it changed our nation – and indeed, the entire world.

In contemporary history, no other date had been engraved in the American psyche more indelibly.

Dec. 7 changed everything. It led us into a global conflict – a contest between good and evil in which about 60 million people died.

Our nation, and the world, has never been the same. While the numbers of casualties are different than those on Sept. 11, it has had the same effect on our everyday life. We need to learn for our history.

Yes our history.

You may not have lived through World War II or even Sept. 11, but those two dates should resonate in you a respect and appreciation of the evil, hazard and dangers which lurk out there.

–This commentary was written by Scott Hubbard

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From the Command Down

World's largest military aviation museum ready to build new addition

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DAYTON, OHIO –The world's largest military aviation museum is about to get bigger.

The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force is set to expand its legacy with a new 224,000 square foot building.

The contract for the museum's newest building, which will be similar in size and shape to its three existing hangars, was awarded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the amount of \$35.4 million, and is being privately financed by the Air Force Museum Foundation, a non-profit organization chartered to assist in the development and expansion of the museum's facilities.

Current plans call for construction to begin in late spring and be completed in the summer of 2015. The museum will begin populating the building that fall. A public opening is anticipated in late 2015.

According to Museum Director Jack Hudson, the fourth building will provide more educational opportunities, increase visitor access to the presidential and research and development aircraft, and improve visitor experience with space exhibits and large aircraft.

"We're extremely excited about the fourth building because this new facility will help us to further tell the Air Force story with much needed exhibit space and also provide dedicated educational areas for programs based in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)," said Hudson. "There will be opportunities for visitors of all ages, but a special emphasis

will be placed on programs that inspire and motivate our youth toward an Air Force or STEM career."

The new climate-controlled building, with LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – 3.0 Silver certification, will house four major elements of the Air Force story.

The Presidential Aircraft Gallery will allow the museum to relocate and expand one of its most popular galleries, currently located on a controlled-access portion of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and accessible by bus to a small percentage of museum visitors.

The new building will provide visitors the opportunity to view this historic collection of presidential aircraft, and walk through four of them, including aircraft used by Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and the Boeing VC-137C used by President Kennedy – also known as SAM (Special Air Mission) 26000 – which carried his body to Washington from Dallas after his assassination.

It was also the location President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in.

The Research and Development Gallery will be relocated from the base and offer visitors the opportunity to view the world's only remaining XB-70 and other aerospace vehicles.

The exotic XB-70 could fly three times the speed of sound and was used as a research aircraft for the advanced study of aerodynamics, propulsion and other subjects.

Research and development aerospace vehicles represent advances in technological problem solving and will increase the museum's opportunities to teach STEM themes and principles.

*For the full story visit,
www.afmc.af.mil.*

Bouncing back

Training equips leaders to help Airmen achieve four pillars of resiliency

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Squadron, group, wing commanders and first sergeants, Chiefs and civilian leaders from across the base recently underwent a half-day training session which will ultimately enable their Airmen to bounce back under stress.

The Senior Leadership Resiliency Training, which was first conducted in the Heritage Event Center's ballroom here Nov. 20, gave leaders a glimpse at training on the four pillars of health to be conducted later in small groups at the unit level.

Lesley Darley, the installation's community support coordinator, said the skills taught in the class are considered the "curriculum" of the Comprehensive Airman Fitness Program.

"Senior Leadership Resiliency Training attendees received an overview of the 11 skill sets taught through the Master Resilience Trainer program," she said.

"Leadership also received an overview of the CAF program and anticipated Air Force guidance."

Darley said CAF provides a framework through which the Air Force can deliver relevant programs and services more effectively across the four pillars of fitness – physical, social, mental and spiritual.

The objectives for this effort are to improve well-being, enhance life balance and strengthen



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Lesley Darley, community support coordinator, briefs members of the Parents Advocates for Students and Schools. As part of her role as CSC, Darley is also chair of the Robins Integrated Delivery System. The IDS is a combination of various helping agencies which deliver responsive community care through proactive and coordinated programs and services. IDS includes the Health and Wellness Center at DSN 497-8480; Employee Assistance Program at 497-7683 or 497-7577; Family Advocacy at 497-8398; Alcohol, Drug Abuse Prevention & Treatment Program at 497-8398; and Mental Health 497-8398.

personal and organizational resilience in Airmen and their families, Darley said.

Additional leadership sessions are planned for Saturday.

Darley said the training is ultimately intended to better Airmen, which in the end betters the workforce.

"This mission of the CAF program is "to build and sustain a thriving resilient Air Force community that fosters mental, physical, social and spiritual fitness," she said. "Research shows that those who demonstrate skills of resilience have better performance, health, and are more valued by their team and leadership.

"The skills taught can be used to enhance your resiliency in all four pillars as well your personal and professional relation-

ships," she added. "The skills being taught are beneficial for all of Team Robins and their families."

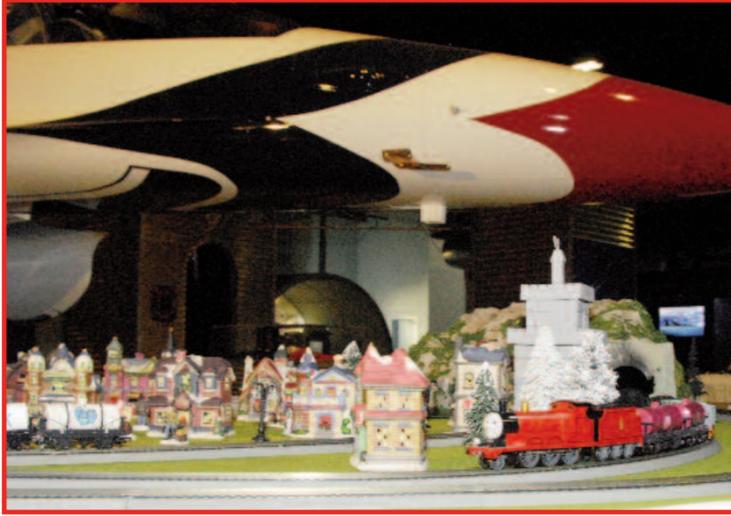
Leadership will appoint Resiliency Training Assistants from within their organizations.

Those appointed will attend a three-day training session to become certified RTAs.

The RTAs will provide training at the unit level at the commander's request and during Wingman and Comprehensive Airman Fitness Days. Darley said.

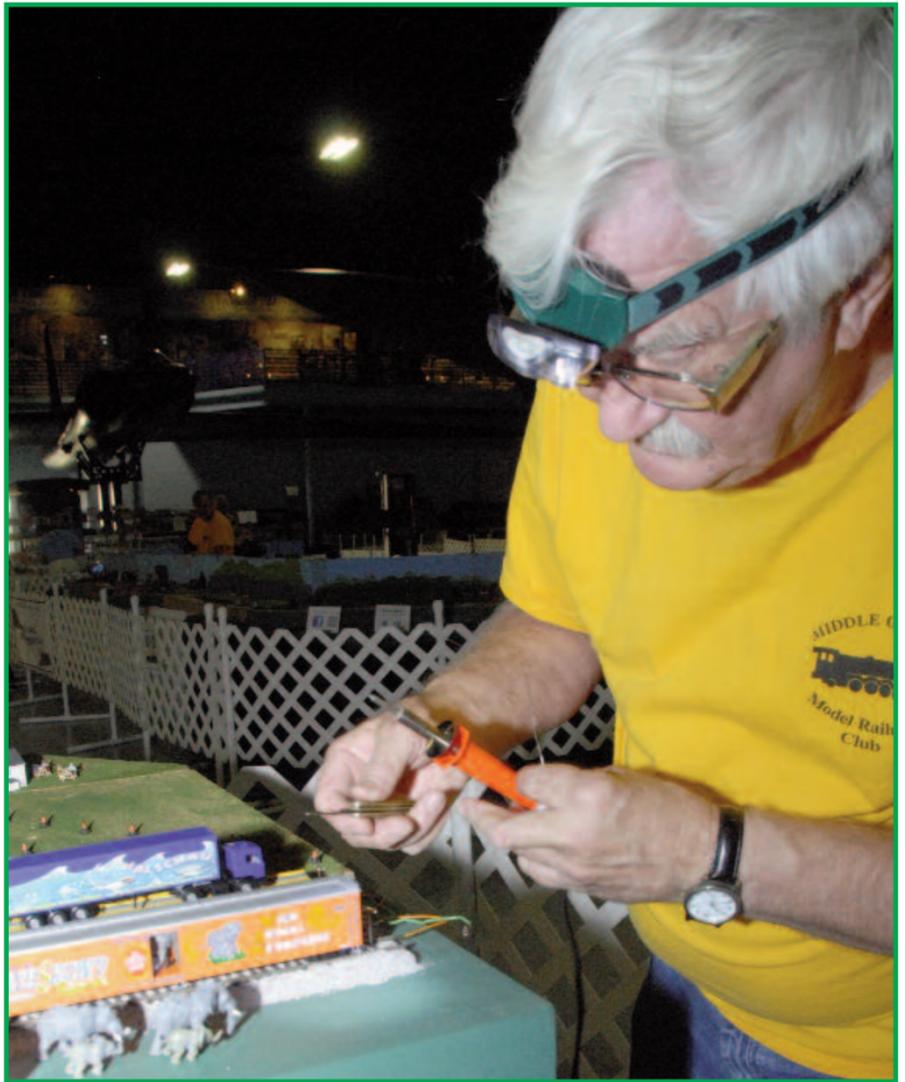
"Not only does it focus on personal resilience but it creates an atmosphere for commanders to ensure resiliency of their entire unit," Darley said. "The training is conducted in a way that fosters relationship building amongst the team and encourages getting to know your co-workers."

Trains 'n Planes



U.S. Air Force photos by MISUZU ALLEN

This is the sixth year Planes and Trains has been hosted at the Museum of Aviation during the week of Thanksgiving. At right, James Blackburn from Fort Valley is soldering power from the left main line to the second and third lines. He was creating a circus replica which will be elaborated upon next year.



Team Robins kicks off the holiday season



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

Left, Col. Christopher Hill, Installation commander, gets some help from (left to right) Brayson Seth, Angelica and Aaliyah Smith during the annual lighting of the Christmas tree Tuesday at the base chapel



Right, As part of the holiday festivities, Jay Freedman, base chapel Jewish lay leader, recites blessings in front of the Chanukah Candles during the "Celebration of Lights."

REGISTRY

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Potential donors receive an official card signifying they have registered as a bone marrow donor.

The registrant will remain on the registry until their 60th birthday or when asked to be removed.

Those who have already registered and need to update their info can do so online at www.salutetolife.org.

The DOD program is part of the national program and coordinates marrow and hematopoietic stem cell donations of volunteer military personnel and civilian DOD employees.

The design of the program allows them to meet the special needs of military marrow and stem cell donors.

While donors join the National Marrow Donor Registry, they do so through a separate donor management system which offers higher security and staff who understand the complexities of military life.

The DOD program is also able to allow immediate donor searches in the event of a mass casualty incident involving nuclear or chemical agents.

After a potential donor completes the initial registration and the

results are added to the National Marrow Donor Registry, the process becomes an indefinite holding pattern, unless a potential match is found.

If a preliminary match has been identified, the donor will then be contacted for additional blood testing.

If it's then determined there is a match, the donor will receive further insight on continuing the donation process.

At that time, it will be up to the donor to make an informed decision if he or she still wants to go through with the entire process.

Participation costs nothing. The DOD Donor Program covers all of the costs of registration, typing and testing. If a person is called to donate, they don't pay the associated medical and travel expenses.

Since 1991, the program has served military and DOD personnel and their dependents.

More than 760,000 individuals have joined the national donor registry through the program, making the center one of the largest in America.

About 30,000 children and adults in the U.S. – more than 500 of them in the Defense Department – are diagnosed each year with leukemia, aplastic anemia or other fatal blood diseases.

For many, a bone marrow transplant is their only hope.

Because tissue types are inherited and some tissue types are unique, a patient's best chance is within his or her ethnic and racial group.

Since 75 percent of the patients in need of a marrow transplant cannot find a match within their own family, a strong national database is essential for identifying potential donors.

The larger and more diverse the National Marrow Donor Registry becomes, the greater the chance of finding life-saving matches.

Anyone between the ages of 18 to 60 is eligible to donate.

To register to become a donor, please visit the laboratory in the 78th Medical Group, Bldg. 700.

Walk-in hours are Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on national holidays, down days, and the second and fourth Thursdays of each month after 11 a.m.

For information on how to register:

Contact the 78th MDG laboratory at 478-327-7936 or visit www.salutetolife.org. Become a Facebook fan at www.facebook.com/DODMarrow.

**THINK OPSEC!
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HOME, EVERYWHERE.**

The buck stops ‘hear’ How noise from hunting can result in permanent hearing loss

BY CAPT. ERIN ARTZ
78th Medical Group Audiologist



Courtesy photo

Hunters and firearms enthusiasts have several choices when it comes to protecting their hearing while on the hunt.

Hunting season is in full swing in Middle Georgia.

There are about 200,000 licensed hunters in the state of Georgia and many of them work at Robins. Did you know that under the right circumstances, just one blast from a shotgun can cause permanent hearing loss? Studies show that 80 percent of hunters don’t wear any kind of hearing protection.

Hunting activities present unique challenges since the ability to hear all environmental sounds is paramount to a successful and safe hunt. Therefore, traditional hearing protection is often not practical for the hunting scenario. But, there are many types of special hearing protectors designed especially for the hunter or firearms enthusiast.

These special hearing protectors allow you to hear your game, fellow hunters, range commands and protect your hearing at the same time. You can

find devices at your local sporting goods store or wherever you purchase firearms accessories and hunting supplies.

There are several products available in a wide price range. In addition to preserving hearing, some hearing protection devices may actually amplify low level noises in the environment, making them an asset instead of a hindrance.

In the long run, your enjoyment of the hunt may

also be prolonged because you can still hear what’s going on around you.

If you ever notice ringing fullness in your ears after shooting, then your ears are telling you it is time to wear your hearing protection. If not, those symptoms can become permanent, limiting how long these activities remain enjoyable. So preserve your hearing and consider purchasing hearing protectors specially designed for shooters.

World AIDS Month targets education, prevention

BY TOMMY BUSBY JR.
Public Health Technician

December is World AIDS – acquired immunodeficiency syndrome – month, so we will start with the basic question, **What is AIDS and what causes it?** The human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, is a virus spread through body fluids that affects specific cells of the immune system. Over time, HIV can destroy so many of these cells that the body is left defenseless, unable to fight off infections and disease. When this happens, the HIV infection becomes AIDS. It is possible to be infected with HIV without developing AIDS; however without treatment HIV eventually will develop into AIDS in the majority of cases. Also, AIDS patients still have HIV and are still infectious, therefore a person with AIDS can pass HIV to someone else.

How is HIV contracted? In the United States, HIV is spread mainly by having unprotected sex with someone who has HIV, with anal sex being the highest-risk sexual behavior and vaginal sex as the second highest-risk. Having multiple sex partners or having other sexually transmitted infections can increase the risk of infection with HIV. Sex is not the only mode of transmission. Sharing needles, syringes, rinse

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water or other items used to prepare injection drugs with someone who has HIV can result in infection.

Less commonly, HIV may be spread to an infant from an infected mother during pregnancy, birth or breastfeeding. HIV can be contracted through blood transfusions, blood products, or organ and tissue transplants that are contaminated, but the risk is extremely small because of rigorous testing of the U.S. blood supply and donated organs and tissues.

How can you prevent getting HIV? There is no vaccine to prevent HIV infection and no cure for AIDS, but it’s possible to protect yourself and others from infection. You can educate yourself about HIV and avoid behavior that allows HIV-infected fluids to enter the body. Condoms are also a good prevention method, but are not 100 percent effective. The best prevention is abstinence.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Public Health at DSN 497-8019 or 327-8019.

SECURE

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keeping you safe,” he said.

There’s more to a lock than what you see when you turn a door handle. Inside each lock is a core component which contains little chambers that hold pins. Yuill meticulously works on changing these pins as needed at his desk station. It’s tedious and time-consuming work which must be done by hand.

“Every code on a key correlates with

a number, and the codes correlate with the pins,” he explained, pointing to his pinning station outfitted with tiny springs and hardware. “Each core probably takes about 15 to 20 minutes.”

He will replace locks this way from time to time if the numbers don’t get too high, but due to his tight schedule sometimes new locks must be ordered instead.

Don’t ask him to pick your car lock either as this isn’t something he is allowed to do. Among his credentials, Yuill is a General Services Administra-

tion-certified locksmith who maintains all classified containers on the installation.

Those can range from tall file cabinet-style safes to large vault doors.

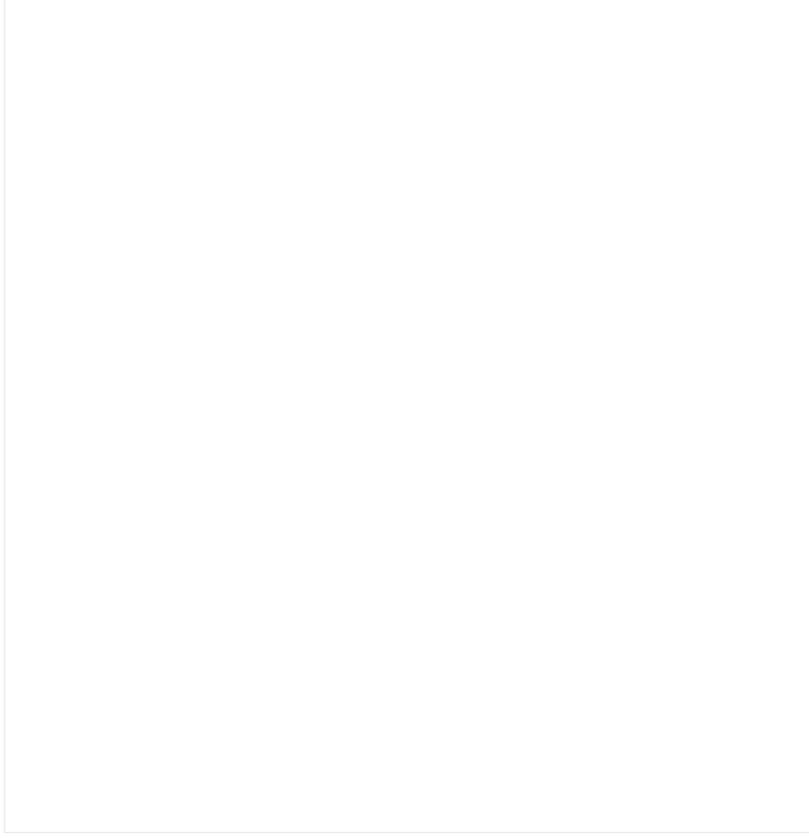
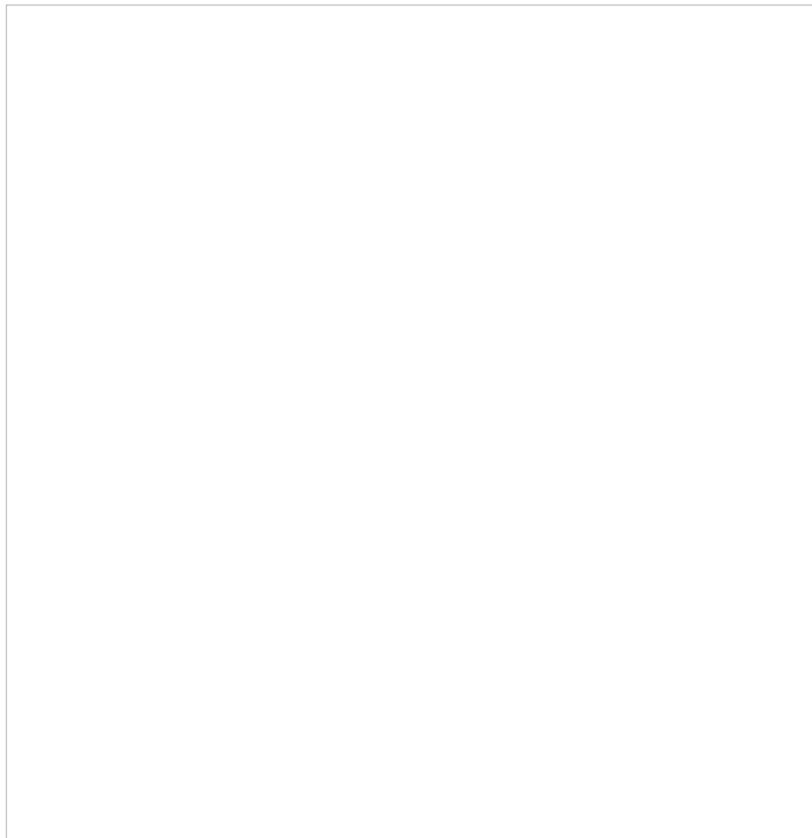
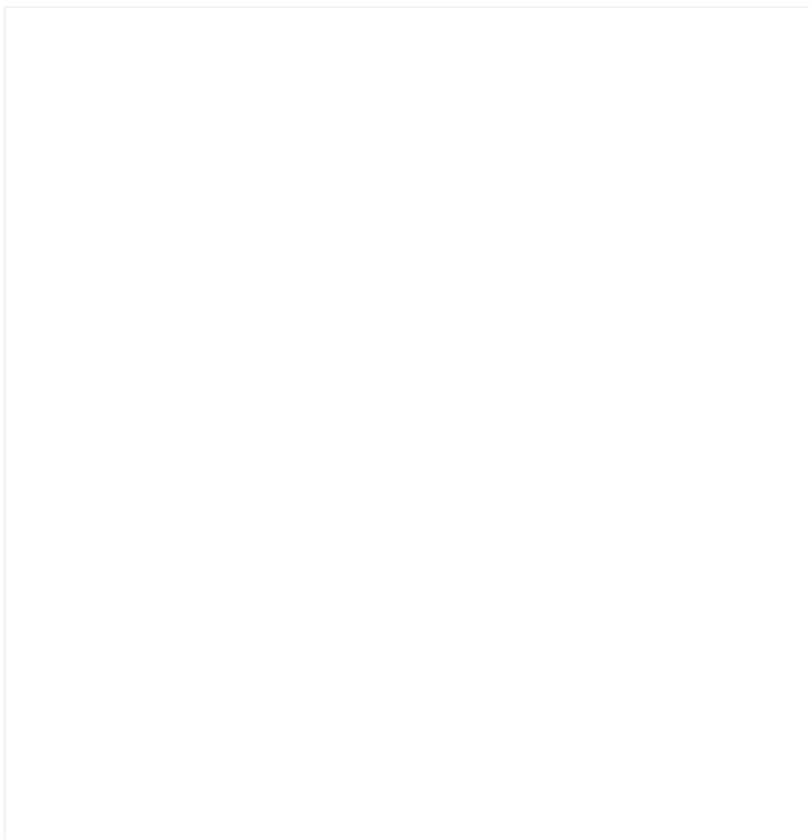
He admits it’s a very unique job that allows him a bit of freedom and independence. While in the service, he eventually retired from Robins, moving into his current position after performing the same type of work downrange.

“If you like to tinker and work on gadgets and things, it’s interesting,” he said.



U.S. Air Force photo by JENNY GORDON

Among the equipment Barry Yuill uses in his locksmith shop is a machine used to create new keys for base customers.



Counselor Connection

Lessons learned from EEO

BY ROBINS OFFICE
OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Evelyn Lockhart has been a follower of the Christian Holiness faith for the last 33 years. As part of her sincerely held religious beliefs, Lockhart abstains from work on certain sacred days, which include four Holy Days – Passover, Pentecost, the Day of Atonement and the Last Great Day.

According to her complaint, Lockhart specifically informed her supervisor that she needed to be off to attend church, yet the supervisor denied Lockhart's request.

When Lockhart didn't report to work because of her observance of the holiday, her supervisor discharged her.

Such alleged conduct violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which requires that employers make reasonable accommodations to employees' and applicants' sincerely held religious beliefs, as long as this poses no undue hardship.

The EEOC filed suit after first

attempting to reach a pre-litigation settlement through its conciliation process.

An employee should not be forced to choose between his or her faith and his or her job.

Under federal laws, employers have an obligation to balance employees' needs and rights to practice their religion with the conduct of their business.

Where there is a minimal impact on the business, those religious needs must be accommodated.

A North Carolina corporation that manufactures, designs and produces orthopedic and sports medicine products will pay \$55,000 and furnish relief to settle a religious discrimination lawsuit brought by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the agency announced.

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Positive workplace relationships enable everyone to perform at their very best

Georgia EPD updates construction stormwater permit

BY RUSSELL ADAMS
Water Quality Program manager

In September, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division issued an updated Construction General Permit.

Coverage under the permit authorizes discharges of stormwater from construction sites to state waterways such as creeks and rivers.

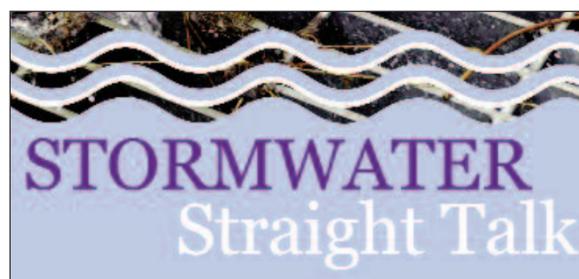
Sediment originating from construction sites is the number one cause of water pollution in Georgia.

Sediment decreases water quality, impedes flow and destroys natural habitats for fish and other creatures. If not managed properly, construction sites can release large quantities of sediment during a single rain event.

New construction sites on base that will disturb more than one acre of land must have coverage under the updated permit.

Operators of construction sites that were covered under the previous permit must re-apply for coverage under the update.

To obtain a permit, construction site operators must



have an approved Erosion, Sediment and Pollution Control Plan for their project.

The primary goal of the plan is to identify types of control measures (and their locations) that will limit the amount of sediment released from a construction site.

Example control measures include silt fencing, storm drain filters to keep out sediment, stabilization with mulch or grass seeding and street sweeping to eliminate accumulated sediment.

The permit requires frequent site inspections and stormwater sampling by the contractor throughout the life of the construction project.

Inspection results and sampling events are reviewed by the contractor to evaluate if additional or modified control measures are needed.

The base environmental branch has a template designed to assist contractors in developing the E&S Plan for their construction sites. Each plan must be approved by the 78th Civil Engineer Group prior to the start of construction. During construction, site inspections are conducted by environmental personnel to evaluate if control measures are correctly implemented.

The base has a dedicated hotline for reporting stormwater concerns. If you observe sediment-laden stormwater leaving a construction site on base, call 926-5657.

Editor's note: Stormwater Straight Talk is a quarterly column intended to educate and inform base personnel about stormwater pollution.

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Transition GPS Workshop
Monday through Dec. 13
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
A&FRC, Bldg. 794
For details,
call 468-1256.

Golf tips from the Pro
Tuesday
4 to 5 p.m.
Pine Oaks Golf Course
Pay \$5 for all the
range balls you can hit
and get free tips
from the PGA head
golf professional.
For details,
call 468-4103.

Cookie
Decoration Project
Thursday through Dec. 13
CDC East and West
Cost is \$20
For details,
call CDC West at 468-3080
or CDC East at 468-5805.

Jingle Bell Run/Walk
Dec. 13
11 a.m.
A fun run to celebrate the
holidays. Hot chocolate and
prizes to be given out.
For details,
call 468-2128.

Ham Scramble
Dec. 14
9 a.m.
Open to all base personnel.
\$35 per player for members
\$40 for nonmembers

Includes golf fees, ham din-
ner with all the trimmings,
dessert and prizes.
For details,
call 468-4103.

Right Start
Dec. 18
8 to 11:35 a.m.
A&FRC, Bldg. 794
For details,
call 468-1256.

Educational Track
Dec. 19 and 20
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
A&FRC, Bldg. 794
For details,
call 468-1256.

UPCOMING
Boss n Buddy
Dec. 20
4 to 5 p.m.
Heritage Club Lounge
DJ, small buffet and
surprises.
Club members free,
\$5 for guests
For details,
call 472-7899.

Yard Sales
Dec. 21
8 a.m. to noon
Outdoor Rec parking lot,
1 table and 2 chairs for \$7
For details,
call 468-4001.

Christmas Tree Bingo
Dec. 22
6 p.m.
Heritage Club Bingo Room

The winner of the Christmas
Tree game will choose from
stuffed animals with up to
\$1,199 in them.
For details,
call 468-4515.

Bowling Movie Days
Dec. 23 and 30
Bowling Center
\$6.50 per person includes
three games, rental shoes,
movie and popcorn.

Family Day Bowling
Dec. 24
Bowling Center
Bowl two games and
receive a third game free.
For details,
call 468-2112.

Dollar Day Bowling
Dec. 26
Bowling Center
\$1 games, shoe rentals,
hotdogs and fountain drinks.
For details,
call 468-2112.

Holiday Break Bowling
Dec. 27 and Jan. 3
1 to 5 p.m.
Bowling Center
Three games and shoes for \$6
For details,
call 468-2112.

Big New Year Bingo
Dec. 29
6 p.m.
Heritage Club Bingo Room
Party snacks, door prizes .
For details,
call 468-4515.

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Holiday Calendar

For more information,
call DSN 497-2821
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Protestant Holiday Calendar

Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 15 – Third Sunday of Advent Christmas Cantata
11 a.m.
Dec. 18 – Christmas Fellowship Dinner 5:15 p.m.
Dec. 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent
Dec. 24 – Candle Light Service 7 p.m.
Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Watch Night Service
and Fellowship 6 p.m. to 12:01 a.m.

Catholic Holiday Calendar

Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent
Monday – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
not a holy day of obligation noon
Dec. 15 through third Sunday of Advent Mass
9:30 a.m.
Dec. 22 through the 4th Sunday of Advent Mass
9:30 a.m.
Children's Christmas Mass practice 5 p.m.
Dec. 24 – Children's Christmas Mass 5 p.m.
Dec. 24 – Caroling Before Mass 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Mass 10 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Mass 5 p.m.
Jan. 1 – New Year's Day Mass 9:30 a.m.



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For more details, call
Venus Mansourzadeh
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