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Lindsley: It was our people

Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex nominated for DOD maintenance effectiveness award

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex has been honored with the 2015 Air Force Materiel Command Maintenance Effectiveness Award, Depot Category.

"The fact that our complex is our command's nominee for the Department of Defense Maintenance Effectiveness Award speaks volumes about

the hard work, dedication and professionalism of our workforce, union leaders and management. It was our people – their collective accomplishments – that made fiscal 2015 a banner year for WR-ALC," said Brig. Gen. Walter Lindsley, complex commander.

The complex's many accomplishments in fiscal 2015 was the most productive of the last several years, with tens of thousands of

commodities and exchangeables produced for aircraft programmed depot maintenance lines and the supply chain; over 300 software projects completed; and over 20,000 preventive maintenance actions to keep facilities

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in good condition.

All of this contributed to a total of 217 aircraft – C-5, C-17, C-130 and F-15 – delivered to customers across the globe.

"We didn't get here on our own. We integrated with our Air Force supply chain team, the Defense Logistics Agency and program offices," continued Lindsley. "We really appreciate

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Let's talk about the WEATHER

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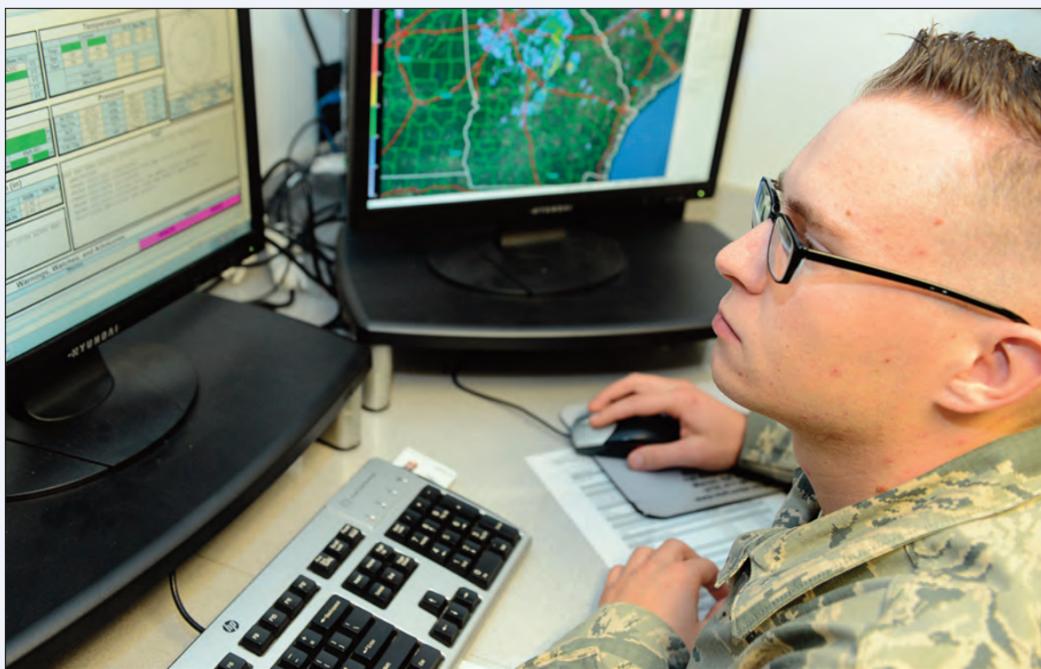
Severe Weather Awareness Week begins Monday.

Whether we realize it or not, the weather affects every aspect of our lives. It can direct how we choose to dress each day, where we live or vacation, and how we prepare and respond to emergencies or disasters throughout the year.

Georgia's Severe Weather Awareness Week provides an opportunity for everyone to become educated about the weather, what to do in the event of inclement weather and to become better informed about protecting themselves and their neighbors.

Robins weather

At Robins, when there's a possibility for severe weather, a team of a dozen forecasters and observers in the 78th Operations Support Squadron's Weather Flight closely monitors everything from temperature, winds and tornadoes, snow, freezing precipitation



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Airman 1st Class Johnathon Harry, 78th Air Base Wing weather forecaster, monitors weather activity at Robins Air Force Base.

and lightning. "There's nothing weather doesn't impact during the course of the day," said Roddy Nixon, lead forecaster. "Whether it's freezing temperatures, a particular phenomenon or the heat index, weather touches everything from the flight line to the child development centers."

If you've lived in Middle Georgia a number of years, you may recall significant weather-related events that have taken place with flooding, tornadoes and thunderstorms.

Take last weekend for example when snow fell in parts of Georgia ahead of a massive winter storm that

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First phase of Base clinic renovations scheduled for completion by mid-month

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The first phase of construction of the Robins Medical Clinic in Bldg. 700 is scheduled to be completed in mid-February.

"The 78th Medical Group is excited to open a new Laboratory and Radiology section located across the walkway from Immunizations. This opening consolidates most of our patient-cen-

tered areas and supports the Air Force Medical Home," said Col. Shari Silverman, 78th Medical Group commander. "The 78th MDG is committed to delivering trusted care, and bringing the clinic into the 21st century with its ancillary services is one way that we can best support our patients."

The \$28 million restoration and modernization project – which will be completed in four phases and encompasses 70,000 square feet – began last

year. Completion is slated for 2017.

During construction over the past year, temporary phasing facilities were erected nearby where personnel were relocated.

Once functional areas in the renovation portions of the building are completed, personnel will move back.

With the completion of Phase 1, there are now new areas for not only laboratory and radiology, but also the Command Section and the Comman-

der's support staff areas.

Phase 2 demolition is scheduled to be completed in six months.

It will begin in late February once all transitions into the building's new facilities have been completed from Phase 1.

Constructed in 1967, the building's overall repair and reconfiguration will include improvements to its utilities, electrical service, communications and building systems.

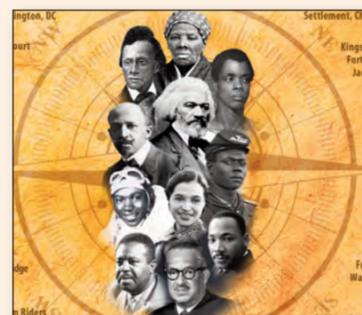
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Base tax service available Tuesday



It's tax time, and the Robins Tax Service is preparing to help service members, retirees and eligible family members file 2015 returns. The Base Tax Center will be open Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. through April 18. The center is located in Bldg. 995 in a trailer next to the old Robins Elementary School. For more information, call the tax center at 478-926-1831.

Black History Month begins Monday



Weekend Weather

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Saturday 65/40



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"Safety never takes a day off."

SECOND FRONT

What's in store for P4

Partnerships continue to bring base, community together

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Since Robins began participating in the Air Force Community Partnership Program, the base has continued to explore ways to partner with organizations that share the same interests.

The program was created to explore cost-saving opportunities through partnerships and shared services between bases and local communities and private entities. Three years have passed since Robins became part of the program.

A group of base leaders and community representatives have continued to meet since then, discussing ways to leverage each other's capabilities and resources to achieve mutual value and benefit as part of public-public and public-private partnerships (P4).

There are now more than 100 agreements in place, with services ranging from fire protection and law enforcement, to work study internships and youth recreation.

At a meeting earlier this month, discussion turned to several items detailing current and priority initiatives.

Among them were exploring engineering and technician training opportunities between the 78th Civil Engineer Group and city and county departments. The group also discussed ways to partner with Houston County regarding paving projects.

Both are still in the early stages of discussion. Identifying training courses that would benefit all parties is ongoing.

"The benefits for the training would be a cost savings by sharing the costs between us," said Becky McCoy, 78th Civil Engineering Squadron director.

The Robins Aero Club – which established a partnership with the community in 2014 – is looking at ways to partner with local technical colleges and high school Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs.

Goals are to achieve private pilot licenses as well as offer high school students a chance to earn college credits.

Other items included:

► *Medical training for primary care Continuing Medical Education credits* that can provide training cost reductions for 78th Medical Group personnel.

This is ongoing as additional medical agencies must still be



U.S. Air Force file photo

Central Georgia Technical College dental hygiene program students attended the two-day dental conference held at the Museum of Aviation last February. The conference drew more than 300 attendees and is one of many public-public and public-private partnerships (P4) in force and on the horizon.

identified, along with coursework that can benefit all.

As travel and education costs continue to rise and temporary duty and travel budgets decrease, there's discussion to collaborate with network partners to look at local and innovative ways to provide quality and meaningful education to primary care providers.

In Georgia, physicians and physician assistants are required to obtain 40 hours; nurse practitioners, 30 hours, in a two-year licensure period.

"At Robins, the 78th MDG is very fortunate to enjoy close ties to Houston Healthcare, NavicentHealth, Coliseum Health System, Dublin Veterans Administration and many other community health care partners. We're all excited to discuss the prospects of pooling our resources to provide hands-on, in-person training for our physicians, nurses and other primary care practitioners," said Col. Shari Silverman, 78th MDG commander. "The training requirement to keep our practitioners clinically current and competent is no different than the requirements for our pilots. The 78th MDG simply cannot afford to keep doing business as it always has, and this is one way that we see a beneficial solution for the base and community."

Elsewhere in the 78th MDG, to further detail how partnerships are being implemented, to help reduce TDY travel, the 78th Dental Squadron held a dental conference in 2015 at the Museum of Aviation.

That event allowed its dental professionals opportunities to

receive continuing education hours. That's crucial as conferences like those help dentists keep their licenses current, as well as save on travel costs.

According to Lt. Col. Rene Saenz, 78th DS commander, "The conference not only builds local civilian/military dental professional alliances, it also gives regional dental military professionals the ability to get continuing education credits for the cost of essentially gas."

► *Partnering with local golf courses* can help bring increased revenue for all courses, including Pine Oaks Golf Course, as well as provide membership benefits, further strengthening community partnerships.

By offering a reduced rate with reciprocal privileges to partnering courses – including International City Golf Course, Landings Golf Club in Warner Robins and Waterford Golf Club in Bonaire – relationships can be further strengthened.

► *Youth sports at Robins* are looking at ways to participate alongside programs offered by Houston County recreation departments and the Central Georgia Soccer Association. Teams could be put together more efficiently with decreased costs to active duty members and youth can take advantage of programs not offered on base.

P4 meetings are held quarterly in the community with the next scheduled for April 11 at Flint Energies in Warner Robins.

Emerging Supervisor Development Program information briefings

Robins is gearing up to embark on the fiscal 2016 cycle of the Emerging Supervisor Development Program with a series of informational briefings beginning Tuesday through Feb. 11.

ESDP is a highly competitive Air Force Sustainment Center initiative used to develop future first-level supervisors who possess technical expertise and have demonstrated leadership competencies.

ESDP affords high-potential employees the opportunity for formal and experiential leadership training prior to placement into a supervisory role.

During fiscal 2015's inaugural cycle, Robins had over 900 employees from AFSC and participating associate units self-nominate for this leadership development program. After a dynamic rating, endorsement, and interview process 46 applicants were selected to participate. Selectees have 12 months to complete all training requirements and are scheduled to graduate in August.

For fiscal 2016 in addition to AFSC personnel, both Air Force Life Cycle Management Center and 461st Air Control Wing have opted to participate in the program. To ensure ESDP requirements, processes, and lessons learned are adequately socialized, the 78th Force Support Squadron Force Development Flight will host a series of supervisor and employee specific informational briefings.

Attendance is highly encouraged for supervisors as they may be required to participate in the endorsement process and any employee who may be interested in self-nominating.

Complete program information may be obtained from AFSCI 36-101, AFSC Civilian Leader and Supervisor Development Continuum. POCs have been appointed in each organization.

For more information, contact your organization POC or FSS/FSD program managers at DSN 497-9163 or DSN 497-4887.

Editor's note: For the briefing schedule visit, <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/splash/FY16%20ESDP%20Briefing%20Schedule.pdf>.

Robins Parkway construction

A construction project to replace pavement on Robins Parkway from 3rd Street to Richard Ray Boulevard is scheduled to begin Feb. 16. The project will be done in two phases. Only two lanes will be closed during each phase. This will allow two lanes to remain open to allow for two-way traffic. This construction project is projected to last about 45 days. Work could be delayed if inclement weather or unforeseen conditions are encountered.

For more information, call Ricky Davis at 478-327-2940 or Lorrie Simmons at 478-327-3977. Phase 1 is expected to last from Feb. 16 through March 4. Phase 2 will be March 7 through 25.

CORRECTION

In the story Pine Oaks Lodge undergoes upgrades published Jan. 22, Lonnie Daniely and Ron Jones were misidentified. We regret the error.



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Dining facility nominated for prestigious award

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The 78th Force Support Squadron's Wynn Dining Facility has been nominated for the 60th annual John L. Hennessy Trophy Award.

The Hennessy Trophy is an annual award presented to Air Force installations with the best food-service programs. Awards are based on the entire scope of an installation's food-service program. Winners must display excellence in management effectiveness, force-readiness support, food quality, employee and customer relations, resource conservation, training and safety awareness.

This is the first time in several years that the facility has submitted a package to be eligible for the award, said 2nd Lt. Dominique Lewis, 78th Sustainment Services deputy flight chief.

Robins is the only Air Force Materiel Command

facility to be selected to compete in the Eastern Hemisphere category for Region 1. It will compete against Tyndall Air Force Base Fla., representing Air Combat Command; Little Rock AFB, Ark., Air Mobility Command; Patrick AFB, Fla., Air Force Space Command; Hurlburt Field, Fla., Air Force Special Operations Command and Incirlik AB, Turkey, U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

"We do our best to go above and beyond to make sure our airmen are taken care of; that's what makes this so special. It is an honor just to be in competition for the award," said Connie Treco, facility manager.

The restaurant is open every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The Robins facility will have a team of inspectors visit from Feb. 21 through 23.

Winners will be announced at a banquet in March in Chicago, Ill.

The "Put your hands together for ..." feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up.

Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren't able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can.

The installment will run in the last issue published each month.

To have an award included in the feature, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may be submitted, but space is limited. Submissions should be sent as a word document; photos should be .jpegs.

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Fostering Leadership in People Awards

Fostering Leadership in People awards are given to those who make contributions to improving labor and management relations here at Robins. The latest recipients are:

- ▶David "Scott" Warren, 638th SCMG
- ▶Arnita Turner, 574th CMMXS
- ▶Kevin Dobbins, 559th AMXS
- ▶Jimmy Russell, 560th AMXS
- ▶David Wilson, 560th AMXS
- ▶Lissette Nelson, 78th SC

Robins awarded role model status by Produce for Better Health Foundation

BY ROBINS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Robins was named a "Fruits and Veggies – More Matters Role Model" by the Produce for Better Health Foundation for the second consecutive year.

The recognition is normally handed down to non-retail companies yearly for their outstanding support of PBH's well-known national public health campaign that focuses on getting adults and children alike to eat more servings of fruits and vegetables.

"Georgia Air Force Base is a proud supporter of Produce for Better Health and their campaign" said Stuart Bapties, Health and Wellness Center

Flight commander.

Robins, the only Defense Department base to be recognized with the award, earned the honor through the Health and Wellness Center's partnering with Robins Air Force Base Public Affairs' videographer Paul Wenzel to highlight various recipes, and ways for the community to fit fruits and vegetables into their daily routine and lending support to the International City Farmers Market in Warner Robins by hosting monthly cooking demos. Those demos were often filmed and distributed DOD-wide as part of the "Dani's Delicious Dish" weekly video series.

Other partnerships were made with the Pizza Depot for the Heart Healthy Meal and Health Fair to highlight National Wear Red Day for Women's Heart Health, and the Defense Commissary Agency to host commissary tours and other events throughout the year.

"We're extremely lucky to have found partners on Robins Air Force Base such as DECA, the 78th Force Support Squadron, and the entire Public Affairs team to help us support the campaign and allow us to spread the message that fruits and vegetables are a vital part of a healthy and nutritious lifestyle," Bapties said.

Georgia Tech, Robins partnership offers safety, health courses

Through a partnership with the Georgia Tech Research Institute, the following 27 Robins employees received an Industrial Safety and Health certificate during a graduation ceremony Jan. 20 in the Horizons Event Center ballroom:

- ▶Bryant Aaron
- ▶Dennis Andrew
- ▶Scott Brady

- ▶James Brown
- ▶Lindsey Brown
- ▶Chhor Chav
- ▶Matt Corbitt
- ▶Stephen Courchesne
- ▶Freddie Dorris
- ▶Robert Fore
- ▶Kathy Fruits

- ▶Matthew Hussey
- ▶Linda King
- ▶Christopher Kirchner
- ▶Jackie Lane
- ▶Andrew Lowery
- ▶Christopher Maas
- ▶Brian Marshall
- ▶Erik Palmateer

- ▶Joey Pullen
- ▶Theodis Ratliff
- ▶Virginia Schneider
- ▶Michael Stanley
- ▶Michael Thomas
- ▶David Tripp
- ▶Timothy Tschirharts
- ▶Michael Weddington



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impacted parts of the eastern U.S., including Middle Georgia.

Recorded observations at Robins included snow flurries as anticipated during the overnight hours and early morning of Jan. 23, with winds Saturday reaching a maximum gust of 35 mph. Low temperatures Saturday morning reached 30 degrees with an afternoon high of 37 degrees.

Behind the scenes

Admit it. Sometimes there's some grumbling when the weather doesn't cooperate, or it rains or doesn't rain when things turn out differently. It's just Mother Nature.

"We can see all these parameters that come into play. For example, a simple shift in winds can be the deciding factor whether a particular scenario takes place or not," said Nixon, who has worked in the weather career field for 30 years. "We have to constantly monitor that and make changes in our forecasts. There are many variables the public never sees."

Back to last week's wintry conditions, the Weather Flight monitored conditions for some time, using Doppler radar, satellite imagery, a lightning sensor in the field and two additional sensors that assess cloud height, winds and visibility. Temperature is also closely monitored since the closer it gets to freezing, the more likelihood of a freezing/winter scenario.

"There are so many different variables going on that make severe weather forecasting interesting and challenging at the same time," he said.

Another critical element forecasters in the flight use is sky observation. Simply taking a look above the flight line across various cloud types in the atmosphere can tell the story. One particular cloud type was apparent during the late afternoon hours of Jan. 22 – the cumulonimbus, the only cloud capable of producing a thunderstorm, according to Nixon.

Winds could be felt turning to the west, indicating a cold front was getting closer as it moved through the area. And as it did so, temperatures began to drop overnight, reaching into the low 30s.

The clouds told a story as observers looked to the east where clouds extended and flattened out a little more than those to the west.

As colder air moved in, it eroded those same clouds since colder air is less dense.

Particular attention is always paid on days such as those last week. Severe weather can impact not only employees traveling in Middle Georgia, but also those who commute here from the southern Atlanta metro area, where ice and snow conditions were expected last weekend.

Mission impact and awareness

Paying close attention to the weather is crucial, as that accountability impacts more than 20,000 lives on the installation, and millions of dollars in assets including aircraft, equipment and infrastructure.

"It's an awesome responsibility," said Nixon. "There's a lot of responsibility and pride that goes with what our guys do."

Every team member in the flight is dual certified and trained to provide meteorological support anywhere as needed – a unique facet compared to colleagues who work elsewhere who may not get exposure to a variety of weather systems.

A unique Robins capability is its Doppler radar that allows the flight's flexibility to look at all radar sites. Real-time data can be provided for aircraft travelling to other states, enabling missions to continue.

Warnings, watches and advisories originating from the flight are Robins specific.

This is different from what you might receive from local media, as those are received from the National Weather Service in Peachtree City, Ga.

Robins issues specific lightning warnings, while the NWS does not.

Military members can receive countless assignments throughout their careers, experiencing a vast array of weather phenomenon.

Airman 1st Class Johnathon Harry, 20, has been at Robins for about seven months, learning to become certified in weather forecasting.

"You never think about how big winds play a part in resource protection," the Mississippi native said. "When I came here, I realized that dangerous winds happen more often than you think. In this career field you get something new every day."

Weather on base effects various mission require-



U.S. Air Force file photo

During a base exercise Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Quisenberry, Readiness and Emergency Management technician, takes a call as he and Tech. Sgt. Terri Adams, 78th Readiness and Emergency Management Flight NCOIC, go through a series of emergency response checklists.

Base, community collaborate to ensure safe, effective emergency response

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Planning, responding and recovering from any emergency or weather-related disaster requires a strong group effort.

In the Emergency Management Flight here, close communication between base and local emergency management representatives ensures a plan is always in place, according to Mark Martinez, Installation Emergency Manager.

A recent example of that coordination was the 2015 Independence Day Celebration at the Museum of Aviation – an annual event that usually occurs at McConnell Talbert Stadium.

Base, local community, and state agencies – including law enforcement and medical personnel, to responders from the Houston County 911 Center and 116th Explosive Ordnance Disposal team – were all in place.

Planned events like that happen regularly in this area, with another large one coming up later this year – the Robins Air Force Base Air Show in October.

When it comes to severe weather, a few things happen behind the scenes. Take last week's wintry conditions across the state. While portions of Middle Georgia saw a light dusting of snow and ice into the early morning hours of Jan. 23, the Atlanta metro area and northern counties received much more.

"When we have inclement weather expected to hit the state, the Houston County Emergency Operations Center will have a meeting," said Martinez, referring to a location near the Houston County Sheriff's Office.

The local EOC – comprised of city and county leaders, law enforcement and fire department agencies, city departments such as public works, and medical, school board and base reps – will teleconference with state emergency management agency personnel.

The National Weather Service in Peachtree City provided a weather brief which included the potential impact on the state, Martinez said.

ments. There's the 78th Civil Engineer Group that's responsible for facilities on base. If an advisory is issued for freezing temperatures, personnel can take action on systems that may require additional maintenance and protection.

Then there are safety concerns on the flight line.

The Weather Flight can issue an airframe frost advisory which can let decision makers know if temperatures are ripe for frost concerns.

If so, work can be curtailed on an aircraft's wing, tail or engine, for example.

Also, if it gets a little too windy, part of the mission could be briefly suspended for safety reasons.

Another example using a C-5 or C-17, there are times when personnel must use lifts to reach a certain point on the aircraft. If winds are in excess of

What happens during those discussions is the 78th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight provides specific weather impacts to Robins, Houston County and central Georgia locations.

Following meetings in the community, information is then brought back to base leadership for further discussion with mission partners.

Engagement in the community provide a venue for brainstorming as potential issues can be brought up with the local school board for example, effecting families at Robins. What if school is let out early during the afternoon or there's a delayed start time the next day due to potential icy road conditions?

City departments are on board too. Public works may inquire about road and bridge impacts in the area. If it's expected, appropriate action can be taken early on.

Remember the winter storm that came through the area in January 2014, the rare snow and ice shock that stranded portions of the interstate in Atlanta? At Robins, dropping temperatures led to discussions of possible base closure, delayed reporting and re-opening of the base to personnel.

That weather did eventually makes its way into the area with a few inches of snow, which brought with it freezing rain and icy conditions.

Much of what happens in the community is mirrored inside the gates. Robins operates its own emergency center. When base exercises are conducted, the EOC includes base units which support the incident commander to ensure resources and manning are available to protect lives and property.

The giant voice mass notification system used on base each Wednesday mirrors the alert system in the community, which is activated every other Saturday.

Dissemination is key, said Martinez, whether it's meeting with emergency management officials in the community or inside the gates.

"It's good for us to have situational awareness of what the county is doing and vice versa," he said. "We will get asked what Robins is doing because we have over 20,000 employees that live in the area. It's a good exchange of information."

20 knots, that lift could become unstable.

Test pilots also receive and share crucial data in order to make decisions before leaving base or during a functional check flight.

The last major weather event to happen on base was in January 2014. Forecasted as a winter mix, there was a cold rain on site with ice pellets but with no snow accumulation.

Throughout the year you will see the weather flight providing awareness and education at Robins and throughout the community, also encouraging young people toward a career in meteorology.

"It's a challenging career field in that no two days are ever the same," said Nixon. "There's a facet of the job that keeps you honest and humble every day."

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AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Families urged to learn about veteran burial honors

WASHINGTON-(AFNS) – Planning funerals for military veterans and retirees can be overwhelming for their families, and the Defense Department’s director of casualty and mortuary affairs wants family members to familiarize themselves in advance, when possible, to know what to expect.

Deborah Skillman said families should learn about military funeral honors eligibility ahead of time to know what choices are available.

She recommended that family members ensure they have access to the veteran’s discharge papers, also called DD Form 214, to prove eligibility.

It’s also critical for family members who want military funeral honors to tell the funeral director,

This week in Air Force History



January 30, 2007, Headquarters USAF released a request for proposal, the service’s official solicitation to manufacturers, for offers to build a tanker to replace its aging fleet of KC-135 Stratotankers. Known as the KC-X, the replacement tanker was the Air Force’s number 1 acquisition priority.

who can make the request for them, Skillman said.

The honors are not automatic,

and must be requested through the veteran’s branch of service, she said.

KC-46A Pegasus conducts first in-flight refueling demo

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO (AFNS) – The KC-46A Pegasus successfully transferred fuel through its boom to an F-16C Fighting Falcon Jan. 24 to demonstrate aerial refueling operations in advance of its first production decision later this spring.

The KC-46A passed 1,600 pounds of fuel to an F-16C piloted by Lt. Col. Daniel Alix of the 416th Flight Test Squadron, 412th Test Wing out of Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., who characterized the mission as a complete success.



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DELANO SCOTT

Dirt Boy

Airman 1st Class Connor Harrington, a 374th Civil Engineer Squadron pavement and equipment apprentice, performs a spall repair at Yokota Air Base, Japan. From keeping the flight line mission ready to maintaining roads and sidewalks, the behind-the-scenes work done by a group of airmen known as “Dirt Boys” keep the base’s mission going.

COMMANDERS ACTION LINE

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Col. Jeff King
Installation Commander

The Commanders Action Line is an open-door program for Team Robins personnel to give kudos, ask questions or suggest ways to make Robins a better place to live, learn, work and play.

The most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the responsible organization. That gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve its processes.

If you do contact the Commanders Action Line, please fully explain whom it is you want to recognize and why, what you have a question about, or your suggestion. Discourteous or disrespectful submissions will not be processed.

Commander’s Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up.

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 78th Force Support Squadron CC – 478-926-5023 or DSN 468-5023
 78th Medical Group Patient Advocate – 478-327-8475 or DSN 497-8475
 78th Security Forces Squadron CC – 478-926-3212 or DSN 468-3212
 Civilian Personnel Customer Service – 478-222-0601 or DSN 472-0601
 Comptroller Front Office – 478-926-4462 or DNS 468-4462

Family Housing – 478-926-3776 or DSN 468-3776
 Equal Opportunity – 478-926-2131 or DSN 468-213
 Household Goods – 478-222-0114 or DSN 472-0114
 Inspector General Complaints – 478-222-0818 or DSN 472-0818
 Inspector General Inspections – 478-327-5523 or DSN 497-5523
 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) – 478-327-7272 or DSN 497-727
 Vehicle Dispatch (Transportation) – 478-926-3493 or DSN 468-3493

SNAPSHOTS



U.S. Air Force photos by TOMMIE HORTON

Above, Jamaal Robinson, 402nd Electronics Maintenance Group electronics mechanic, rewires the bit indicator of an F-15 Multipurpose Display at the avionics complex here. The 402nd EMXG provides depot maintenance, engineering support and software development to major weapons systems.

Right, Eric Gaston, 560th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron sheet metal mechanic, replaces a section of a C-130's sheet metal during programmed depot maintenance.



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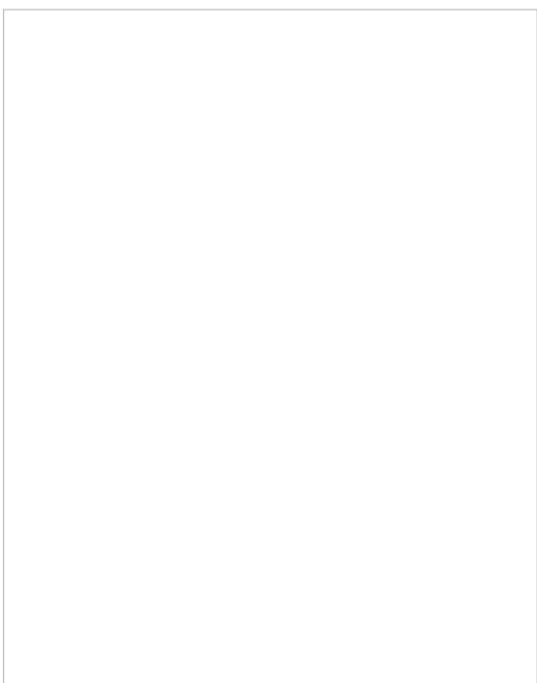
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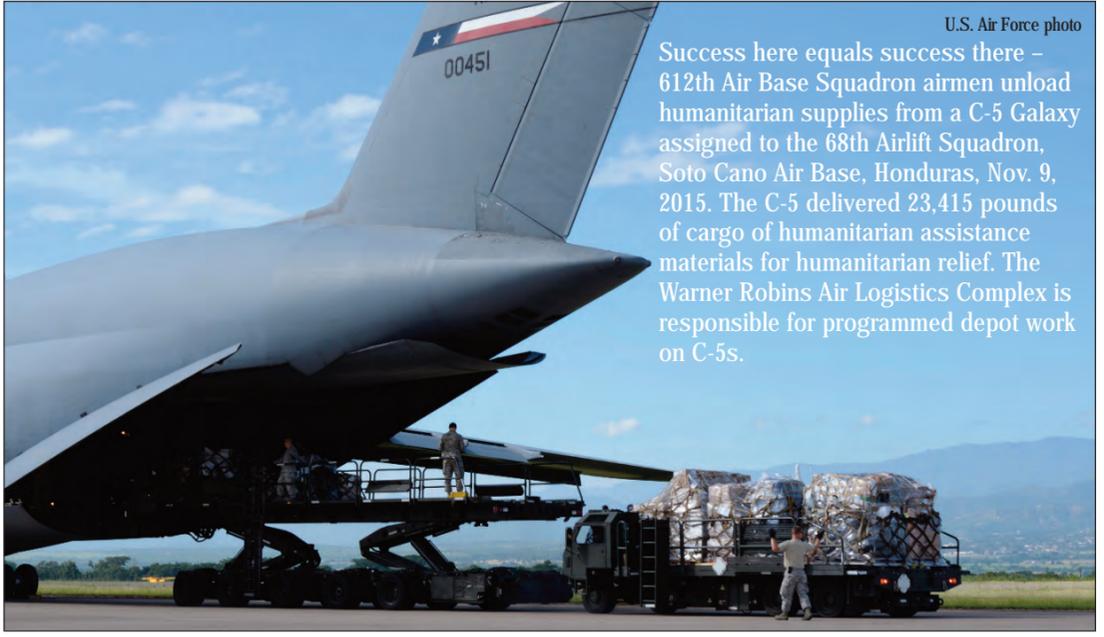
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their willingness to walk this journey with us.”

There is much to celebrate from last fiscal year, as the complex distinguished itself in accomplishing workload after workload, and demonstrated “outstanding results in innovation, performance, and efficiency across the entire spectrum of mission challenges, resulting in the best production, financial, safety and quality statistics in the past five years,” according to the citation accompanying the award.

It also read, “Speed, cost, quality and safety trends were all positive and in perfect alignment with production, and the complex ended the year with a positive \$100 million net operating revenue.”

Other mission accomplishments included: fourth consecutive year the 559th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron achieved a 100 percent on-time due date performance; F-15 recovery in the 561st AMXS, by staying on the critical path and delivery of 73 aircraft; significantly reducing J-model programmed depot maintenance and critical path flow days from 207 to 167 in the 560th AMXS; producing Block 16/17 modification lines 24 average days early in the 562nd AMXS; and numerous other milestones reached across commodities, software, logistics, elec-



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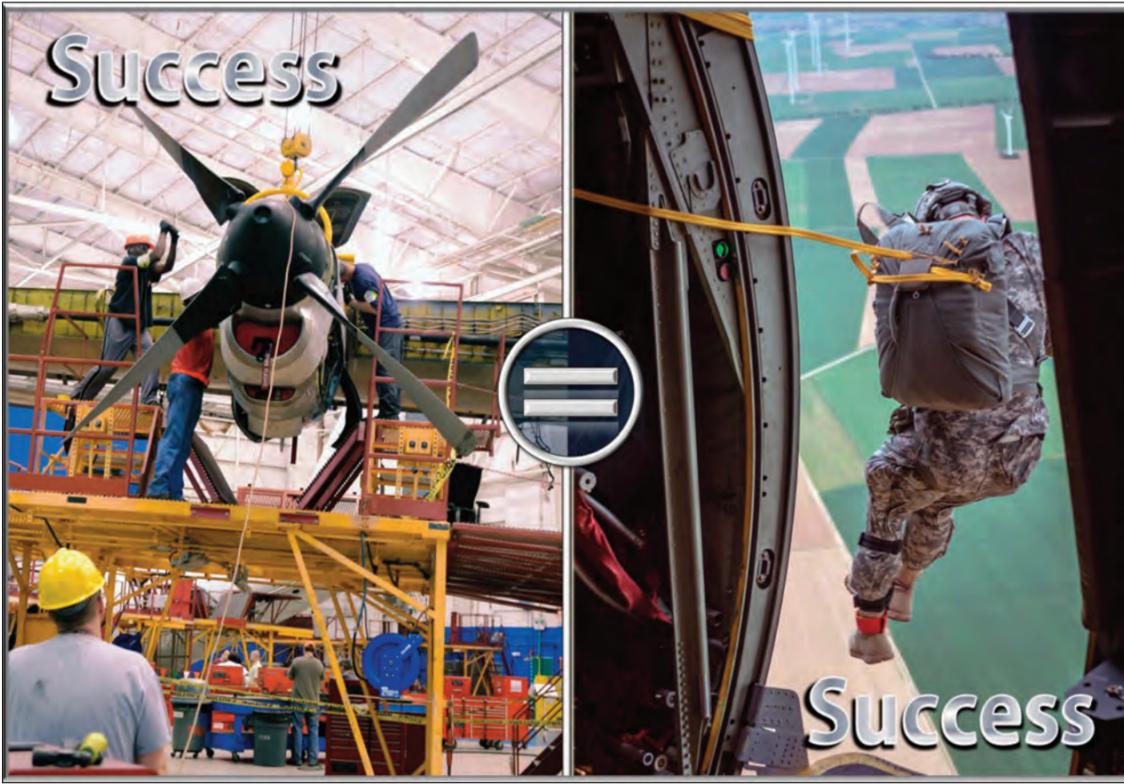
Success here equals success there – 612th Air Base Squadron airmen unload humanitarian supplies from a C-5 Galaxy assigned to the 68th Airlift Squadron, Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, Nov. 9, 2015. The C-5 delivered 23,415 pounds of cargo of humanitarian assistance materials for humanitarian relief. The Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex is responsible for programmed depot work on C-5s.

tronics, supply chain and maintenance as a result of increased efficiency and cost savings.

“This nomination is not just great news for us here at Robins because ours is a worldwide mission. While we are proud to have our efforts recognized,

we are more gratified that our work ensures the readiness of our nation’s warfighters around the globe. It’s for those brave warriors that we give our all inside the Robins gates on a daily basis,” said Lindsley.

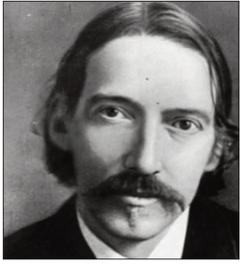




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— Robert Louis Stevenson



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THE PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK AND PLAY

Need to relax, recharge?

Program offers parents time off for good behavior

BY ANGELA WOOLEN
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Active duty Air Force families can get some relief with a program called Give Parents a Break.

Funded by the Air Force Aid Society, this option is available through a referral from a commander, the chapel, a doctor, the Airman and Family Readiness Center, the Child Development Center or Family Advocacy personnel.

Robins plans to offer the free service to parents the first Saturday of each month this year.

"We've had this program since the early 1990s; Robins is just rekindling it," said Anthony Raas, 78th Force Support Squadron Sustainment Flight chief. The base hasn't had a lot of interest in the program in the past year but because Raas and his staff recognize its importance, they are trying to get the word out to families who need the break.

"You have deployments, and you move all the time. With that stress alone, you need to take a break," said Capt. Jaleesa Council, Airman and Family Services deputy flight chief.

For those who have experienced the birth of a child, a death in the family or for a variety of other reasons, the service can be of real value. Children from 6-weeks to 17-years old are eligible. They're set up in age-appropriate classrooms so parents have four hours free to decompress. Children are also given a light snack during their stay at either the Youth Center or the Child Development Center.

"Essentially the program is here to help them to be more resilient," Raas said.

For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at DSN 468-1256 or 478-926-1256.

WHAT TO KNOW

Give Parents a Break is a free child care program for Air Force families experiencing stressors such as PCS, deployment, new birth and other family difficulties.

Please register with Child Development Center no later than the Wednesday prior to the date you plan to use the program.

Call the CDC to reserve your spot at DSN 468-5805 or 478-926-5805.

Youth Center
Child Development Center
GIVE PARENTS a Break 2016

Active duty Air Force members to include Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members who are activated under Title 10, USC for more than 15 days are eligible for the GPAB program. Referrals made by Army, Navy and Marines for GPAB will be accepted and receive the same priority as Air Force patrons; however, the hourly cost of \$5 per hour will be assessed for care.

For more information please call, CDC at DSN 468-5805 • Comm. 478-926-5805

2016 Give Parents a Break dates and times

Feb. 6, from 1 to 5 p.m.
 March 5, from 6 to 10 p.m.
 April 9, from 1 to 5 p.m.
 May 9, from 6 to 10 p.m.
 June 4, from 1 to 5 p.m.
 July 9, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Aug. 6, from 1 to 5 p.m.
 Sept. 10, from 6 to 10 p.m.
 Oct. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m.
 Nov. 12, from 6 to 10 p.m.
 Dec. 17, from 1 to 5 p.m.



ROBINS YOUTH CENTER

If you have questions about Robins Youth Center programs, call DSN 497-6834.

U.S. Air Force file photos
Marcia Gill, Youth Center program assistant, leads activities for a group of youth at the facility. The center is one of the locations participating in the Give Parents a Break Program, but it's also open for recreational activities for preteens and teens Monday through Friday afternoons as well as on Saturdays.



ROBINS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

If you have questions about the Robins CDCs or would like more information, call DSN 468-5805 or 468-3080.

In addition to the Give Parents a Break Program, the Child Development Center staff at Robins provides full-time care for children 6-weeks to 5-years old, of active duty military, Department of Defense civilians, reservists on active duty or during active duty training and Department of Defense contractors. The CDC is accredited by the National Association of Education and Young Children, and they provide early childhood programs in a safe and nurturing, home-like environment, while promoting the development and growth of children entrusted to their care.



A BETTER YOU

Have you visited **TRICAREONLINE.COM** lately?

TRICARE Online is the Department of Defense online patient portal.

TOL offers authorized beneficiaries – including dependents – secure access to military healthcare information and services 365 days a year.

The portal can assist in making appointments at military clinics, personal health information, military hospital and clinic prescription refills and service separation information.

TOL has been working diligently over the past few years to provide TRICARE beneficiaries with the most efficient access to health care services and information possible. Many improvements have been made to the site including a faster, easier and more secure log in process.

TOL users can now logon with their Common Access Card, Defense Finance and Accounting Services MyPay or Premium DOD Self-Service logon for dependents over 18.

TOL allows authorized beneficiaries receiving care at a military hospital or clinic the ability to schedule, cancel, and view future appointments as well as to set email and text message appointment reminders for themselves and family members. Email and text message reminders are a great way to communicate medical appointments with family and caretakers.

In January 2015, TOL released a redesigned appointing capability which made more appointments available, allowed patients to be notified of earlier appointments, provided access to past

appointment history and more.

The DOD Blue Button capability provides authorized beneficiaries, including dependents, access to personal health information stored in the electronic health record including medications, allergies, problem lists, encounters, lab results, radiology results, vital signs and immunizations. Users have the option to view their PHI, download the data as a PDF or text file, or share the data in a continuity of care document. Since its release, TOL users have accessed their Blue Button PHI over 10 million times actively seeking and downloading information needed to better manage their health and the health of their families. Instead of wading through reams of paper for medical information, TOL users can view PHI online, anytime and anywhere. The amount of PHI available to individuals depends on where treatment occurs, with the most data available to those regularly treated at military hospitals and clinics.

TOL users can also refill prescriptions for themselves and authorized family members for military hospital or clinic pick up. TOL's prescription refill capability allows users to request up to 10 refills at a time, check prescription status and access a convenient link to the TRICARE Pharmacy to schedule home delivery via the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy.

Beneficiaries are encouraged to provide feedback regarding use of TOL or to get more information about TOL by visiting www.tricareonline.com.



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Helping hands

From left, Senior Airman Ahmadi Murrell, 78th Mental Health, and 1st Lt. Pierre Nelson, 461st Operations Support Squadron Aerospace & Operational Physiology, help sort through donated items at the Robins Thrift Shop Wednesday.

The volunteer opportunity, which included reorganizing the shop for better flow, was part of the 78th MDG celebration of Biomedical Sciences Corps Appreciation Week. The unit used the week to celebrate and highlight the diverse medical career fields, clinicians and scientists within the medical treatment facility.

Other events included: a breakfast; a morale-building luncheon at the bowling center; mentoring sessions; a 5K Fun Run; and a cake and ice cream social.

The thrift shop, run by the Officers' Spouses Club, provides gently-used items for a fraction of their retail cost. The shop uses the proceeds from its operations to fund scholarships for high school and continuing education students, and through welfare donations to local and national organizations.

The shop is located in Bldg. 945 and is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are accepted on those days from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can follow them on Facebook at Robins AFB Thrift Shop.

National Cancer Prevention Month

AFMC promotes campaign focused on reducing risks

BY GREG CHADWICK

HQ Air Force Materiel Command Health & Wellness Team

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – During the month of February, Air Force Materiel Command will promote its Cancer Prevention Awareness Campaign. The goal of the campaign is to inform the AFMC workforce on ways to reduce their risk of developing lung cancer and colorectal cancer. Among cancers that affect both men and women, lung cancer and colorectal cancer are the two leading causes of cancer-related death in the United States.

Lung cancer is by far the leading cause of cancer-related death for both men and women. Each year, more people die of lung cancer than of colorectal, breast and prostate cancers combined. Overall, the lifetime probability for a man to develop lung cancer is 1 in 13; for a woman, the risk is 1 in 16.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, you can lower your risk for developing lung cancer in the following ways:

- ▶Don't smoke and avoid secondhand smoke. Cigarette smoking is linked to about 90 percent of lung cancers.
 - ▶Get your home tested for radon. Radon is a naturally occurring gas that comes from rocks and dirt and can be trapped in houses and buildings. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.
 - ▶Take precautions to protect yourself from exposure to airborne hazards such as diesel exhaust and chemicals. Follow health and safety guidelines in the workplace to reduce or eliminate the hazard.
- Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S., when men and women are combined. Colorectal cancer occurs in the colon or rectum. Sometimes it is called colon

**WHAT TO KNOW**

For more information regarding CHPS activities for National Cancer Prevention Month, visit AFMCwellness.com or call your local CHPS team at 478-327-8030.

Comprehensive cancer information can be found at the National Cancer Institute website at www.cancer.gov.

cancer. The lifetime probability of someone developing colorectal cancer is about 1 in 20.

The CDC lists the following ways to lower your risk of developing colorectal cancer:

- ▶Get screened for colorectal cancer if you are age 50 or older. Screening tests help prevent colorectal cancer by finding precancerous polyps (abnormal growths) so they can be removed. Screening also finds this cancer early, when treatment can be most effective.

- ▶Maintain a healthy weight according to the Body Mass Index. Healthy weight range is 18.5 to 24.9 on the BMI height & weight chart.

- ▶Be physically active with 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity weekly.

- ▶Don't smoke.

- ▶Limit alcoholic beverage consumption to one drink per day for women and no more than two drinks a day for men.

Research is ongoing to find out if changes to diet can reduce your risk for colorectal cancer. Recent studies conducted by the World Health Organization suggest that regular consumption of processed meat such as bacon, hot dogs and sausages, can increase colorectal cancer risk.

Civilian Health Promotion Services will be offering educational briefings on cancer prevention throughout February.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU



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UNIT: 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron

JOB TITLE: Unit Environmental Coordinator

TIME IN SERVICE: 13 years

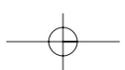
HOMETOWN: Pago Pago, American Samoa

What does your work involve at Robins? "We serve as the Environmental Management System's conduit between installation environmental functions and the 5th Combat Communications Group. We assist in the timely dissemination and implementation of regulatory requirements; identify areas of concern, including regulatory compliance; coordinate training requirements; and we ensure accountability by unit members."

What do you enjoy most about your work? "Interfacing with everyone from leadership to shop personnel to facilitate awareness of the unit's activities on the environment and the integration of environmental requirements into daily work activities."

How does your work contribute to the Robins mission? "The environment influences virtually every activity and operation in today's Air Force, therefore achieving and maintaining compliance with environmental regulations is essential to the mission."

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? "My father, Cliff O'Brien. My father has had the most influence in my life, because growing up I witnessed him struggle with epilepsy, a medical condition that caused him to have severe seizures. Despite his condition – as it can be triggered by stress – he has proven to everyone that he has not only flourished as a firefighter, but that he was also the perfect candidate as fire chief of the Islands of American Samoa."



HAPPENINGS/SERVICES

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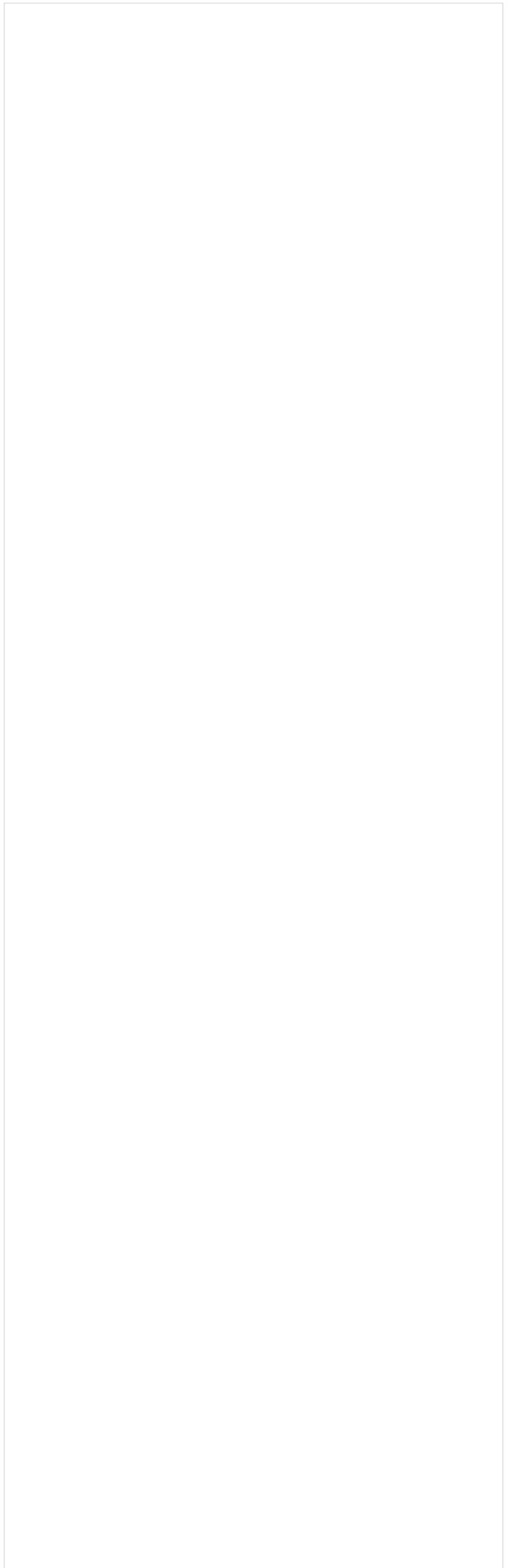
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 For details, call DSN 468-4103.

UPCOMING
Airman Chef Competition
 Sign up by Feb. 5
 Competition is April 9
 We are looking for competitors to cook alongside local celebrity chefs to win the title "Robins' Airman Chef."

For details, call 2nd Lt. Dominique Lewis at DSN 472-7271.

Super Bowl Sunday Party
 Feb. 7
 Doors open at 6 p.m.
 Heritage Club Lounge
 Members \$5; non-members \$10
 For details, call DSN 468-2670.

ONGOING
Afterburner January Special
 Mondays through Fridays
 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Base Restaurant, Bldg.166
 All Seasonal Drinks
 For details, call DSN 472-7827.



A&FRC classes and workshops

► **Transition GPS Workshop*** – Monday through Feb. 5, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

► **Key Spouse Training** – Feb. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

► **Pre-Separation Briefing (retirees)*** – Feb. 9 and 23, from 8 a.m. to noon. (**separatees**)* – Feb. 16, from 8 a.m. to noon.

► **Financial Beginnings (First Term Officers)*** – Feb. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m.

► **First Term Airman Course: Finances*** – Feb. 9, from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

► **Right Start*** – Feb. 10, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

► **Career Technical Training Track*** – Feb. 10 and 11, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

► **Interview with Confidence** – Feb. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.

► **VA Benefits Briefing*** – Feb. 17, in Bldg. 905, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

► **DAV Medical Records Review** – Appointments only. Call DSN 472-4146.

► **Department of Labor** – Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

► **Military and Family Life Counseling** – Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

► **PreDeployment Briefings*** – Tuesdays and

Thursdays, from 1 to 2 p.m.

► **Survivor's Benefit Plan** – Mondays through Fridays, appointments only, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

***Editor's Note:** All classes require preregistration. For more information, call 478-926-1256 or visit Bldg. 794 Mondays through Fridays, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

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